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You're not required to dress up like this grub, but you'll have just as much fun at the 3rd Annual Grub Crawl.

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# Tax hike prompts some smokers to head for the border

**BY JACK GLADDEN** STAFF WRITER

With the price of cigarettes jumping 75 cents a pack today (that's \$7.50 a carton) some Canton smokers say they're going to quit. And some cigarette

retailers are saying, "Yeah, right." In any event, Gov.

Jennifer Granholm's "sin

tax" on cancer sticks has many smokers irritated (and not just in the lungs).

Bill Hultsern of Dearborn, who bought cigarettes at a Canton gas station, supports the tax hike because he says smoking is a nasty habit.

"It's ridiculous," said Brian Glossiaux of Canton, buying a carton of cigarettes at the Mobil Station on Cherry Hill and Lilley

Tuesday morning. "If they want to target something, why don't they target alcohol?" he said. "I guess that's an acceptable



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sin. They've got to pick on

somebody. We're the new targets." Glossiaux said he blamed

the tax increase on lobbying by insurance companies. "They're worried about

costs," he said. "Maybe somebody will decide to open some private clubs for smokers - speakeasies for smokers."

Syed Mehdi, a clerk at the



Syed Mehdi restocks cigarettes at a Canton Mobil gas station Tuesday.

> station, said Glossiaux wasn't the only one complaining.

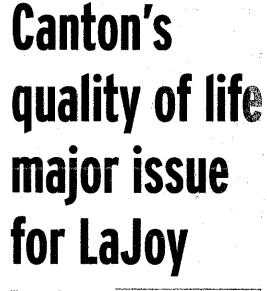
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"A lot of people are complaining," he said. "People say they're going

to quit." But Mehdi said he figures the tobacco companies will come out with coupons and

"twofer" offers to try to

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We are under way with coverage of the 2004 election. In each issue, we will highlight one of the 10 Republican and Democratic candidates vying for one of 📓

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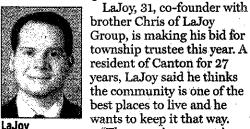
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Township Board of Trustees. The 10 candidates will be on the Aug. 3 primary ballot.

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Quality of life, roads and economic development. Those are the points cited by Todd LaJoy as the most important issues for Canton Township.



brother Chris of LaJoy Group, is making his bid for township trustee this year. A resident of Canton for 27 years, LaJoy said he thinks the community is one of the best places to live and he wants to keep it that way.

tajoy "The most important issue for Canton is quality of life," he said. "People ask, 'What does that mean?' It means that we continue with the programs we have, police and fire services be maintained. When you look at Canton statistically it's one of the safest communities around."

LaJoy, a Republican who's president of the Canton Chamber of Commerce this year, also cited opportunities for residents to get involved.

"I don't think there's another community I know of that gives people more chances to get involved in the arts, culture, leisure services, the business community, the Canton Chamber," he said. "We have skate parks, Frisbee, golf. Let's be creative with what we

Grub Crawl is for you. From 6-10 p.m. Tuesday,

July 20, hundreds of guests will hop aboard the grub crawl and get a taste delicacies and specialties at a variety of restaurants in Canton. To add to the fun, bus or trolley will transport guests to the restaurants throughout Canton.

The popular event is sponsored by the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Township. It is designed to highlight area restaurants and to bring people together.

Tickets are \$30 and are now available at the **Canton Chamber of** Commerce, 5820 Canton Center Road, Suite 110, Canton. The event is open to the public. To buy tickets, call the chamber at (734) 453-4040.

# Register to vote by July 6 for August primary election

#### BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

If you are new to Canton or have never registered to vote in the township, you have through the close of business July 6 in order to vote in the August primary.

To register to vote, you must be 18 years old, a resident of Canton for at least 30 days and a U.S. citizen. You may register at the township clerk's office in the township administration building, 1150 Canton Center Road, or any Secretary of State office or the Wayne County Clerk.

Once you have registered to vote, you will be able to cast ballots in all future elections in the township, including the Aug. 3 primary and Nov. 2 general election.

The Aug. 3 primary is the first election of the season for Canton voters. "You don't declare party preference. Michigan has no requirement that you declare a party preference," Clerk Terry Bennett said.

However, when you go to the polls, the ballot will be divided between Republicans and Democrats. Though voters are not required to declare their party preference in advance, when voting in the primary, they must choose one party or the other.

"They may not cross party. If they do, their ballot will be rejected and they will have to

vote a new ballot," Bennett said. The purpose of the primary is to determine which **Republicans and Democrats** 

voters want to continue as candidates in the November general election.

Among other races, voters in the primary will determine which Republicans and which Democrats for township board will be chosen to run in the November election. The primary ballot will have eight Republicans and two Democrats. The ballot will direct voters to choose four Republicans and four Democrats - even though only two are seeking election.

The November ballot will then have four Republicans and both Democrats for voters to choose who will serve on the township board. Unopposed administrators Supervisor Tom Yack, Bennett and Treasurer Elaine Kirchgatter also are on the primary ballot, but are not part of the township board race.

Candidates seeking election to the township board include: Republican incumbents John Burdziak, Melissa McLaughlin and Karl Zarbo, as well as newcomers Fred Bolden, Todd Caccamo, Jack Hakala, Todd LaJoy and Vicki Welty. Democrats include Godfrey Aguwa and Bill Rice.

Voters may also apply for absentee ballots now through July 31. To do so, you must be expecting to be out of town for

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the primary, physically unable to get to the polls or working the election to be eligible to vote absentee.

Applications must be returned to the clerk's office as soon as possible. Applications must be returned to the clerk's office prior to election day. If you wait until July 31 to apply, you may only do so in person at the clerk's office, where you will be required to vote at the same time. In anticipation of the primary election, the clerk's office will be open 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 31. For more information, call the clerk's office at (734) 394-5120.

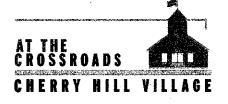
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# You'll have to learn parallel parking again when Cherry Hill is widened

The Observer will provide a continuing series of stories and photographs on the growth of Cherry Hill Village, including residential and commercial construction, completion of the Village Theater at Cherry Hill and other points of interest.

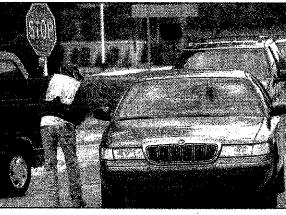
BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

Patience is about all you can have at the Cherry Hill Road construction site. Crews are currently doing the underground work before preparing for the cross-section and widening of the



east-west corridor, Denton to Ridge roads. Meanwhile, the road is officially closed to all but patients of the Integrated Health Building and

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If you aren't going to the integrated Health Associates building or live directly on Cherry Hill, you should follow the detour around widening construction on Cherry Hill, between Denton and Ridge.

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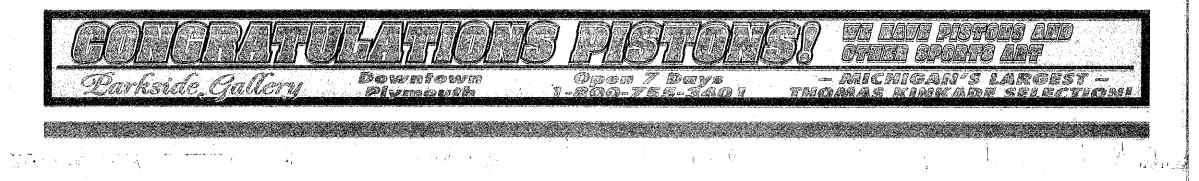
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### LOCAL NEWS

### Care and protection **Be warned: Canton will enforce state fireworks laws**

As the fourth of July approaches, many people will have fireworks on hand to celebrate. The Canton Department of Public Safety will vigorously enforce state of Michigan firework laws.

Fireworks have been defined as devices made from explosive or flammable compositions used primarily for the purpose of producing a visible display or audible effect, or both, by combustion, deflagration, or detonation.

**Consumer fireworks** includes both class B and class

C fireworks. Examples of legal "class C fireworks" are:

Toy smoke devices, toy caps containing not more than 25 grains of explosive mixture, Toy propellant devices. cigarette loads, trick matches, trick noise makers, smoke candles

■ Smoke pots, smoke grenades, smoke signals, hand signal devices, very signal cartridges,

Sparklers, explosive auto

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alarms, and other similar devices.

It is illegal to sell, possess, transport or use some types of fireworks in Michigan without a permit. Fireworks that do not meet the above criteria are illegal for sale, use or transportation without a permit. Violators are guilty of a misdemeanor. The rule of thumb is if it makes a loud bang, leaves the ground, spins or twirls, it is illegal.

Examples of illegal "class B fireworks" are:

Torpedoes, railway torpedoes, firecrackers or salutes that do not qualify as class C fireworks, exhibition display pieces, airplane flares, illuminating projectiles,

 $\blacksquare$  Incendiary projectiles and grenades, smoke projectiles or bombs containing expelling charges but without bursting charges, flash powders in inner units not exceeding 2 ounces each, flash sheets in interior packages, flash powder or spreader cartridges containing not more than 72 grains of

flash powder each, and other similar devices, fireworks that spins or twirls (wheel).

Any person, firm, partnership, or corporation shall not offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, keep with intent to sell at retail, any illegal fireworks and/or:

A blank cartridge or pistol, toy canon, toy cane, or toy gun in which explosives are used.

An unmanned balloon which requires fire underneath to propel it and is not moored to the ground while aloft.

Firecrackers, skyrockets, roman candles, bottle rockets, whistling chasers, rockets on sticks, or other fireworks of like construction.

To help you celebrate safely this Fourth of July, the **Consumer Product Safety** Commission and the National Council on Fireworks Safety are offering the following safety tips:

Always read and follow label directions.

Have an adult present.

■ Buy from reliable sellers. ■ Use outdoors only.

■ Always have water handy (a garden hose and a bucket). Never experiment or make your own fireworks.

 Light only one firework at a time.

Never re-light a "dud"FF' firework (wait 15 to 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water).

Never give fireworks to small children.

■ If necessary, store fireworks in a cool, dry place. Dispose of fireworks properly by soaking them in water and then disposing of them in your trash can.

Never throw or point fireworks at other people. Never carry fireworks in

your pocket. Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.

■ The shooter should always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.

■ Stay away from illegal explosives.

# of mom, dad will highlight discussion

#### BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI STAFF WRITER

Do you know how to protect your elderly parents' money? Do you know the difference between being a guardian and a conservator? Have you made plans for when your parents can no longer live alone? Do you have a power of attorney or advanced directives for your parents?

If your answer to even one of these questions is "no" or "I don't know," you've got to start thinking, investigating and developing answers. To help, Katy Graham, managing attorney of Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services Elder Law Center, will speak about how "How to Protect Yourself, Your Assets and Your Family," 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 14 at the Summit on the Park banquet center, 46000 Summit Parkway.

"This is for seniors and those caring for seniors. It really applies to everyone," Graham said. "I will talk about the top 10 ways to protect yourself and your family."

Graham, who is not affiliated

with any financial planners or financial companies, will also discuss resources that are available to families with elderly parents. She will talk about patient advocacy, as well as how to protect personal information.

"It's important especially with the rise in incidents of identity theft," Graham said. "I will talk about being wary of telemarketers."

Graham will also cover available services to ensure elderly safety, as well as elder and caregiver abuse.

She will discuss alternative living arrangements for elderly parents, and the importance of wills, powers of attorney and advanced directives

"I will talk about trusts - they are not necessarily the best for all of us," Graham said.

She will also discuss alternatives to probate court following the death of a parent. To pre-register for the pro-

gram call the Canton Senior Center at (734) 394-5485.

imaliszewski@oe.homecomm.net (734) 459-2700, Ext. 13.

# License suspended after conviction for fraud

The Michigan Department of Community Health has summarily suspended the dentistry license and the dental hygienist license of Karen Lynne Smereck because of a felony conviction in the Third Judicial Circuit Court in Wayne County.

On Dec. 12, 2003, Smereck was convicted of Medicaid Fraud-False Claim and was sentenced to six months probation. Smereck failed to report her conviction to the community health department, as required by the

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Public Health Code. On June 17, the community health department issued an order immediately suspending Smereck's licenses, according to the Public Health Code, which provides for the mandatory summary suspension of a health professional's license upon the conviction of a felony.

An administrative hearing will be scheduled to address the status of Smereck's licenses.

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# There's a reason for career choice in the technical world

#### BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Canton resident Ravindra Rout wants the world (or at least Canton) to know about the American Society of Engineers of Indian Origin and the scholarship program that the group offers.

Rout, who's an engineer in research and engineering for Ford Motor Co., is national chairman of ASEI. The group was founded in Michigan in 1983 with 17 members, and now has 2,500 members nationwide.

"This organization has been very actively involved in serving the Asian Indian community all over the country," Rout said, "and its local Michigan chapter is serving the community in Michigan."

Rout said the basic purpose of the organization is to improve the private careers and professional development of members and students who are awarded scholarships.

"We have a technical exchange program with India." he said. "We do a lot of social work and are highly involved in promoting education."

Last year, the group co-sponsored a technical conference in India for engineers.

Rout said the local chapter now has 500 members and the group is in the process of opening three new chapters in southern California, Seattle and the Wisconsin/Chicago area.

He said the educational aspect of the society is basically in two areas: to give an opportunity for young engineers to develop leadership skills and to provide scholarships for graduate and undergraduate engineering students.

Last year, the group awarded 20 scholarships, on both the graduate and undergraduate



Ravindra Rout of Canton is national chairman of the American Society of Engineers of Indian Origin.

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"Anyone who applies is eligible," he said. "People from all over the country can apply."

Last year, the organization established a special \$3,000 scholarship in honor of Kalpana Chawala, the Indian astronaut who was killed when the Columbia space shuttle exploded on its was back to Earth. That scholarship is sponsored by the Ford Motor Co.

"The award is instituted to promote the spirit of free thinking and engineering endeavor in the field of space exploration for the benefit of mankind," Rout said.

Rout, a native of India, said there was a reason there were so many engineers of Indian origin.

"Most (Indian) people who want to be successful choose a technical profession," he said.

This year the group plans to offer 20 scholarships. For more information, visit

their Web sites at www.aseio.org or www.asei.org.

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# Riding the (radio) waves

Amateur society hits the right frequency in 2-day event

#### BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Results aren't in yet, but members of the Stu **Rockafellow Amateur Radio** Society of Plymouth feel like they had a pretty good weekend,

Some two dozen of them were out at Plymouth Township Park Saturday and Sunday, taking part in Field Day 2004, a nationwide competition of sorts sponsored by the American Radio Relay League in Hartford, Conn.

The idea: Prove you can set up a field operation and establish communications that can be used in an emergency.

"It went really well," said Chuck VanVleck of Plymouth, who's been a Stu Rockafellow member for some six years. "There are clubs all over the country involved, and it's a kind of contest to see which club can get the most points."

VanVleck said the idea is two-fold: Demonstrate to the community the club can set up in the field, and get the radio club some practice setting up, "just in case the local government needs us to get on the air



PHOTOS BY TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society members Chuck VanVleck of Plymouth (foreground) and Dan Wyisner of Milan reach someone from North Florida at the beginning of the radio operators field day at Plymouth Township Park Saturday afternoon.

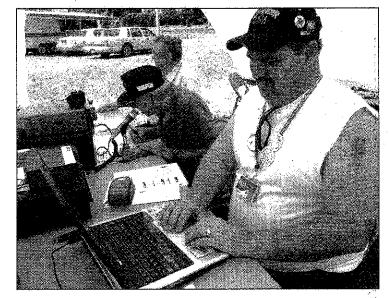
doing communications."

The object of Field Day, according to club officials, is "to work as many stations as possible on any and all ama-teur bands and in doing so learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. A premium is placed on developing skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness as well to acquaint the general public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio."

Operators got points for various accomplishments, such as being set up in a public place, using a generator vs. in-wall electricity and the number of contacts made. VanVleck said some participants were in and out, while others made a twoday stay of it.

"It's a success when you can set up and your antennas work and the radios work, and by how many contacts you made," VanVleck said.

The Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society, which



Don Quarles (right) of Wayne, president of the Stu Rockafellow Amateur Radio Society, logs in the name of the person Dave Walker (behind) of Taylor has contacted at the radio operators field day at Plymouth Township Park. In the back is Rodney Deyo of Westland.

meets the third Tuesday of every month, makes its communications abilities available for weather alerts, Halloween patrols and community events

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as requested in the City of Plymouth, Plymouth and Northville townships. The club's Web site is at www.qsl.net/w8njh.

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### LOCAL NEWS

The following is the schedule for Canton Leisure Services July 1-10. For more information, call the department at (734) 394-5460 or log on to leisure.canton-mi.org All activities listed below are free and at the Summit on the Park unless otherwise noted.

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July 1: Concert Series -Trilogy, 7:30-9 p.m. All ages. Heritage Park. Free.

■ July 1: Senior Summer Movie Open Rnage, 1-3 p.m. Ages 55 and older. Free. ■ July 1-Aug. 5: Start Smart Golf, 6-7 p.m. Ages5-7. Pheasant Run. Pre-register.

#### Free.

■ July 2: Kids Night Out, 6-10 p.m. Ages 6-13. Summit Aquatic Center. Pre-register. Fee.

■ July 2-4: USSSA Girls Fastpitch Tournament. Canton Softball Center.

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graders. Pre-register. Fee. ■ July 5-9: Middle School Camp - Water park/Putting Edge/Dairy Queen, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Ages 11-15. Pre-reg-

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#### POLICE

Garage break-in A resident of the 5000 block of Bass said he left his home about 9 a.m. on June 23 and returned about 11:30 a.m.

He said he noticed tire marks in the grass near the garage and the side door to the garage was pried open.

A power washer valued at \$1,700 was missing, along with two boat motors valued at \$6,000 and a tool box with tools valued at \$1,000.

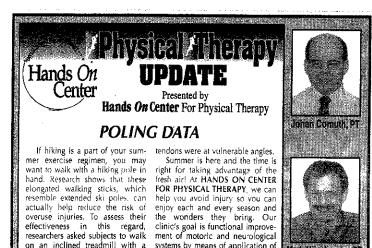
#### Clubs taken

A resident of the 1700 block of Newland Court told police he returned home about 12:50 a.m. on June 24 and found his garage door open.

A set of golf clubs valued at \$400 was missing.

#### Theft from car

A resident of the 41000 block of Singh reported that someone opened his parked car at his residence and took a bowling bag, ball and shoes. The items were valued



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a.m.-4:30 p.m. Ages 1-5th

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#### Stereo stolen

A Wal-Mart security guard called Canton police after a man took car stereo amplified out of its box, concealed it in his pants and left the store. The amplifier was valued at \$78.

#### Coins taken

A resident of the 5100 block of Mott told police someone took about \$100 in coins from a container in the living room of the home.

#### July 8: Concert series -Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band, 7:30-9 p.m. All ages.

Cirque Among us, noon-

Park. Free.

12:45 p.m. All ages. Heritage

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Heritage Park. Free. July 8: Senior Summer Movie - Master &

Commander." 1-3 p.m. Ages 55 and older. Free

July 9: Family campout/movie night, noon-11 p.m. Heritage Park. All ages. Free.

July 9: Medieval Mania, 7-9 p.m. All ages. Summit Aquatic Center.

#### **IN THE WORKS**

Canton Planning Services is currently considering:

■ Site plan approval for Canton Office Development, east of Canton Center Road, north of Ford.

■ Site plan approval for Cherry Hill Village Phase III, final plan, south of Cherry Hill,

west of Denton. ■ Site plan approval for Sauk Trail Hills Landfill addition, north of Van Born, west of Haggerty.

Special land use approval for Tim Horton's, south of Michigan Avenue, west of Belleville Road.

#### CALLING ALL ARTISTS

A limited number of qualified fine artists and antique dealers are needed for the firstever Cherry Hill Invitational Fine Art and Antique Show Sept. 18-19 at the Cherry Hill historic schoolhouse. This will be a juried show. Awards will be given. The submitting deadline is July 14. For more information, call Kris Darby at (734) 398-6598.

#### A WINNER

Dave Loveland was honored with a second-place award for his Canton Exchange Club newsletter by the Michigan District of the club. "I am the last person you would think should finish even in second place. At UofM 1951, my freshman year, my first English course grade was a big D. In my senior year, I ran into Professor Everett (of the class) and he said, "how did you ever make it into your senior year?" I told him with lots of hard work!" said Loveland.

Pre-register. Fee. ■ July 9-Aug. 20: Fencing **Tournament Preparation**, 7-9 p.m. Ages 10 and older. Preregister. Fee.

July 9-11: USSSA Girls Fastpitch. Canton Softball Center. ■ July 10: Needlecrafting, 10

a.m.-noon. Ages 9-13. Pre-register. Fee. ■ July 10: Summit Swim

Party (Camp A.B.L.E.) 7-10:30 p.m. Ages 15 and older. Summit Aquatic Center. Preregister. Fee.

July 10: Sand Volley Ball Tournament, 9 a.m. Ages 18 and older. Freedom Park.

### **AROUND CANTON**

Trilogy at 7:30 p.m. July 1. All concerts are free. Bring chairs and blankets.

#### SCHOOLHOUSE ROCKS

The historic Cherry Hill School will rock with free outdoor concerts at 7:30 p.m. July 13 with the Missing Link, an energetic and humorous blend of strings and vocal harmonies.

#### **DINO DAYS**

The aquatics center at the Summit on the Park will take you back to the Middle Ages with Medieval Mania 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 9. Guests will participate in a water joust or become royalty by making a crown. Court jesters will teach juggling. Fee is \$4.50 for Summit members, \$5 for residents and \$6.50 for non-residents.

#### **KIWANIS BREAKFASTS**

The Kiwanis Club of **Plymouth-Canton Breakfast** sponsors a series of pancake breakfasts at the Masonic Temple in downtown Plymouth to raise money to support its projects, and the breakfast Saturday is a special one.

Father's attending Saturday's breakfast get their tickets for \$1 off.

Breakfast is served from 8-11 a.m. July 10, Aug. 7 and Sept. 4. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12. Children age 5 and younger served free.

Proceeds from the breakfasts - which include all-you-caneat eggs, pancakes, bacon,

Pre-register. Fee.

■ July 10-Aug. 21: Fencing, 10 a.m. - noon. Ages 10 and older. Pre-register. Fee.

To reach any of the Canton Leisure Services facilities, call: Summit on the Park:

(734) 394 - 5460.■ Canton Softball Center:

- (734) 483-5600. Parks: (734) 397-6848.
- Banquet and Conference Center: (734) 394-5480.

Pheasant Run Golf Club: (734) 397-6460.

Senior Adult Program: (734) 394-5485.

■ Recreation: (734) 394-5460.

Canton and Leadership Plymouth. The Masonic Temple is

located at 730 Penniman.

#### PET CONTEST

The Plymouth Jaycees host a "Beautiful Pet" contest during . Plymouth's Art in the Park festival July 9-11.

Proceeds go to the Michigan Humane Society. To register, send \$5 and a picture of the pet, with the pet's name, owner's name and address and telephone number to Maggie Rubino, c/o Plymouth Jaycees, 10091 Dixie, Redford, MI 48129.

Grand prize is a sitting fee and an 11-by-14 portrait of the pet, courtesy Jill Andra Young Photography of Plymouth. For more information, call Maggie, (313) 538-9430.

#### **PAWS WITH A CAUSE**

Dogs (and their owners) are being invited to join Paws with a Cause for its fourthannual Laps for Learning PAWS Walk, set for 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 24, in Kellogg Park.

The 1.5-mile walk, sponsored by IAMS, is open to all, with or without the family dog, and will wind its way through accessible, tree-lined city neighborhoods.

Registration starts at 10 a.m. All dogs must be on a leash, under control at all times and have proof of current rabies vaccination.

children 14 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. The Plymouth Canton Civitan Club kicks off the event he wanted to investigate the with an all-you-can-eat breakfast (\$6 for adults, \$3 for kids) at the Masonic Temple. For more information, flyers or pledge sheets, contact Sue Brooks at Paws with a Cause by e-mail at pawssemisue@yahoo.com or by calling (248) 693-9789.

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He also said schools are an important part of the community. "While trustees are not direct-

ly involved with the school system," he said, "I see a trustee's role with the schools as building relationships, with the superintendent as well as the school board. Sit down with them. Let them know what the vision is for the community. Dr. (Jim) Ryan (school superintendent) has made a concerted effort to maintain good relationships with Canton government."

LaJoy also sees a potential tie-in with the schools and another township issue: traffic and congestion.

"It's kind of a brainstorm I had," he said. "We could work with the schools' radio station, WSDP 88.1 FM. I would propose to go from 4:45 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. with local traffic reports. Just general traffic reports from Canton."

The idea would be to broadcast traffics news the way commercial stations now do for the entire metropolitan area, only it would be just Canton traffic.

"People could call in and say, It just took me 20 minutes to get from point A to point B,' and maybe suggest an alternate route," he said. He also thinks the idea could be a revenue generator for the station by getting local businesses to sponsor the reports.

And on the issue of traffic, LaJoy acknowledges that it's a problem - particularly on Ford Road – but he does think progress has been made and that more will come - although it may take a few years.

"If people have lived in Canton for a long time," he said, "they realize there have been changes. Ford Road went from two lanes to five lanes, Canton Center went from two lanes to five lanes. Additional stacker lanes with left-hand turn lanes have improved things. Things have improved, but it's a slow process."

He cited the Ford Road Management Access study, currently under way, as a huge step toward making improvements.

"You have state officials, local officials, county officials, MDOT all working together," he said. "That's never been done before." He also noted that I-275 is

backpack that carried a load equal to about one-third their body weight. As the researchers measweight. As the researchers measured the subjects' exertion, they found that those who walked with hiking poles took longer strides and fewer steps. This served to reduce the energy being absorbed by leg joints. The poles also helped the load while muscles and

P.S. Walking poles also improve hikers' balance, which reduces the rate of fall-related injuries.

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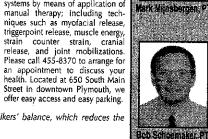
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#### SOUNDS OF SUMMER

The Thursday Night Concert Series in the Heritage Park amphitheater continues with

sausage, biscuits and gravy and coffee, tea or juice - support community activities such as an annual scholarship, sweat suits for First Step, Bentley Elementary School read-athon, church directories for area hotels/motels, Halloween Costumes for hospitalized children, Youth Leadership

possibility of getting that designation changed, which might make more federal dollars available.

officially designated a rural

highway, while I-96 is classified

as an urban highway. He said

"But that might not happen for a few years," he said.

LaJoy, who is a runner himself, said any programs for improving traffic flow should not overlook pedestrians.

"We have to make it safe for pedestrians and walkers," he said. He said he thinks the township and the downtown development authority have been doing a good job of trying to attract retailers to the area.

"We need to look at industry, too," he said. "There's a lot of opportunities for other busi-

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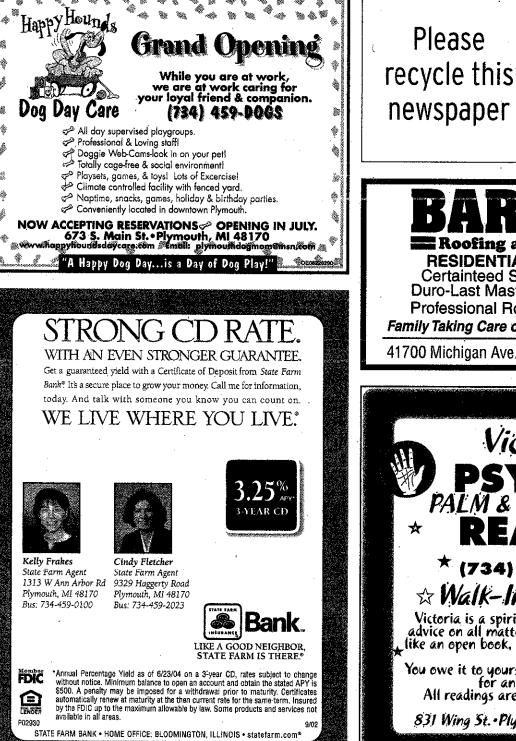
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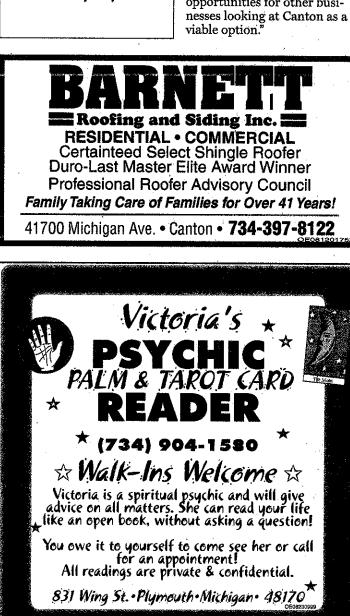
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# **Canton students graduate from S'craft**

The following Canton students graduated from Schoolcraft College at the end of the winter 2004 semester:

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Michelle E Allen Lisa Samir Ansara, April Ann Ballesteros, Rocky Anthony Barra, Jason Eugene Bean, Linda Renee Bearden, Ruth Ellen Beckman, Zena Y Beidas, Jennifer Marie Berczel, Nimisha A Bhavsar, Nimisha A Bhavsar, Ernie Thomas Bidwell, Carole Anne Bielec, Chanmanee Biggar, Eileen Marie Billings, John Amel Borovsky, Jason Daniel Brassfield, Curtis Frederick Breckenridge, Karen Renea Brown.

Christine Elizabeth Caldwell, Kimberly Ann Chambers, Alaric G Champine, Deepak Chawdhory, Deborah Lynn Chupa, Andria Leigh Cizewski, Charles Edward Clark, Kelly Elizabeth Connell, Jennifer Lynn Cross, Holly Davis, Grant David Dilworth, Anthony R Dimauro, Jennifer Renee Distefano, Cindy I Dorton, Cindy A Dunnigan, Julie Ann Dziekan, Miranda Lee Emard, Connie Lynnette Esser, Humaira Fahim, Michelle Eileen Falardeau, Farzana Fayyaz, Melissa Marie Fenske, John Brian Fitchett, Matthew Alan Fitchett, Jeffrey Edward Fournier.

John Paul Galik, Carrie Lee Garcia, Bonnie Marie Gardner, Gregory Joseph Giniel II,

Lindsay Jeannine Giuffre, Shauna Mary Gohl, Marcia Lynn Gottschalk, Nicole Marie Guignard, Aimee Gale Hamlin, Kristin Marie Harcourt, Kristin Marie Harcourt, Daniel John Harris, Matthew Scott Harris, Richard R Harvey Jr., Nicole Renee Hazzard, Holly H Hesse, Roohi Huma, Saima Rehan Idrees, Jeremy Ryan Ireland, Anna B Jablonski-Tharp, Deborah A Jeffrey, Amy Christine Jensen, Vinay Joneja, Eric L Jones.

Tammi Lin Kelly, Victor William Kelly, John Michael Kelty, Dawn Mary Kersten, Krista Dawn Kingsbury, Sandra Jeanne Koelzer, Koteswara Rao Kolla, Linda Lee Kotrys, Erin Nicole Kozak, Nancy Ann Krause, Kristen Kimberley Kukhahn, Mary Louise Kunka, Lori Lynn LaFleur, Melanie Leeson, Jennifer Ann Linden, Derek Neal Lineberry, Carol Ann Loper, Cynthia Joy Lupo, Jennifer L Lupo, Lisa Marie Marcum, Heather Ann Martel, Nicole L Martin, Lori Ann McIntosh, David Robert McKeon, Maria Kristine McTaggart, Michelle Lynn McTaggart, Sarah Elizabeth Meagrow, Helen E Miller-Padden, Jeffrey M Mineau, Renata Molnar, Lisa Lynn Moreno, Verlin Jeffrey Nangle, Maria Lynn Napolitano, Jonathon Michael Neher,

Joanne Elizabeth Neme.

Carin Lynn Olle, Kashmira R Patel, Yogesh M Patel, John Matthe Ploucha, Kevin Matthew Presley, Eric James Purcell, Michael Burt Purdy, Jennifer M Pyle, Michael Rafael Ramia, William Paul Rampe Jr., Melissa A Rapp, Lisa Marie Rasmussen, Patricia Lynn Reeder, Jaime Lynn Reno, Alison Anne Reynolds, Dawn Marie Richards, Amber Anne Roberson, Justin David Romer, Brenda Kay Rosochacki, Melissa Marie Royer. Pinky Hari Salah, Craig

Thomas Sanders, Bryan Matthew Schleif, Tracy Lynn Schleif, Todd E Schoeneman, Mary Christine Schrag, Sheetal C Sheta, Lisa Michelle Sleek, Justin Christopher Smith, Nicole Dawn Smith, Gina Marie Stanford, Amber Lynne Stocks, Teresa Jade Strang, Peter Joseph Stumpo Jr, April Ann Sund, Noelle Kathleen Swartz.

Reem Naim Tahhan, Steven Paul Taila, Sadia Talukder, Heather M Tennies, Kathryn Elizabeth Tucker, Scott William Tykoski, Joel M Vassallo, Joseph Gary Vaughan, Carolyn Lou Verla, Christine Marie Vladu, Laura Katherine Walker, Rhonda Renee Walker, Richard E Walther, Teresa Jane West, Diane Mary Wilkins and Li Ying.

#### **ROTC SCHOLARSHIP**

John L. Moore of Plymouth has been awarded an Air Force **ROTC** (Reserve Officer Training Corps) college scholarship.

The cadet was selected on the basis of comprehensive tests scores, high school scholastic achievement, school officials' evaluations, extra-curricular activities, and community involvement.

The scholarship is designed to cover the cost of tuition, . textbooks, laboratory and incidental fees, and a non-taxable monthly stipend during the school year.

Upon graduating from college and completing the ROTC program, the cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in the Air Force. The new lieutenants

select and enter various career fields to train as pilots, navigators, engineers, medical, personnel, business management fields, and special operations.

Moore is the son of Eric N. and Kim J. Moore of Adams St., Plymouth, Mich.

He is a 2004 graduate of Canton High School.

#### GRADUATED

Air Force Cadet Timothy M. Hughes has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy,

### **MILITARY NEWS**

Colorado Springs, CO. The graduate received a bachelor of science degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Senior cadets have the opportunity to serve as academy cadet officers who provide leadership, motivation and direction for the cadet wing and demonstrate effective officership in support of unit mission objectives.

The academy is a four-year military institution of higher learning that develops and inspires new air and space leaders with a vision for the future.

The curriculum provides instruction, education, training and experience in academics, military training, physical and athletic conditioning, and spiritual and ethical development to all cadets.

They graduate with the knowledge, character and skills essential to meet the leadership challenges of the 21st century for future career officers in the U.S. Air Force.

The new lieutenants go on to serve as pilots, navigators, engineers, maintenance officers, professionals in various technical fields, and some attend medical or graduate school with special scholarships, while others go directly to non-rated Air Force-wide assignments.

The officer is scheduled to attend intelligence training school at Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, Texas.

Hughes received a degree in foreign area studies, western Europe concentration with a minor in French.

The lieutenant is the son of Patrick and Mary Hughes of Ferncliff Ave., Royal Oak, Mich.

His sister and brother-inlaw are Sharon and Michael Samulski of Canton.

#### **BASIC TRAINING**

Air Force Airman 1st Class Alexander D. Stamp graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Stamp is the son of Diane Stamp Plymouth.

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# District, state treasury meet over bond issue

#### BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton School officials met with representatives from the state Department of Treasury this week to present plans for a \$108.9 million bond issue in September.

'The application is probably an inch thick because there's documentation for every building and what we plan to do with it," said Patricia Brand, executive director of business services, after the meeting. "I don't feel there will be any issue for final approval."

Brand met with Cathy Clark, the auditor for the school bond loan section of the state Treasury Department.

pass a resolution calling for the election at its Aug. 10 meeting." The bond issue will include \$91 million for district-wide repairs and renovations, nearly

\$14 million to construct a new elementary school in southwest Canton, and \$1.25 million for the most immediate fixes at Central Middle School.

The elementary school will use the same blueprint utilized at Tonda and Dodson, but will be larger to accommodate 750 students. It will be built on property the district purchased for \$1.2 million at Cherry Hill, and Denton roads in Cherry Hill Village. District officials said it could take up to two years to construct the building after approval from voters.

The bonds are expected to be



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"She looked at all the numbers and items going into it, all the enrollment projections, the proposed millage language, as well as current and projected outstanding debt," said Brand. "She actually went out and looked at some buildings to verify that we need to do what we claim."

If all goes well, the bond issue will go before Plymouth-Canton school district voters on Tuesday, Sept. 28, according to Brand.

"We'll take this document to the board July 6, and then back to the state treasury," said Brand.

"The state will have 30 days to give a final stamp of approval, and the board could

sold in two phases because most of the planned work won't be accomplished within the three-year IRS guideline. According to Brand, the upside for taxpayers will mean the actual millage levied will be lower than anticipated.

"The taxpayer is paying less interest because we're doing it in two series, thereby lowering the interest cost," she said.

According to figures from Brand, the proposed bond issue would cost the owner of a \$235,000 home an additional \$47 annually in taxes.

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# Advertising glitch prompts new hearing on near-finished Lotz

#### BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

A small paving project on Lotz Road - about 1,600 feet south of Michigan Avenue got approved, again, last week after the project is almost nearing completion.

Due to a glitch in the original advertisement for the public hearing last year, a new one had to be advertised and was held last week.

Only one resident showed up this time with questions, according to township supervisor Tom Yack.

"The original advertisement was done improperly," he said. "We had to retrace our steps. We voted for it last time, so it was no surprise we'd vote for it this time. Also the road is pretty much done.'

The project – a special assessment district - has been

in the works since 2001. The original project called for paving the dirt road from Michigan Avenue to Van Born. That was put on hold in 2002 when two large property owners - Draw-Tite Manufacturing , and Waste Management refused to participate.

The project was downsized a couple of times and finally reduced to 1,600 feet south of Michigan Avenue. The property in that area is zoned commercial and most of it is commercially owned.

Only four parcels in the area are privately owned, and only three of those are occupied by residents. Those residents were protesting the cost of the project, but Michael Roth (of Dembs Roth, which owns the property across from them) had offered to help out with some of the costs during the first year.



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Heinz Park Lincoln Mercury has opened a new service center on Canton Center Road in Canton that offers customers a chance to watch crews work on their cars.

# Hines Park dealer opens

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH** 

LEGAL NOTICE

**CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE** 

**AUGUST 3, 2004, PRIMARY ELECTION** 

PLEASE NOTE that Tuesday, July 6, 2004, is the last date to

register for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 3,

2004. Registration for Township electors will be taken at the Office

of the Township Clerk, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Building 3, or at any

Secretary of State Office. The phone number of the Township Clerk is 354-3224. The office of the Clerk is open from 8:00 a.m., to 4:30

p.m., Monday through Friday. If a resident is unable to register

during those hours, a call to the Clerk's Office can set up a

In the auto business for 35 years, Hines Park Lincoln Mercury has opened a Quality Care Service Center at 6181 Canton Center Road.

The center is called revolutionary because it provides a walkway in the service area built for customers so they can watch and talk to the technician working on their car. The center also offers a customer lounge with a viewing window into the service area.

"It's a whole different concept," said Joe Lane of Hines Park Lincoln Mercury.

#### The facility offers automotive and light truck service in oil and lubrication, brand name tires, scheduled maintenance, suspension, brakes and tune ups and most warranty repairs and recall work on Ford, Lincoln and Mercury

vehicles. The center also will accept other-make vehicles.

The center opened about a month ago and a ribbon cutting ceremony is planned. Hines Park Lincoln Mercury has been in business for 35 years.

MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk

Charter Township of Plymouth

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# Westland festival runs through Sunday

The Westland Summer Festival is under way and ends shortly after 10 p.m. Sunday, July 4, with a fireworks display over Central City Park.

Festival-goers will find familiar activities, including an animal petting farm and carni-

val rides. Festival shuttles will be available from John Glenn High School and the Westland library through July 4, but not during the fireworks dis-

play. This year's entertainment will take the stage nightly at 7:30 p.m. as follows:

■ Thursday, the 16-piece Rhythm Society Orchestra will play big band music.

Friday will feature Tatiana performing rock 'n' roll and

pop music. Saturday will feature Impact 7 performing rock 'n' roll and rhythm and blues with a splash of Motown.

On closing night, Sunday, July 4, Bobby Lewis & the Crackerjack Band will perform pop music and rock 'n'

roll. Here's a listing of other events; participants only need to show up to compete:

Friday, July 2 ■ Horseshoe pitching 5-6 p.m. at Tot Town, on Carlson just south of Ford.

■ Golf chipping 6-7 p.m., also at Tot Town.

- Saturday, July 3
- Horseshoe pitching 1-2 p.m. at Tot Town.

■ Golf chipping 3-4 p.m.,

also at Tot Town.

on the main stage in the park.

■ Pie-eating contest 1-2 p.m.

At 2 p.m., the Renaissance

Players will perform skits of fairy tales.

Sunday, July 4

 Horseshoe pitching finals 1-2 p.m. at Tot Town.

■ Golf-chipping contest 2-3 p.m. at Tot Town.

■ Ice cream-eating contest 1-1:45 p.m. on the stage.

■ Men's and women's legs contest 2-2:30 p.m. on the stage.

Oldest and youngest twins 2:35-2:55 p.m. on the stage.

Oldest and youngest married couples 3-3:20 p.m. on the stage.

Polka contest 3:25-3:45

p.m. on the stage. Bubble gum-blowing contest 4:15-4:35 p.m. on the

stage. Longest ponytail contest

4:15-4:35 p.m. on the stage. ■ Hula Hoop contest 4:40-5

p.m. in front of the stage.

Water balloon toss 5:05-5:25 p.m. in front of the stage.

■ Balloon blowing contest 5:30-5:50 p.m. in front of the stage.

There will be baby, toddler and tot of the year contests sponsored by Westland Civitans.

All participants must be Westland residents and be preregistered by 5 p.m. Monday, June 28.

Applications are available at the Bailey Center or at the Westland Chamber of Commerce.

The voting booth for the baby, toddler and tot contests will be on the festival grounds 4-10 p.m. July 1-2, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 3.

The finals will be 10 a.m. to noon July 4 on the stage.

Music's in the air at Kellogg Park

Here are the concert schedules for the Friday night and Wednesday afternoon concert series in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

Music in the Park is presented Wednesday afternoons at noon by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The Music in the Air series is presented Friday evenings by the Downtown Development Authority. Those start at 7 p.m.

#### MUSIC IN THE PARK

 $\blacksquare$  July 7 — Josh White Jr. July 14 — Gemini
 July 21 — Marc Thomas & Max the Moose

■ July 28 — Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express ■ Aug. 4 — Hometown Kids concert with Phoenix and the

Celebration Youth Orchestra

New Liberty Bank, start at noon. For more information on the concerts, call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at

#### **MUSIC IN THE AIR**

 $\blacksquare$  July 2 — Red, White, Bluegrass & Blues: An featuring the Cass Avenue

■ Aug. 11 — Harpbeat ■ Aug. 18 — Elmo Thumm The concerts, sponsored by

(734) 416-4278.

American Music Celebration,

Ramblers, followed by Harmonica Shah & Howard Glazer.

 $\blacksquare$  July 9 — No concert because of Art in the Park.

■ July 16 — The Warren Commission, featuring vocalist Suzy Marsh, fresh from her Detroit Music Awards nomination as Best Female Jazz Vocalist.

■ July 23 — Steve King & The Dittilies. Veteran Oldies King provides a great evening of family entertainment.

■ July 30 — Thornetta Davis for blues and R&B. ■ Aug. 6 — King Sweat,

playing R&B, classic soul and

some rock-&-roll. ■ Aug. 13 — Bobby Lewis & The CrackerJack Band. The final appearance by The CJB at Music in the Air, as the Dean of Detroit Rock & Roll retires this year.

■ Aug. 20 — Impact 7 revue-style show featuring music from Motown to Earth, Wind & Fire.

■ Aug. 27 — Pamela Ransford & The Plymouth Guitar Band.

Sept. 3 — September Surprise featuring mystery guests.

The concerts, sponsored by Community Financial, start at 7 p.m.

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convenient time for the resident.



BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS **MEETING NOTICE** CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN (734) 453-1234

A regular meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals will be held on Thursday, July 1, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the Commission Chambers of the City Hall, 201 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI, to consider the following items:

Non-Use Variance Requested Z 04-14 1041 Linden Rear Yard Setback Variance Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Garrett & Sheila Kazanowski Non-Use Variance Requested Z 04-15 391 Maple Rear & Front Yard Setback Variance Zoned: R-1, Single Family Residential Applicant: Max & Julie Courtney

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH **REQUEST FOR AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES EXEMPTION FOR LOC PERFORMANCE** PRODUCTS, INC.

**TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2004** 

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2004, during a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth to consider a request from Loc Performance Products, Inc., for a twelve year Industrial Facilities Exemption for new machinery and equipment to be installed within their facility located at 13505 Haggerty Road, 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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS	
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH	
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS	

Request Approval

PROPOSED ACTION:

DATE OF HEARINGS: TIME OF HEARINGS: PLACE OF HEARINGS:

Variance Requests Thursday, July 8, 2004 5:00 p.m. Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Rd.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Charter Township of Plymouth will hold public hearings at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2004, to consider the following variance requests:

1. Application No. 1366 - Dean & Lorraine Gardner 9629 Southworth Tax I.D. #78-060-02-0037-000

has a front yard The setback of twenty ovisting nine point eight (29.8) feet. With the proposed eight (8) foot front porch addition, the front yard setback would be twenty one point eight (21.8) feet. The applicant is requesting a front yard variance of three point two (3.2) feet.

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#### All intereste persons are invited to attend.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting/hearing, to individuals with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids or services may be made by writing or calling the following:

> Carol Stone, ADA Coordinator 201 S. Main Street Plymouth, MI 48170, (734) 453-1234, Ext. 206

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#### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES - REGULAR MEETIN TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2004**

Supervisor Mann called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. All members were present.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the agenda for the June 22, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Edwards. Ayes all.

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the June 22, 2004, Board of Trustees Regular Meeting as submitted. Ayes all.

Paul Schultz, a resident of Corinne Street, recommended merging the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township for cost savings, including expanding their City Hall rather than building a new Township Hall.

Mr. Mann noted that liabilities would be incurred for the Township residents such as increased water and tax rates.

Mike Blaies presented a petition from his fellow residents of Corinne Street, requesting the closing of the street because of excess traffic and safety hazards.

Mr. Mann responded that the street closures are part of the Township's plan for the corridor and are a priority that is already being studied. Public Services Director Anulewicz anticipated a recommendation would be made to the Supervisor within the next two weeks regarding the street closings.

Mr. Mann opened the Public Hearing regarding the request from Material Sciences Corporation, for a twelve year Industrial Facilities Exemption for a facility located at 46900 Port Street, Plymouth Corporation Park at 7:15 p.m. There being no comment from the public, the hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve Resolution No. 04-06-22-27, granting the request from Material Sciences Corporation for a twelve (12) year Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for a leased facility with speculative building status located at 46900 Port Street, Plymouth Township, Wayne County, Michigan, subject to the submission of all required materials and said application being reviewed by the Township Attorney. Seconded by Mr. Munfakh. Ayes all on a roll call vote. A copy of the Resolution is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the appointment of Douglas G. Jaskierny to the Charter Township of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, with term expiring on February 12, 2005. Seconded by Mr. Herriman. Ayes all.

Mr. Edwards moved to approve the appointment of Ron Kasperski to the Charter Township of Plymouth Downtown Development Authority, with term expiring on February 12, 2006. Seconded by

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, July 13, 2004, during the regularly scheduled Board of Trustee Meeting. Telephone number 734-354-3224.

> MARILYN MASSENGILL, Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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OE08226450 3. Application No. 1368 - Kathleen M. Baigrie

42032 Brentwood Tax I.D. #78-017-05-0102-000

With the proposed twenty four (24) foot x twenty two (22) foot detached garage addition, the proposed side yard setback would be three (3) feet. The applicant is requesting a side yard setback variance of two (2) feet.

4. Application No. 1369 – Leslie & Joanne Campbell 45626 Turtlehead Ct. N. Tax I.D. #78-053-01-0408-000

The existing residential property has a rear yard setback of fifty (50) feet. With the proposed twenty one (21) foot x six (6) foot kitchen addition, the rear yard setback will forty six point eight (46.8) feet. The applicant is requesting a building height variance of three point two (3.2) feet.

5. Application No. 1370 – Mark Kesson

15047 Lakewood Tax I.D. #78-017-06-0370-002

The existing non-conforming residential property has a rear yard setback of forty six point eight (46.8) feet. With the proposed sixteen point six (16.6) foot addition, the rear yard setback would thirty nine point seven (39.7) feet. The applicant is requesting a rear yard variance of ten point three (10.3) feet.

6. Application No. 1371 - Fran & Steven Kleabir 11946 Appletree Tax I.D. #78-032-02-0012-000

### The existing residential property has a rear yard setback of fifty

(50) feet. With the proposed family room addition, the rear yard setback would forty two (42) feet. The applicant is requesting a rear yard variance of eight (8) feet.

7. Application No. 1372 - Ed Jonik

#### 11370 Parkview Tax I.D. #78-063-02-0027-000

The existing non-conforming primary residence has a front yard setback of twenty five (25) feet. With the proposed twenty one (21) foot x six (6) foot front porch addition, the front yard setback would be twenty two (22) feet. The applicant is requesting a front yard variance of three (3) feet.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed variance requests may be examined at the Plymouth Township Building Department, Plymouth Township Hall, during regular business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may mailed to the Plymouth Township Building Department, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170, or call **734-354-3208**. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall, which is located in Building One at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth.

RAYMOND STURDY, Secretary Zoning Board of Appeals

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township will provide necessary reasonable aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office, Charter Township of Plymouth, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170, (734) 453-3840, TDD users: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Service).

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Mrs. Massengill. Ayes all.

Ms. Arnold moved to approve the reappointment of Ray Sturdy, Jr., to the Plymouth Township Zoning Board of Appeals as the Planning Commission liaison, term ending June 30, 2007. Seconded by Mr. Edwards, Aves all,

Mrs. Massengill moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. C-2004-02, amending MCL 436.1701, "Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor Ordinance," pursuant to a change in State Law. Seconded by Ms. Arnold. Ayes all. A copy of the Ordinance is on file in the Clerk's office for public perusal.

Mr. Mann said the architectural firm A3C met with department heads seeking preliminary information regarding the Township Hall.

He informed the Board that Tuesday, June 29, is the date for the sale of the bonds. A Board meeting will be called late afternoon that day to accept the bids.

The 4th of July parade is scheduled, with Board members walking alongside the Township float. The picnic follows at Township Park.

Mr. Curmi had questions regarding the hiring of a temporary employee in the Building Department and hiring a new firefighter.

In answer to Mr. Munfakh's question, Mr. Edwards noted the bond rating would be available on Wednesday.

Mr. Curmi also had questions regarding the lighting audit, the status report on recycling prior to asking for bids on the next contract, the emergency sewer repair and resulting policy change, and physically checking on Detroit's emergency preparedness with regard to water and sewer functions.

Mrs. Massengill moved to adjourn the meeting. Supported by Ms. Arnold. Aves all.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m

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

The foregoing is a synopsis of the minutes of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees meeting held on June 22, 2004. The full text is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal. The minutes will be submitted for Board approval at the next regular meeting held on July 13, 2004.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township Meetings, to individuals with disabilities at the Meetings/Hearings upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the following: Supervisor's office, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI 48170. Phone number (784) 354-3200 TDD units: 1-800-649-3777 (Michigan Relay Services)

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2. Application No. 1367 - Mr. & Mrs. James Frederick 8818 Rocker Ave. Tax I.D. #78-061-02-0073-002

The existing non-conforming residential property has a rear yard setback of twenty two point one (22.1) feet. With the proposed variance, the rear yard setback would be eleven point one (11.1) feet. The applicant is requesting a variance for rear yard setback of thirty eight point nine (38.9) feet.

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#### counteract the initial reaction.

And Alex Mosallam, part owner of the station, doesn't think the increase is going to make hard-core smokers stop.

"They're always complaining about the price," he said, "but they always come back. People don't stop for money reasons, they stop for health reasons. It's a drug. People will buy them no matter how much it costs.

Ironically, while customers were coming in to stock up on cigarettes before the increase took effect, Mehdi was outside changing the price of gasoline - downward from \$1.85 a gallon to \$1.79.

Robert Chernauckas of Canton, who was buying two cartons on Tuesday, wasn't happy either.

"It irritates me," he said. "Every time they need money, they tax something. My wife smokes, too. We're not happy about it, but I'm not driving to Ohio."

Chernauckas' views on taxation were somewhat shared by State Rep. Phil LaJoy, R-Canton, who voted against the tax increase.

"I didn't vote for it," he said. "If you say to me these are all the things we can do to reduce costs - not programs, but government itself - to streamline, to be more efficient now we have no way to go but to raise taxes, I might go along.

"But to say we want to tax first, then we'll worry about streamlining, I don't understand that."

LaJoy, whose bill to consolidate human resources departments within the state govern-



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of Canton, who was in the

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the gasoline is cheaper."

And customer Gary Porman

"I sell books to schools," he

said. "I'm in Ohio once a week.

The taxes are lower there. Even

He has decided what he's

"I've quit a few times," he

said. "Maybe now I'll make a

concerted effort to quit"

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Jay Patel bought his new store, Smokers' Store, two weeks ago and said he was unaware taxes were on the increase.

ment was vetoed by Granholm, is still smarting from that.

"We have 27 human resources departments in the state government with 27 directors," he said. "I wish the administration would take a lot at that (as a way to cut costs)."

But back at the Mobil station, Bill Hultgren of Dearborn, buying one pack of lights, was philosophical about the situation.

"They should probably double the price," he said. "I'm serious. I've been smoking for 25 years. It's a bad habit. People should be willing to pay for it.

Hultgren said the last time the price on cigarettes went up, he rolled his own for two years. But that didn't last. "People complain," he said.

"But I think of it as a luxury." At the Smokers' Store on

Ford Road just east of Canton Center, owner Jay Patel was not happy.

"I just bought this place six weeks ago," he said. "I didn't know the tax was going up.

#### **MEETING NOTICE** TOWNSHIP BOARD, **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

At the regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan to be held on July 13, 2004 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton, Michigan, the Township Board will consider a resolution awarding the sale of the Township's \$4,100,000 Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2004 which Bonds pledge the Township's limited tax full faith and credit.

This notice is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 308, Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

TERRY G. BENNETT

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Township Clerk QE08230779

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **REQUEST FOR BID** 

# **CHERRY HILL**

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residents who live on that portion of Cherry Hill.

"We are looking at putting up more signs," said Todd Zilincik, an engineer with Canton.

Motorists who are heading to the health building — which contains three medical practices — should give themselves some 10-15 extra minutes to arrive on time for appointments.

"There can be delays on each side (of the construction site)," Zilincik said.

Motorists traveling to Cherry Hill Village or using the road as a cut through westward are expected to use the detour, either north or south of the area.

"It is only residents who live on that corridor, with addresses on that street," Zilincik said.

Crews will widen Cherry Hill, Denton to Ridge, from the existing two lanes to five lanes. Three lanes, one west, one east and a center turning lane, will be for driving. The two additional lanes will be for onstreet parking on the south and north sides of the street, Zilincik said.

"All the buildings are pulled up to Cherry Hill Road," township planner Jeff Goulet said. "Cherry Hill is intended to be a small town or a village."

To expedite construction, crews are working 10-hour days, six days a week. "The plan is to have the road open before the theater opens (in September). By mid-August the paving should be done," Zilincik said.

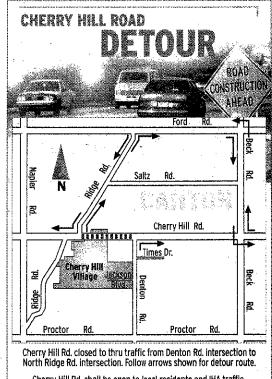
Installation of the curbs and gutters, as well as preparation to widen the road will begin after July 4.

TERRY G. BENNETT

Township Clerk

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Cherry Hill Rd. shall be open to local residents and IHA traffic. DETOUR ROUTE AREA OF ROAD CLOSURE

Other road projects near the village are in the works, including the extension of Denton Road north of Cherry Hill Road. Underground work will begin after July 4. Denton will continue north. Saltz will be paved and joined Ridge and Denton with a roundabout, plans for which will soon be under review by Wayne County.

"It's a matter of getting used to the roundabout," Zilincik said.

#### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON** ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST 3, 2004 **PRIMARY ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that July 6, 2004, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2004. Registrations will be accepted at the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 South Canton Center Road, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Registration can be made at any Secretary of State Office or State Designated Agency. Persons with special needs who are unable to register in the above mentioned manner are urged to contact the Clerk's Office at 734-394-5120. Mail-in registration will be accepted postmarked by July 6, 2004.

> Terry G. Bennett Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m., July 15TH, 2004 for the following:

#### WELCOME TO CANTON SIGNS - CONSTRUCTION

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

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals up to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, July 22, 2004, for the following:

#### FY 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Specifications are available at the Finance and Budget Department and questions directed to Mike Sheppard at (734) 394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services. This project is funded by federal grant funds and compliance with all applicable federal laws and regulations is required.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals up to 4:00 p.m. Thursday, July 22, 2004, for the following:

#### VENDING MACHINES FOR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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bikes C-88 Geraldine Givens - Freezer, household D-118 Debra Morgan - Cages, misc., furniture

D-136 Carol Panik - Household, furniture

**MEETING NOTICE** 

TOWNSHIP BOARD,

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

Township of Canton, Michigan to be held on July 13, 2004 at 7:00

o'clock p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, at 46000 Summit Parkway,

Canton; Michigan, the Township Board will consider a resolution

awarding the sale of the Township's \$2,500,000 Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004 which Bonds pledge the

STORAGE USA

Notice is hereby given that on (July 19, 2004), Tate & Co.

Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Storage USA, will be

offering for sale under the judicial lien process, by public auction,

the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally

described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash

only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The

Sale will be at the following location: Storage USA, 6729 CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:30 PM.

F-209 Brian Waskienewicz - Tools, Wood bedroom set, 10 speed

B-44 Caron Robb Fernimos - Furniture, Dresser, Dining Chairs

This notice is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 308,

Township's limited tax full faith and credit.

Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended.

At the regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter

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#### **Shurgard Storage Centers**

Notice is hereby give that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 07/09/04 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the following locations:

Shurgard of Canton 2101 Haggerty Rd. Canton, MI 48187 734-981-0300 Unit 4066 household Unit 4232 household Unit 4244 household Unit 6052 household Unit 9054 household Shurgard of Canton South 45229 Michigan Ave.

Canton, MI 48188 734-398-5416 Unit 1015 household Unit 4109 household Unit 5036 household Unit 5251 household Shurgard of Walled Lake 1901 East West Maple Rd. Walled Lake, MI 48390

#### 248-669-4020 Unit 1134 household Unit 3030 household Unit 3031 household Unit 3045 household Unit 4006 household Unit 4046 household Unit 5004 household Unit 7031 household

Shurgard of Dearborn 24920 Trowbridge Dearborn, MI 48124 313-277-2000 Unit 1116 household Shurgard of Westland 36001 Warren Rd. Westland, MI 48185

734-326-6000 Unit 4020 household Shurgard of Ann Arbor

2500 So. Industrial Hwy. Ann Arbor, MI 48104 734-972-2212 Unit 1061 household Unit 2012 household Unit 3051 household Unit 4098 household Unit 5045 household Unit 8007 household Unit 8025 household

Shurgard of Livonia 30300 Plymouth Rd. Livonia, MI 48150 734-522-7811 Unit 2017 household Unit 3097 household Unit 4044 household

Shurgard Taylor 9300 Pelham Rd. Taylor, MI 48180 313-292-2950 Unit 2025 household Unit 4058 household Unit 7012 household Unit 7067 household Unit 9018 household Unit 9022 household Unit 9066 household Shurgard of Plymouth 41889 Joy Rd. Canton, MI 48187 734-459-2200 Unit 1009 household Unit 3020 household Unit 4042 household Shurgard of Sthfld @ Telegraph 24200 Telegraph Southfield, MI 48034 248-208-9000 Unit 1027 household Unit 1082 household Unit 1096 household Unit 1131 household Unit 2001 household Unit 2040 household Unit 2051 household Unit 2166 household Unit 2175 household Unit 2187 household Unit 3024 household Unit 3026 household Unit 3040 household Unit 3053 household Unit 3070 household Unit 3133 household Unit 3164 household Unit 3248 household Unit 3249 household Shurgard of Southfield 19350 W. 8 Mile Rd. Southfield, MI 48075 248-357-1137 Unit 1002 household Unit 1054 church pews Unit 1079 household Unit 1143 auto frame Unit 1169 household

Unit 1197 household Unit 1214 church pews Unit 2018 office goods Unit 2069 household Unit 2109 household Unit 2126 household Unit 2149 household Unit 2161 household Unit 4006 household

#### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA **JULY 8, 2004**

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals THURSDAY, July 8, 2004 AT 7:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the Summit on the Park located at 46000 SUMMIT PARKWAY, CANTON, MI 48188 . The following Agenda will be discussed:

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

Roll Call: Randy Blaylock, Jim Cisek, Cathy Johnson, Phyllis Redfern and Steven Johnson.

#### Acceptance of Agenda

Stephen Francis of Richard Connor Riley & Associates, LLC, 1. 30150 Telegraph Road, Bingham Farms, MI 48025 representing T-Mobile USA of T-Mcbile, 12170 Merriman Road, Livonia, MI 48150 for property located at 42709 Proctor Road, appealing Article 6.00, Section 6.02, S-2, relative to fencing; Article IV, Section 78-95; and Article V, Section 5.02 D, 2, relative to pavement of the driveway servicing the mechanical unit. Zone R-5 residential. Parcel 090-99-0006-711 (Planning) **RECONSIDERATION OF THE ITEM FROM** 

JUNE 10, 2004.

- 2. John Lapointe of Atwell-Hicks, Inc., 6303 26 Mile Road, Suite 100, Washington, MI 48094 representing Tracey Rust of Life Time Fitness, 1700 Haggerty Road, Canton, MI 48188 for property located at 1700 Haggerty Road, Canton, MI 48188, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 2.00, Section 2.14, 2d, trash removal and collection. Zone: C-3 Parcel 050-01-0001-000 (Planning)
- З. Robert Randall of Tony V's Sunrooms & Spa, 20330 Hall Road, Clinton Twp, MI 48038 representing Peter Weber, 45056 Turnberry Ct., Canton, MI 48188 for property located at 45056 Turnberry Ct., appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00 Schedule of Regulations, Section 26.02, rear yard setback requirement in order to construct a sunroom. Zone: Residential. Parcel 086-03-0144-000

(Building)

- Kenneth Mustunis, 44650 Geddes, Canton, MI 48188 for property located at same address, appealing Zoning Ordinance Article 26.00 Schedule of Regulations, Section 26.02, setback requirements. Zone: R-2
- Parcel 133-02-0072-000
  - (Building)
- Metro Group Architects of Panera, LLC, 6710 Clayton Road, Richmond Heights, MO 63117 representing Joe Hochendoner of Metro Group Architects, 338 \_ S. State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 for property located at 41950 Ford Road. Appealing Chapter 102, Article 1, Section 102-1, definition of a wall sign and Article 2, Section 102-35 (1)(a), square footage requirements. Zone C-3. Parcel 044-99-0010-704

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# **Graduation Day**

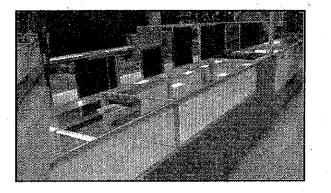
Adult education supervisor Pat Karas shares a laugh with graduate Kofi Bates, 19, of Canton after the Farmington Public Schools Adult Graduation on Thursday evening. Bates was among 80 students honored during the ceremony, which was held at Farmington High School



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### LOCAL NEWS

# Local 'American Idol' contestant returns Stewart: No on

BY KHRISTOPHER J. BROOKS STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of fans waited patiently to see their former American Idol superstar in a line that crawled down the southeast side of Kmart's parking lot.

The line grew to a staggering 600 people around 11:50 a.m., and ahead of the pack was 16year-old Westland resident Megan Thornberry

Thornberry had been in line since 4 a.m. because "I love him, and I saw him on American Idol."

"He" is Josh Gracin.

Gracin, 23, who competed for a music recording deal on national television, returned Saturday to his hometown of Westland to thank his support-

"I'm a firm believer in you can't have a career unless you have fans," Gracin said. Around 11:55 a.m., Gracin

was in the back of the store greeting a few fans who were chosen to meet him before his autograph signing began. Outside, fans began moving slowly in a line that doubled the perimeter of the store.

"Oh my God, he's so hot and he's right there," said Jessica Rhodes, a Dearborn resident.

Rhodes, 16, was one of 20 people who, as part of Gracin's promotional "street team," met him up close.

Gracin appeared at Kmart, 165 S. Wayne Road, to sign autographs on his debut, selftitled album and anything else fans could carry.

After seeing Gracin, Thornberry had two pictures signed and said she couldn't explain how she felt after hugging him.

"I can't believe it's over already. I want to go see him again," said Westland resident Brittani Lincoln, 13.

Lincoln and Thornberry did not sleep the night before because they wanted to be first in line to see Gracin.

Kmart anticipated an increase in Josh Gracin album sales Saturday by obtaining 2,300 copies.

"Most of the kids had their CDs with them, so it didn't really affect our sales," said Elaine Brazell, Kmart assistant manager.

Still, the store sold some 400 CDs. After Gracin finished

signing autographs, around 5:45 p.m., the store was left with 1,900 copies, Brazell said. Those who bought the CD at Kmart received a trucker hat with Gracin's name on it.

"It's so country and it's awesome," said 17-year-old Dearborn resident Christina Rosenbergh, whose birthday was special Saturday because she met Gracin.

Gracin, now a Lyric Street Records country singer, said he will include fans in all his future concerts.

"You are going to see a different kind of concert - very energetic," he said. "I can't wait to get out there and start performing for them."

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# tax, racinos 'a

### STAFF WRITER

Smokers will be paying the second-highest cigarette tax in the nation beginning today after Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a bill increasing the tax by 75 cents per pack.

However, it's not the end for Granholm's attempts at raising more money for a cash-starved state budget, as racinos legalizing slot machines at race tracks such as Northville Downs - could be next on the agenda.

"It's got the votes, it's wired," Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township) said of legislation to allow slot machines at race tracks. including Northville Downs.

"But I don't like it because it's too close to Main Street Northville. It will run up the cost of city policing services to the taxpayers, and bring in more riff-raff.

"The lobbyists have done an effective job and counted noses,"said Stewart, who represents a small portion of Canton. "They've contributed mega bucks to those who will vote 'yes."

Stewart said Granholm is playing passive-aggressive with the racino issue.

"She says she doesn't want more gambling in the state, but at the same time says we need

the revenue," Stewart said. Stewart predicts racinos will be a "done deal" sometime next month.

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As for the cigarette tax, for the second time in a couple of weeks Stewart again voted against the measure increasing state taxes to \$2 per pack.

"I think more cuts can be made administratively in several budgets," Stewart said, "particularly the Medicaid budget. I don't think we've cut the administrative fat out of this budget, yet."

While he voted "no" on the tax. Stewart said he helped broker the deal to increase the cigarette tax hike because the Republicans promised to produce 13 votes to help the Democrats reach the 55 needed for passage.

Stewart noted the increase in cigarette taxes is likely to invite some big problems.

"The obvious," Stewart said, "is that we'll likely see smuggling of cigarettes from Ohio and Indiana."

Stewart also predicts that later this year the Legislature will have enough votes to put the issue of term limits on the ballot in 2005.

If passed by voters, it would extend term limits for both the Senate and the House from six to 12 years.

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# St. Mary lands state 'excellence' honor

A statewide health careimprovement organization selected St. Mary Mercy Hospital as one of 60 Michigan hospitals to collect Governor's Awards for their work in 2003.

The Livonia facility was one of 49 award-winning hospitals to be recognized for both Excellence for Improving Care in the Hospital Setting and **Emergency Department** Setting.

"We're on a journey to grow and improve and this is affirmation of our efforts," said David Spivey, St. Mary president and CEO. "It's really nice to be recognized like this."

In the award program, initiated by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the Michigan Peer Review Organization (MPRO) selected the Livonia hospital

particularly for its work with heart attack and pneumonia patients. These honors were the first Governor's Awards for St. Mary. This was the MPRO's first year presenting hospital setting awards and the fourth year the MPRO handed out awards for emergency response.

The hospital, located on 22 acres on the southwest corner of Levan and Five Mile, handles 42,000 emergency room patients each year. Spivey credited his highly trained staff, quick ER patient treatment and positive patient evaluations for the emergency department award.

Since St. Mary is a smaller hospital - compared to Royal Oak's Beaumont Hospital and Southfield's Providence

Hospital - the Livonia staff has more opportunities to build relationships with patients, said Dr. Michael Calice, chairman of the emergency medicine department.

"We give the same quality care of a bigger hospital," Calice said. "We simply try to provide the highest-quality compassionate and coordinated care we can."

Calice also serves as the medical director for the Western Wayne County HEMS (Hospital Emergency Medical Services), a consortium that supports paramedics in Livonia, Canton, Plymouth and the private ambulance company, Concordia. He said this helps St. Mary better coordinate first-responder services

and bring patients to a doctor quicker. Hospital officials received the awards in Lansing on May

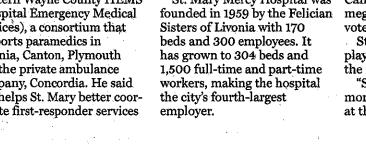
20 and staged a local celebration Monday, which featured lauding from State Rep. John Pastor (R-Livonia) and Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson. "Thank you for what you do for our community,"

Engebretson told the hospital gathering. "You play a big part in helping us become such a great community."

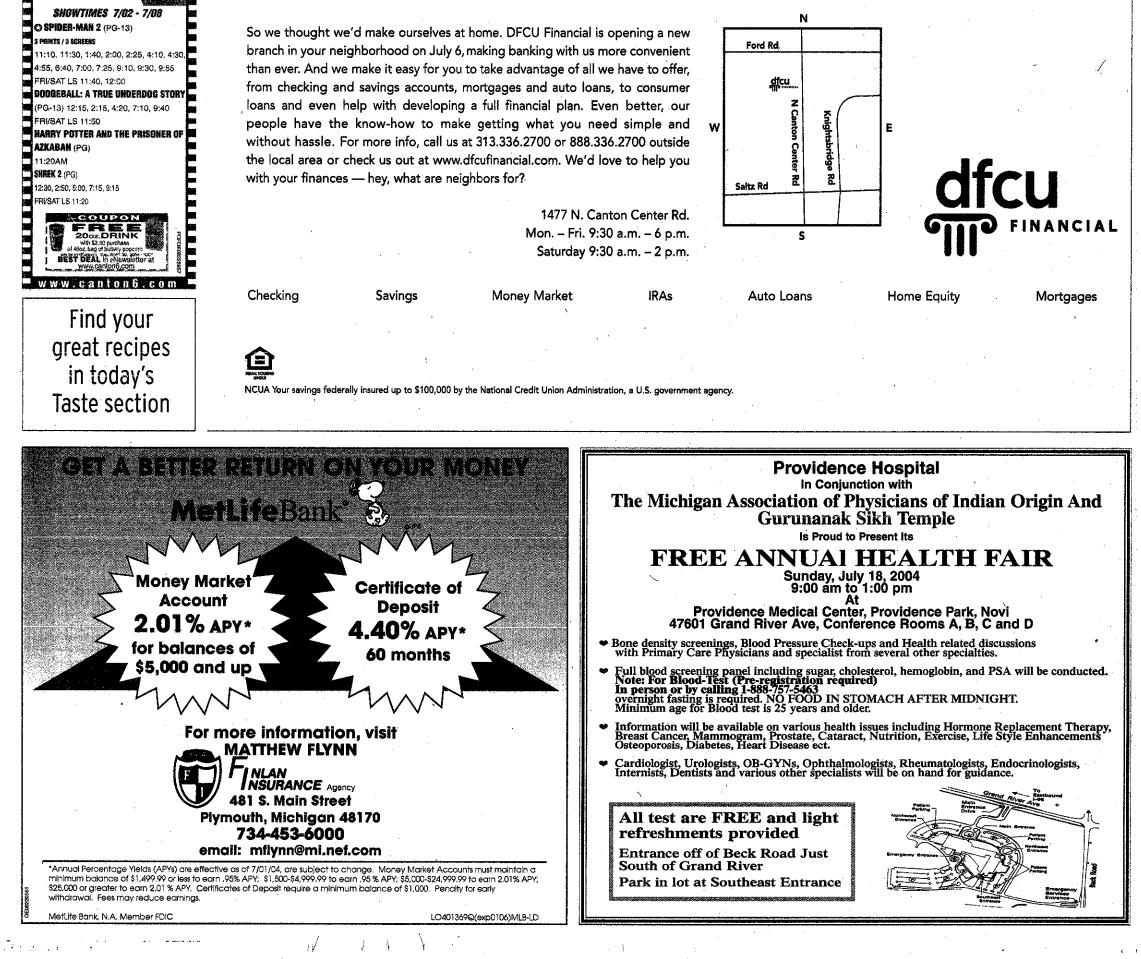
St. Mary Mercy Hospital was Sisters of Livonia with 170 beds and 300 employees. It has grown to 304 beds and 1,500 full-time and part-time workers, making the hospital the city's fourth-largest

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# done deal' **BY TONY BRUSCATO**



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# Play it safe, use legal fireworks

Fireworks and the Fourth of July ... it's as American as Mom's apple pie.

But with the widespread availability of the pyrotechnics, both legal and illegal, some celebrations are starting long before organized displays and going on lon State Attorney General Michael Cox has a hint: If it makes a loud bang or leaves the ground, it is illegal.

displays and going on long after they've ended.

Fireworks-related injuries are most commonly associated with bottle rockets, sparklers and firecrackers. A 1999 Consumer Product Safety Commission study found that one-third of fireworks-related injuries were caused by firecrackers.

And fireworks-related injuries most frequently involve hands and fingers, eyes and the head and face. More than half of the injuries were burns; contusions and lacerations were the second most frequent injuries.

And fireworks also can also cause life-threatening residential fires, which may explain why fire officials have been cautioning people about the use of fireworks for many years. Their mantra has been that if it explodes, let the professionals handle it. But that has not stopped people from putting on their own backyard displays.

So this holiday, we encourage readers to play it safe, but if you plan to use fireworks, follow the law. Know what you can and can't set off in your own back yard.

Not too sure? Attorney General Michael Cox has a hint: If it makes a loud bang or leaves the ground, it is illegal. Specifically, illegal fireworks include cherry bombs, firecrackers, M-80s, bottle rockets, Roman candles, Silver Salute or M-100s and M-250s and M-1000s (quarter stick), which are large versions of the M-80 and M-100.

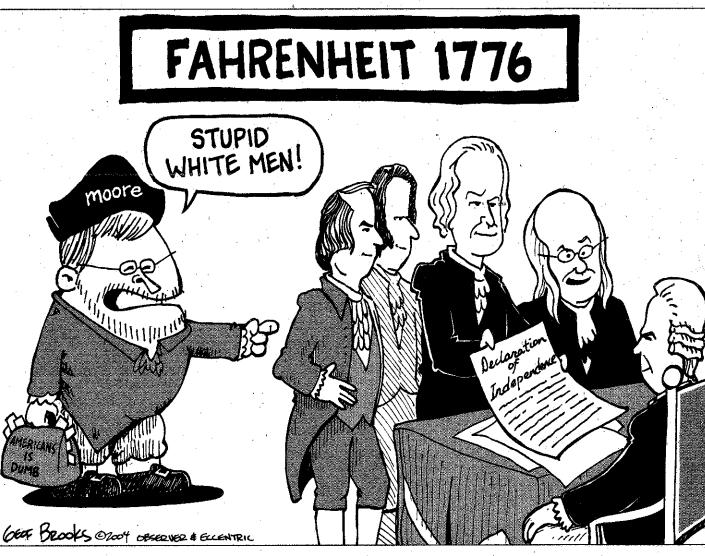
But if you must use fireworks, the CPSC recommends that you always read and follow label directions; use fireworks only outdoors; always have water, like a garden hose or bucket, handy; never re-light a "dud" and, if you're the shooter, always wear eye protection and never have any part of the body over the firework.

The Fourth of July is a day of celebration, so go ahead and celebrate, but just play it smart when it comes to fireworks.

# Protesters show patriotism isn't easy

When perennial political candidate Mario Fundarski flew

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#### They voted yes

Cathi Ericson wrote a rather terse note condemning the feeding of the rock doves (pigeons) by Nancy Spencer. Mr. LaJoy and Mr. Patterson must share her feelings.

Susan Tabor, the author of the mourning dove bill, could provide her with some counseling to help the poor frightened children who were terrorized by the "filthy birds."

Susan Tabor — who is being forced out of the Michigan House because she sat there too long — succeeded in getting a bill passed that will allow residents to take their children on mourning dove hunts. Ms. Tabor has indicated that shooting mourning doves is a good way to bring the family together.

The House Bill No. 5029 (H-1) was sent to the governor June 6, 2004. One of the notes in the bill is that the Department of Natural Resources shall prepare a mourning dove brochure that will provide information to help hunters distinguish mourning doves from other birds — like the rock

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She didn't grasp what that would mean to us, to herself, or for this community.

And so we went back to Applebee's for "just dessert." We were seated next to a long table circled by 20 or more young women. Probably all were students or recent graduates of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools. We didn't recognize one of them. They were a sharp bunch of young people. Not loud or boisterous just neat alert citizens of our community and obviously having a great time. As the waiter handed out their checks I overheard him say, "You were all so well-behaved, thank you."

I doubt the nearly 18,000 students in this school district will ever notice, nor long remember that a woman named Elizabeth, my wife, passed through their school system and made a huge difference beginning with PTO at Eriksson in 1982. We were just ordinary people sitting next to a representative group of students in the restaurant. No fanfare, no glory, but nonetheless, things eight years later are very different in how this school district state situation which is out of your control. Before you vote to recall all three ADs, then open a salvo accusing the state of shortchanging the district, I ask you to consider your individual motivation on this vote.

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Are you motivated by catering to the self-interest needs of a select few employees because of promises to protect their jobs? Does voting for the recall of the three ADs serve the needs of the thousands of residents, taxpayers, parents and students who believe your mantra of "For the kids ..." etc?

I recommend one AD, at a salary not more than the highest-paid teacher salary, and three administrative assistants, paid to handle the scheduling for the three schools.

At the very least, the board should "pay back" the district taxpayers for the blunder in paying an AD for a full year before the school was opened. This excess of over \$100,000 including benefits was absurd. Don't blame the state for that decision you made. A few years back I attended a school board meeting held at Central Middle School. The teacher union leadership led a major protest of the meeting with signage stating "treat teachers with dignity and respect." Several union members who spoke to members of the public opposing the union view were monitored and called in the evening by the union leadership and told to stop contact. The issues involved medical insurance and the focus was the raising of prescription co-pays from \$5 to \$10. Hello!!!! Real world!!! This vote to not recall three ADs is your chance to treat the parents, students and taxpayers with dignity and respect. Try it for a change and quit hiding behind this "for the kids" mantra which has been used as a cover at times to really mean "for the employees and the union." Truly mean "for the kids" and act accordingly. For those of you inclined and plan on voting for the recall of the three ADs, do not allow your voices to be heard in opposition to state funding afterward. You will be hypocrites. Voting to spend money we don't have on positions of questionable need then blaming the lack of revenues is like starting a fire and blaming the fire department for not arriving on time.

the American flag upside down to protest the war in Iraq, counter-protesters stopped by to wave flags of their own.

And someone allegedly shot out a window in his Novi home.

Michael Moore's latest documentary about the war in Iraq is called *Fahrenheit 9/11*, which he says is the temperature at which freedom burns. Science fiction author Ray Bradbury has demanded an apology from Moore for "borrowing" the title from Bradbury's classic *Fahrenheit* 451, and Republicans are complaining that the film and its promotion may violate presidential election laws.

In the growing uncertainty over the gathering storm in the Middle East, you have to wonder, who are the patriots here?

Love of country has had a resurgence in America since the Sept. 11, 2001, bombing of the World Trade Centers and the war on terror.

Some would argue people like Fundarski and Moore are trying to erode the foundations of this new patriotism, stirring up trouble for the sake of calling attention to themselves and their causes. We believe the freedom to protest government actions, however disturbing those protests might seem, lies at the heart and soul of what it means to be an American.

Patriotism is defined as the "love of and devotion to" one's country. It's not enough to feel patriotic or to judge another American's patriotism by your own moral standard. Love and devotion require thought and action to become truly meaningful.

This is not the time for lock-step loyalty or blind faith. Whether we agree or disagree with the Bush administration's policies, every American must defend one of the most precious freedoms we have: the right of free speech.

Moore and Fundarski may ruffle a few feathers, but as we celebrate the independence won by our founding fathers and mothers, they also remind us that true patriotism — American patriotism — is never easy, but always well worth the fight.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the hometowns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

doves (pigeons).

It will also provide information about the special opportunities mourning dove hunting offers to youth hunters, the elderly and the disabled.

The cost for the brochure is \$350,000 and the bill appropriates the money from the game and fish protection fund. Mr. Patterson and Mr. LaJoy both voted

"yes" to it.

Alfred Brock Canton

#### Just dessert

I drove my wife to her last school board meeting (June 22). I wanted to be there to honor her success. That was the agenda item listed for this last school board meeting of the 2003-04 year. It has been a long eight years, but a good eight years.

We drove up Morton-Taylor to Plymouth and the Board of Education building, a road that didn't exist eight years ago. I asked Liz, "Do you remember your first board meeting?"

"Not really," she replied. "I was a bit nervous. I didn't know what to expect."

Eight years and four school superintendents later, that new road was very familiar to her. Tough issues were tackled. Three new buildings built. Labor relations improved with strikes being a distant memory. Current President Judy Mardigian put together a long list of board accomplishments that would make anyone proud, especially her husband. Though not done single-handedly, it took a whole board and a superb administration, yet I would say without Liz's leadership, many of those things would not have happened.

Driving away from that last meeting, I said, "Shouldn't we celebrate with a little something. Let's go back to ...," and Liz finished, "Applebee's." I had another place in mind. "Don't you remember, you took me there eight years ago when I won the board election the first time."

Oh, yes. Now I remember. We were relishing in the victory, even though the newspaper didn't back her. Our waitress, a neighbor over the back fence wasn't even aware of the school board election that day. Now she discovered a "normal" person was elected to serve on the Board of Education. does its business.

Liz, I'm proud of you and I know what you have done, even though others may never realize it. When I went to vote in my precinct a couple of weeks ago, I was voter No. 53. Only 60 people voted there that day. Four people worked a very long day for those 60 votes. Based on figures in the newspaper the week before, my one vote cost the school district nearly \$7.

Few people really noticed who was running in the election this year. Not many took the time to invest a few minutes to be informed to show that they care enough to make a difference by going out to vote. The future education of 18,000 students was determined by a meager handful of voters.

Liz left the board in good hands and with some very solid policies in place. Things probably have not been better for our schools in the 23 years we've lived in this community, but with so few voting it would take only a few hundred people to rally behind the wrong kind of leaders to upset the system as it stands. Apathy is a poor excuse for not getting involved and stepping to the plate to make a difference.

I got my wife back ... but she never left me. It has been a joy to watch her grow in experience and influence change without a lot of fanfare. She set out to do her part. She has done it and I'm proud to be known has her husband. Now it will be on to other things but a part of our lives will forever be invested in this community. I just pray that all will work to keep the returns coming in on this investment.

David H. Givens

Canton

#### No need for three ADs

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The three athletic director salaries and benefits cost the school district approximately \$375,000 annually at the current salary and benefit ranges. The state may pull an additional \$28 per pupil from the revenue resulting in approximately

\$475,000 less in revenue for the district. Whether this state cut occurs shouldn't matter on the vote for the recall of the

three athletic directors. We have two situations illustrated: One you can react to and have a positive impact

you can react to and have a positive impact for the students in the district and the Tom Kalis Plymouth

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"It will be designed and run by skaters. It will feature the Midwest's largest half-pipe, a ramp that will be 80 feet wide."

- Bradd Rigoni, owner of Simplicity Board Sports in Canton.

# **Cherry Commission could** help solve education woes

ast week we had headlines about Michigan's roads (much rougher than virtually any other state — surprise, surprise) shootings in Detroit at the fireworks festival, passage of a bill to increase cigarette taxes, quarrels between Goy, Jennifer Granholm and the GOP-dominated state Legislature, and so forth.

Yada, yada, yada.

Virtually ignored by the news media in this porridge of long-term insignificance was a story that

could have profound impact on Michigan over the next decade. Granholm appointed a commission charged with finding ways to double the percentage



Phil

Power

of Michigan citizens who get posthigh school credentials as a way to spark economic growth. "From top to bottom,

Michigan's economy is becoming more infused with jobs that are knowledge-based and require a higher level of technical skill than what a student can receive in high school," Granholm said. "As a state, we must instill in young people that a college education or vocational training is a life necessity."

Serving on the Cherry Commission (so named because it will be chaired by Lt. Gov. John Cherry) are 40 distinguished Michiganders with credentials ranging from university president (U-M's Mary Sue Coleman) to labor leader (Lu Battaglieri, president of the Michigan Education Association.) It includes a corporate heavy (Gail Torreano, president of SBC Michigan) and a community college president (Paula Cunningham of Lansing Community College).

When I graduated from high school, you could take your high school diploma to any factory and get a good paying job," said Cherry, who is 53. "Today, advanced manufacturing jobs require something more, making it imperative that we increase the number of citizens who attend college or vocational schools."

What's really going on, of course, is that Michigan's economy is moving away from its metalbending base of heavy manufacturing and into a quite different mix of agile manufacturing and design, health science, high tech and services. To make this transition, brains need to replace brawn. And that requires a radical shift in the skill sets of

the workforce.

Today, approximately one quarter of Michigan's adult population has a post-high school credential of some kind. That's a substantially smaller proportion than can be found in other higher-tech states that compete with us. Moreover, while some 90 percent of high school students express an interest in post-secondary education, only around 40 percent actually go on to college or vocational school. And only 18 percent

graduate with a bachelor's degree within six years. This was a good time to name such a commission. Faced with crushing state budget deficits over the past three years, state support for colleges and universities has fallen from the merely inadequate to the absolutely miserable. Universities, reeling from cutbacks in state support nearing the 20 percent mark, are cutting staff, increasing class size, eliminating some courses and losing the competition for talented researchers and teachers.

Meanwhile, some of our competitor states -Indiana and North Carolina, in particular - are sharply increasing their outlays for higher education.

There are many reasons for this excruciating failure of far-sighted public policy. Part of it is the result of the Legislature's longstanding knee-jerk preference for short-term cost-cutting over long-term investing in Michigan's economic future. Part is the result of a long-term failure of colleges and universities to set out a compelling case for increased state support - a failure amply demonstrated when Granholm asked audiences around Michigan what parts of the state budget should be cut.

Another portion of the problem comes from a quirk in the way state budgets are structured, so that the higher education portion of the general fund is being squeezed out by the very rapidly growing categories of corrections - prisons, etc. - and Medicaid. And part of the trouble is simply the inertia of past cultural assumptions about post-high school skills.

Cherry had it dead on when he told me, "The real issue, ultimately, is that the future of any state or community is underpinned by the investments they are prepared to make in the education of their citizens. The real point of the Commission is to change how Michigan citizens culturally view higher education."

I'd add a further point. The massive changes now rippling through our economy offer a powerful force to transform the skills basis of the Michigan economy. The vision here is to create a seamless system of lifelong investments in human capital, beginning with very early childhood development, continuing with K-12 schools, moving on to vocational schools, community colleges and universities and ending with a system of skills training and retraining for those now in the labor force.

If you're looking for a way to transform Michigan's economy into a national powerhouse again, this is it. And the Cherry Commission represents a possible pivot point.

The Commission starts its work in July and is to deliver its report by Jan. 1, 2005. Stay tuned.

Phil Power also will be serving as a member of the Cherry Commission. He also was a member of the Commission on the Future of Higher Education, appointed by Gov. James Blanchard in 1983; and a former regent of the University of Michigan. He welcomes your comments on this and other columns, either by phone at (734) 953-2206 or by e-mail at ppower@homecomm.net.

# Michigan voters liked Bill Clinton, forgave his sins, admired his work

ou won't find this in Bill Clinton's autobiography (My Life, Knopf, \$30), but I once got to help put words in the nation's most

famous presidential mouth. During the last summer of his presidency,

Bill Clinton decided to award the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award, to a dozen or so dignitaries, from John Kenneth Galbraith to George McGovern. Among them was Millie Jeffrey, a longtime labor and Democratic Party activist.

Somehow the White House found out I knew her well, and asked me for help drafting Clinton's remarks at the award ceremony. What I wrote was instantly forgettable, but

what happened next went a long way to illustrate his appeal.

Millie was somewhere short of 5 feet tall, and was within months of 90, a number higher than her weight. When the very tall president bent over to put the medal around her tiny neck, she reached up and whispered earnestly in his ear.

The president looked startled, then delighted - and threw his head back and

roared. What was going on? Later, Millie told me. "I just said, 'Mr. President, many of us think if you were the candidate this year, you would be re-elected."

Jack

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Not only was that exactly what the president wanted to hear, it was almost certainly true and it was even more true in Michigan. Nobody ever remarks on this, but when Bill Clinton first ran, the automobile state had become something of a reliably GOP state in presidential elections.

Michigan had voted Republican five straight times, and hadn't gone for a Democrat since Hubert Humphrey in 1968. But Clinton smartly reversed that, winning easily in 1992 and taking Michigan by a landslide four years later, holding Bob Dole to an abysmal 38 percent.

Four years later his would-be political heir, Al Gore, again won Michigan fairly easily, despite controversial stands on automobiles and the North American Free Trade Act. This year, if the contest stays close, John Kerry ought to eke out another Michigan win.

If he does, he probably has Bill Clinton to thank. Say what you will about him, but there is no denying that yes, Clinton did polarize the nation. But that probably helped him in Michigan, where a majority of Michiganders were more on the former president's side of the cultural divide - or just liked him anyway.

African-Americans seemed to love him in a way they have never loved a politician before.

They felt he understood them. Many really did feel that in a sense he really was the "first black president."

Ordinary white people may have joked about Clinton's famous too-earnest "I feel your pain," but many of them also believed that.

And though they were more than a little disgusted over his behavior with Monica Lewinsky, most Michigan residents seemed willing to forgive their "Saturday Night Bill." At the scandal's height, Frank Kelley, the state's longtime attorney general, told me it was simple: "We'll write off all the people with perfect marriages and take the rest."

There may have been something to that. Though he seldom got credit for it, Clinton seemed to talk about his own faith more than most presidents, and to spread references to God through his speeches like ketchup.

Republicans, in Michigan as elsewhere, misread the public mood on Monicagate. What the voters wanted was for Bill to come clean, be humiliated, do penance and get back to work. He did all that, even as his enemies sought to drag the nation further through the messy sexual details.

Michigan voters, by sizable margins, preferred Bill Clinton to his enemies. So did the nation, and so he survived. Yet at a sad price. Twelve years ago, I saw Clinton speak on a variety of issues, and was blown away by his intellectual power and grasp of issues.

Ten years ago I would have hoped that when his memoirs were published, Clinton would be on talk shows explaining how his administration succeeded in realigning labor to compete in the age of globalization, and how he redefined our role in the world as the first president since the fall of the Soviet empire.

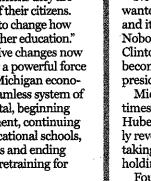
Instead, this week we watched this man who had so much promise discuss getting in touch with his inner child, sleeping on the couch, and family therapy sessions. During the worst of the Monica wars, I talked to Frank Kelley, who knew and revered Clinton's old hero, President Kennedy.

JFK was no saint, I observed. What would he think of all this?

"I know exactly," Kelley told me. "He's sitting up in heaven right now, looking down and saying, 'Poor Southern boy. I had just as much fun as you did, but I knew how to handle it." The rules were different then, but when it mattered most, JFK had self-discipline. The bright boy from Arkansas did not.

And how much we lost as a result we may never know.

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BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Democrat Mario Fundarski admits he has more in common with Republican U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter than he does with Phil Truran, his opponent for the Democratic nomination to face McCotter in November for the 11th Congressional District seat.

But Fundarski believes his position as a conservative will help him win the Tuesday, Aug. 3, primary by drawing Republican support. He said he will then be the only choice for Democrats in the general election. McCotter is running unopposed for the Republican nomination.

"The reason I can get the nomination is that the majority of people in the 11th District are conservative," Fundarski said in a meeting with Observer editors.

This will be Fundarski's third attempt to win a Congressional seat. Four years ago, he challenged then-Democratic Whip David Bonior and two years ago he ran against Sander Levin. Last year, Fundarski moved to Novi specifically to run against McCotter. Earlier this year he lost a bid to serve on the Novi Board of Education.

"Congressman McCotter and

Since 1992, Fundarski has operated a Polish-American matrimonial service which helps American men find Polish brides. He met his own wife in Poland. His wife, Grazyna Rtaj, died

last year of pancreatic cancer. The couple had been married 10 years.

Fundarski was previously known as Mario Fundaro, but he said he changed his name out of respect for Polish culture.

"I fell in love with the people of Poland and the culture of Poland," he said.

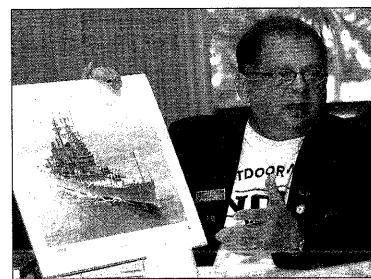
Among his conservative credentials, Fundarski said, he is "pro-life" and is also a member of the National Rifle Association and the Gun Owners of America. Later in the interview he said he has never owned a gun.

"Obviously I'm not for gay marriages," he said. He said he will be running ads critical of Truran's views on gay issues.

#### **OPPOSES WAR**

One issue on which Fundarski said he differs with McCotter is on the war in Iraq. He said he belongs to two antiwar groups and has displayed signs opposing the war.

Last year he displayed, for



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Congressional candidate Mario Fundarski shows a photo of the cruiser U.S.S. Boston, on which he served for two years.

one day, an Iraqi flag atop a flagpole with two upside down American flags underneath and a POW flag.

"I have flown the American flag with honor, I'm a veteran," he said. "One the most patriotic things a person can do is show the government your views on policies."

He said protesters picketed his house, threw rocks through his windows and directed bright car lights at his house at night.

Fundarski said he has visited

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the Middle East on several occasions and even attended a birthday party for Saddam Hussein in Tikrit in 2000 in support of lifting sanctions against the country.

'We're not standing for anything. Those people don't want freedom or democracy," he said.

Fundarski said he is also opposed to American assistance to Israel.

Fundarski opposes making last year's tax cuts permanent and supports Democratic pres-

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idential candidate Sen. John Kerry's position on revising tax cuts to benefit middle- and lower-income groups.

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In 1999, Fundarski made news when he was arrested and charged with stalking former Red Wings hockey player Vladimir Konstantinov.

Fundarski said he never threatened or stalked Konstantinov, who was paralyzed in a car accident in 1997 following the Red Wings' Stanley Cup victory.

Fundarski said he sent a letter protesting Konstantinov's selection as grand marshal of the Mount Clemens Thanksgiving Day Parade to the parade chairman.

Vladimir Konstantinov was a brutal Communist, a member of the Communist Party ... Vladimir was also on the Red Army hockey team," Fundarski

said Fundarski threatened to shoot anyone who stopped him from blocking the parade. He said he didn't make a threat and has never owned a gun.

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# Schoolcraft College board acts to fill vacancy

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Fundarski said. "My opponent

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Truran is president of

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America Local 4013. He also

Fundarski said he's asked for

McCotter's support in the pri-

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candidacy. He said that since

Republican nomination, many

Republicans might be interest-

Fundarski, 59, has a degree

in education from Michigan

State University, served two

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The Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees is taking applications to fill the vacancy on the board following the killing of Richard DeVries in June.

A suspect in the killing, Jamaal Lamar Coney, is in the process of being extradited to Livonia to face murder charges.

The deadline for applications is July 26. Applications are available from the Office of the President, Room 190, Administration Center, at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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The board will interview candidates in early August, and the new member will be seated at the board's Aug. 25 meeting. The term for this appointment expires June 30, 2005. The next board election will be in mid-2005.

To be considered a candidate for the position, persons must be registered voters and residents of the Schoolcraft College district, which includes the Plymouth-Canton, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Clarenceville and part of the Novi school districts. The seven-member board meets

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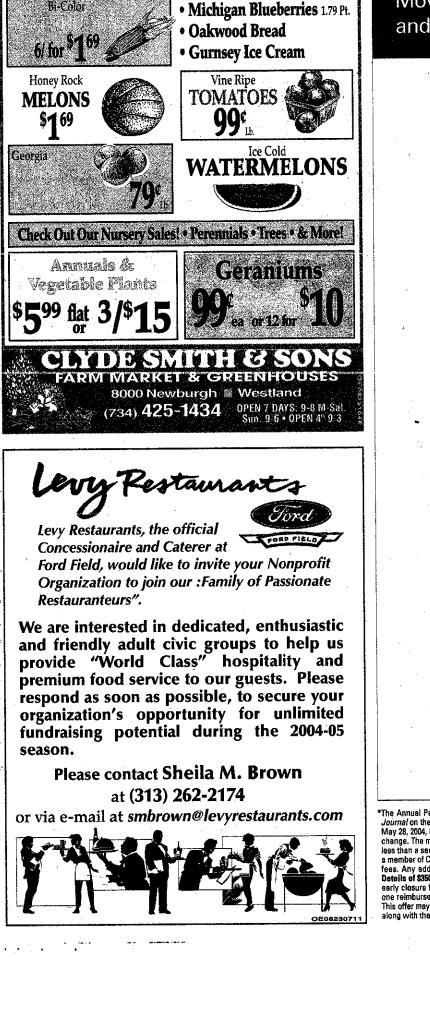


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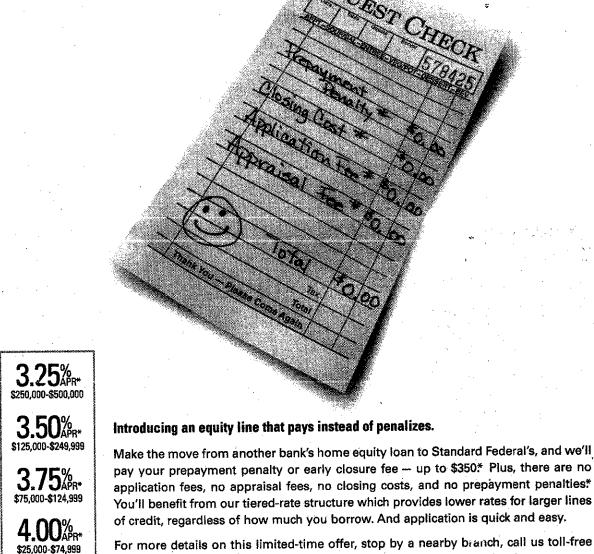
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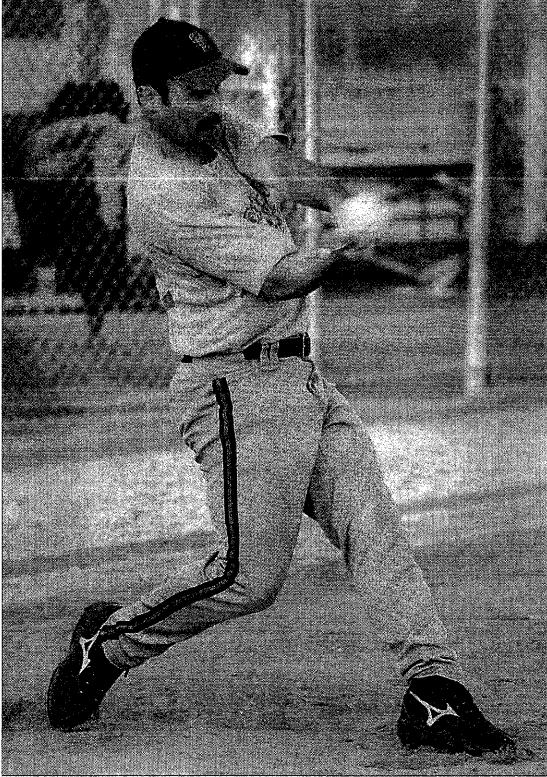
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Ron Miller connects with a pitch during a game Monday night at the Canton Softball Center. Miller is one of thousands of players who make the weekly trek during the summer to the facility located on Michigan Ave.

# **Softball Center** offers players a top-notch facility

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#### BY ED WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

Visit the Canton Softball Center on any given evening during the summer and you're just as likely to see a 6-year-old T-ball player lugging his mitt and bat through the front gate as you are a 70something slow-pitch softball player carrying his equipment bag to his car.

"One of the best things about our facility is that we cater to a broad range of people," said Ann-Marie Carravallah, recreation coordinator for the CSC. "We host everything from T-ball leagues to 65and-over softball leagues. We feel good knowing that lifetime memories are made at our facility - whether it is at a local little league game or a national World Series game. We do our best behind the scenes to make the softball center a great place to play and visit."

Located on 70 acres south of Michigan Ave. between Canton Center and Beck roads, the CSC offers 12 lighted, fully enclosed fields, a nine-station batting cage, a restaurant and playscape. Fieldwise, it is one of the largest softball centers in the state.

On weekends during the summer, when it is hosting a state or national softball or baseball tournament, the facility's population exceeds that of some small towns in Michigan.

When we host the 13-and-under USSA baseball World Series later this month (July 18-25), there will be teams coming in from all over the country," Carravallah said. "For a lot of families, it is their summer vacation, so we try to put together events that make it a special time for them. We organize events like opening ceremonies, welcoming parties and home run derbies to make sure their trip is a memorable one.

We have received a lot of positive feedback from people who have attended the tournaments we host. Most of them refer to the fact that the softball center is clean, the staff members are friendly and the fields are easy to get to. We're also chosen to host tournaments because we're close to several major freeways, we're close to the airport and people from out of state like to visit this area because there is so much to do."

Carravallah said the CSC staff deals with very few confrontational problems, especially considering the number of games played each night combined with the fact that many of the players are highly competitive.

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### Section B

Thursday, July 1, 2004

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held beginning Monday, Aug. 9, at the Salem High School tennis courts 9-11 a.m. Tennis camp will be held 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Huron Valley Tennis Club the week of Aug. 16. To register for the camp, call (734) 662-5514. For more information regarding tryouts, contact coach Lin Ware

> mail thewarehouse@comcast.net.

### Whaler moves

at (734) 453-0669 or e-

**Tennis tryouts** 

Tryouts for the Salem

girls tennis team will be

The Plymouth Whalers recently made some office promotions in their front office.

Long-time radio playby-play voice Pete Krupsky has been hired as the team's new director of communications. Krupsky, 52, will continue broadcasting for the hockey club, compile the team's game-night press notes and oversee the team's Web site (plymouthwhalers.com) and publications.

"it's great to be part of things," Krupsky said. "We've built an excellent product in Plymouth. The team's following continues to grow every season, not only with our long-time, hard-core fans, but with new fans, too.'

Krupsky has been working for the Whalers since the team was

formed in 1990 as the

been involved in every

team has had, becoming-

the Whalers' lead voice

in the 1991-92 season.

Detroit Compuware Ambassadors. He has

radio broadcast the

# Former Salem star inspires MSU The difference between high school

BY FO WRIGHT STAFF WRITER

**COLLEGE SOFTBALL** 

From pinch runner/bullpen catchminute of it. Szawara said.

and collegiate softball is immense, "In high school, the best pitchers

Wayne's Wakefield

er to starting catcher for the Big Ten champion Michigan State University softball team - Salem graduate Amy Szawara's 2004 season had "Rudy" written all over it.

"Rudy" was the dramatic 1993 movie that documented the path of a walk-on Notre Dame football player who persevered through several hardships before finally working his way into a Fighting Irish game in the mid-70s.

Szawara's season may not be worthy of a movie, but her determination was inspiring to her'teammates and followers of this year's MSU softball team, who knew a good underdog-beats-theodds story when they saw one.

"Last year, my freshman season, I made the team as a walk-on, but I was a pinch runner and bullpen catcher," Szawara said. "Even though I only got into games to pinch run, I loved every

When this year started, as far as I knew I was going to be doing the same thing. But the girl who started last year graduated, and then the starter this year hurt her knee, so I became the starting catcher about half-way through the season."

Szawara made the most of her opportunity, playing solid defense behind the plate, and delivering a few clutch hits for the NCAA tournamentbound Spartans.

"I was pinch-hit for a lot right after I started catching because when I was a pinch runner and bullpen catcher, I didn't even take batting practice," she explained. "Then when I did get to hit, it was usually in bunt situations. When I finally got my first hit of the season (a double) against U of D, the crowd went crazy. It was a great feeling."

probably throw about 55 (miles per hour), while in college, the best pitchers throw about 65," she said. "Plus, the college pitchers have a lot of movement on their pitches. Catching is more difficult, too, because the coach expects you to block everything."

At 5-foot-6, 115 pounds, Szawara was the smallest starting catcher in the Big Ten.

"Most of the other catchers were closer to 170 (pounds)," she said.

But that didn't stop her from making a few Sportscenter-caliber plays.

"Against Michigan, a girl tried to score from third against us," Szawara recalled. "She was a pretty big girl, too. When I caught the ball and tagged her out, she tripped over my leg, fell and dislocated her shoulder, but I hung onto the ball."

Rudy would have been proud.

# is named top coach

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

Tom Wakefield has accomplished a great deal in his four-plus seasons as Wayne Memorial High baseball coach.

Though just 29, Wakefield earned his second district title to go along with the Western Division crown in the Western Lakes Activities Association in 2004.

Before joining the WLAA, Wakefield also guided Wayne to a pair of Mega Conference-Red Division crowns and took his 2002 squad to the Division I regional final. This year's Wayne squad started slowly,

but wound up 20-12 overall, losing their final game in the regional semifinal to host Allen Park, 4-3, in eight innings.

"The worst thing you can say about a team is that they have potential," Wakefield said. "Our guys finally realized what it took to win. Instead of



losing the close games like we did early, we learned how to win and we

gained confidence from that." The future appears bright for the Zebras,

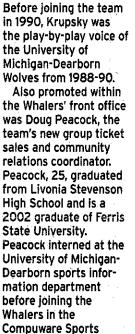
who lose only two seniors to graduation. "That last game was heartbreaking, but we proved our worth as a team by coming back from a 3-0 deficit and sending it into extra innings," Wakefield said. "We gave ourselves a chance to win the regional and hopefully we'll learn from that going into next year."

For his efforts this season, Wakefield was named Observer Coach of the Year in baseball.

Wakefield played high school baseball at Taylor Baptist Park Christian where he helped the Wildcats to their first-ever district title. He went on to pitch at Spring Arbor University where he compiled a 28-15 career mark, including back-to-back seasons of 11-3 and 10-3 (his sophomore and junior years). He was named Spring Arbor's Senior Athlete of the Year and was earned NAIA Pitcher of the Week recognition twice. He also was selected National Christian College Athletic Association All-America twice.

Before going to Wayne, he served as a graduate assistant coach at Spring Arbor was pitching coach at Madonna University.

See All-Area baseball squad on page B4.





Canton resident Nathan Perkovich (left) was drafted in the eighth round of Sunday's National Hockey League player draft by the New Jersey Devils. Perkovich played high school hockey for Redford Catholic Central.

Canton skater drafted by **New Jersey** BY PAUL BEAUDRY

STAFF WRITER

At the beginning of this school year, Nathan Perkovich was hoping to help Redford Catholic Central to a sixthstraight state hockey championship, get through his senior year and maybe take his hockey career to the next level. Fast forward to Sunday.

Perkovich, coming off a season with the Cedar Rapids RoughRiders of the United States Hockey League, got a phone call he was waiting for - but could not have expected in September informing him that he was an eighthround draft choice of the New Jersey Devils.

"I got the call and it was pretty nice," said the Canton resident. "They congratulated me, told me that I was drafted by them and that they'd send me a package this week. They didn't tell me what was in it, so I have no clue."

#### PLEASE SEE **PERKOVICH, B2**

ning of last season. **Racing results** Paul Hahn had a solid night Saturday at Flat Rock Speedway, as the Farmington Hills driver finished third in the 100lap Arca Lincoln Welders Truck Series feature race. Hahn also came in fifth in the 25-lap Street Stock feature – as **Canton's Justin** Schroeder was fourth and Redford's Jim Selmi was 22nd. Selmi did win his heat race in Street Stocks, while Livonia's James Pankow was fourth in

Arena box office as the

team's group sales

director at the begin-

the C-Main. Chuck Pankow (Livonia) was also 12th in the 20-lap Figure 8 race.

### LOCAL SPORTS

# Northville Solstice runs draw international talent

BY BRAD EMONS STAFF WRITER

The Fifth Third Bank Solstice runs Saturday morning in Northville not only attracted top area talent, but international stars as well.

Former two-time University of Arkansas All-America track and cross country performer Silverus Kimeli, a native of Eldoret, Kenya, but now residing in Oklahoma City, Okla., won both the Mustang Mile, and the 5-kilometer (3.1 miles) event.

Coming off a fifth-place finish with a time of 18 minutes and 29 seconds in the 4-mile Steamboat Classic in Peoria, Ill, Kimeli started off the day by winning the mile, Michigan's fastest certified mile course with a net elevation drop of 200 feet, in 4:02, two seconds ahead of Mike Irwin of Ann Arbor and Ovidiu Olteanu of Wixom.

Just a half-hour later under ideal racing weather. the 24year-old Kimeli took the 5K race in 14:18, finishing ahead of the Rochester duo of Marty Rosenthal and Nick Allen, who clocked times of 14:30 and

#### **FIFTH THIRD BANK** SOLSTICE 5-KILOMETER RUN/WALK June 26 in Northville TOP MALE FINISHERS

Overall: 1. Silverus Kimeli (Oklahoma City, Okla.), 14 minutes, 18 seconds; 2. Marty Rosendahl (Rochester), 14:30; 3. Nick Allen (Rochester), 14:43.

Masters: 1. Dave Furey (Ann Arbor), 16:24.

Ages 1-8: 1. Sammy Meisel (Novi), 28:11; 2. Benjamin Wright (Farmington Hills), 29:20; 3. Shamus Bruen (Northville), 35:31; 9-14: 1. Lukas Barnes (Novi), 19:39; 2. Doug Williams (Ann Arbor), 19:44; 3. Douglas Rodd II (Fenton), 20:22; 15-19: 1. Matt Gillespie (Livonia), 16:44; 2. Dan Horgan (Farmington Hills), 17:03; 3. Clark Paciorek (Novi), 17:15; 20-24: 1. Kyle O'Brien (Royal Oak), 14:55; 2. Don Wilkins (Woodhaven), 14:57; 3. Steven Crane (Ypsilanti), 15:09; 25-29: 1. James Lander (Royal Oak), 14:51; 2. Adam Wheeler (Westland), 16:19; 3. Alexander Advey (Ypsilanti), 18:12: 30-34: 1. Ovidiu Olteanu (Wixom), 15:37: 2. Matt Schroeder (Royal Oak), 16:04; 3. Marvin Neiman (Dexter), 16:54; 35-39: 1. Benjamin Greinke (Livonia), 17:16; 2. Vincent Jesudowich (Northville), 17:52; 3. Tom Kerns (Northville), 18:41; 40-44: 1. Eric Stuber (Lansing), 16:48; 2. Andy Muckon (West Bloomfield), 16:55; 3. Todd Kelly (Troy), 17:30; 45-49; 1. Jerome Meredith (Ann Arbor), 18:02; 2. Pat Working (Northville), 18:12; Doug Vandervoort (Novi), 18:47; 50-54: 1. John Tarkowski (Garden City), 17:51; 2. Doug Soliz (Alien Park), 18:52; 3. Rick Straub (Northville), 19:27; 55-59; 1. Paul Deladurantaye (Riverview), 18:10; 2. Dale Yagiela (Northville), 19:53; 3. Jerome Mittman (Northville), 21:55; 60-64: 1. Brian Gale (Northville), 20:25; 2. John Waller (Ann Arbor), 22:44; 3. Edward Nelson (Ann arbor), 23:44: 65-69: 1. James Matherley (Burton), 21:51: 2. Jerry White (Dearborn Heights), 24:17: 3, Ed Torrance (Saline), 25:11; 70-74: 1. Darrel McKee (Harrison Township), 25:46; 2.

14:43, respectively. Kimeli averaged 4:37 per mile en route to the win.

#### **RACE RESULTS**

Harrison Hensley (Pinckney), 31:39; 75-99: 1. Ed Allen Joe Thornburg (Troy), 36:32 (Northville), 31:20; 2. TOP FEMALE FINISHERS

Overall: 1. Denisa Costescu (Wixom), 16:37; 2. Laurel Park (Ann Arbor), 17:59; 3. Kristie Kieffer (Sterling Heights), 18:05. Masters: 1. Nancy Schubring (Novi), 19:09.

Ages 9-14: 1. Elaina Sekuloski (Novi), 22:42; 2. Jennifer Buckingham (Novi), 23:16; 3. Maureen Gibbs (Ottawa Lake), 23:50; 15-19: 1. Heather Sirko (Livonia), 19:06; 2. Patti Ramos (Novi), 20:53; 3. Meghan Bannatz (Novi), 21:06; 20-24: 1. Vicki Palis (Canton), 18:59; 2. Ruth Cook (Royal Oak), 19:22; 3. Lauren Yagiela (Northville), 20:15; 25-29: 1. Alicia Piet (Royal Oak), 19:47; 2. Jennifer Hampton (Novi), 20:41; 3. Lisa Silverson (South Lyon), 23:10; 30-34: 1. Patricia Murray (Livonia), 18:39; 2. Jodi Sandvik (Walled Lake), 22:25; 3. Dianna Banka (Ann Arbor), 23:53; 35-39: 1. Kathy Rink (Clarkston), 18:53; 2. Lemon James (Westland), 20:56; 3. Carol Westphal (Detroit), 21:20; 40-44: 1. Sandra Haras, 20:33; 2. Jenni Everal (Taylor), 22:37; 3. Renee Dalgleish (Walled Lake), 23:50; 45-49: 1. Joan Mathews (Maumee, Ohio), 21:43; 2. Carol Brockschmidt (Canton), 23:33; 3. Joyce Segedi (Canton), 24:45; 50-54: 1. Donna Olson (Canton), 21:53; 2. Joanie Rogucki (Pinckney), 23:56; 3. Jill Monette (Northville), 26:17; 55-59: 1. Shirley Torrance (Saline), 26:28; 2. Mary Vincent (Ann Arbor), 26:58; 3. Suzanne Eyer (Plymouth), 28:48; 60-64: 1. Jane Zbinden (Toledo, Ohio), 31:58; 65-69: 1. Merion Knight (Madison Heights), 26:53; 2. Margo Hershberger, 45:03; 70-74: 1. Betty Dunlap (Goodrich), 38:03. MUSTANG MILE

#### TOP MALE FINISHERS

Overall (under-40): 1. Silverus Kimeli (Ökiahoma City, Okia.), 4:02: 2. Mike Irwin (Ann Arbor), 4:04: 3. Ovidiu Olteanu (Wixom), 4:04: 4. Don Wilkins (Woodhaven), 4:06: 5. Jeff Christian (Beaverton), 4:34; 6. B.J. Ricketts (Novi), 4:39: 7. Don Jackson

> total of 668 participants. Wixom's Denisa Costescu, 28, took the women's 5K title

(Royal Oak), 4:47; 8. Sean Podell (Ypsilanti), 4:48; 9. Kurt Bartell (Ann Arbor), 4:52; 10. Mark Wright (Farmington Hills), 4:58; 11. Kyle Banter (Northville), 5:23; 12. Max McIlroy (Canton), 5:28; 13. Shin Hieftje (Novi), 5:45; 21. Craig Meisel (Novi), 5:48; 22. Joel Pennington (Northville), 5:52; 23. Matt Weber (Fenton), 6:13; 24. Alexander Ferrini (Novi), 6:17; 25. John Church (Livonia), 6:18; 26. Mark Clague (Ann Arbor), 6:28; 27. Wes Guenther (Novi),

Masters (over-40): 1. Robert Duerkson (Ann Arbor), 4:40; 2. Todd Kelly (Troy), 4:44; 3. David Murphy (Plymouth), 5:01; 4. Gerald Malaczynski (Bloomfield), 5:07; 5. Mike Adamczyk (Northville), 5:13; 6. Charles Delaney (Commerce Township), 5:17; 7. Patrick Patterson (Plymouth), 5:20; 8. Bill Wilson (South Lyon), 5:23; 9, Rick Straub (Northville), 5:32; 10. Brian Anderson (Plymouth), 5:32; 11. Brad Behrman (Plymouth), 5:42; 12. Larry Parks (Northville), 5:54; 13. Mitch Langton (Carleton), 6:09; 14. Matt Goerss (Walled Lake), 6:17; 15. Richard McCarter (Whitmore Lake), 6:50; 16. Emons Bradford (Plymouth), 6:55; 17. Victor Ferrini (Novi), 7:03; 18. Craig Deschenes (Livonia), 7:05; 19. Gary Deschenes (Livonia), 7:05. TOP FEMALE FINISHERS

Overall (under-40): 1. Sarah Mills (Newport), 6:00; 2. Victoria Church (Livonia), 6:30; 3. Kristin Heinowski (Novi), 6:51; 4. Nichole Zayan (Novi), 7:03; 5. Julie Zayan (Novi), 7:03; 6. Lauryn Moulds (Northville), 7:12; 7. Kendra Whitlock (Detroit), 7:12; 8. Caroline Cronin (Northville), 7:13; 9. Mallory Church (Livonia), 7:21; 10. Allison Donnelly (Northville), 7:23; 11. Noelfe Milad (Plymouth), 8:01; 12. Willow Guenther, 8:32: 13. Amanda Heck Monroe), 8:44; 14. Ruth Seitz (Canton), 10:06; 15. Caryn Bartone (Northville), 13:20; 16. Shevda Hershberger (Northville): 14:09.

Masters (over-40): 1. Cathy Paynter (Northville), 6:42; 2. Josie Deladurantaye (Riverview), 7:33.

> in 16:37 (5:21 per mile). Ann Arbor's Laurel Park, 41, was second in 17:59 and Kristie

Kieffer, 22, of Sterling Heights placed third in 18:05.

Area age-group winners included Matt Gillespie (Livonia), male 15-19 (16:44); Heather Sirko (Livonia), female 15-19 (19:06); Vicki Palis (Canton), female 20-24 (18:59); Patricia Murray (Livonia), female 30-34 (18:39); Benjamin Greinke (Livonia), male 35-39 (17:16); John Tarkowski (Garden City), male 50-54 (17:51); and Donna Olson (Canton), female 50-54 (21:53).

The top three females in the Mustang Mile were 14-yearold Sarah Mills of Newport, 6:00; 12-year-old Victoria Church of Livonia, 6:39; and 44-year-old Cathy Paynter of Northville, 6:42.

Livonian businessman Gary Deschenes, 40, who pledged \$1 for every runner who placed ahead of him in the Mustang Mile, wiped out his original 8minute goal by finishing 37th in 7:05 right alongside his brother Craig.

On behalf of the Foresters. Deschenes cut a check for \$500.

See top age-group finishers on page B2.

# Scero's 4 goals not enough for Wildcats

Canton's Brandon Scero scored four goals and added an assist Tuesday night in Metro Summer Hockey League action, but his effort wasn't enough to produce a victory for his Wildcats, who tied the firstplace Falcons, 8-8.

The MSHL is based at the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills.

Maxsym Starchenko paced the Falcons with two goals and an assist.

The Falcons are now 4-0-1 while the Wildcats are 2-2-1.

Wolverines 11, Warriors 5: The Wolverines improved their record to 4-2 with a comfortable six-goal victory over the 3-2 Warriors. Derek Patrosso led the winners with a hat trick and three assists. Craigen Bauldry (Salem High School) added a pair of goals. Jason Moul and Matt Krug both found the net twice for the Warriors.

an assist

Jake Archer got the win in goal for the Falcons, while Joe Rutherford and Rob Wagener shared time in goal for the losers

Spartans 9, Lakers 7: Justin Minnini's hat trick helped the Spartans to the win. Joe Tome kicked in with a pair of goals and an assist, while Matthew Ferris, John Maley, Joel Keuhn and Jeremy Majszak had one each.

Adam Krug also had a hat trick to pace the Lakers, while Jason Bloomingburg, Nick Jardine, Stavros Paskaris and Reece McCabe (Canton) had one each.

Stephen Yu (Garden City) got the win in goal for the Spartans, while Lanny Jardine and Matt Howard shared the loss for the Lakers.

Warriors 19, Redhawks 5: A nine-goal outburst in the second period proved to be the

#### PLYMOUTH VOLLEYBALL

A total of \$6,000 in prize

money was offered between

the two events, which drew a

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

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

#### WILDCAT GOLF OUTING

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

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

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

#### **BASEBALL SCHOOL**

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

#### SOCCER SIGN-UP

The city of Plymouth

### SPORTS ROUNDUP

#### **COACHES WANTED**

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

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

#### WATER EXERCISE, CHALLENGE

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

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

Sunday, Sept. 12, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford roads in Canton. The event, a four-person scramble, will kick off with an 8 a.m. shotgun start.

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

There will be longest-drive, closest-to-the-pin and skins competitions available to the golfers.

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

#### JOHN GLENN REUNION

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

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

(734) 416-0513. **GOLF INFO** 

459-3505, ext. 117, until July

10. After that, call PCA base-

ball coach Don Shumaker at

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

Newburgh in Livonia. Scholarships are still available for both teams. For fur-

ther information, call coach Bill Durham at (734) 564-5267 or contact via email at billdurham@pga.com.

Broncos 23, Bulidogs 5: Teddy Theodoroff tallied two goals and nine assists, leading the Broncos to a lop-sided victory. The winners improved their record to 4-1 with the win. The Bulldogs, who got a goal and three assists from Adam Griffin, fell to 0-4-1.

Falcons 8, Huskies 4: The Falcons won the early battle for first place thanks to a four-goal outburst in the third period.

Mark Nebus had a pair of goals for the winners and added an assist. Brett Blatchford scored twice, while Jordan Collins, Justin Liut, Zeyad Kassem and Shawn Anderson had one each.

Kurt Kivisto led the Huskies with a three-goal night, while Eric Heltunen had a goal and

difference.

Jason Bloomingburg and Brent Cooper had five goals and four assists each, while Adam Krug had three goals and three assists. Bill McSween (Redford) kicked in with a goal and four assists, James Ciotti and Brandon Vacca had a goal and two assists and Steven Kuza, Justin Jagusz and Mike Ganzak had a goal and an assist.

Jeff Kraemer, Joe Vincent, JC Valasquez, Todd Bentley and Paola Decina scored for the Redhawks.

Bernie McDonnel and William Wood were in goal for the Redhawks, while Jimmy Spratt and Chris Bahash shared the win for the Warriors.

The Doyle Baseball School will return to Plymouth Christian Academy for two sessions this summer, from July 5-9 and July 12-16. Baseball and softball players between six and 16 years old will be instructed in hitting, throwing and fielding from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day during the five-day school.

Doyle Baseball, now in its 23rd year, conducts satellite schools all over the country and in Canada. More than 500,000 players have received instruction at the school, including several pro players.

Tuition is \$95 per player for payments received before June 18, \$115 for those received after that date. To register call PCA's Sandy Murray at (734)

Recreation Department will be taking fall youth soccer registration from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the month of June at the Recreation office, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

All first-time registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for those competing in under-six through under-eight divisions is \$60 for city of Plymouth residents and \$85 for non-residents. For undernine and older divisions, the cost is \$65 for city of Plymouth residents and \$95 for non-residents.

For further information, call the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, or check its website at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

class.)

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

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

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

#### **BENEFIT GOLF OUTING**

There will be a golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School athletic department

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

For more information, email Mark Jennings at mjennings@twimi.rr.com.

#### **STEVENSON GRID REUNION**

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

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

and-under World Series, the

National Tournament and a

Association charity event

that will feature firemen

playing softball to raise

money for the MDA.

ASA Girls National 9-18

**Compuware Softball** 

Muscular Dystrophy



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"People would be surprised at how few fights and disturbances we have out here," she said. "I attribute a lot of this to

# PERKOVICH

FROM PAGE A1

Perkovich – a 6-5, 190pound forward - has advanced quickly through the hockey ranks. As a sophomore at CC in the 2001-02 season, he played sparingly. That changed as a junior as he played on the top three lines in helping CC to its fifth-straight Division 1 title.

And he was all set to play for CC this year, starting school there and playing for the Michigan Stars all-star team, based out of Troy, prior to the Shamrocks season. The Stars played in three tournaments before Perkovich got a call.

"While I was playing for the Stars, (Cedar Rapids coach Mark Carlson) offered me a roster spot," said Perkovich. "I went to a tourney in Minnesota our umpiring crew, which is really our front-line staff. We've had very few incidents for the most part because the umps do a nice job of keeping things under control."

Upcoming events this summer at the CSC include the USSSA Boys National 13-

and played well. A couple weeks later I got the call." The decision didn't come

without great angst.

"I would have still played for CC," said Perkovich. "I was still going to CC. My parents (Danny and Jeanette) and I did some deep thinking about it and the feeling was that I had the opportunity to go play there so I should."

So after the first quarter at CC, Perkovich joined Cedar Rapids - hooking up with former teammates Brandon Naurato and Andrew Eggert. In 35 games, Perkovich had a goal and seven assists with 23 penalty minutes.

"The biggest surprise was all the exposure I got," said Perkovich, who wound up with a diploma from Cedar Rapids Kennedy High School instead of CC because of the move. "I wouldn't have that if I wasn't

playing in the USHL right now."

Even though he'd love to have the opportunity to play in the Devils organization right now, he knows it's down the road. He'll return to Cedar Rapids next year and plans on playing college hockey preferably at either Michigan State or for Livonia native Bob Daniels at Ferris State.

"We'll have to see what happens. It all depends on how I play next year," said Perkovich. "I have so much to improve on and I need to get bigger. I may be 6-5, but I think I'm not done growing. I don't even have any facial hair yet. They draft you because they think you have potential to improve. It's up to you whether or not you make it."

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# **ALL-OBSERVERLAND BASEBALL**



**Mike Monterey Redford CC** 



Mike Monterey, Sr., P. Redford CC: Monterey was, perhaps, CC's best all-around player this season as the Shamrocks advanced to the Division 1 semifinals. The senior had a 6-1 record with three saves and an earned run average of 2.01.

Through the districts, he struck out 60 and walked just 22 in 52.1 innings. He also played shortstop when not pitching and hit .247. "He was our top pitcher and did a great

job," said CC coach John Salter of his all-Catholic selection. "He had excellent control all season and also played solid defense. One of his best games was a no-decision against Brother Rice with one earned run in eight innings.'

Jeremy Jamnick, Jr., P, Wayne: Jamnick, an All-Western Lakes selection, finished with an 8-1 record with a 2.25 ERA. He finished with 67 strikeouts in 59 innings despite missing 10 days in the middle of the season with a hyper-extended elbow.

'Jeremy always had the ability, it was just a matter of confidence," Wakefield said. "This year he threw harder and developed a change-up."

Jamnick, who also played infield, hit .301 (28 for 93) with a team-high 10 doubles. "Offensively he hit for more power,"

Wakefield said. "He was our number four hitter and he came through in clutch situations. He came through with some big hits for us at the end of the season."

David VanDusen, Sr., C, Redford Union: VanDusen had never been behind the plate prior to this season, but made the most out of it. He had 31 RBI, hit .426, had 39 hits with 15 doubles and three triples and earned all-Mega White and All-District honors.

"He was our best overall player," said RU coach Mike Taylor. He plays all nine positions well and moved to catcher without any prior experience. Basically, he was our overall offensive leader and best defensive player on the field.

VanDusen will play next season at Madonna University.

Eric Vojtkofsky, Jr., C, Redford CC: Vojtkofsky started slowly, thanks to an injury suffered during the wrestling season. But he finished strong and was a big part of CC's playoff drive.

"He did a great job catching, especially in the state tournament," said Salter of the junior who also saw guite a bit of time at first base. "I don't think a ball got by him in the last 10 games or so. He's solid behind the plate and had a good season offensively. If you have a good defensive team, you've got to be strong at catcher."

Vojtkofsky hit .375 with 40 RBI and had three homers with five doubles. What's almost as impressive was his .982 fielding average and his striking out just seven times through the districts.

Aaron Ciborowski, Jr., C, Plymouth Christian: Ciborowski was a force at the plate



**David VanDusen Redford Union** 



Eric Vojtkofsky **Redford CC** 

Aaron Ciborowski Ply. Christian



**Rvan Gallagher** Redford CC

playing shortstop, he never complained. He always worked hard.' Targosz said Younce is undecided between Adrian College or Bowling Green State University.

Otis Young, Jr., OF, Liv. Franklin: The junior emerged as Franklin's top offensive threat, leading the 20-9 Patriots with a .386 batting average (33 for 83) with nine doubles, two triples and two homers. The All-Western Division and All-District

pick had a slugging percentage of .614 and an on-base average of .485. "He filled in at shortstop for us this year

and started playing well, so we kept him there," Franklin coach Paul Newitt said. "He also played second base, too, but his best position is outfield. He was a solid defensive player for us.

"Otis has a lot of speed and he's very athletic. He hit well the first three-quarters of the year before tailing off a little at the end. Both his homers were inside-the-park. He hits to the right side well, too. That's why he batted second for us."

Drew Amble, Sr., OF, Redford CC: Amble was a solid player who spent most of the season with a bad shoulder - corrected by surgery on Monday. Still, Amble was second on the team in hits, had a .397 batting average with four homers, 22 RBI and three doubles through districts.

"He had a great offensive season for us, leading off and getting on base a lot for us," said Salter. "He had some solid power and played well in the outfield, even with an injured throwing arm."

Steve Cox, Sr., OF, Salem: The three-year varsity starter capped a brilliant career by hitting .378 with six home runs, 37 RBI and 27 runs scored. Cox, who started 83 consecutive games in centerfield for the Rocks, broke the all-time Salem career hits record with 121. He earned All-District and All-WLAA recognition for his efforts.

Brian Alpert, Sr., OF, Liv. Stevenson: The senior outfielder batted .384 (33 for 86) with eight doubles and 11 RBI.

He had a slugging percentage of .570 and an on-base average of .469 en route to All-WLAA honors and All-District honors. He also successfully stole 10 of 13 bases.

The team's co-MVP also made acadèmic All-State as recognized by the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association. Alpert will enroll in the University of Michigan's School of Engineering and walk on

the baseball team. Dave Clendenning, Jr., Utility, Wayne: The iunior batted a team-best .402 (39 for 97)

with nine doubles and 25 RBL As a pitcher, the All-Western Lakes pick finished with a 9-4 record with 96 strikeouts

in 76 innings. He walked just 25 and had an ERA of 2.76. "Last year Dave was just a hard thrower,

but he matured this year into a pitcher and knew how to approach a game," Wakefield



**David Mintz** Canton

Drew Amble

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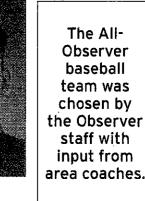
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than face him with men on base," said PCA assistant coach Don Shumaker. "Aaron was our clean-up hitter and he delivered some clutch hits at key times for us. Defensively, he was extremely versatile as well. He could play almost anywhere in the field."

Ryan Gallagher, Sr., 1B, Redford CC: While Gallagher's hitting was solid - a team-leading .432 average with 13 doubles a homer and 18 RBI through the districts - his fielding was just as impressive at .990. He also earned all Catholic honors

"He plays a lot of positions well," said Salter. "He's probably our best defensive player and did an excellent lob at first base and at catcher. He can hit some of the better pitchers around.

"Some guys fatten their average against lesser pitchers. Ryan can hit the good ones. Whoever gets him in college will get a good, age and .947 fielding percentage. His efforts earned him all-conference and all-district

one of the bright spots," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "We played an extremely tough schedule, which makes his stats even more impressive. He was a great leader for this team and he did a heck of a job under some adverse conditions with all the injuries our team suffered. I'm sorry to see him go.'

30 games, the senior shortstop-catcherortcher bacted .422 (38 for 90) with 11 doubles and 24 RBi en route to All-Western Lakes honors. He also had a slugging percentage of .544 and an on-base average of .519 while

As a pitcher, Younce went 5-6 with an ERA

**ALL-OBSERVER BASEBALL TEAM** 

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#### **FIRST TEAM** P-Mike Monterey, Sr., Redford CC P-Bobby Henderson, Jr., Redford CC P-Jeremy Jamnick, Jr., Wayne P-Jon Leins, Jr., Liv. Franklin C-David VanDusen, Sr., Redford Union C-Eric Vojtkofsky, Jr., Redford CC C-Billy Burton, Sr., Westland Glenn C-Aaron Ciborowski, Jr., Ply. Christian 1B-Jeremy Fick, Jr., Garden City

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bases. He compiled a .536 on-base percent-

"Our team had a tough year, but Dave was

Xander Younce, Sr., Inf., Liv. Churchill: In

stealing nine of 10 bases.

for the Eagles this season, hitting .596 with seven homers and 32 RBI. An excellent defensive player, he played catcher and shortstop. "Aaron was the kind of player this year that other teams would intentionally walk rather

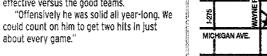
all-around player.

David Mintz, Sr., Inf., Canton: Mintz enjoyed a stellar senior season, hitting .423 with two home runs, 12 RBI and 14 stolen

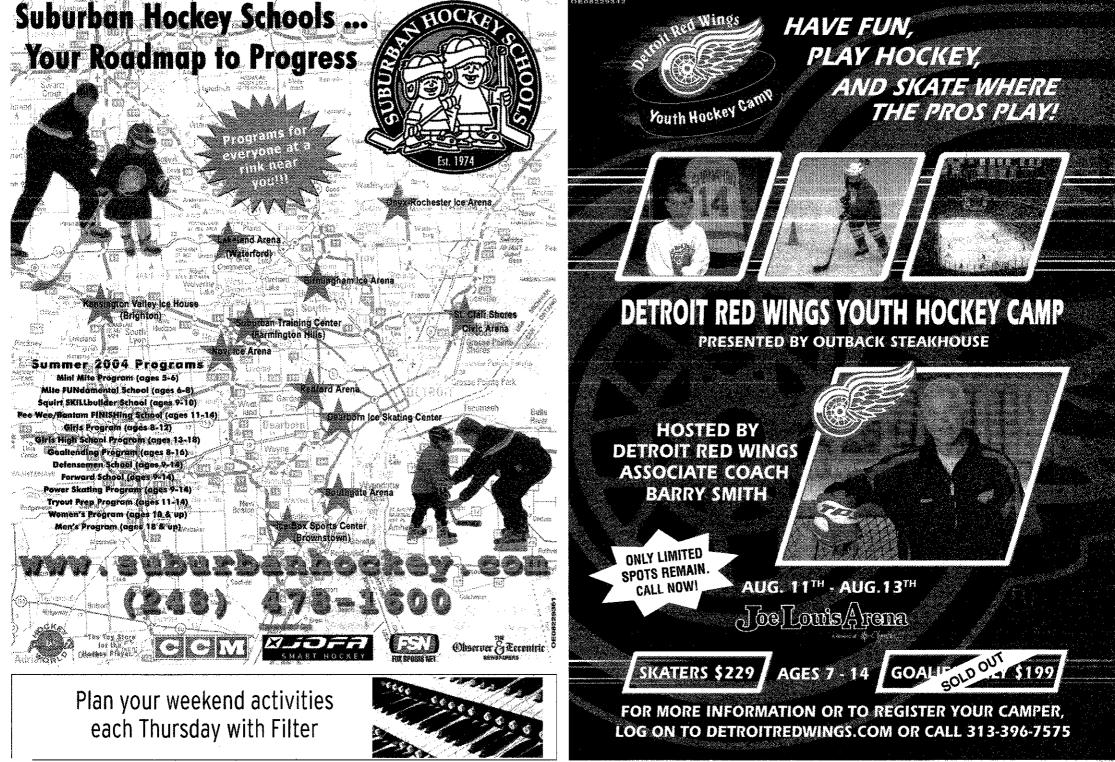
of 6.21. In 48 innings pitched, he struck out 36 and walked 18.

"Xander was our best player, he did every thing for us," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "Whether he was pitching, catching or

said. "He used his off-speed stuff and was effective versus the good teams. "Offensively he was solid all year-long. We



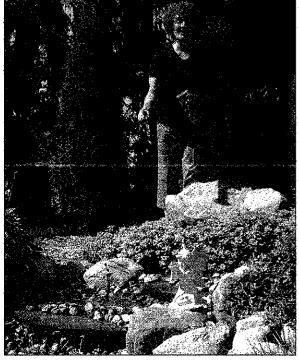
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LYNNE GARCIA I STAFF PHOTOGRAPHED

Rita Gamlin feeds the fish in her garden that will be featured on a garden tour.

# Nurturing the spirit

Walk features beautiful, relaxing paradise

> BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER

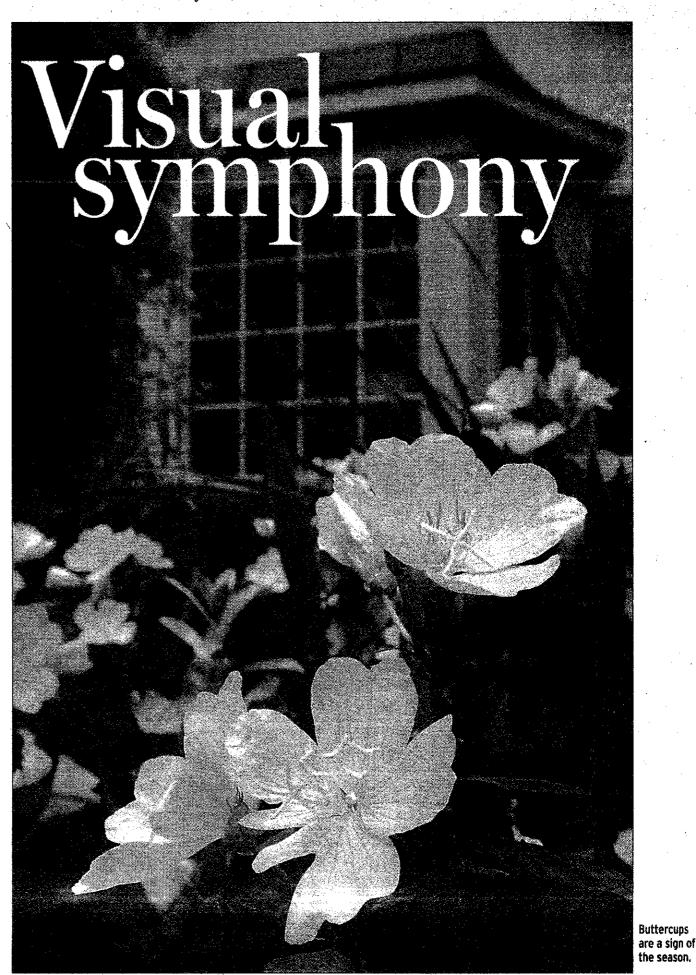
"I'm a nurturer," Rita Gamlin said. She's a nurturer as an assistant teacher at Brookfield Academy. And she's a nurturer in her backyard garden, one of six that will be featured on the Troy Garden Walk Wednesday, July 14 The garden itself nurtures the spirit as well, with

the beautiful plants and lovely elements Rita and



husband Tom Gamlin have placed around the site. In the 20 years they have lived at the house, they have planted and maintained a restful paradise. The Gamlins' yard has a variety of "gardens," areas with different plants and features. Flowers at the site include sweet woodruff, pulmonaria, phlox, myrtle, sedum, hibiscus, Shasta daisies, hostas, silver lace vine and Alexander's lysimachia. There are delicate corydalis and majestic delphiniums. "I love them all." said Rita Gamlin, who participates in Troy's plant exchange every year. "I love sharing with

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This is one of the trees from Rita and Tom Gamlin's bonsai dish collection.

#### TROY GARDEN WALK

What: The Troy Garden Club's 30th annual Garden Walk, featuring six beautiful gardens around Troy, and a boutique and raffle at the **Troy Historical Museum** gazebo, 60 W. Wattles. When: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday. July 14.

Tickets are \$10. Tickets are available in limited numbers at Telly's Greenhouse, (248) 689-8735; the Troy Historical Museum, (248) 524-3570; Wilkop Landscaping, (248) 828-0030; and Uncle Luke's Feed Store, (248) 879-9147; or by calling the Troy Garden Club at (248) 879-8621.

neighbors and friends."

A slate path leads to the back yard. A topiary made from an old tree trunk is one of the accents.

Nestled among the gently sloping landscape is a water garden. Tom Gamlin dug out shrubs and installed the water garden himself. The water softly trickles down tiers to a pond, where fish are kept all year (a cover protects them in winter; a bubbling mechanism keeps the water from freezing).

Lilies and water forget-me-nots are among the plants.

Another pond is on the lower yard, with water flowing over smooth stones under the gaze of statuary.

In a dappled area are such flowers as Chinese lanterns and bleeding heart. Several dishes hold 'Tom's bonsai garden.

A tiered sun garden runs along one side of the yard, wooden planks adding rustic accents to the colorful display. Pink peonies, purple iris, fuchsia and Stella D'oro lilies are among the blooms that add various hues to the scene.

Across the yard is a shade garden, bordered with bright impatiens.

We call this the garden of optimism," Rita said with a smile.

Begonias and trillium are among the flowers. Forsythia form a wall of yellow in the spring.

Rita Gamlin is looking forward to the garden walk. "Anyone who will listen, I will talk about my plants."

### Eight private gardens open for tour BY MARY KLEMIC STAFF WRITER Gene and Donna

Hartwig's garden is a harmonious display that could get you humming or singing.

Country Gardens may be one of the tunes that come to mind, and not just because of the English-style plantings that abound.

Different joys are continually in bloom in the 3/4-acre garden, which borders on two streets in Bloomfield Hills.

"Every time of the year there's something different that comes up," Gene said.

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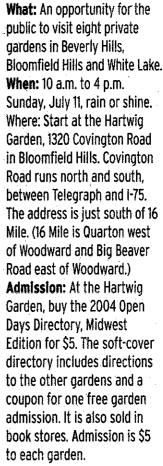
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ty to the home. Some of them flower and the blooms can be used to coordinate the colors in a room. I have been

Garden enjoying the pink blooms of Spot Rhododendron simsii, or

Marty florist azalea, Figley sent to me by my New York son. This was a perfect Mother's Day gift, as it was blooming when it arrived.

Azaleas like bright, indirect sun when they are blooming and medium light when they aren't.

To prolong flowering, keep pots in cool surroundings (46 to 61 degrees). When the temperature reaches 70 degrees, the leaves and flowers tend to drop off.

These woody shrubs need lots of humidity, so indoors the pots should be set in a cache pot filled with damp peat or oasis. Water often but don't flood the plant.

Water and soil must be limefree. At this time of year, continue to fertilize twice a month through September. Many potted azaleas are set

in a soil-less mix, so it is necessary to fertilize regularly. This

Northville

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

tends to raise the pH; if too "sweet" or alkaline, pH 7.0 or higher, the leaves will turn yellowish between the veins.

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Also from Lyons, The Gap in the Hedge, Charles Elliott (\$25), contains short stories and reminiscences about gardening in England. I always enjoy his books; they're funny, serious and poignant. Keep it near an easy chair to read at your leisure.

Two books are from Timber Press: Pulmonarias and the Borage Family, and Tree Bark: A Color Guide.

Pulmonarias and the Borage Family, Masha Bennett (\$39.95), is fully illustrated to show the beauty of these flowers.

The family is large and includes such flowers are gromwell, languidladies and other lesser-known plants, as well as familiar ones such as comfrey, that can be used in many areas of the garden.

Bennett gives excellent advice for growing the various species and details biology, ecology and cultivation of more than 200 species and hundreds of varieties. The author's enthusiasm is

catching and detailed. We learn that pulmonarias are among the few perennials



room.

The pink blooms of Rhododendron simsii, or florist azalea, add beauty to a

capable of surviving under black walnut trees.

Tree Bark: A Color Guide. Hugues Vaucher (\$39.95), illustrates the rich variety of colors, patterns and textures of bark with more than 550 photos.

As you're out and about, take a moment to really look at the diversity of trees and the beauty of the bark. There's a lot to learn here from how bark is formed, the structure and function of bark as well as the ethnobotany of these tree "wrappings."

A most interesting book, The Gardener's Atlas: The Origins, Discovery and Cultivation of the World's Most Popular Garden Plants, Dr. John Grimshaw (Firefly Books Ltd., \$22.95, paper), will provide a wealth of information and enjoyment.

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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.

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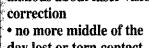
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# GARDENS

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#### Donna said.

Like a house with different rooms, the welcoming garden features different areas. There are sun and shade perennial gardens; a conifer garden; and an area where the Hartwigs are trying to develop rhododendrons.

A sitting area called a "secret garden" is bordered on one side by trees with low branches that look easy to climb and features paths of pine needles.

"As gardeners you never sit down," the Hartwigs said, laughing.

Forsythia, trillium, Jack-inthe-pulpit, anemones, hoya, bougainvillea, buttercups, roses and hellebores make appearances. Wild ginger peeks out from a patch of green, inspiring Donna to call the ginger the "petticoat" of the garden. Rabbits got into the cotoneaster. To keep them from getting into various types of lettuce, Gene Hartwig put the lettuce in large pots. The different shades and textures of the lettuce make an attractive arrangement on steps.

Climbing hydrangea, clematis, porcelain berry and other vines are displayed, as well as ivy to cover a brick wall. A variety of hostas can be seen, including a miniature hosta that serves as a border.

And there are mature trees, elegant and stately, such as maple, spruce, Korean boxwood, and six white pines that Gene says are among the largest in the area. Tall, slender sweetgum trees stand in a line.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A "secret garden" is a favorite spot for Donna and Gene Hartwig.

Japanese flowering cherry trees, at least 60 years old, come back every year, their branches holding a graceful pose throughout the months.

"The weeping cherry are absolutely magnificent in the spring when they're flowering," Gene said.

The couple's joy of gardening is infectious. As they recently took visitors around their garden, the Hartwigs were delighted at the sight of a bright yellow tree peony glowing among the foliage.

The Hartwigs will place plants in various ways. "You can move plants

around easier than you can furniture," Donna said.

The creative couple has an artistic touch. Accent pieces in their garden aren't limited to art and sculpture: Other examples are smooth rocks that Donna finds, and a boot abandoned by a workman that now serves as a container for hens and chicks.

Neither Gene nor Donna is a co

professional gardener. He's a lawyer; she's in real estate, with the firm of Weir Manuel Snyder and Ranke. The company has won the Marshall Fredericks award for community involvement.

Donna Hartwig was involved in starting the environmental center in Birmingham, and worked to save Adams Woods. She gave presentations on composting at schools.

The Hartwigs compost yearly. They built their own composting bin in one area of the yard. Pruning is also important, they say. "Pruning is a great part of gardening," Donna said.

"We put out six or eight big bags (of prunings) every week," Gene said. Every window of the home has a view of the beautiful garden. The house features a courtyard.

Gene and Donna Hartwig look forward to sharing their garden. The Open Days program combines their love of gardening with their love of community.

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# Area Open Day gardens display wide variety

Other Michigan gardens in the Open Day program July 11 are:

■ Toni and Joe Grinnan, Beverly Hills — The more formal front gardens and pond were designed to play off the symmetry of the stone colonial home. The waterfall, pond and plantings in the back were designed in more natural shapes to blend with woods and foliage. Open Day proceeds will be shared with the Women's National Farm and Garden Association.

■ Aerie Gardens, Bloomfield Hills — The site is on a 5 1/2acre hilltop vista that includes 2 1/2 acres of woods and a small pond and stream. Wetland, woodland, waterfall, hillside, sun and shade gardens are connected by paths, trails and stone stairways. Sculptures by Marshall Fredericks are incorporated into the gardens. Open Day proceeds will be shared with the Cranbrook House and Gardens Auxiliary Endowment Fund. Brookside Gardens,

Bloomfield Hills — Visitors to the beautiful, peaceful site feel in harmony with its flowers, shrubs and trees. The perennial garden blooms in varying colors and aromas each month.

■ Kathryn M. Gossett, Bloomfield Hills — The garden is in a French form. Small gardens are on each side of the house.

Formal statues, and plantings of hedges and vines, are also featured.

■ Jack Krasula, Bloomfield Hills — The garden, in a 4 1/2acre setting, includes more than 150 different conifers, more than 500 hostas and paths throughout raised beds.

■ Mike and Debbi Bovio Garden, White Lake — Nestled within native oak woodlands, the garden surrounds a 30- by 70-foot pond with dozens of aquatic plants.

More than 100 hosta varieties and an Oriental-style specimen shrub garden are included. Open Day proceeds will be shared with the Hess-Hathaway Farm Park.

■ "Playing in the Dirt" by Karen Piccinato, White Lake — Piccinato, who has given a talk to the Farmington Garden Club, plants 60 flats of flowers every year.

She makes all of her garden art, including angels, birdhouses and scarecrows. Garden paths of shade-loving perennials and annuals were laid by hand.





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Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial, but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging, since we are never

sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye, but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their backs, are wrong and can become habit-forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

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

### AT HOME

# **Creative planning stretches your entertainment dollars**

#### Our household budget is tight. What kind of inexpensive family activities and dates with my husband can | plan?

It will take creative planning to minimize the amount of

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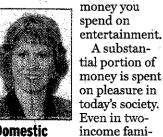
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movie and dinner for two puts extra pressure on the family budget.

First, decide what activities you enjoy doing. Consider trying something new, especially if what you like is expensive. People are reluctant to try new things, yet many times when we make changes we are pleasantly surprised at the results.

Decide how much money you will spend on entertainment. On payday, put the money in an envelope labeled "entertainment." Use two separate envelopes: one for the family, and one for you and your spouse.

Choose a variety of activities or focus on a specific area. Favorite activities may fall into one of the following categories: fine arts, sporting events, physical activities, social activities, intellectual activities.

Some people prefer indoor activities while others enjoy spending time outdoors. You may have to compromise to accommodate the needs of everyone in the household.

After identifying your areas of interest, spend time scouting for coupons and free admissions. Look for coupons in the mail or your local newspaper. The radio announces events and discounts.

Inquire at your local city hall or chamber of commerce for upcoming events in your area. Buying a membership or season pass to popular local

attractions is worthwhile if vou plan on attending the activity numerous times.

Many cultural, educational and entertainment venues offer free or discounted admissions on specific days. Others are always free but require reservations.

Investigate the possibilities. If you plan ahead, you should rarely have to pay full price for any activity. Establishments that want your business usually offer incentives.

Arrange for a family meeting to discuss entertainment options. Give your family choices after you have gathered the information. Compare everyone's schedule and then take a family vote. Write on your calendar the place, time and cost of your social event.

#### **INEXPENSIVE IDEAS**

Fine arts:

Visit the museums in your area. ■ Some operas offer dis-

counted or free seats. During the warmer months, look for free concerts in the park.

Performances of church or high school choirs are usually free. View educational televi-

sion shows on the arts. Rent a movie at your local video store. Wait for the \$1 rental instead of paying for a new release.

Plays performed at high schools or colleges are inexpensive yet often more entertaining than the professional versions.

Sporting events:

Attend professional sporting events and sit in the inexpensive seats, or take advantage of free or discounted promotional tickets offered by businesses or with products. Attending a high school or

college game can be fun and inexpensive. Physical activities:

Hike on trails or strike

your own path through the woods. Make sure you aren't trespassing. Swim in pools, or better

yet, in a lake or river.

 $\blacksquare$  Sign up for a volleyball, softball, basketball or soccer league. If there isn't a team in your area, help organize one.

Use coupons for sports that cost money such as golf, skiing, bowling, miniature golf and amusement parks. Remember gift certificates for your favorite sports activity when you write birthday or Christmas suggestions. Social activities:

■ Look for "buy one-get one

free" restaurant coupons. Arrange for a game night with friends and ask everyone to bring a snack to share.

Plan a potluck dinner where each guest brings food to share.

■ Join a church or club. Many of the planned activities would be free.

■ Volunteer in an area of your interest. Besides meeting new people, you will get to do something you like for free.

Progressive dinners are fun. Eat each course of the meal at a different house.

■ Join a "game" group that meets on a regularly scheduled

day to play bridge, bunco, or pinochle.

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Take a picnic lunch to a park. Intellectual activities:

■ Check the library for chess clubs or literary

societies. Read a book on a park bench.

Attend free lectures at churches and universities.

Enjoy a poetry reading at a coffee house. Better yet,

bring something to contribute. Join a discussion group. Get involved with the local

historical society.

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#### **BULLETIN:**

'The best entertainment is spending time with the people you love, not spending a lot of money!"

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

#### JULY

#### **Carillon Series**

10 a.m. and noon Sundays, July 4, 11 and 25; and Aug. 1, 8 and 15; at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 626-2515.

#### Lava Lava Island

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

#### Summer Series

Meadow Brook Hall

ADD/ADHA: The Latest Research Findings. Defining, diagnosing and treating ADD/ADHA. Recognizing common myths and understandings about this condition.

#### Transforming the Difficult Child. Raising a child with discipline and

School, for ages 3-12. Cost is \$15 per child. To register, contact Carol Nelius at (734) 721-4758.

SonGames 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday,

July 19-23, at St. Damian Catholic

#### **King's Brass Concert**

Vacation Bible School

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

#### SonGames

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

#### Sports Camp

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

### Began Monday, June 14 and continues

p.m.) available for an extra \$35. To register or for more information, call camp director Ethan Allen at (734) 306-2391.

#### **Addiction No More**

Do you have any addictive behavior problems - drugs, alcohol, overeating, gambling, etc.? Come to the meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 202 at Detroit World Outreach, 23800 West Chicago, Redford, For more information, call (313) 255-2222, Ext. 244.

Continues Sundays at 9:30 a.m. through Sept. 5, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., at Antioch Lutheran Church, 33360 W. 13 Mile at Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. A contemporary "Praise Forth" service takes place welcome.

2004-2005 program year for 3- and 4year olds on Sept. 13. Spaces still available for new enrollees. Call (248) 626-7906.

### UPCOMING

#### Heroes of the Bible

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**Spirit Days** 

For preschool through fifth grade 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 2-6, at Wellspring Church, 36350 Eight Mile, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 442-

5-8 p.m. Saturday. Aug. 7, and 10 a.m.

to noon Sunday, Aug. 8. Spirit Days

will explore the life and worship of

Christians around the world, at Good

Shepherd Lutheran Church, 26212 W.

Six Mile, Redford. Light meals each

evening with worship and activities.

#### Call (313) 537-3778.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

- A weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills, learn the value of intimacy, and renew their love for each other will take place Friday-Sunday, Sept. 10-12, at St. John's Family Life Center, 44011 Five Mile, Plymouth. There is a \$50 registration fee. For more information or to register, call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524, or visit the Web site at www.rc.net/detroit/wwme.

#### Noah's Ark Christian Preschool

Strong academic program in a funloving Christian environment at First United Methodist Church, 3 Town Square, Wayne, Call (734) 595-6002. Students are taught phonics, Bible verse, sign language, numbers and letter recognition, craft and songs. Morning and afternoon sessions available for fall 2004-2005. Cost is \$30 a week for three-day program, \$20 a week for two days.

Fali Boutique

Saturday, Oct. 23, at St. Robert Bellarmine (St. Jude Circle), West Chicago and inkster roads. Table rental is \$25. Call Nancy at (313). 93701741 or Joan at (313) 937-1670.

#### **Crafters wanted**

Currently accepting applications for the Christmas Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4, at St. Thomas á Becket, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Interested crafters, call Gloria at (734) 673-6061.



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#### ELIZABETH KING,

Age 18, of Columbus, OH and Westland, MI, landed in the arms of the angels June 19, 2004. Preceded in death by grandparents Jack and Bulker of Sasha, Andrew,

**RELIGION CALENDAR** 

Sunday Summer Worship

every fourth Sunday. Visitors always Antioch Lutheran Preschool starts its

love and what to do after the child behaves positively. Utilizing the Nurtured Heart approach in parenting a child with challenging behavior. 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays, July 14 and 21, in the Msgr. Alex Burnett Activity Center at St. Aidan Parish, 17500 Farmington Road, between Six and Seven Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

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All three levels of Meadow Brook Hall

are included on the 1-1/2-hour tour,

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The general tour at Meadow Brook

Hall includes the main and entertain-

ment levels of the house. Tours last

approximately 45 minutes and take

place 11:15 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:15 p.m.

daily, now to Labor Day. Admission is

\$12.50, free for ages 2 and under.

The new Garden and Architectural

Tour explores the gardens of Meadow

Brook Hall and amazing architectural

structures surrounding it. fours are

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now to Labor Day. Admission is \$8,

Knole Cottage has undergone some

renovations to ready itself for the

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\$15, free for ages 2 and under.

1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. daily. Admission is

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for 11 weeks. There will be fun field trips, Christian-based lessons and lunch provided daily. The cost is \$160 per camper each week. Camp is limited to the first 14 campers and there is a \$25 deposit due in order to hold the camper's spot for each week. Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with pre-care (8-9 a.m.) and post-care (4-5

### **HOME CALENDAR**

lemonade and cookie stand, oversized tic-tac-toe game, and croquet on the lawn outside the cottage. Inside the cottage children can enjoy an activity center and kid-friendly music. Meadow Brook Hall's Café Cappuccino is the perfect place for a refreshing mid-afternoon snack. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, now to Labor Day, Café Cappuccino offers snacks, sandwiches and popular summer beverages and cocktails. Inspired by luxurious picnics of old, full-service summer lunches with champagne are served 12:30-2 p.m. daily on the sun porch. Reservations are required for summer lunches. Cost is \$55 per person, \$50 for members, All proceeds from Meadow Brook Hall programs support its preservation and interpretation. For more information, call (248) 370-3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org.

#### Antiques market

The 2004 Utica Antiques Market will take place Saturday-Sunday, July 10-11, at the Knights of Columbus Grounds on 21 Mile, 1 mile east of Van Dyke Road in Utica. Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. July 10.8 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 11. The market will

take place rain or shine. Admission is \$5 for adults, free for ages 12 and under. Parking is free. Food and beverages will be available on site.

For information, call (800) 645-6466. The Utica market brings together more than 200 dealers from all over the country, specializing in pieces from all periods for the serious collector or the novice. Numerous experts will appraise pieces on site. Now in its 18th year, the event is the largest open air market of its kind in southeastern Michigan. it is recognized throughout the Midwest for the great variety, quality and affordability of the antiques and collectibles. The market has a beautiful setting: lakeside on the tree-lined Knights of Columbus grounds.

If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.



Bloomfield Hills MI June 28, 2004. Preceded in death by her husband Harry A. Toulmin, Jr. in 2000. She was a member of the Tau Beta Association, the Birmingham Community House Senior Women's Club, the Village Club and was a longtime traveler with the Nomads. She is survived by her son, Tom Toulmin of Rochester; her daughter, Mrs. Matthew J. Brown (Marnic Toulmin) of Rochester Hills; 2 grandchildren; a brother, John S. McDonald of Kalkaska, MI and a sister, Martha McDonald Kinkaid of Naples, FL. A private family memorial will be held. Interment at White Chapel Memorial Cemetery. Memorial tributes may be sent to Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1029 S. Rochester Rd., Rochester Hills, MI 48308 or to the charity of your choice. Cremation arrangements were handled by William R. Hamilton Co. of Birmingham.

#### **BEATRICE FRITZ**

Age 86, of Hamburg Twp., MI, passed away June 28, 2004. She was born May 3, 1918 in Detroit, MI, the daughter of Albert and Emma (Timerick) Wendt. On May 12, 1936 in Indiana Paeticae married Lynford in Indiana, Beatrice married Lynford Fritz. They made their home in Plymouth for many years before moving to the Hamburg area. Lynford preceded her in death in 1995. She spent her life as a homemaker and mother to her children, Lynne Zahm of CA Paul (Elizabeth) Fritz of VA and Douglas Fritz of Hamburg Twp., 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchil-dren. Her sister, Ethel Jones also precedes her in death. Memorial Contributions have been suggested to the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, 921 N. Washington Ave., Lansing, MI 48906. Arrangements entrusted to Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel.

#### CHARLOTTE M. ALLISON,

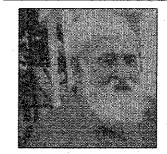
Age 86 of New Port Richey, Florida and Plymouth, Michigan died April 12, 2004. Beloved wife of Robert. Loved mother of James and Janet and Mother-in-law of Cindy. Dear grandmother of Andrew, Daniel, Matthew, Laura, Phillip, Adam and Mike. Charlotte was a Detroit native, gradu-ate of Cooley High School and Wayne State University. She was very involved with Westminster Church of Detroit and later, St. Pauls Presbyterian Church of Livonia. She retired from Redford Union Schools in 1981, where she taught early elementary school. A memorial service will be held on July 17, 2004 at 11:00a.m. at St. Pauls Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia, MI. Memorial contributions can be made to the Michigan Arthritis Foundation

Pauline Crosby, Billy and Verna Smith. Survived by son Shane Renee Finley II and his father Shane Finley; Crystal Dryden (Mike mother Justice); father Richard Smith; sister Jennifer Smith (Wally Mibalik): brothers Richard (Nina) Smith II, Erik Dryden; nephews Gunnar, Richard III, Kyle, Jeremy, Blayd, Ryan, Kane; nieces Kimberly, Amber and Sabrina; many aunts & uncles and other cousins and friends. Funeral service took place Thursday, June 24th, Interment Obetz Cemetery,

#### JEANNE HORNER

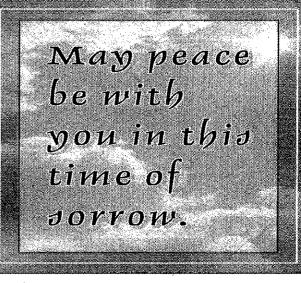
Of Northville, died June 11 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia. She was 80. Mrs. Horner was born on February 29, 1924 in Winona, Minnesota, to the late Marguerite Gatz. She was married to the late Robert D. Horner for 58 years. Mrs. Horner was a homemaker, but also worked as a cross stitch teacher and clerk at Connie's Corner in Northville. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of South Lyon, and was formerly a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville where she served as treasurer. She was also a member of the Embroiderers Guild of America. Mrs. Horner enjoyed needlework and was an avid reader. She also loved bowling and playing cards. She was a devoted mother, who always supported her children. Survivors include her children, Michael (Susan) Horner of Farmington, Sarah Orvis of Westland, Eric (Neva) Horner of Blaine, MN and Robert (Pam) Horner of Dexter; eight grandchildren and one greatgrandchild. A Memorial Service will be held Friday, July 2, 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 West Dunlap, Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the American Lung Association, 25900 Greenfield Rd., Ste 401, Oak Park, Mi '48237. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home Inc., Northville.

Stephanie and Cecily. Memorial service at a later date. Tributes may be made to Cranbrook Hospice or charity of choice. Arrangements, WM.R. Hamilton Co., 248-644-6000.



#### JOHN "AL" ADAMS. Sr.

Age 79, of Plymouth, died June 24, 2004. He was born December 8, 1924, in Detroit. He was a resident of Plymouth for over 50 years, and a former resident of Dearborn. He worked as a Building Superintendent for over 35 years, and also served as Canton Township Building Inspector. He was also proud to serve as Constable of the 35th District Court for 35 years. He took great joy in playing Santa Claus for various schools, businesses, and private parties. He even appeared as Santa on the cover of a Hallmark catalog. He embodied the spirit of Santa all year round, and took great pride in the 25 years that he played Santa. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, serving in both World War II and Korea. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Frances; his children, Sandra (Harold) Bessert, John A. Adams Jr., Jeffrey Adams, and Pamela (James) Mason; his grandchildren, Kimberly, Jeremy, Lindsey, Kelly, and Abigail; his sisters, Shirley Mott, and Rita Proctor; and his brother, Richard Adams. Funeral services were held Monday at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, Plymouth. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Humane Society or Calvary Baptist Church,



# Disposal of household hazards is house-by-house issue

#### BY DAVID BRADLEY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Mike Chenard may have a new boat, but the can of gas-oil mix that fueled his old twocycle outboard is still in his garage.

"I know I shouldn't pour it down the drain or light it on fire," said Chenard, who knows hazardous materials need special care. "That's the problem for lots of people: how to dispose of hazardous household products."

Chenard, chief environmental officer for Lowe's, is in the same predicament as millions of homeowners who need to know how to safely dispose of the residue of home projects and hobbies.

How the do-it-yourself generation ultimately takes responsibility for the leftovers

of its handiwork is as important a decision as color, fabric and material choices.

Individual homeowners may dismiss as trace amounts leftover project debris, motor oil, paints and yard chemicals. Yet all pose a significant environmental risk when multiplied by tens of millions of homes.

Groundwater bears the brunt of wanton disposal of fluids. Gas, motor oil, paints and liquid yard chemicals ultimately drain or seep into streams and lakes. The same goes for yard chemicals.

Chenard says a frequent tendency is to apply more fertilizer, herbicide or insecticide than a manufacturer recommends. What turf can't absorb is carried away by rainwater.

Disposal of liquid contaminants can be tricky. Oils can be recycled at many gas stations.

Latex paints aren't as hazardous as oil-based paints, but disposal should still be handled carefully. Because dried paint or empty cans can be included with most daily trash, paint hardeners poured into the can set the liquid quickly.

Charities may even accept the results of several paint colors mixed together. Many yard chemicals are

viable for years and should be used until the contents are gone. Unfortunately, most empty containers aren't recyclable.

Other harmful liquids demand safe disposal. If you've installed a new thermostat to conserve energy, don't automatically toss your old thermostat in the trash. Mercury is commonly used in the switch mechanism.

The same goes for used light

bulbs, which also contain harmful substances. Contact your local waste authority for the best way to dispose of them.

The most harmful of lumber treated with chromated copper arsenate, also known as CCA, is now outlawed and replaced by copper-based alkaline copper quat.

Never burn treated lumber. CCA wood contains arsenic. In some localities, CCA lumber can be sent to specially designed landfills with clay liners to contain hazardous chemicals from leeching into the soil.

Chenard suggests creative disposal of treated wood when feasible. Timbers in good shape can be reclaimed by other homeowners or organizations such as Habitat for Humanity in need of lumber

for outdoor construction purposes.

You can plan to avoid overages of hazardous materials with careful project planning.

Chenard recommends homeowners pace off their yards to calculate square footage. This allows you to accurately measure the correct amounts of fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides you really need. The same goes for paints. Measure surface footage. Paint manufacturers list the square footage coverage for each can of paint.

"Many municipalities orchestrate the safe disposal of many household items," said Chenard. "But the extent of disposal practices varies widely." Call your city solid waste office for advice about how and where to dispose of household hazards.

# Pick perfect time to harvest your peas

BY LEE REICH FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

For the best flavor, pick your peas at just the right moment.

Don't pick all your peas at once. Instead, go down the row every two or three days and pluck off only those pods that are at their peak of flavor and succulence.

How often you have to give your peas a once-over depends on the weather, with warmer weather hastening ripening and thus calling for more frequent picking.

Frequent picking also gives you more peas. Once any pods start to mature, the vine receives a signal that its job of making seeds is nearing completion. Only a plant whose seeds don't near maturity keeps working to make new pods – for a while, at least.

Eventually, pea vines succumb to summer heat to yield few pods of low quality.

So how do you know when each pod is ready to be picked? It depends on the type of pea, of which there are three: shelling peas, snap peas and snow peas (also called Chinese or mangetout peas).

Pick shelling peas when the pods are fully plump and a fresh green color. Depending on the variety, the peas within may or may not call for harvest by bulging the pod.

Sample a few to determine what the pods look like when the peas are fully fattened but still juicy.

You eat both the pods and the peas of snap peas and snow peas. Because the pods themselves provide much of the gusto, the size of the peas within the pods of either of these types isn't critical.

Harvest snap peas when the pods are just short of fully plump. When snow peas are ready to harvest, the pods are still flattened, with only the slightest bulge from each pea within.

Use two hands to pick snap or snow peas, grasping the point of attachment between the thumb and forefinger of

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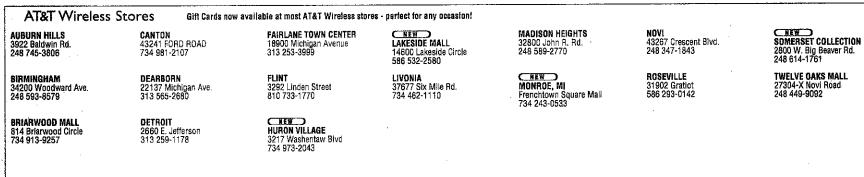


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one hand, then tearing the pod off sideways with the other hand. That sideways tear gets rid of the tough string that sometimes runs along the edge of the pod.

Pods of shelling peas can be harvested faster, two at a time, using both hands.

Pick these peas by clasping your thumb and forefinger just where the pod is attached, then pulling the pod away from and off the plant while your other hand holds the vine in place.

Pea quality plummets right after picking, so eat or freeze harvested peas without delay.

# Be careful when heating water in microwave

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Microwaves, first introduced in the '50s, are a must today for fast heating and cooking.

Today you'll learn that there's danger lurking there too if you super-heat water for soups and brew.

Maybe you've heard the tale and think it's just another urban legend – about someone heating water in a microwave and the water then exploding, causing severe facial burns and scalding. Well, believe it.

Sometimes water heated in a smooth container doesn't boil when it hits the proper temperature because the smooth surface keeps bubbles from forming and escaping.

The result? The water is heated far beyond its boiling point, and when you place a spoon or powder in the superheated water, steam escapes in a rush, blasting extremely hot water out too.

The way to prevent this is to add mixes or tea bags to the water first, then microwave it with a stir stick or plastic spoon in it.

Also, be sure to never heat liquids for more than two minutes on high.

# Raising a stink over garbage disposers

hy is it that a garbage disposer can cause such a stink?

I recently heard a comment that a disposer shouldn't be used by homeowners who live with a



my own radio show.) During the following week I received at least a dozen phone calls and several consumers com-

mented to me

about it in per-

son. Some of

these people

Doctor

#### Joe Gagnon

disconnect the disposer and do without.

statement was even made. Second, don't remove your disposer from the kitchen sink.

Company in the early 1990s confirmed that food processed through a disposer helped to activate bacteria growth inside a septic system and proved that it was of benefit to the system.

The caution flag was raised in recent years when homeowners were told that you shouldn't grind up items in a disposer that you wouldn't put into your stomach - such as corn husks, coffee grounds, bones and banana peelings. I'm sure most of us just think this is common sense.

When a manufacturer of disposers makes a model that puts an additive to the disposer when using it, I think it's just a sales ploy to increase sales. (That particular disposer sells for \$209 and they are selling a ton of them.) I personally don't think any additive is needed as long as you use good old-fashioned logic. Your septic field will be just fine.

If you follow a schedule of cleaning or changing the lint filfuture problems. Remember: The lint from the washer is made up of cloth fabrics that don't break down.

Fresh garden

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Cutting remarks

our lives.

French gardens

Garden designer and writer Janet

Keeping Your Garden Fresh and

Avon Road in Rochester Hills.

Macunovich will present a program,

Colorful All Season, 10 a.m. Saturday,

July 10, at Shades of Green, 496 E.

Admission is \$10. Call ahead at (248)

It isn't just the combination of plant

species and varieties that make for

bloom in a perennial garden from

April through October. What really

counts in midsummer are tricks for

tweaking the garden - staking, dead-

heading, cutting back and other tech-

niques that augment and fine tune

the plants' overall appearance while

The program will cover the best

add up to a really long show.

extending, delaying or coaxing repeat

species and practical techniques that

Learn about annual and perennial cut

flowers, including many rare and

underused plants, in The Cutting

July 10, at Telly's Greenhouse &

Garden, a program 10 a.m. Saturday,

Garden Center, 3301 John R in Troy.

Judy Cornellier will discuss the many

varieties that are available, as well as

how to grow and use them to beautify

A licensed plumber wrote me that there is no need to turn up the temperature on a water heater for water used in dishwashers to reach the proper temperature. He said dishwashers already have an element in the bottom floor area that does this for you.

He took umbrage that I would tell homeowners to turn up the heat factor on water heaters and that thousands of children are scalded each year in this country by hot water incidents. My viewpoint on hot water scalding is quite simple: Water doesn't have a brain, but the person using it does. Water temperature is most

important when using a dishwasher for two reasons. If the water isn't hot enough, the detergent won't dissolve properly to give you a good wash action on the dishes. You also need water that's hot enough to kill any bacteria left on the plates.

I differ with the plumber's contention that all dishwashers have an element that heats the water. Actually, they don't. Some models, especially in the last five years, have a temperature boost feature that will heat the water.

that feature, then the element in the bottom is activated strictly during the dry cycle. That is true of the majority of dishwashers in the American home.

The recommended temperature that plumbers set a hot water tank for is 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

Remember: There are devices that you can install on your faucets to prevent scalding accidents at home. I recommend you call a licensed plumber.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on

### **GARDEN CALENDAR**

Petal Pushers, and has been designing and maintaining commercial and residential gardens and landscapes for 20 years, specializing in perennial gardens. To register, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832, or visit. www.communityhouse.com.

#### Rose workshop

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, are celebrating summer with a series of fast-paced programs that will enable Michigan gardeners to succeed with roses in their gardens. The schedule includes Rose Propagation Workshop, 1 p.m. Sunday, July 4, or 11 a.m. Monday, July 5. In the popular hands-on workshop, participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings and learn other techniques for easy at-home propagation. Reservations are required; the \$25 material fee will be collected at the door, Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. For more information, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com, or call (734) 461-1230 to request a fiver.

(phone (586) 286-6100); and 22501

(586) 771-4200).

Kelly at Nine Mile in Eastpointe (phone

Perennial Gardening will be the topic

July 7. Learn how to create a colorful

gardening with perennials. How to

select plants, combine colors, and

#### Seminars

English Gardens hosts free gardening Call (248) 689-8735 for information. seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays at all five locations. The stores are at 6370 Orchard Lake

Learn how to re-create the look of southern France in your garden using Road, north of Maple, in West plants and materials available in Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506); Michigan in Gardens of Southern 4901 Coolidge Highway in Royal Oak-Troy (phone (248) 280-9500): 22650 France, a class offered at The Ford at Outer Drive in Dearborn Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Heights (phone (313) 278-4433); 44850 The class will take place 7-10 p.m. Garfield at Hall in Clinton Township

Tuesday, July 13, Fee is \$40. The class is an elective for the Michigan School of Gardening Certificate of Landscape and Garden Design. Instructor Pam Palechek is a senior

instructor with the Michigan School of Gardening. She owns and operates

provide proper care during and after the growing season will be featured. Want to enjoy the soothing sound of water and nature in your back yard? In Introduction to Water Gardening (July 14), learn the basics of how to create a healthy ecosystem, including selecting a site, pond construction, keeping the water clean, and adding plants and fish. For more information, visit www.eng-

lishgardens.com.

#### Rugosa roses

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, will conduct a series of fast-paced programs 1 p.m. Saturdays that will enable Michigan gardeners to succeed with roses in their gardens this summer. Wonderful Rugosa Roses, a slide lecture and garden tour highlighting the rugged, fragrant and beautiful rugosa roses, will take-place July 10. Admission is free and reservations aren't needed. Each presentation or workshop will last for about 1-1/2

hours. Dress for the weather; bring a hat if it's sunny. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road, between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township, just south of Belleville. Its roses are also available at the Northville Farmers Market. Great Lakes Roses will be open only Fridays and Saturdays July 6 to Aug. 25, but its phone is answered 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day.

It will be open five days a week beginning Aug. 28. For information about Great Lakes Roses, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call

(734) 461-1230.

If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net.

# Follow formula to calculate proper attic ventilation

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BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q: Clem asks: "My home has no eave 👘 vents, but it does have three gable vents (14 inches by 14 inches each). The roof is 5-in-12 pitch, has R-30 insulation and covers 1,500 square feet. Could you tell me how to calculate the proper amount of attic ventilation?"

A: You can disregard pitch and insulation value for this calculation.

Your attic area of 1,500 square feet is the base we will work from.

Attic ventilation should be equal to 1/150th of total attic area (1,500 square feet divided by 150 equals 10 square feet). You'll want to convert your ventilation requirement to area in square inches (10 square feet times 144 inches equals 1,440 square inches). According to the building code, you need a total of 1,440 square inches of attic ventilation.

Your three existing 14-by-14inch gable vents currently provide only 588 square inches (14 inches multiplied by 14 inches equals 196 square inches, multiplied by three equals 588 square inches). The rest is simple. You need 1,440 square inches, you have 588 square inches, so adding 852 square inches of venting should do the trick.

Reeping Your Family Cool This Summer





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A study done by the Maytag

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#### **Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings** - June 22, 2004

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, June 22, 2004, at 46000 Summit Parkway. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. <u>Roll Call</u> Members Present: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Minghine, Director Durack , Director Santomauro Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended, moving C-1 Set the Public Hearing date for a Class C Liquor License request from CH Canton LLC, 39535 Ford Road (Emagine Theater) to G-18 and adding G-17 Consider Adoption of Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2004, Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Minutes of June 8, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Board Minutes of June 15, 2004. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Burdziak to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Expenditur	e Recap	for June 22, 2004
General Fund	101	\$ 452,786.80
Fire Fund	206`	17,168.53
Police Fund	207	78,671.24
Summit Operating	208	50,346.16
Cable TV Fund	230	189,030.05
Twp Improvement	246	2,400.00
E-911 Utility	261	1,695.28
Auto Forfeiture(wwa)	267	15,148.37
Federal Grants Fund	274	2,327.22
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Auto Theft Grant	289	13,213.24
DowntownDev. Auth.	294	2,627.41
Cap Proj-Summit Const	402	1,072,303.55
Golf Fund	-584	47,565.11
Water & Sewer Fund	592	584,125.24
Cherry Hill Road SAD	815	121,965.33

#### **Total - All Funds** 1.651.103.53

Board Member Reports: Growth Management Articles presented by Trustee Zarbo. Director Durack stated the Canton Cable Station received the NATO Award for the video "Dance Canton Dance", this was the 4th year in a row the Canton Cable Station has won a national award. <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u>: Item 1. HOLD THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ROLL AND CONSIDER ADOPTING RESOLUTION #5 FOR THE REDUCED LOTZ ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2003-2 Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to open the Public Hearing on the Roll at 7:06 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Richard Skelly, 4220 S. Lotz Road, stated that his assessment will increase his property taxes \$5,000, which will create a hardship for himself and other residents in the area. Mr. Skelly stated that Mr. Patel and Mr. Roth, local developers, stated at the time, that they would assist the residents in this SAD. However, there has been no agreement to date with Mr. Patel and Mr. Roth in financing to support the residents on Lotz Road. The first payment is due in December 2004. Mr. Patel stated that he has contacted Lisa Walker to draw up papers/contract for this assistance and he will pay the \$500 for legal fees related to this contract. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the Public Hearing on the Roll at 7:17 p.m.. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly to adopt the Resolution #5 for the paving of Lotz Road, south of Michigan Avenue SAD No. 2003-2. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 5 (SAD NO. 2003-2) Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan

Minute of a **<u>Regular</u>** meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Summit on the Park in said Township on the 22th day of June. 2004, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. PRESENT: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo The following preamble and resolution were offered by Bennett and supported by Shefferly. WHEREAS, the Township Board has had prepared said special assessment roll for the purpose of defraying a part of the cost of certain improvements as described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof; and WHEREAS, the Township Board deems said special assessment roll to be fair and equitable as reported to it by the Supervisor; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. Said special assessment roll shall be designated "Special Assessment Roll No. 2003-2." and the district against which it is spread shall be designated "Special Assessment District No. 2003-2." 2. Said Special Assessment Roll No. 2003-2. in the amount of \$662,466.75, as prepared and reported to the Township Board by the Supervisor, be and the same hereby is confirmed. 3. Said Special Assessment Roll shall be divided into fifteen (15) equal annual installments, the first installment to be due on December 1, 2004, at the rate of five percent (5%) per annum, said interest to be payable annually on each installment due date; provided, however, that if bonds are to be issued by the Township in anticipation of the collection of the special assessments, then said installments of special assessments shall bear interest at a rate equal to one percent (1%) above the rate of interest borne by said bonds to be issued by the Township. 4. The assessments made in said special assessment roll are hereby ordered and directed to be collected, and the Township Clerk shall deliver said special assessment roll to the Township Treasurer, with the Township Clerk's warrant attached, commanding the Treasurer to collect the assessments therein accordance with the directions of the Township Board with respect-thereto, and the Treasurer is directed to collect the amounts assessed as the same become due. 5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby rescinded. AYES: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo NAYS: None RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Township Clerk

#### TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

AMENDMENT(S) TO SECTION SECTION 1. 74-83. SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES. Chapter 74 Utilities, Article II Township Water and Sewer Systems, Division 2. Financial Matters, Subdivision II. Rates and Charges, Section 74-83. Schedule of Rates and Charges of The Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton, Ordinance No. \_161\_, is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows: Section 74-83. SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES.

- WATER RATES AND CHARGES. Water rates and charges (a). shall be as follows:
  - Consumption Rate \$2.26 per 1,000 gallons
  - Water Capital Charge (2)
    - a. Minimum Capital Charge \$1,000.00
    - Per Unit Capital Charge \$1,000.00
  - Water Construction Charge (3)
  - Minimum Capital Charge \$150.00 a.
  - Per REU Construction Charge \$150.00
  - (4)Water Front Footage Charge - \$15.00 per foot of property service by the water lin
  - Water Connectin Township Taps: (5)
    - 1 inch tap \$ 950.00 b. 2 inch tap \$ 2,500.00
    - (plus \$12.00 per lineal (for 1 foot to 15 foot) foot over 15 foot) c. Over 2 inch line will be installed at a
    - cost approved by the Township Board.

  - (6) Water Connection Applicant Taps
    2 inch taps \$1,750.00
    3 inch taps \$2,550.00
    4 inch taps \$3,900.00 6 inch taps \$6,600.00 2 inch tap for irrigation system \$ 850.00
  - There shall be installed on all fire line systems a (7)detector check and a 3/4 inch by-pass meter. The 3/4 inch by-pass meter shall be purchased from and inspected by the Township and installed by the Owner. The charge for the 3/4 inch by-pass meter and Township inspection shall be \$300.00
- SEWER RATES AND CHARGES. Sewer rates and charges (b) shall be as follows:
  - (1) Sewage Treatment Rate \$3.15 per 1,000 gallons of the water used or per 1,000 gallons of metered sewage flow.
  - Minimum Sewage Bill:
    - Minimum sewage disposal bill if connected to the Township water system, per reading cycle - \$15.75.
    - Minimum sewage disposal bill if not connected to b. Township water system, per quarterly reading cycle \$30.00 per REU.
    - Minimum sewage disposal bill if not connected to с. Township water system - per bimonthly reading cycle - \$20.00 per REU.
  - Sewer Capital Charge a. Minimum \$3,500.00 b. Per REU Capital Charge - \$3,500.00
  - Sewer Front Footage Charge \$20.00 per front foot of property serviced by the sewer line
  - (5)Connection Charge - \$500.00
  - Inspection fee \$50.00 (6)

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Industrial Surcharge Rates. The following Industrial Surcharges wil be charged when billed to the Township by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department: a. Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) in excess of 275 mg/ 10.166 b. Total Suspended Solids (TSS) in excess of 350

mg/l 0.242 c. Phosphorus (P) in excess of 12 mg/l 3.072 d. Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG) in excess of 100 mg/l 0.888 SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS SECTION 2. AND BALANCE OF THE ORDINANCE. The balance of the Code of Ordinances, except as herein amended, shall remain in full force and effect. All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired or incurred at the time this amendatory Ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law enforced when they are commenced. This amendatory Ordinance shall not be construed to affect any right pending before the effective date of this amendatory Ordinance. SECTION 3. VIOLATION AND PENALTY. Any person, corporation, partnership or any other legal entity who shall violate or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance or any of the regulations adopted in pursuance thereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof may be fined not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, in the discretion of the Court.

Floor Detroit, MI 481226 CERTIFICATION STATE OF CHARTER COUNTY OF WAYNE I, Joyce D. MICHIGAN Williams, Clerk of the County Commission for the Charter County of Wayne, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that attached Resolution No. 2004-166 authorizing the vacation of a portion of Al-Smith Avenue, west of Lotz Road, north of Ford Road, Otis O. Rowe Subdivision in Canton Township was duly adopted by the Wayne County Commission at the FIFTH DAY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING on the FOURTH DAY of March, 2004 by the following vote: Yeas: Commissioners Bankes, Beard, Bell, Boike, C. Cavanagh, P. Cavanagh, Hubbard, Keyatta, Palamara, Varga, Williams, Vice-Chair Pro Tempore Blackwell, Vice-Chair Sullivan, Charwoman Ware - 14 Nays: None Not Voting:None Abstained: None Excused: Commissioner Parker -1 I further certify that the attached Resolution is a true, correct, and complete transcript of the original of said Resolution appearing on file and of record to my office and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been available as required by said Act.. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, that the attached Resolution is a true, correct, and complete transcript of the original of said Resolution appearing on file and of record in my office and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Wayne this 4th day of March, 2004 A.D. Joyce D. Williams Clerk of the Commission Charter County of Wayne, MI Item

REQUEST FOR BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER FOR 3. WAYNE COUNTY Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to authorize increasing Purchase Order No. 44073 for Wayne County to \$20,000 (account no. 207-301-829-0000, Care of Prisoners). Motion carried unanimously. <u>GENERAL</u> <u>CALENDAR:</u> Item 1. CONSIDER AMENDMENT #1 TO THE HAMLET PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the resolution for the Amendment #1 to the Hamlet Planned Development District. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Amendment #1 to the Hamlet PUD

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Richard Lewiston, has requested approval of an amendment to the Hamlet Planned Unit Development

Agreement, located West of Denton Roads, north and south of Proctor Road; (Tax ID #'s 075 99 0012 000,075 99 0013 000, 075 99 0014 000, 076 99 0001 000, 076 99 0006 000, 076 99 0007 001, 117 99 0002 000, 117 99 0003 000, 118 99 0001 000, 118 99 0002 000, 118 99 0003 000, 118 99 0004 000, 118 99 0005 000, 120 99 0001 000. ); and WHEREAS, the Planning Commission reviewed the amendment, made a recommendation to APPROVE the requested amendment as proposed. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby approve the request of the petitioner, Mr. Richard Lewiston, to approve Amendment #1 to the Hamlet Planned Unit Development Agreement, subject to any and all state and local development regulations and further subject to any conditions recommended by the Planning Commission and staff, as described in the analysis and recommendation attached hereto and made a part hereof. Item 2. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE FOR VICTORY LANE OIL CHANGE Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt the resolution to approve the Special Land Use for Victory Lane Oil Change. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Special Use for Victory Lane Oil Change

WHEREAS, the Project Sponsor, Mr. Lonnie Zimmerman, has requested special use approval for an automobile service establishment, Victory Lane Oil Change, to be located on Michigan Avenue between Haggerty and Lilley Roads, identified as EDP # 137-99-0016-000 and 137-99-0017-000; and, WHEREAS, the Planning Commission found the proposed special use to be consistent with the development objectives of the Township and recommended approval; and WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed special use and determines the proposal to be consistent with the Zoning Ordinance regulations and development objectives subject to the conditions described in the analysis and recommendation form attached hereto and made a part hereof. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton, Michigan does hereby APPROVE the request of the Project Sponsor, Mr. Lonnie Zimmerman, to conduct the special use for the proposed Victory Lane Oil Change subject to compliance with any conditions contained herein and all other regulations of the Township. Item 3. CONSIDER APPROVAL FOR GIS MAPPING SPECIALIST TO ATTEND THE ESRI INTERNATIONAL USERS CONFERENCE IN SAN DIEGO CA. AUGUST 9-13. 2004 Motion by Bennett by Burdizak to approve the request for the GIS Mapping Specialist to travel to San Diego, CA to attend the 24th Annual ESRI International Users Conference, August 9-13, 2004 to be paid from Planning Services 2004 Conference & Seminars line item (101-853-951-0000) in an amount not to exceed \$2,500.00. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. FIRST READING TO THE AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE CHAPTER 46, SECTION 533, FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to introduce, table and publish on July 1, 2004 for the first reading to the Ordinance Chapter 46, Section 533, Furnishing Alcohol to a Minor. The Second Reading will be on July 13, 2004 with publication and effective date on July 22, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

EXHIBIT A LOTZ ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS (MICHIGAN AVENUE, SOUTH

APPROXIMATELY 1,660 LINEAL FEET) SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2003-2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project involves the construction of a 10-inch non-reinforced concrete pavement, both with and without curb, the construction of asphalt and concrete drives and asphalt shoulders, all including the necessary grading and restoration work within the road right-ofway. I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular meeting held on Tuesday. June 22nd, 2004 at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time and that the said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Township Clerk CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. SECOND READING-AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE, WATER CONSTRUCTION CHARGES, WATER CONNECTION-APPLICANT TAPS, BY-PASS METER CHARGE, INDUSTRIAL WASTE CONTROL AND INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE RATES Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to remove from the table and adopt the amendment to the Water Supply and Sewer System Ordinance No. 30 (T). The ordinance amendment will be published on July 1, 2004 and effective on July 1, 2004. The proposed changes adjust the City of Detroit Water & Sewerage Department Industrial Waste Control (IWC) service charge (account no. 592-000-644-0000 and 592-441-923-0000) and Industrial Surcharge (for specific customers) pass through cost for all commercial and industrial sewer users effective July 1, 2004. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 74 UTILITIES SECTION 74-83. SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 74 UTILITIES, ARTICLE II TOWNSHIP WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS, DIVISION 2. FINANCIAL MATTERS, SUBDIVISION II. RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION 74-83. SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ PROVIDING FOR A NEW WATER CONSTRUCTION CHARGE; PROVIDING FOR A NEW WATER CONNECTION APPLICATION TAP CHARGE; PROVIDING FOR A NEW CHARGE FOR FIRE LINE SYSTEM BY-PASS METER AND TOWNSHIP INSPECTION; PROVIDING FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL WASTE CHARGE (IWC) RATES; PROVIDING FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL SURCHARGE RATES; PROVIDING FOR THE SAVINGS OF ALL PENDING PROCEEDINGS AND BALANCE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR VIOLATION AND PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY OF ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE. THE CHARTER

#### SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.

8.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof. SECTION 5. CONSTRUCTION OF ORDINANCE.

This Ordinance shall be liberally construed in such manner as to best effectuate its purpose. The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed, if possible, in such manner as to make such provisions compatible and consistent with the provisions of all existing Ordinances of the Township and all amendments thereto. SECTION 6. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING SECTIONS.

Portions of Section 74-83. of the Code of Ordinances of the Charter Township of Canton are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this amendatory Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance becomes effective on the day of \_\_\_, 2004 after publication of the second reading.

This Ordinance was duly adopted and/or considered by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular Board meeting called on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004 and was ordered given publication in the manner required by law.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON By: TERRY BENNETT Its: Clerk

Introduced:				Published:
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Item 2. CONSIDER MOTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF AL SMITH AVENUE LOCATED WEST OF LOTZ, SOUTH OF FORD ROAD. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin that the Charter Township of Canton does hereby release, vacate, abandon and terminate any and all interest it may have pursuant to a certain Resolution of the Wayne County Commission dated March 4, 2004, which was recorded on March 15, 2004 by the Wayne County Register of Deeds in Liber 40296, Page 733, Wayne County Records, to the intent that such interest in vacation shall henceforth cease. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION No. 2004-166 By Commissioner Sullivan

WHEREAS, - pursuant to petition and in accordance with the provisions of Section 18, Chapter IV, Act No. 283 of the Public Acts 1909, as

amended, the Wayne County Department of Public Services has determined that all the occupants and adjoining owners have signed a petition to vacate property herein described; and WHEREAS, pursuant to said petition, the County Executive has determined that it is advisable to absolutely abandon and discontinue: All of that portion of Al Smith Avenue, 60 feet wide, adjoining Lots 17 & 18, inclusive, and also that portion adjoining the previously vacated Keystone (Gladstone Ave., as platted) to a prolongated line of the South line of Lot 16, to the East line of said Subdivision, as dedicated to the use of the public in the Otis O. Rowe Sub., being E. a subdivision in the N.W. 1/4 of the N. E. 1/4 of Sec. 13, T.2.S., R.8., Canton Twp., Wayne County, Mich., as recorded in L:iber 63 of Plats on Page 13, Wayne County Records; and WHEREAS,

the premises were reviewed in accordance with said statute; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wayne County Commission this 4th day of March, 2004 declares it is in the best interest of the public that the above described County road be absolutely abandoned and discontinued, and that said road is hereby absolutely abandoned and discontinued with reservation of an easement therein for existing public utilities and sewer purposes. (2004-30-001) WHEN RECORDED RETURN TO: S. M. Rutkowski Wayne County DPS, Real Estate 415 Clifford St., 3rd

#### STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON AMENDMENT TO FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE BY AMENDING CHAPTER 46, FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS OF ALCOHOL SALE TO MINORS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

#### THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO THE CODE. Chapter 46, Section 533 is hereby amended to read as follows:

C. SALE, FURNISHING TO PERSONS UNDER TWENTY-ONE.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly sell or furnish alcoholic liquor to a person who is less than twenty-one (21) years of age, or to fail to make diligent inquiry as to whether the person is less than twenty-one (21) years of age. A person found to be in violation of this Section, except as specified in subsection  $\underline{2}$ , shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars, or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

If a violation of this subsection is the result of an undercover operation in which the minor received alcoholic liquor under the direction of the State Police, the Commission, or a local police agency as part of an enforcement action. the retail licensee's clerk, agent, or employee is responsible for a Civil Infraction and may be ordered to pay a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

3. In an action for a violation of this Section, proof that the defendant or the defendant's agent or employee demanded and was shown, before furnishing alcoholic liquor to a person under twentyone (21) years of age, a motor vehicle operator's license or a registration certificate issued by the federal selective service, or other bona fide documentary evidence of the age and identity of that person, shall be a defense.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY. If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not have been included in this. Ordinance.

SECTION 3. **REPEAL** OF CONFLICTING **ORDINANCES.** All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE.

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

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PUBLICATION. SECTION 5.

\_Adopted:

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. EFFECTIVE DATE. SECTION 6.

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take full force and effect upon pubcation as required by law.

#### CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the \_ dav of 2004. and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. TERRY BENNETT, Introduced: Clerk

**Published**:

Effective: Item 5. APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF BOARDROOM AUDIO/VISUAL EQUIPMENT Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the bid from Roscor Corporation for the purchase and installation of Audio/Visual equipment for the Township Board Meeting room in the amount of \$155,453 (account no. 230-250-977-0000). Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. AMEND CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RETIREMENT PLAN Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak to approve the proposed Third Amendment to the Charter Township of Canton Retirement Plan and to authorize the Township clerk to sign the appropriate Plan documents. Motion carried unanimously. THIRD AMENDMENT TO CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON RETIREMENT PLAN THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Canton, (the "Employer") has established the Charter Township of Canton Retirement Plan, initially effective July 1, 1967 (the "Plan") for the benefit of certain eligible employees; and **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority provided in Article VII, section 7.1 of the Plan, the Employer reserves the right to amend the Plan at any time, subject to the limitation of that Section of the Plan; and WHEREAS, the Employer hereby desires to exercise its right to amend the Plan as follows

1. Definition of 415 Compensation The definition of "415 Compensation", Highly Compensated employee", and "Key Employee" are amended by the addition of the following paragraph: For limitation years beginning on and after January 1, 2001, for purposes of applying the limitations described in the Section of the Plan entitled "Maximum Annual Additions," compensation paid or made available during such limitation years shall include elective amounts that are not includible in the gross income of the Participant by reason of Code Section 132 (f) (4).

This amendment shall also apply to the definition of compensation for purposes of the Sections entitled "Highly Compensated Employee" and Key Employee" for Plan Years beginning on and after January 1, 2001. 2. Definition of Compensation The definition of Compensation is amended by the addition of the following paragraph: For Plan Years beginning on and after January 1, 2001, "Compensation" shall include Elective amounts that are not includible in the gross income of the Participant by reason of Code Section 132 (f)  $(\overline{4})$ . 3. Article IV, Section 4.10 (a), shall be modified as follows: The definition of "414 (s) Compensation" is amended by the addition of the following paragraph: For Plan years beginning on and after January 1, 2001, "414 (s) Compensation" shall include elective amounts that are not includible in the gross income of the Participant by reason of Code Section 132 (f) (4). 4. Article IV, Section 4.10 (a), shall be modified as follows: The amount of excess aggregate contributions under the Plan subject to the requirements of Section 401 (m) will be determined in the following manner. First, determine how much the actual contribution ratio (ACR) of the highly compensated employee with the highest ACR would have to be reduced to satisfy the actual contribution percentage (ACP) test or cause such ratio to equal the ACR of the highly compensated employee with the next highest ratio. Second, this process is repeated until the ACP test would be satisfied. The amount of excess aggregate contributions is equal to the sum of these hypothetical reductions multiplied, in each case, by the highly compensated employee's compensation. Distribution (or forfeiture, if applicable) of excess aggregate contributions shall be made on the basis of the respective amounts attributable to each highly compensated employee. The highly compensated employees subject to actual distribution or forfeiture are determined using the "dollar leveling method" starting with the highly compensated employee with the greatest dollar amount of employee, matching and other contributions treated as matching contributions for the plan year and continuing until the amount of the excess aggregate contributions has been accounted for. 5. Article VI, section 6.5, Distribution of Benefits, page 35, beginning with item (c) and through (g) 2 shall be deleted in it's entirety and replaced with the following: (c) Notwithstanding any provisions in the Plan to the contrary, the distribution of a Participant's benefits shall be made in accordance with the following requirements and shall otherwise comply with code Section 401 (a)(9)-2), the provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference: (1) A Participant's benefits shall be distributed or must begin to be distributed not later than April 1st of the calendar year following the later of: (i) the calendar year in which the Participant attains age 70 1/2 or (ii) the calendar year in which the Participant retires, provided, however that this clause (ii) shall not apply in the case of a Participant who is a "five (5) percent owner" at any time during the Plan Year ending with or within the calendar year in which such owner attains age 70 \_. Such distributions shall be equal to or greater than any required distribution. (2) Distributions to a Participant and the Participant's Beneficiaries shall be only made in accordance with the incidental death benefit requirements of Code Section 401(a)(9)(G) and the Regulations thereunder. With respect to distributions under the Plan for calendar years beginning on or after January 1, 2002, the Plan will apply the minimum distribution requirements of Code Section 401(a)(9) in accordance with the Regulations under Code Section 401(a)(9) that were proposed on January 17, 2001, notwithstanding any provisions of the Plan to the contrary. This amendment shall continue in effect until the end of the last calendar year beginning before the effective date of final Regulations under Code Section 401(a)(9) or such other date specified in guidance published by the Internal Revenue Service. (d) For purposes of this Section, the life expectancy of a Participant and a Participant's spouse may, at the election of the Participant or the Participant's spouse be redetermined in accordance with Regulations. The election, once made, shall be irrevocable. If no election is made by the time distributions must commence, then the life expectancy of the Participant and the Participant's spouse shall not be subject to recalculation. Life expectancy and joint and last survivor expectancy shall be computed using the return multiples in Tables V and VI of Regulation 1.72-9. (e) All annuity Contracts under this Plan shall be non-transferable when distributed. Furthermore, the terms of any annuity Contract purchased and distributed to a Participant or spouse shall comply with all of the requirements of the Plan. 3. 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The amount of excess aggregate contributions is equal to the sum of these hypothetical reductions multiplied, in each case, by the highly compensated employee's compensation. Distribution (or forfeiture, if applicable) of excess aggregate contributions shall be made on the basis of the respective amounts attributable to each highly compensated employee. The highly compensated employees subject to actual distribution or forfeiture are determined using the "dollar leveling method" starting with the highly compensated employee with the greatest dollar amount of employee, matching and other contributions treated as matching contributions for the plan year and continuing until the amount of the excess aggregate contributions has been accounted for. 5. Article VI. Section 6.5. 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The Employer shall have the right at any time to terminate the Plan by delivering to the Trustee and Administrator written notice of such termination. Upon any full or partial termination, all amounts credited to the affected Participants Combined Accounts shall become 100% Vested as provided in Section 6.4 and shall not thereafter be subject to forfeiture, and all unallocated amounts, including Forfeitures, shall be allocated to the accounts of all Participants in accordance with the provisions hereof. (d) Upon the full termination of the Plan, the Employer shall direct the distribution of the assets of the Trust Fund to Participants in a manner which is consistent with and satisfies the provisions of Section 6.5. Distributions to a Participant shall be made in cash or through the purchase of irrevocable nontransferable deferred commitments from an insurer. 7. Article I, Section 1.22, paragraph 2 shall be revised to read as follows:

For Plan Years beginning January 1, 1998, for purposes of 1.22this Section, the determination of "415 Compensation" shall include any elective deferral (as defined in Code Section 402(g)(3) or 403(b); and any amount which is contributed or deferred by the Employer at the election of the Participant and which is not includible in the gross income of the Participant by reason of Code Sections 125 or 457. 8. Article I, Section 1.23, paragraph 2, shall be revised as follows: 1.23 For Plan Years beginning January 1, 1998, for purposes of this Section, the determination of "414(s) Compensation" shall be made by excluding amounts which are contributed by the Employer pursuant to a salary reduction agreement and which are not includible in the gross income of the Participant under Code Sections 125, 402(e)(3), 402(h)(1)(B), 403(b) or 457(b), and Employee contributions described in Code Section 414(h)(2) that are treated as Employer contributions. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Amendment has been executed this \_day 2004. Name of of

Employer\_\_\_\_\_By:\_\_\_\_Its:\_\_\_\_ Certification of Resolution The undersigned Clerk, of the Charter Township of Canton hereby certifies that the following resolution was duly adopted on 2004, and that such resolution has not been modified or rescinded as of the date hereof; NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Third Amendment to the Charter Township of Canton Retirement Plan is hereby approved and adopted and that the proper agents are hereby authorized and directed to deliver to the Administrator of the Plan an executed copy of the amendment. The undersigned Clerk, of the Charter Township of Canton, further certifies that a true copy of the Amendment to the Charter Township of Canton is attached and made a part of this certification on this dav 2004. Terry Bennett, Clerk Charter Township of of Canton

Item 7. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIMITED TAX OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2004 - FIRE STATION Motion** by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Resolution Authorizing Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) and authorize the Township Supervisor and Clerk to sign the documents. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Nays: Shefferly Motion carried . **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS. SERIES 2004** Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Issuer"), held on June 22, 2004, at 7:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time. PRESENT: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo The following preamble and resolution were offered by Bennett and supported by Kirchgatter. WHEREAS, the Issuer does hereby determine that it is necessary to acquire, construct, furnish and equip a fire station and the site therefore together with all necessary and related appurtenances and attachments therefore (the "Project"); and WHEREAS, the cost of the Project is estimated to be not less than Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000); and WHEREAS, to finance the cost of the Project, the Township Board deems it necessary to borrow the principal sum of Two Million five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) and issue capital improvement bonds pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001 ("Act 34"). to pay all or part of the cost of the Project; and WHEREAS, a notice of intent was published in accordance with Act 34 which provides that the capital improvement bonds may be issued without a vote of the electors of the Issuer unless a proper petition for an election on the question of the issuance of the bonds is filed with the Township Clerk within a period of forty-five (45) days from the date of publication; and WHEREAS, no petition for referendum has been filed. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. <u>Authorization of Bonds; Bond Terms</u>. Bonds of the Issuer designated LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2004 (the "Bonds") are authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal sum of not to exceed Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of the Project, including costs incidental to the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds. The issue shall consist of bonds in full-registered form of the denomination of \$5,000, or multiples thereof not exceeding for each maturity the maximum principal amount of that maturity, numbered consecutively in order of registration, dated as of August 1, 2004. The Bonds shall bear interest, mature and be payable at the times and in the manner set forth in Sections 6 and 7 hereof. The Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity in the manner and at the times and prices set forth in Sections 6 and 7 hereof. Interest shall be payable to the registered owner of record as of the 15th day of the month prior to the payment date for each interest payment. The record date of determination of registered owner for purposes of payment of interest as provided in this paragraph may be changed by the Issuer to conform to market practice in the future. Interest shall be payable to the registered owner of record as of the 15th day of the month preceding the payment date for each interest payment. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable upon presentation and surrender to the Transfer Agent (as defined below). Unless waived by any registered owner of Bonds to be redeemed, official notice of redemption shall be given by the Transfer Agent on behalf of the Issuer. Such notice shall be dated and shall contain at a minimum the following information: original issue date; maturity dates, interest rates; CISIP numbers, if any; certificate numbers (and in the case of partial redemption) the called amounts of each certificate; the place where the Bonds called for redemption are to be surrendered fro payment, and that interest on the Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date. In addition, further notice shall be given by the Transfer Agent in such manner as may be required or suggested by regulations or market practice at the applicable time, but no defect in such further notice nor any failure to give all or any portion of such further notice shall in any manner defeat the effectiveness of a call for redemption if notice thereof is given as prescribed herein. The Bonds shall be issued in book-entry only form through The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York ("DTC") and the Township Finance Director and Treasurer are each authorized to execute such custodial or other agreement with DTC as may be necessary to accomplish the issuance of the Bonds in book-entry form and to make such changes in the Bond Form within the parameters of this resolution as may be required to accomplish the foregoing. J. P. Morgan Trust Company, Detroit, Michigan, is hereby appointed to serve as bond registrar, paying agent and transfer agent (the "Transfer Agent") for this issue. The

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Issuer reserves the right to replace the Transfer Agent at any time upon written notice to the registered owners of record of the Bonds not less than sixty (60) days prior to an interest payment date 2. Execution of Bonds. The Bonds of this issue shall be executed in the name of the Issuer with the facsimile signatures of the Supervisor and the Clerk of the Issuer and shall have the seal of the Issuer, or a facsimile thereof, printed or impressed on the Bonds. No Bond shall be valid until authenticated by an authorized officer or representative of the Transfer Agent. The bonds shall be delivered to the Transfer Agent for authentication and be delivered by the Transfer Agent to the purchaser or other person in accordance with instructions from the Treasurer of the Issuer upon payment of the purchase price for the Bonds in accordance with the bid therefore when accepted. 3. Transfer of Bonds. The Transfer Agent shall keep the books of registration for this issue on behalf of the Issuer. Any Bond may be transferred upon such registration books by the registered owner of record, in person or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the Bond for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the Transfer Agent. Whenever any Bond or Bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the Issuer shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver a new Bond or Bonds for like aggregate principal amount. The Transfer Agent shall require to be paid with respect to the transfer. 4. Limited Tax Pledge: Debt Retirement Fund: Defeasance of Bonds. The Issuer hereby pledges its limited tax full faith and credit for the prompt payment of the Bonds. The Issuer shall each budget the amount of the debt service coming due in the next fiscal year on the principal of and interest on the Bonds and shall advance as a first budget obligation from its general funds available therefor, or, if necessary, levy taxes upon all taxable property in the Issuer subject to applicable constitutional and statutory tax rate limitations, such sums as may be necessary to pay such debt service in said fiscal year. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to open a depositary account with a band or trust company designated by the Township Board, to be designated 2004 LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS DEBT RETIREMENT FUND (the "Debt Retirement Fund"), the moneys to be deposited into the Debt Retirement Fund to be specifically earmarked and used solely for the purpose of paying principal of and interest on the Bonds as they mature. In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay at maturity or irrevocable call for earlier optional redemption, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds, shall be deposited in trust, this resolution shall be defeased and the owners of the Bonds shall have no further rights under this resolution except to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains thereon and to transfer and exchange Bonds as provided herein. 5. Construction Fund; Proceeds of Bond Sale. The Township Treasurer is authorized and directed to open a separate depositary account with a band or trust company designated by the Township Board, to be designated LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS CONSTRUCTION FUND (the "Construction Fund") and deposit into said Construction Fund the proceeds of the Bonds less accrued interest and premium, it any, which shall be deposited into the Debt Retirement Fund. The moneys in the Construction Fund shall be used solely to pay the costs of the Project and the costs of issuance of the Bonds. 6. Bond Form. The Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS SERIES 2004 Interest Maturity Date of

CUSIP <u>Date</u> <u>Original Issue</u> Rate October 1, 20\_\_ **Registered** Owner: Principal Amount:

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The Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Issuer"), acknowledges itself to owe and for value received hereby promises to pay to the Registered Owner specified above, or registered assigns, the Principal Amount specified above, in lawful money of the United States of America, on the Maturity Date specified above, unless prepaid prior thereto as hereinafter provided, with interest thereon from the Date of Original Issue specified above or such later date to which interest has been paid, until paid, at the Interest Rate per annum specified above; first payable on April 1, 2005 and semiannually thereafter. Principal of this bond is payable at the designated office of J.P. Morgan Trust Company, Detroit, Michigan, or such other transfer agent as the Issuer may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner not less than sixty (60) days prior to any interest payment date (the "Transfer Agent"). Interest on this bond is payable to the registered owner of record as of the fifteenth (15th) day of the month preceding the interest payment date as shown on the registration books of the Issuer kept by the Transfer Agent by check or draft mailed to the registered owner of record at the registered address. For prompt payment of this bond, both principal and interest, the full faith, credit and resources of the Issuer are hereby irrevocably pledged. This bond is one of a series of bonds aggregating the principal sum of \$2,500,000, issued for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of certain capital improvements for the Issuer. This bond is issued under the provisions of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, and a duly adopted resolution of the Issuer. Bonds of this issue shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. This bond is transferable only upon the registration books of the Issuer kept by the Transfer Agent by the registered owner of record in person, or by the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the Transfer Agent duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new registered bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the resolution authorizing this bond and upon the payment of the charges, if any, therein prescribed. This bond, including the interest thereon, is payable as a first budget obligation from the general funds of the Issuer, and the Issuer is required, if necessary, to levy ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the Issuer for the payment thereof, subject to applicable constitutional and statutory tax rate limitations. It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law to be done, precedent to and in the issuance of this bond and the series of bonds of which this is one, exist and have been done and performed in regular and due form and time as required by law, and that the total indebtedness of the Issuer, including this bond, does not exceed any constitutional and statutory debt limitation. This bond is not valid or obligatory for any purpose until the Transfer Agent's Certificate of Authentication on this bond has been executed by the Transfer Agent. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Issuer, by its Township Board, has caused this bond to be signed in the name of the Issuer by the facsimile signatures of its Supervisor and Clerk and a facsimile of its corporate seal to be printed hereon, all as of the Date of Original Issue.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON County of Wayne State of n By \_\_\_\_\_\_[facsimile] \_\_\_\_\_\_Its Mayor (SEAL)By \_\_[facsimile] \_\_\_\_\_\_Its Clerk (Form of Transfer Agent's Michigan By \_ Certificate of Authentication) DATE OF AUTHENTICATION CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION

This bond is one of the bonds described in the within-mentioned resolution.

Transfer Agent By Authorized Signatory Bond printer to insert form of assignment]

Notice of Sale. The Township Clerk is authorized to 7. upon receipt of notice of qualified status under Act 34 fix a date of sale for the Bonds; and publish notice of sale of the Bonds in The Bond Buyer, New York, New York, which notice of sale shall be in substantially the following form:

#### OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE \$2,500,000 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN

#### LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2004

SEALED OR FAXED BIDS: Bidders may submit bids for the purchase of the above bonds as follows:

**SEALED BIDS:** will be received by the undersigned at the Offices of the Township Clerk located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188 on \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004 until \_\_:00 \_.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids will also be received at the same time and date at the offices of Bendzinski & Co. 607 Shelby, Suite 600, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

FAXED BIDS: Signed bids may be submitted at the offices of Bendzinski & Co. at (313) 961-8222, provided that faxed bids must arrive before the time of sale and the bidder bears all risks of transmission failure and the GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT MUST BE MADE AND RECEIVED as described in the section contained "GOOD FAITH" below.

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ELECTRONIC BIDS: Electronic bids will also be received on the same date and until the same time by Bidcomp/Parity as agent of the undersigned. Further information about Bidcomp/Parity, including any fee charged, may be obtained from Bidcomp/Parity, Anthony Leyden or CLIENT SERVICES, 40 West 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010, (212) 404-8102. NO ELECTRONIC BID WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THE BIDDER HAS SUBMITTED A FINANCIAL SURETY BOND OR A CERTIFIED OR CASHIERS CHECK IN THE AMOUNT DESCRIBED IN THE SECTION CAPTIONED "GOOD FAITH" BELOW. IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS NOTICE OS SALE SHALL CONFLICT WITH INFORMATION PROVIDED BY BIDCOMP/PARITY, AS THE APPROVED PROVIDER OF ELECTRONIC BIDDING SERVICES, THIS NOTICE OF SALE SHALL CONTROL

Bidders may choose any means or location to present bids but a bidder may not present a bid in more than one location or by more than one means.

BOND DETAILS: The bonds will be registered bonds of the denomination of \$5,000 or multiples thereof not exceeding for each maturity the maximum principal amount of that maturity, originally dated as August 1, 2004, numbered in order of registration, and will bear interest from their date payable on April 1, 2005, and semiannually thereafter,

The bonds will mature on the 1st day of October in each of the years, as follows:

Year	Amount		
2005	\$150,000		
2006, 2007 and 2008	200,000		,
2009 and 2010	250,000		
2011 and 2012	300,000		
2013 and 2014	325,000		
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PRIOR REDEMPTION OF BONDS: Bonds of this issue shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity.

**INTEREST RATE AND BIDDING DETAILS:** The bonds shall bear interest at rate or rates not exceeding 6% per annum, to be fixed by the bids therefor, expressed in multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%, or both. The interest on any one bond shall be at one rate only and all bonds maturing in any one year must carry the same interest rate. No proposal for the purchase of less than all of the bonds or at a price less than 99% of their par value will be considered.

BOOK-ENTRY ONLY: The bonds will be issued in book-entry only form as one fully registered bond per maturity and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as bondholder and nominee for The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"), New York, New York. DTC will act as securities depository for the bonds. Purchase of the bonds will be made in book-entry-only form, in the denomination of \$5,000 or any multiple thereof. Purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interest in bonds purchased.

TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRATION: Principal shall be payable at the principal corporate trust office of J.P. Morgan Trust Company, Detroit, Michigan, or such other transfer agent as the Township may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner of record not less than 60 days prior to an interest payment date. Interest shall be paid by check mailed to the registered owner of record as shown on the registration books of the Township as of the 15th day prior to an interest payment date. The bonds will be transferred only upon the registration books of the Township kept by the transfer agent. <u>PURPOSE AND SECURITY</u>: The bonds are authorized for

the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of certain capital improvements together with all necessary appurtenances and attachments therefor in the Township. The bonds will be a first budget obligation of the Township, payable as a first budget obligation from the general funds of the Township including the collection of ad valorem taxes on all taxable property in the Township subject to applicable constitutional and statutory tax rate limitations. The rights or remedies of bondholders may be affected by bankruptcy insolvency, fraudulent conveyance or other laws affecting creditors' rights generally now existing or hereafter enacted and by the application of general principles of equity including those relating to equitable subordination.

GOOD FAITH: A certified or cashier's check drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company or a Financial Surety Bond, in the amount of \$25,000, and payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Township is required for each bid as a guaranty of good faith on the part of the bidder, to be forfeited as a portion of the Township's damages if such bid be accepted and the bidder fails to take up and pay for the bonds. If a check is used, it must accompany each bid. If a Financial Surety Bond is used, it must be from an insurance company licensed to issue such a bond in the State of Michigan and such Bond must be submitted to the Township's financial advisor at least one hour prior to the opening of the bids. The Financial Surety Bond must identify each bidder whose good faith deposit is guaranteed by such Financial Surety Bond. If the bonds are awarded to a bidder utilizing a Financial Surety Bond, then that purchaser (the "Purchaser") is required to submit its good faith deposit to the Township in the form of a cashier's check (or wire transfer such amount as instructed by the Township not later than Noon, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, on the next business day following the award. If such good faith deposit is not received by that time, the Financial Surety Bond may be drawn upon by the Township to satisfy the good faith deposit requirement. The good faith deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the bonds. In the event the purchaser fails to honor its accepted bid, the good faith deposit will be retained by the Township. No interest shall be allowed on the good faith check and checks of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to each bidder's representative or by overnight delivery. The good faith check of the successful bidder will be cashed and payment for the balance of the purchase price of the bonds shall be made at the closing. AWARD OF BONDS: The bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid produces the lowest true interest cost determined in the following manner: the lowest true interest cost will be the single interest rate (compounded on October 1, 2005 and semi annually thereafter) necessary to discount the debt service payments from their respective payment dates to \_\_\_\_\_ 1, 2004, in an amount equal to the bid price, excluding accrued interest. TAX MATTERS: In the opinion of bond counsel, assuming compliance with certain covenants, interest on the bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes as described in the opinion, and the bonds and interest thereon are exempt from all taxation in the State of Michigan except inheritance and estate taxes and taxes on gains realized from the sale, payment or other disposition thereof. The successful bidder will be required to furnish, prior to the delivery of the bonds, a certificate in a form acceptable to bond counsel as to the "issue price" of the bonds within the meaning of Section 1273 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. "QUALIFIED TAX EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS": The Township has designated the bonds as "qualified tax exempt obligations" for purposes of deduction of interest by financial institutions. LEGAL OPINION: Bids shall be conditioned upon the approving opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., attorneys of Detroit, Michigan, a copy of which opinion will be furnished without expense to the purchaser of the bonds at the delivery thereof. The fees of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. for services rendered in connection with such approving opinion are expected to be paid from bond proceeds. Except to the extent necessary to issue its approving opinion as to validity of the above bonds. Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. has not been requested to examine or review and has not examined or reviewed any financial documents, statements or materials that have been or may be furnished in connection with the authorization. issuance or marketing of the bonds, and accordingly will not express any opinion with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any such financial documents, statements or materials. **DELIVERY OF BONDS:** The Township will furnish bonds ready for execution at its expense. Bonds will be delivered without expense to the purchaser at Detroit, Michigan, or such other place to be agreed upon. The usual closing documents, including a certificate that no litigation is pending affecting the issuance of the bonds, will be delivered at the time of delivery of the bonds. If the bonds are not tendered for delivery by twelve o'clock noon, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, on the 45th day following the date of sale, or the first business day thereafter if said 45th day is not a business day, the successful bidder may on that day, or any time thereafter until delivery of the bonds, withdraw his proposal by serving notice of cancellation, in writing, on the undersigned in which event the Township shall promptly return the good faith deposit. Payment for the bonds shall be made in Federal Reserve Funds. Accrued interest to the date of delivery of the bonds shall be paid by the purchaser at the time of delivery. OFFICIAL STATEMENT: A copy of the Official Statement relating to the Bonds may be obtained by contacting Bendzinski & Co., 607 Shelby, Suite 600, Detroit, Michigan 48226, telephone number: 313-961-8222, fax: 313-961-8220. The Official Statement is in a form deemed final by the Issuer for purposes of paragraph (b)(1) of SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), but is subject to revision, amendment and completion in a final Official Statement. After the award of the bonds, the Issuer will provide on a timely basis 100 copies of the final Official Statement, as that term is defined in paragraph (e)(3) of the rule, at the expense of the Issuer (and such

additional copies of the final Official Statement as reasonably requested by, and at the expense of, the successful bidder or bidders) to enable the successful bidder or bidders to comply with paragraph (b)(4) of the Rule and the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. Requests for such additional copies of the final Official Statement shall be made to Bendzinski & Co., at the above address within 24 hours of the award of the bonds.

**CONTINUING DISCLOSURE:** As described in greater detail in the Official Statement, the Issuer will agree in the resolution to provide or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") promulgated by the Securities and exchange Commission, (i) on or prior to the 1st day of the sixth month following the end of the fiscal year of the Township, commencing with the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, certain annual financial information and operating data, including audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year, (or if audited financial statements are not available, unaudited financial statements) generally consistent with the information contained or cross-referenced in the Official Statement relating to the Bonds, (ii) timely notice of the occurrence of certain material events with respect to the Bonds and (iii) timely notice of a failure by the Township to provide the required annual financial information on or before the date specified in (i) above **CUSIP** NUMBERS: It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on the bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any bonds nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for the bonds in accordance with terms of the purchase contract. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on the bonds shall be paid for by the Issuer; provided, however; that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of such numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser.FINANCIAL CONSULTANT: Further information relating to the bonds may be obtained from Bendzinski & Co., 607 Shelby, Suite 600, Detroit, Michigan 48226, telephone number: 313-961-8222, fax: 313-961-8220.

#### THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS.

ENVELOPES containing the bids should be plainly marked "Proposal for Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004." Terry G. Bennett Clerk Charter Township of Canton

Useful Life of Project. The estimated period of usefulness 8. of the Project is hereby declared to be not less than twenty (20) years.

Tax Covenant: Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations. The 9. Issuer shall, to the extent permitted by law, take all actions within its control necessary to maintain the exclusion of the interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), including, but not limited to, actions relating to any required rebate of arbitrage earnings and the expenditures and investment of Bond proceeds and moneys deemed to be Bond proceeds. The Issuer hereby designates the Bonds as "qualified tax exempt obligations" for purposes of deduction of interest expense by financial institutions pursuant to the Code.

Authorization of Other Actions. The Township Supervisor, 10. the Clerk and the Finance Director each is authorized to take all other actions necessary or advisable including the purchase of municipal bond insurance, and to make such other filings with the Michigan Department of Treasury, bond insurers or with other parties, to enable the sale and delivery of the Bonds as contemplated herein.

Continuing Disclosure. The Township hereby covenants 11. to comply with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") and appoints the Township Finance Director as its "Disclosure Representative" in accordance with the Rule. The Township Finance Director be and is hereby directed to undertake disclosure in accordance with the Rule.

Rescission. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar 12. as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. AYES: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Township Clerk I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on June 22, 2004, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Township Clerk Item 8. REQUEST TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to authorize the purchase of the following equipment for a total cost of \$67,735 with all expenses charged to account no. 402-302-975-6000: 1. Musical and theatrical equipment and accessories to Wenger Corporation at 555 Park Dr., P.O. Box 448, Owatonna, MN 55060 in the amount of \$38,022. 2. One Ricoh Aficio 1027 copier in the amount of \$5,162 from IKON Office Solutions; Great Lakes District, P.O. Box 802558, Chicago, IL 60680 under the State of Michigan Bid. 3. T1 Line and Server purchased under the State contract for an amount not to exceed \$11,200. 4. Computer Equipment from Microsource; 655 Fairfield Court, Ann Arbor, MI 48108 not to exceed \$6,643, 5.Benches from B. Nevins Limited; P.O. Box 108; Cat Spring, TX 78933 for a total cost of \$6,708. Motion carried unanimously. Item 9. CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR THE CHERRY HILL ROAD AND RIDGE ROAD PAVING & DRAINAGE SAD 2004-1 Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve Change Order #1 to Cadillac Asphalt, LLC in the amount of \$201,827.11 and increase the original contract from \$1,645,056.90 to the amount of \$1,846,884.01. Motion carried unanimously. Item 10. CONSIDER CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR DENTON ROAD PAVING AND DRAINAGE SAD 2004-2 Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the Change Order #1 to Cadillac Asphalt, LLC in the amount of \$270,202.08 and increase the original contract from \$1,113,900.72 to the amount of \$1,384,102.80. Motion carried unanimously. Item 11. CONSIDER EXTENDING THE 2003 SIDEWALK REPAIR CONTRACT WITH GAGLIO **BROTHER'S CORPORATION TO PERFORM REPAIRS FOR** 2004 Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to extend the 2003 Sidewalk Repair Program contract with Gaglio Brothers Corporation to complete the 2004 Sidewalk Repair Program for an amount not to exceed \$364,090.40. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve an amount not to exceed \$28,100 for Wade-Trim Associates to provide inspection services and to open a separate purchase order in their name. Of this total, \$23,400 shall be subtracted from the contract with Gaglio Brothers Corporation and authorize finance and budget to subtract any additional cost based on the per day rate of \$520 for an inspector day if the contractor exceeds the number of specified inspector days in the contract. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the following budget amendment for the 2004 Sidewalk Replacement Program: Motion carried unanimously. WATER AND SEWER FUND: Increase Revenues: Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$131,913.00 Increase Appropriations: Maint. & Repairs of Sidewalks #592-441-933-0000 \$131.913.00 Maint. & Repairs Sewer Lines #592-441-935-0000 \$131,913.00 Item 12. CONSIDER 2004 DUST CONTROL PROGRAM FOR LOCAL GRAVEL ROADS Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin, to authorize payment to Wayne County for the three (3) applications of dust control on local roads for the 2004 calendar year, in the amount of \$17,154.90, not to exceed \$18,000.00. Motion carried unanimously. The following roads are included in the 2004 program: Gorman Road - South of Ford Road, Herby - North of Geddes and North & South of Dionne, Dionne - West of Sheldon Road, Morton Taylor Road - North and South of Michigan Ave., Willard - South of Michigan Ave., Willard - North of Cherry Hill Road, Corrine - South of Michigan Ave., Washburn - South of Michigan Ave., Leopold - West of Corrine Street, Leopold - West of Sheldon Road, Artley - South of Michigan Ave., Murray Hill -Pilgrim Hills Subdivision, Bircklan - Pilgrim Hills Subdivision, Thornwood - Pilgrim Hills Subdivision, Topper Court - Pilgrim Hills Subdivision, Elmhurst - McIntyre Gardens Subdivision, Marlowe -South of Ford Road, Marlowe - North of Saltz Road, Gordon -Sheldon to Oakview, Brookline - North of Saltz Road, Brookline -South of Ford Road, Oakview - North of Saltz Road Item 13. APPROVAL TO UPDATE AND RELOCATE EXISTING SIREN Motion by Bennett, supported by Shefferly, to approve the request to relocate and update the siren at 1255 S. Beck Road, by West Shore Services, at a cost of \$7,690.00 (account no. 101-426-930-0000). Motion carried unanimously. Item 14. REQUEST FOR MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT TO COUNTY WIDE COMPUTER BASED LIVE-SCAN FINGERPRINT SYSTEM Motion by Bennett, supported by Burdziak, to approve the renewal of the maintenance contract for the Indentix Livescan System for a cost of \$7,895.00 (account no. 201-301-818-0000). Motion carried unanimously. Item 15.APPROVAL TO PURCHASE REPLACEMENT GENERATOR FOR FIRE VEHICLE 97-E2 (SQUIRT) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to approve the purchase of a new generator for fire vehicle 97-E2 (Squirt) from Cummins

Bridgeway for a cost of \$7,063.20 (account no. 203-336-932-0000). Motion carried unanimously. Item 16. APPROVAL TO PURCHASE COPIER FOR THE RECORDS BUREAU Motion by Bennett, supported/by Kirchgatter, to approve the purchase of a Ricoh Aficio 1027 copier through IKON for a cost not to exceed \$5,700 (account no. 207-301-977-0000). Motion carried unanimously. Item 17. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, SERIES 2004 Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter, to adopt the attached Resolution, Authorizing Issuance of Special Assessment Bonds, Series 2004 for Lotz Road Paving SAD 2003-02, Cherry Hill Road Paving SAD 2004-01 and Saltz Road Paving SAD 2004-03. Motion carried unanimously.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON COUNTY OF WAYNE,

STATE OF MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, SERIES 2004 (Limited Tax General Obligation)

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held on the 22nd day of June, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, in the Township. PRESENT: Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo The following preamble and resolution were offered by Bennett and supported by Kirchgatter: WHEREAS, various special assessment rolls (the "Rolls") for the construction of paving and drainage improvements in special assessment districts denominated as Special Assessment Districts 2004-01, 2003-02, and 2004-03 (the "Districts") in the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Township") have been prepared, reviewed and confirmed by the Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board has determined that it will be necessary to issue special assessment bonds pledging for their payment collections on the Roll; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The estimated period of usefulness of said improvements 1. is not less than fifteen (15) years.

Special assessment bonds shall be issued in the amount of 2. Four Million One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,100,000) (the "Bonds") in anticipation of the collection of an equal amount of future due installments on the Rolls, together with interest and investment income thereon as follows:

Special Assessment Roll 2004-01	Principal Amount Pledged \$2,000,000
2003-02	660,000
2004-03	1,440,000

The liability of each of the Rolls shall be limited to the principal amount thereof pledged as set forth above and interest and investment income thereon. In addition to the special assessments primarily pledged as aforesaid, the full faith, credit and resources of the Township shall be pledged secondarily for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due. If the pledged special assessments are not collected in amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as the same become due, the Township will promptly advance from its general funds as a first budget obligation sufficient moneys to pay said principal and interest, or, if necessary, levy taxes upon all taxable property in the Township therefor, subject to applicable charter, statutory and constitutional tax rate limitations.

The Bonds shall be designated SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, SERIES 2004 (LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION), consist of bonds registered as to principal and interest in the denomination of \$5,000 or multiples thereof not exceeding for each maturity the aggregate principal amount of that maturity, numbered in order of registration, dated August 1, 2004, and be payable annually on April 1 of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

	Year	Amount	". ·
•	2006 through 2013	\$400,000	
	2014 and 2015	375,000	
	2016, 2017 and 2018	50,000	
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4. The Bonds and shall bear interest at a rate or rates determined on sale thereof, but not exceeding six percent (6%) per annum, payable on April 1, 2005, and semiannually thereafter, by check or draft drawn on the Transfer Agent (hereinafter defined) mailed to the registered owner at the registered address as shown on the registration books of the Township maintained by the Transfer Agent. Interest shall be payable when due to the person or entity who or which is the registered owner of record as of the fifteenth (15th) day of the month prior to the payment date for each interest payment. The date of determination of the registered owner for purposes of payment of interest as provided in this paragraph may be changed by the Township to conform to market practice in the future. The principal of the Bonds shall be payable upon presentation and surrender thereof to the Transfer Agent. The Bonds shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity as provided in Section 9 of this Resolution. Unless waived by any registered owner of Bonds to be redeemed, official notice of redemption shall be given by the Transfer Agent on behalf of the Township. Such notice shall be dated and shall contain at a minimum the following information: Original issue date; maturity dates; interest rates; CUSIP numbers, if any; certificate numbers and in the case of partial redemption the called amounts of each certificate; the place where Bonds called for redemption are to be surrendered for payment; and that interest on Bonds or portions thereof called for redemption shall cease to accrue from and after the redemption date. In addition, further notice shall be given by the Transfer Agent in such manner as may be required or suggested by regulations or market practice at the applicable time, but no defect in such further notice nor any failure to give all or any portion of such further notice shall in any manner defeat the effectiveness of a call for redemption if notice thereof is given as prescribed herein. J.P. Morgan Trust Company, Detroit, Michigan, is hereby appointed as bond registrar, paying agent and transfer agent (the "Transfer Agent"). The Township may designate a new Transfer Agent by notice mailed to the registered owner of each of the Bonds at such time outstanding not less than sixty (60) days prior to an interest payment date. The Township Clerk is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Transfer Agent on behalf of the Township. 5. The Bonds shall be executed in the name of the Township with the manual or facsimile signatures of the Supervisor and the Township Clerk and shall have the Township's seal or a facsimile thereof printed or affixed on them. No bond authorized by this resolution shall be valid until authenticated by an authorized representative of the Transfer Agent. The Bonds shall be delivered to the Transfer Agent for authentication and shall be delivered by the Transfer Agent to the purchaser in accordance with instructions from the Treasurer of the Township upon payment of the purchase . price for the Bonds in accordance with the accepted bid therefor, Executed blank bonds for registration and issuance to transferees shall simultaneously, and from time to time thereafter as necessary. be delivered to the Transfer Agent for safekeeping. The Bonds may be issued in book-entry-only form through The Depository Trust Company in New York, New York, 6. Any bond authorized by this resolution may be transferred upon the books required to be kept by the Transfer Agent pursuant to this section by the person or entity in whose name it is registered, in person or by the registered owner's duly authorized attorney, upon surrender of the bond for cancellation, accompanied by delivery of a duly executed written instrument of transfer in a form approved by the Transfer Agent. Whenever any bond or bonds shall be surrendered for transfer, the Township shall execute and the Transfer Agent shall authenticate and deliver a new bond or bonds in like aggregate principal amount, maturity and maturity rate. The Transfer Agent shall require the payment by the bondholder requesting the transfer of any tax or other governmental charge required to be paid with respect to the transfer.

7. The Bonds shall be in substantially the following form: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA STATE OF MICHIGAN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BOND, SERIES 2004 (LIMITED TAX

	GENER	AL OBLIGATION)		_
Interest	Maturity	Date of		
Rate	Date	Original Issue	<u>Cusip</u>	
egistered Own	er:			

\_\_\_\_\_Dollars Principal Amount: \_\_ The Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Issuer"), promises to pay to the Registered Owner shown above, or registered assigns, the Principal Amount shown above, in lawful money of the United States of America, on the Maturity Date shown above, unless prepaid prior thereto as hereinafter provided, with interest thereon from the Date of Original Issue shown above, or such later date to which interest has been paid, until paid, at the Interest Rate per annum shown above, first payable on April 1, 2005, and semiannually thereafter. Principal of this bond is payable upon presentation and surrender at the corporate trust office of J. P. Morgan Trust Company, Detroit, Michigan, or such other transfer agent as the Issuer may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner not less than 60 days prior to any interest payment date. Interest on this bond is payable when due to the person or entity who or which is the registered owner as of the 15th day of the month preceding the pay-

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ment date as shown on the registration books of the Issuer maintained by the transfer agent, by check or draft mailed to the registered owner at the registered address. For the prompt payment of this bond, both principal and interest, the limited tax full faith, credit and resources of the Issuer are hereby irrevocably pledged. This bond is one of a series of bonds of even Date of Original Issue, aggregating the principal sum of \$4,100,000, issued in anticipation of the collection of special assessments in Special Assessment Districts No. 2004-01, 2003-02, and 2004-03 (the "Districts") of the Issuer for the purpose of paying part of the cost of paving and drainage improvements in the Districts, all in accordance with the provisions of Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, and a duly adopted resolution (the "Resolution") of the Issuer. Bonds of this issue maturing in the years 2006 to 2013, inclusive, shall not be subject to the redemption prior to maturity. Bonds or portions of bonds in multiples of \$5,000 of this issue maturing in the years 2014 to 2018, inclusive, shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the Issuer, in such order as the Issuer may determine and by lot within any maturity, on any interest payment date on or after April 1, 2013, at par and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. In case less than the full amount of an outstanding bond is called for redemption, the transfer agent, upon presentation to it of the bond called for redemption, shall register, authenticate and deliver to the registered owner of record a new bond in the principal amount of the portion of the original bond not called for redemption. Notice of redemption shall be given to the registered owners of bonds or portions thereof called for redemption by mailing of such notice not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered addresses of the registered owners of record. Bonds shall be called for redemption in multiples of \$5,000 and bonds of denominations of more than \$5,000 shall be treated as representing the number of bonds obtained by dividing the denomination of the bond by \$5,000, and such bonds may be redeemed in part. Bonds so called for redemption shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption provided bunds are on hand with the transfer agent to redeem said bonds or portions thereof. This bond, including the interest thereon, is payable primarily out of special assessments to be collected on the lands situated in the aforesaid Districts. In case of insufficiency of said special assessment collections, this bond is payable as a first budget obligation out of the general funds of the Issuer, including the collection of any ad valorem taxes which the Issuer is authorized to levy, subject to applicable charter, statutory and constitutional tax rate limitations. This bond is transferable only upon the books of the Issuer kept for that purpose at the office of the transfer agent by the registered owner hereof in person, or by the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon the surrender of this bond together with a written instrument of transfer satisfactory to the transfer agent duly executed by the registered owner or the registered owner's attorney duly authorized in writing, and thereupon a new registered bond or bonds in the same aggregate principal amount and of the same maturity shall be issued to the transferee in exchange therefor as provided in the Resolution and upon the payment of the charges, if any, therein prescribed. It is hereby certified and recited that all acts, conditions and things required by law precedent to and in the issuance of this bond and the series of bonds of which this is one have been done. exist and have happened in regular and due time and form as required by law, and that the total indebtedness of the Issuer, including this bond and the series of bonds of shich this is one, does not exceed any charter, statutory or constitutional debt limitation. This bond is not valid or obligatory for any purpose until the transfer agent's Certificate of Authentication on this bond has been executed by the transfer agent. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, by its Township Board, has caused this bond to be executed with the facsimile signatures of its Supervisor and its Township Clerk and its corporate seal or a facsimile thereof to be printed hereon, all as of the Date of Original Issue. CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON County of Wayne State of Michigan By

Supervisor (SEAL) Countersist of Termship Clark

(SEAL) Countersigned Township Clerk

[FORM OF TRANSFER AGENT'S CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICATION]

Certificate of Authentication This bond is one of the bonds described in the within- mentioned Resolution.J.P. Trust Company, Detroit, Michigan, Transfer Agent By \_\_\_\_\_\_Authorized \_\_\_\_\_Date of Registration:

[Bond printer to insert assignment form.] 8. The Township Clerk shall fix the date of sale of the Bonds and shall cause notice of sale thereto to be published in the Bond Buyer, New York, New York, or the Detroit Legal News, Detroit, Michigan, each an authorized newspaper for such purposes, at least seven (7) full days before the date fixed for sale of the Bonds.

9. Said notice of sale shall be in substantially the following form: <u>OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SALE</u> \$4,100,000 CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON County of Wayne, State of Michigan

called for redemption. Notice of redemption shall be given to the registered owners of bonds or portions thereof called for redemption by mailing of such notice not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption to the registered addresses of the registered owners of record. Bonds shall be called for redemption in multiples of \$5,000 and bonds of denominations of more than \$5,000 shall be treated as representing the number of bonds obtained by dividing the denomination of the bond by \$5,000, and such bonds may be redeemed in part. Bonds so called for redemption shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption provided funds are on hand with the transfer agent to redeem said bonds. **INTEREST RATE AND BIDDING DETAILS**: The bonds shall bear interest at a rate or rates not exceeding 6% per annum, to be fixed by the bids therefor, expressed in multiples of 1/8 or 1/20 of 1%, or both. The interest on any one bond shall be at one rate only and all bonds maturing in any one year must carry the same interest rate. The difference between the highest and lowest interest rate on the bonds shall not exceed two percent (2%) per annum. No proposal for the purchase of less than all of the bonds or at a price less than 100% of their par value will be considered. TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRATION: Principal shall be payable at J. P. Morgan Frust Company, Detroit, Michigan, or such other transfer agent as the Township may hereafter designate by notice mailed to the registered owner not less than 60 days prior to any interest payment date. Interest shall be paid by check or draft mailed to the person or entity who or which is the registered owner of record as shown by the registration books of the Township as of the 15th day of the month preceding any interest payment date. The bonds will be transferable only upon the registration books of the Township kept by the transfer agent. **<u>PURPOSE AND SECURITY</u>**: The bonds are issued in anticipation of the collection of future due installments of special assessments for paving and drainage improvements in a certain Special Assessment Districts in the Township, as set forth in the bond-authorizing resolution. The special assessments and interest and investment income thereon shall be sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds when due. The liability of each Special Assessment District is limited as set forth in the bond authorizing resolution. The bonds will pledge the limited tax full faith and credit of the Township as additional security for payment of principal and interest. Pursuant to such pledge, should special assessment collections be insufficient, the Township shall be obligated to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as a first budget obligation from its general funds, including the collection of any ad valorem taxes which the Township is authorized to levy, but any such levy shall be subject to applicable charter, constitutional and statutory tax rate limitations. The rights or remedies of bondholders may be affected by bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance or other laws affecting creditors rights generally, now existing or hereafter enacted, and by the application of general principles of equity, including those relating to equitable subordination. AWARD OF BONDS: The bonds will be awarded to the bidder whose bid produces the lowest true interest cost computed by determined in the following manner: the lowest true interest cost will be the single interest rate (compounded on April 1, 2005 and semi annually thereafter) necessary to discount the debt service payment s from their respective payment dates to August 1, 2004, in an amount equal to the bid price, excluding accrued interest. LEGAL OPINION: Bids shall be conditioned upon the approving opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C., attorneys of Detroit, Michigan, copies of which opinion will be printed on the reverse side of the bonds, and the original of which will be furnished without expense to the purchaser of the bonds at the delivery thereof. The fees of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. for services rendered in connection with such approving opinions are expected to be paid from bond proceeds. Except to the extent necessary to issue their unqualified approving opinions as to validity of the above bonds, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. has not been requested to examine or review and has not examined or reviewed any financial documents, statements or materials that have been or may be furnished in connection with the authorization, issuance or marketing of the bonds, and accordingly will not express any opinion with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any such financial documents, statements or materials. <u>TAX MATTERS</u>: In the opinion of Bond Counsel, assuming compliance with certain covenants, interest on the bonds, is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, as described in the opinion, and the bonds and interest thereon are exempt from all taxation in the State of Michigan except inheritance taxes and taxes on gains realized from the sale, payment or other disposition thereof. ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE: The successful bidder will be required to furnish prior to the delivery of the bonds a certificate in a form acceptable to Bond Counsel as to the "issue price" of the bonds within the meaning of Section 1273 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. GOOD FAITH: A certified or cashier's check drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company or a Financial Surety Bond, in the amount of \$41,000, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Township is required for each bid as a guaranty of good faith on the part of the bidder, to be forfeited as liquidated damages if such bid be accepted and the bidder fails to take up and pay for the bonds. If a check is used, it must accompany each bid. If a Financial Surety Bond is used, it must be from an insurance company licensed to issue such a bond in the State of Michigan and such Bond must be submitted to the Township's financial advisor prior to the opening of the bids. The Financial Surety Bond must identify each bidder whose good faith deposit is guaranteed by such Financial Surety Bond. If the bonds are awarded to a bidder utilizing a Financial Surety Bond, then that purchaser (the "Purchaser") is required to submit its good faith deposit to the Township or its financial advisor in the form of a cashier's check (or wire transfer such amount as instructed by the Township or its financial advisor) not later than Noon, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, on the next business day following the award. If such good faith deposit is not received by that time, the Financial Surety Bond may be drawn upon by the Township to satisfy the good faith deposit requirement. The good faith deposit will be applied to the purchase price of the bonds. In the event the Purchaser fails to honor its accepted bid, the good faith deposit will be retained by the Township as a portion of the Township's damages for such failure. No interest shall be allowed on the good faith check and checks of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to each bidder's representative or by overnight mail. The good faith check of the successful bidder will be cashed and payment for the balance of the purchase price of the bonds shall be made at the closing. QUALIFIED TAX EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS: The bonds will not be private activity bonds. The bonds will be designated as "qualified tax exempt obligations" for purposes of deduction of interest expense by financial institutions. BOND INSURANCE AT PURCHASER'S OPTION: If the bonds qualify for issuance of any policy of municipal bond insurance or commitment therefor at the option of the bidder/purchaser, the purchase of any such insurance policy or the issuance of any such commitment shall be at the sole option and expense of the purchaser of the bonds. Any increased costs of issuance of the bonds resulting from such purchase of insurance shall be paid by the purchaser, except that, if the Township has requested and received a rating on the bonds from a rating agency, the Township will pay the fee for the requested rating. Any other rating agency fees shall be the responsibility of the purchaser. FAILURE OF THE MUNICIPAL BOND INSURER TO ISSUE THE POLICY AFTER THE BONDS HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO THE PURCHASER SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE CAUSE FOR FAILURE OR REFUSAL BY THE PURCHASER TO ACCEPT DELIVERY OF THE BONDS FROM THE TOWNSHIP. DELIVERY OF BONDS: The Township will furnish bonds ready for execution at its expense. Bonds will be delivered without expense to the purchaser at DTC, New York, New York. The usual closing documents, including a certificate that no litigation is pending affecting the issuance of the bonds, will be delivered at the time of the delivery of the bonds. If the bonds are not tendered for delivery by twelve o'clock noon, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, on the 45th day following the date of sale, or the first business day thereafter if said 45th day is not a business day, the successful bidder may on that day, or any time thereafter until delivery of the bonds, withdraw its proposal by serving notice of cancellation, in writing, on the undersigned in which event the Township shall promptly return the good faith deposit. Payment for the bonds shall be made in immediately available funds. Accrued interest to the date of

delivery of the bonds shall be paid by the purchaser at the time of OFFICIAL STATEMENT: delivery. A preliminary official statement that the Township deems to be final as of its date, except for the omission of information permitted to be omitted by Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, has been prepared and may be obtained from Bendzinski & Co., financial consultant to the Township, at the address listed under SEALED BIDS above (telephone: (313) 961-8222). The Township will furnish, upon request of the successful bidder, a reasonable number of copies of the final Official Statement relating to the above described issue within seven days from the date of sale specified above, in sufficient amounts to permit the successful bidder to comply with Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The first 100 copies will be delivered at the expense of the Township. Additional copies will be supplied upon the bidder's agreement to pay the reasonable copying charges of the Township for those copies. Any such request for additional copies should be made to Bendzinski & Co. within 24 hours of the date and time of the sale, and should set forth the number of copies requested and the person and place to whom the final Official Statements should be delivered. <u>CONTINUING</u> <u>DISCLOSURE</u>: The Township has agreed in the contract hereinafter referred to provide or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission,(i) on or prior to the last day of the sixth month after the end of the fiscal year of the Township, commencing with the fiscal year of the Township ending December 31, 2004 certain annual financial information and operating data, including audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year, (or if audited financial statements are not available, unaudited financial statements) generally consistent with the information contained or cross-referenced in the Official Statement relating to the bonds, (ii) timely notice of the occurrence of certain material events with respect to the bonds and (iii) timely notice of a failure by the Township to provide the required annual financial information on or before the date specified in (i) above. CUSIP NUMBERS: It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will be printed on said bonds, but neither the failure to print such numbers on any bonds nor any error with respect thereto shall constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the purchaser thereof to accept delivery of and pay for said bonds in accordance with terms of the purchase contract. All expenses in relation to the printing of CUSIP numbers on said bonds shall be paid for by the Township; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of said numbers shall be the responsibility of and shall be paid for by the purchaser. FINANCIAL CONSULTANT: Further information concerning the bonds may be secured from Bendzinski & Co., Municipal Finance Advisors, 607 Shelby, Suite 600, Detroit, Michigan 48226 (telephone: 313-961-8222, Fax: 313-961-8220), financial consultant to the Township. THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS. ENVELOPES containing the bids should be plainly marked Proposal for Special Assessment Bonds". Terry G. Bennett Clerk Charter Township of Canton

10. There shall be established and maintained a fund to be designated 2004 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS DEBT RETIREMENT FUND. Into said fund there shall be placed the accrued interest and premium, if any, attributable to the Bonds received at the time of delivery thereof together with interest expense for interest due April 1, 2005 and October 1, 2005. In addition, there shall be paid into said fund the collections of principal of and interest on the Rolls in anticipation of the collection of which the Bonds authorized by the provisions of this resolution are to be issued. The amount to be paid by each District shall not exceed the amount of bonds allocated to the District and the interest and investment income thereon. If at any time said fund is insufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said Bonds as the same become due, the Township shall advance from its general funds as a first budget obligation a sufficient amount of money to pay such principal and interest and, if necessary, shall levy taxes on all taxable property in the Township for such purpose, subject to applicable charter, statutory and constitutional tax rate limitations.

11. There shall be established and maintained a separate fund for each District, to be designated SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 2004-0\_ CONSTRUCTION FUND, into which shall be placed the allocable proceeds of sale of the Bonds, except accrued interest, capitalized interest and premium, if any, and from which fund there shall be paid the cost of the improvements in such District.

12. The Township hereby designates the Bonds as "qualified tax exempt obligations" for purposes of deduction of interest by financial institutions, and further covenants for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds that it will not cause or permit the proceeds thereof to be used in a manner which would cause the Bonds to lose the exemption from taxation in the State of Michigan and from federal income taxation conferred by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. as amended.

13. In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay at maturity or irrevocable call for earlier optional redemption, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds, shall be deposited in trust, this resolution shall be defeased and the owners of the bonds shall have no further rights under this resolution except to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains thereon and to transfer and exchange bonds as provided herein. 14. The Township's covenants it shall comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission regarding continuing disclosure (the "Rule") and hereby appoints the Township Finance Director as its "Disclosure Representative" in accordance with the Rule. 15. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. AYES:Bennett, Burdziak, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Shefferly, Yack, Zarbo RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_, 2004, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts. of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Township Clerk Item 18. SET THE PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR A CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST FROM CH CANTON, LLC 39535 FORD ROAD (EMAGINE THEATER) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to set the public. hearing date for Tuesday July 27, 2004 with publication date of July 1, 2004 in the Canton Observer for CH Canton, LLC for a Class C Liquor License, Sunday Sales Permit, an Official Permit to Serve Food and to have Movie Showings Between the Hours of 8:00 a.m. and Noon on Sunday and an Entertainment Permit to be located on 39535 Ford Road, Canton, Michigan on Parcel No. 049-99-0001-711. Motion carried unanimously. OTHER: Supervisor Yack stated there will be not study session next Tuesday, June 29, 2004, the next study session will be July 6, 2004. Director Faas stated that the July 20, 2004 Study Session's topic will be MDOT and Ford Road Access Management. Supervisor Yack stated we have a new Volunteer Brochure that was past out at Liberty Fest. Supervisor Yack stated that June 24th will be the Public Hearing for the Ford Road Task Force and Trustee McLaughlin stated that the report is due the first of September. Treasurer Kirchgatter stated that the State raised 1 mill and the tax bills will be mailed out on July 1, 2004. If you do not receive your tax bill by the end of July, please call the Treasurers Office, 734-394-5130. ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:26 pm -Thomas J. Yack - Supervisor / Terry G. Bennett -Clerk -Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board approval.

#### SPECIAL ASSESSMENT BONDS, SERIES 2004 (LIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION)

SEALED BIDS for the purchase of the above bonds will be received by the undersigned at the office of the Township Clerk located at 1150 South Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188-1699, on Tuesday, the 13th day of July, 2004, until 2:00 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, at which time and place said bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids will also be received simultaneously and publicly opened and read at the offices of Bendzinski & Co., Municipal Finance Advisors, 607 Shelby, Suite 600, Detroit, MI 48226-3206. The Township Board will meet no later than 7:30 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, on that date to consider the award of such bids

FAXED BIDS: May be submitted to the Issuer's Financial Advisor, Bendzinski & Company, at (313) 961-8222. Provided, however, that faxed bids must arrive before the time of sale, the bidder bears all risks of transmission failure and the GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT MUST BE MADE AND RECEIVED as described in the section entitled "GOOD FAITH" below. ELECTRONIC BIDS: Electronic bids will also be received on the same date and until the same time by Bidcomp/Parity as agent of the undersigned. Further information about Bidcomp/Parity, including any fee charged, may be obtained from Bidcomp/Parity, Anthony Leydon or CLIENT SERVICES, 40 West 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010, (212) 404-8102. NO ELECTRONIC BID WILL BE ACCEPTED UNLESS THE BIDDER HAS SUBMITTED A FINANCIAL SURETY BOND OR A CERTIFIED OR CASHIERS CHECK IN THE AMOUNT DESCRIBED IN THE SECTION ENTITLED "GOOD FAITH"BELOW. IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS NOTICE OF SALE SHALL CONFLICT WITH INFORMATION PROVIDED BY BIDCOMP/PARITY, AS THE APPROVED PROVIDER OF ELECTRONIC BIDDING SERVICES, THIS NOTICE OF SALE SHALL CONTROL Bidders may choose any means or location to present bids but a bidder may not present a bid in more than one location or by more than one means.

BOND DETAILS: Bonds of this issue will be registered bonds of the denomination of \$5,000 or multiples thereof not exceeding for each maturity the aggregate principal amount of such maturity, dated August 1, 2004, numbered in order of registration, and will bear interest from their date payable on April 1, 2005, and semiannually thereafter.

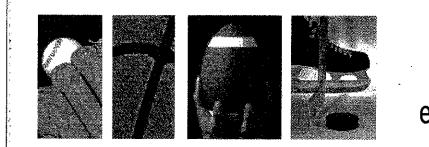
The bonds will mature on the 1st day of April of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

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\$400,000	2006 through 2013, inclusive
375,000	2014 and 2015;
500,000	2016, 2017 and 2018.

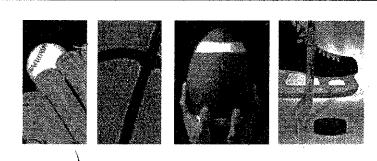
PRIOR REDEMPTION OF BONDS: Bonds of this issue maturing in the years 2006 to 2013, inclusive, shall not be subject to redemption prior to maturity. Bonds or portions of bonds in multiples of \$5,000 of this issue maturing in the years 2014 to 2018, inclusive, shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity, at the option of the Township, in such order as the Township may determine and by lot within any maturity, on any interest payment date on or after April 1, 2013, at par and accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. In case less than the full amount of an outstanding bond is called for redemption, the transfer agent, upon presentation to it of the bond called for redemption, shall register, authenticate and deliver to the registered owner of record a new bond in the principal amount of the portion of the original bond not

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#### BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Watering a few flowerpots only takes a moment or two. Watering a garden takes longer. And when it comes to an entire landscape – if you plan on hand-watering expect to spend an hour or more.

If you have a large garden, then you probably have a builtin sprinkler system - on a timer - and don't have to worry about standing around holding a garden hose. But there are things you

need to know about your sprinkler system that will reduce your operating costs and ensure that the value of your investment remains high. Maybe Superman was infal-

lible, but sprinkler systems aren't. Heads can clog, restricting or completely preventing water flow. (Can you spell "brown lawn"? How about "dead lawn"?)

Valve bodies can wear out too, allowing the sprinkler head to rotate. When this happens there may be plenty of water, but it can end up soaking the foundation instead of the lawn.

When this happens, not only will the lawn die, but the foundation can be undermined as well.

Wet soil under a foundation is a definite no-no. You don't want to pay for the kind of repairs that will be needed if this condition is left unchecked.

When any of these events occur, the resulting repairs can be costly at best. The point is, it is essential to check and

It's time to launch another

summer of fun, but your deck

looks crummy.

recheck your complete irrigation system every few weeks during the entire watering sea-

#### TIMERS

If your system was set up properly, all valves should be connected to one control timer. Two or more timers can be a

If two timers on the same

though they were working but, If you have more than one

timer, look into the possibility of combining control into one. You won't believe how much confusion can be reduced by this single improvement.

Modern electronic timers let you increase or decrease watering time globally. With the press of a button, watering times can be reduced to 25 percent of normal or increased to 200 percent of normal - 1 percent at a time. This is very convenient – especially during a hot spell.

#### CONTROLS

There is nothing more frustrating than checking for bad sprinkler heads on a large property. Let's say that the farthest sprinkler station is about 100 feet from the control unit. Here's the frustrating process: 1. Go to the timer and turn on a station.

2. Go to the station and flag the bad head(s).

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3. Go to the timer and turn off the station. 4. Go to the station and

remove the head(s). 5. Go to the timer and turn

on the station, to flush the lines.

6. Turn off the timer and return to the station, to install the new head(s).

7. Go back to the timer to turn on the station.

8. Go back to the station to ensure that everything is working properly.

If you followed this procedure for a station a thousand feet away, you walked 1-1/2 miles to maintain one station. Now multiply that times 40 stations, five times a year for 10 years - that's just under 300 miles!

But picture this: You are at the station and you use a handheld unit to remote control the activities noted in the preceding list. You save hundreds of miles of walking, hours or days of wasted time, and repairs get made without frustration.

And repairs don't get missed. You can focus on the repairs rather than the logistics required to make them.

If your control unit is OK, but not fitted for remote operation, check with your local landscape irrigation company. Retrofit remote control units are available for slightly less money than replacement.

By the way, water in the morning when it's cool. This will give the earth time to absorb the water. Watering in hot sun can "steam" your landscape and the water can evaporate before it is absorbed.

Here's how to get your deck into shape BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY cleaning - leaf stains, for FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES instance.

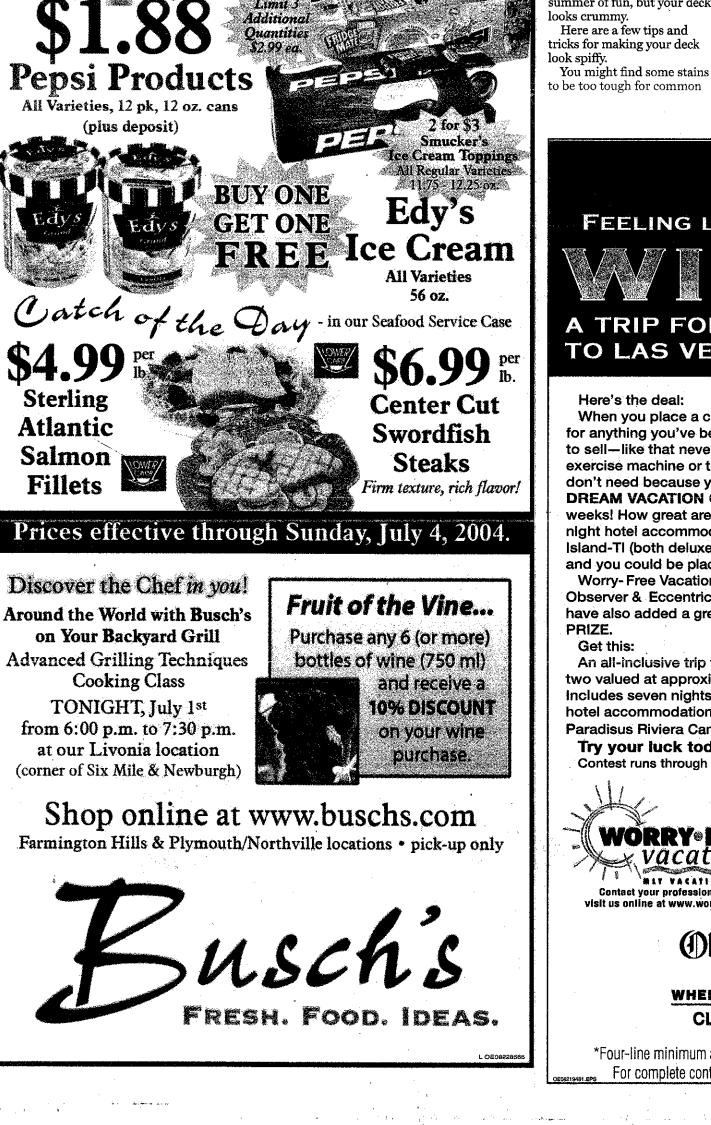
They can be removed by scrubbing with a 50-50 solution of household bleach and water.

Messy, dried barbecue sauce stains are easy to remove using auto degreaser or, believe it or not, carburetor cleaner.

You can remove nasty black stains from tannin-rich woods with a deck brightener from vour local hardware store or home center.

Just be sure to apply it according to the manufacturer's directions.

Most cleaning solutions are best applied in the shade, not in direct sunlight.



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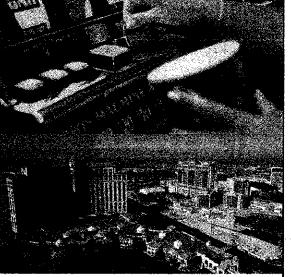
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# **Enjoy domestic** wines, sparklers on the Fourth

alifornia wineries are using the number 25 a lot these days. Beringer's winemaker Ed Sbragia celebrated his 25th anniversary; there's a XXV Anniversary Brut Cuvee from sparkling wine producer



Mumm Napa Valley; and Flora Springs is justly proud of more than a quarter century of family winemaking in Napa Valley.

Focus on Wine

Reaching 25 years in any business is an accomplishment, but in the wine industry there are two sides to that

Ray & Eleanor Heald

On one hand, it signifies that the wines are among the best and there is still a demand in the marketplace. On the other, it means the winery must try harder to remain in consumer

coin.

focus. Today's wine drinkers are experimental; always looking for what's new. That's not bad, yet after tasting the new releases from Flora Springs with owner John Komes recently, we said to each other, "Our readers need to discover or re-discover the wines of Flora Springs."

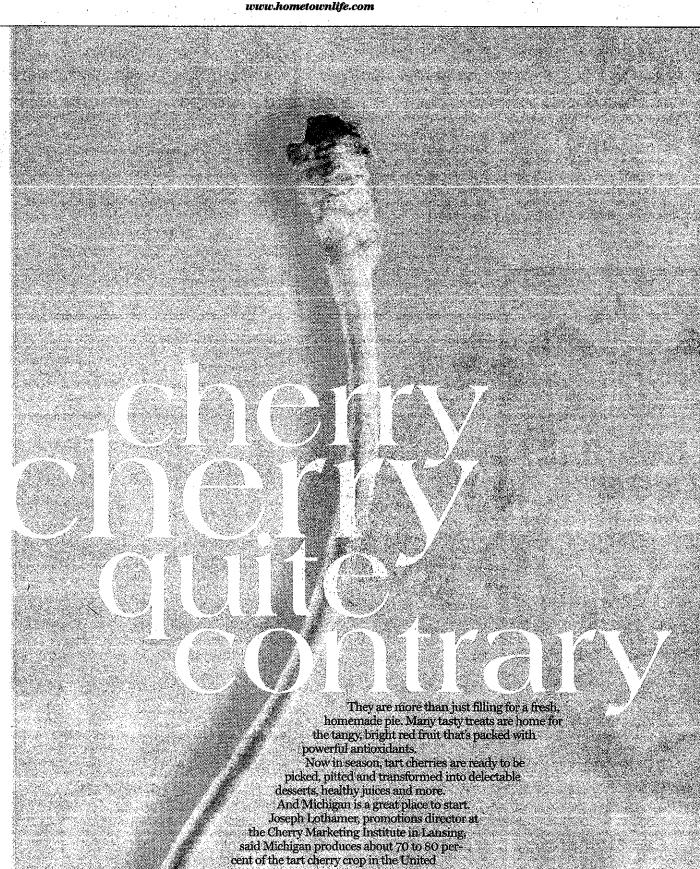
Why not celebrate our country's independence this Fourth of July with some delicious American wines like Flora Springs?

#### WALKING ITS TALK

Flora Springs believes that great grapes make great wines, and it walks its talk by being the third largest vineyard owner in Napa Valley. Flora Springs vineyard manager Patrick Garvey oversees 650 acres of vines at nine locations throughout Napa Valley.

The quality fruit that Garvey grows is what winemaker Ken Deis prizes when sculpting wines at Flora Springs. Deis is the only winemaker that Flora Springs has ever had.

"We are always seeking perfection, so we are continually experimenting both in the winery and the vineyard



On average, it harvests around 250 million pounds of

director at the Cherry Marketing Institute.

tart cherries per year, said Jane Baker DePriest, marketing

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service,

Michigan expects a crop of 145 million pounds this year.

There are many u-pick farms throughout

States.

**Brunch is better** Bob Evans is sweetening its Brunch Bowls line with two new varieties - Stuffed French Toast with Mixed Berries and Cream Cheese, and Stuffed French Toast with Apples and Cream Cheese. The new flavors will be introduced in gro-

this month: The microwaveable products are one-step breakfast, brunch, lunch or dinner entrees. The 10ounce portions go from the freezer to the table in about six minutes.

cery store freezer sections

Other Brunch Bowls varieties include Country Gravy and Sausage with Potatoes; Sausage and Potatoes; Bacon and Potatoes; and Ham and Potatoes, all served in an egg blend with cheese. They retail for \$3.29 and \$3.69. For more information on Bob Evans Farms, visit the company's Web site at www.bobevans.com.

### **Grilling brats**

For those worried about how best to grill bratwurst, Steven Raichlen, author of BBQ USA and host of PBS's Barbecue University, has a few words of advice:

A burnt bratwurst may not be a done bratwurst; it can be an unfortunate sign of impatience. The perfect way to grill a bratwurst requires a cool head and a moderate flame.

"The key to grilling a ghly flamma

each and every year," Deis said. "I am pleased that Flora Springs

has made a commitment to quality rather than quantity. This allows me to select the best fruit from our vineyards to make a portfolio of wines considered standard-bearers for the highest aspirations of Napa Valley."

Early on, Deis put Flora Springs on the Napa Valley map with his white wines, particularly the barrel-fermented chardonnay and a most exceptional sauvignon blanc, known as Soliloquy.

He hasn't neglected the red wines, for which he has earned equal praise. When Deis made Trilogy, it was among the first California wines to be described as a Meritage wine, a blend of Bordeaux varieties, in this case cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc and sometimes malbec.

With the 2002 vintage, Deis has raised Flora Springs Barrel Fermented Chardonnay by a quantum leap, renaming it Select Cuvee.

After experimenting with a number of new oak barrels from both western and eastern Europe, as well as the United States, the Select Cuvee was aged 10 months in 60 percent new Burgundy barrels.

With many competitors asking \$50 or more for their chardonnay, the Flora Springs Select Cuvee is a must-try at \$35.

#### TASTE TEST

■ 2000 Flora Springs Soliloquy \$25 is 100 percent sauvignon blanc from a clone known as sauvignon musque It is fermented entirely in stainless steel and aged seven months on the lees in neutral oak casks. This technique results in a wine that is generous and smooth with outstanding richness on the palate.

2002 Flora Springs Barrel Fermented Chardonnay \$25 uses fruit from three vineyards found in the north, central and south of Napa Valley. The wine sports rich peach, pear and pineapple fruits with good oak and supple mouthfeel. Try this wine with a rich creamy soup like lobster or shrimp bisque.

2002 Flora Springs Select Cuvee Chardonnay \$35 is "fatter" with more oak from new Burgundian barrels.

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2 cups frozen unsweetened tart cherries 1 (6-ounce) can frozen pink or regular lemonade concentrate, undiluted 6 to 8 ice cubes (12-ounce) can lemonding car a bonated beverage, chilled Orange and time slices, for garnis

Put cherry juice blend and frozen cherries in an electric blender container; purce until smooth. Add lemonade concentrate and ice cubes, blend until smooth. Pour mixture into a 2-quart pitcher. Stir in lemon-lime carbonated

beverage. Serve immediately, garnish with orange and lime slices. Makes 6 servings.

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Recipes courtesy of the Cherry Marketing Institute, www.usacherries.com

cherries, which are generally in harvest throughout the month of July Two of these farms are Blake's Orchard and Cider Mill in Armada and Westview Orchard and Cider Mill in Romeo. Peter Blake, co-owner of Blake's Orchard, said his tart cherry crops will ripen around July 4 and will be available for picking until the end of the month.

At Westview's 5-acre orchard, crops should ripen around June 28, said Katrina Schumacher, co-owner of the orchard. But she said it's a good idea to call ahead to make sure they are ready for picking. However, if picking your own isn't your idea of fun, that's OK. After processing, tart cherries are available to consumers throughout the year.

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Tart cherries cannot be sold fresh to the public," Lothamer said. "They have to be processed in one form or another for quality purposes." Once picked, the tart cherries are put into tanks of water to preserve their bright color and firm them up a bit,

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PLEASE SEE CHERRIES, D2

1-% cups frozen unsweetened tart cherries 1/4 cup coarsely chopped dried tart cherries 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion Itablespoon chopped fresh or canned jalapeno peppers, or to taste 1 clove gardic; finely chopped 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro or1/2 teaspoon dried cilantro

I teaspoon cornstarch Coarsely chop frozen tart cherries. Let-

cherries thaw and drain, reserving 1 tablespoon cherry juice. When cherries are thawed, combine drained cherries, dried cher-ries, onion, jalapenos, garlic and cilantro in a medium saucepan; mix ,

well. Combine reserved cherry juice and cornstarch in a small bowl; mix until smooth. Stir into cherry mixture: Cook, stirring constantly, over medium-high heat until mixture is thickened. Let cool. Serve with tortilla chips and/or cooked chicken or pork. Makes about 1 cup.



like sausage is to use moderate heat and grill slowly," said Raichlen. Raichlen recommends a

"low and slow" approach. That means grilling brats on a moderate flame until the internal temperature reaches 180 degrees Fahrenheit. about 25 minutes.

"Hold your hand about 4 inches above the grate," he said, "and start counting one-Mississippi, two-Mississippi, and so on. Soon the intensity of the heat will force you to remove your hand. A moderate fire perfect for brat grilling is a five- to six-Mississippi fire."

Grillers who prefer gas grilling should start the flame at medium setting. Then as brat juices start to flow, be ready to lower the heat as needed.

Brats can be cooked either directly over the fire or indirectly, meaning the fire is on one side or opposite sides of the grill and the food is cooked over the unlit portion.

Another method Raichlen recommends is partially poaching the sausages in beer or wine before grilling. This has the added advantage of adding flavor and melting out some of the excess fat. After par-poaching the brats, grill them until brown (about 4 to 6 minutes on each side), turning with only tongs.

Brats can also be brushed with oil lightly before putting them on the grill.

Piercing the casing with a fork is a no-no. Poking a brat will release the juices and result in a dried-out brat. For more grilling information, visit www.johnsonville.com.

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Tropical, pineapple, peach and mango flavors accompany a creamy palate impression. Balanced acid keeps this wine fresh with a long, fine finish. Try it with white meats and creamy cheeses.

2002 Flora Springs Merlot \$25 contains small amounts of cabernet sauvignon and petit verdot that elevate the aromas and flavors. Spice aromas are followed by black fruit flavors and good structure with a stnooth, rich finish. Excellent with pork and light cuisine. 🗯 2001 Flora Springs

Cabernet Sauvignon \$30 is an excellent wine for the price. Blackberry, dark plum and cassis introduce big spice, balanced oak and firm structure with supple tannins. Serve with red meats, lamb and hard cheeses.

2001 Flora Springs Trilogy \$60 is a blend of cabernet sauvignon, merlot, cabernet franc and malbec. Spice, cedar and tobacco aromas introduce blackberry and cassis fruits with noticeable tannin structure and a long finish. This is a big Rutherford Cab

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

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DePriest said. Then they are taken to processing plants where they are cleaned, sorted and pitted.

A big bulk of harvested tart cherries are frozen, Lothamer said.

"Freezing them is the best way to preserve their quality and color," he said.

Most of the frozen tart cherries are IQF (individually quick frozen), with no additives, preservatives or coloring agents. DePriest said the IQF tart cherries are the best ones for pies but are good in toppings and meat sauces too.

Others are frozen with granulated sugar, canned unsweetened or as cherry pie filling, dried, or made into concentrate.

The canned unsweetened tart cherries are good for pies, sauces, cobblers, cakes and all bakery products, and cherry pie filling is good as a topping for cheesecake and ice cream, DePriest said.

As for dried tart cherries, she said, "I can't think of anything they can't be use for, from appetizers to desserts."

They can be mixed with nuts, put in salads, paired with different cheeses and used in baking pies, cakes and muffins, she said.

Although DePriest doesn't recommend using them to make a cherry pie because of the premium you pay for them, she said they add flavor and texture to cherry pies made with other forms of tart cherries and other pies like apple and peach.

Lastly is tart cherry concentrate, a thick liquid that can be used in smoothies. In the last few years, diluting the concentrate to make 100 percent cherry juice has become popular with consumers.

The reason? Lothamer said studies at Michigan State University and the University of Texas have discovered that tart cherries contain antioxidants that act as anti-inflammatories to help relieve the pain of arthritis and gout. The antioxidants help fight cancer and heart disease, too.

Most of the antioxidants are in the pigments that give the tart cherries their bright red color, DePriest said. They are in a class of natural dyes called anthocvanins that have antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties.

Most people think they have to drink the tart cherry juice to reap the health benefits, but DePriest said you can get the same benefits



CHERRY MARKETING INSTITUTE Cherry poppy seed muffins are a great addition to any meal.

#### CHERRY POPPY SEED MUFFINS

2 cups all-purpose flour <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> cup granulated sugar 1 tablespoon poppy seed 1 tablespoon baking powder ¼ teaspoon salt 1 cup milk ½ cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted

1 egg, slightly beaten ½ cup dried tart cherries

3 tablespoons grated orange peel

Combine flour, sugar, poppy seed, baking powder and salt in a

margarine or butter; press firmly on bottom of 9-inch springform pan.

Beat cream cheese in large bowl with mixer at medium speed until fluffy. Gradually beat in sweetened condensed milk until smooth. Blend in eggs, melted chocolate and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Pour into prepared pan.

large mixing bowl. Add milk, melt-

ed butter and egg, stirring just until

dry ingredients are moistened.

oven 18 to 22 minutes, or until

wooden pick inserted in center

comes out clean. Let cool in pan 5

minutes. Remove from pan and

three-fourths full.

serve warm.

Gently stir in cherries and orange

peel. Fill paper-lined muffin cups

Bake in a preheated 400-degree

Bake I hour or until center is set. Cool completely at room temperature. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours.

Mix cherry pie filling and remaining vanilla, Remove side of springform pan. Spoon cherry mixture over cheesecake. Garnish with dollops of whipped cream or topping around edge and reserved pecan halves. Cut into wedges to serve. Refrigerate leftovers.

Makes one 9-inch cheesecake.

#### CHERRY GOOD CAKE

Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt in a medium bowl; mix well. Add flour mixture to butter mixture, alternately with sour cream. Mix just until ingredients are combined.

Coat a 13-by-9-by-2-inch baking pan with nonstick spray. Spoon batter evenly into prepared pan. Spoon cherry pie filling evenly over batter. Sprinkle with almonds,

Bake in a preheated 350-degree

oven 35 to 40 minutes, or until

#### **OATMEAL CHERRY COOKIES**

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1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened 1 cup firmly packed brown sugar 1/2 cup granulated sugar 2 eggs 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1½ cups all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon baking powder ½ teaspoon salt (optional) 2 cups quick-cooking or old-fashioned oats, uncooked 1-1/2 cups dried tart cherries

1 cup semisweet chocolate chips

Put margarine, brown sugar and granulated sugar in a large mixing bowl. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed 3 to 4 minutes, or until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla; beat well. Combine flour, baking powder and salt, if desired; add to egg mixture. Stir in oats, cherries and chocolate chips; mix well.

Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven 10 to 12 minutes, or until golden brown. Let cool 1 minute on cookie sheet; remove to wire rack to cool completely. Store in a tightly covered container.

Makes about 4 dozen.

#### CHERRY JAM

1-1/2 pounds frozen unsweetened tart cherries 4 cups granulated sugar 1 (1-<sup>3</sup>/-ounce) package powdered

fruit pectin ¾ cup water

Follow recipe exactly. Don't reduce or increase the amount of ingredients or substitute other ingredients. Don't double recipe because mixture may not set.

Have ready clean freezer containers with lids (1- or 2-cup size).

There are 4 to 5 cups frozen cherries in 1-1/2 pounds. Coarsely chop cherries while still frozen. Allow cherries to thaw and come to room temperature. Don't drain cherries; use all the juice for the iam. You should have 2 cups of chopped cherries and juice. It is critical that the cherries be at room temperature, not slightly chilled.

Combine chopped (room temperature) cherries with juice and sugar in a medium mixing bowl; mix well. Set aside 10 minutes; stir occasionally.

Combine powdered fruit pectin and water in a small saucepan; mix well. (Mixture may be slightly lumpy before cooking.) Bring mixture to a boil over high heat, stirring constantly. Boil, stirring, 1 minute.

Remove from heat. Immediate-

Makes I dozen. WHITE CHOCOLATE CHEESECAKE 1 cup pecan halves, divided 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs ¼ cup sugar

¼ cup margarine or butter, melted 3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened 1 (14-ounce) can sweetened con-

densed milk (NOT evaporated milk)

4 eggs 1 (6-ounce) package white chocolate baking squares, melted 2 teaspoons vanilla extract, divided 1 (21-ounce) can cherry pie filling

Whipped cream or topping

Reserve 5 pecan halves for garnish. Finely chop and toast remaining pecan halves. Preheat oven to 300 degrees Fahrenheit. Mix crumbs, chopped

pecan halves, sugar and melted ½ cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, softened 1 cup granulated sugar 2 eggs 1 teaspoon almond extract 2 cups all-purpose flour 1 teaspoon baking powder 1 teaspoon baking soda ½ teaspoon salt 1 cup dairy sour cream

1 (21-ounce) cherry pie filling

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from eating anything with tart cherries in it; even a tasty tart cherry pie.

For detailed information on these tart cherry health benefits and others, or anything else cherry-related, visit

www.usacherries.com. And for more places to pick tart cherries, check out the Michigan Department of Agriculture's Web site at www.michigan.gov/mda.

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½ cup sliced almonds

1 cup sour cream

Put butter and sugar in a large mixing bowl. Beat with an electric mixer on medium speed 3 to 4 minutes, or until well blended. Add eggs; mix well. Stir in almond extract.

#### **CHERRY DESSERT PIZZA**

1 (12-inch) pre-baked pizza crust 1 (20- or 21-ounce) can cherry pie

filling 1/2 cup white chocolate chips 2 tablespoons chopped pecans or sliced almonds, optional

Spread sour cream evenly over pre-baked pizza crust. Spread cherry pie filling over sour cream,

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cake tests done. Let cool in pan before cutting into squares to serve. Makes 18 (3-by-2-inch) pieces.

leaving a half-inch border uncovered. Sprinkle white chocolate chips and nuts, if desired, evenly over cherry mixture. Bake in a preheated 450-

degree oven 8 to 10 minutes, or until chocolate chips have melted halfway. Makes 1 (12-inch) pizza; 8 servings.

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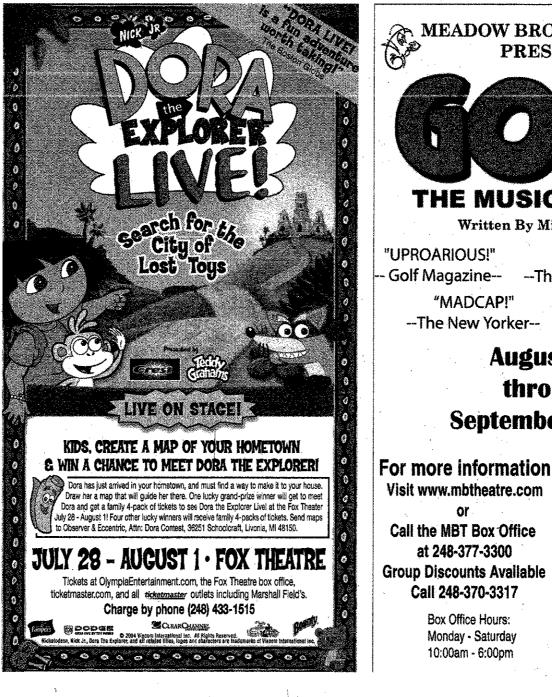
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ly stir pectin mixture into cherries. Stir constantly until sugar is completely dissolved and no longer grainy, about 3 minutes.

Quickly pour into containers to within // inch of tops. Wipe off top edges of containers; cover with lids. Let stand at room temperature 24 hours to set.

For immediate use, store in refrigerator up to 3 weeks, or freeze containers up to 1 year. To use, thaw in the refrigerator. Makes 5 to 6 cups.

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**CHERRY RECIPES** 

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**TRADITIONAL CHERRY PIE** 

2 (16-ounce) cans unsweetened tart cherries or 4 cups frozen unsweetened tart cherries 1 cup granulated sugar 3 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca or cornstarch ½ teaspoon almond extract Pastry for 2-crust, 9-inch pie

2 tablespoons butter or margarine

If using canned cherries, drain them well. Discard the juice or save for another use. If using frozen cherries, it isn't necessary to thaw them.

Combine well-drained canned cherries or frozen cherries, granulated sugar, tapioca and almond extract in a large mixing bowl; mix well. Let stand 15 minutes.

Line a 9-inch pie plate with pastry; fill with cherry mixture. Dot with butter. Adjust top crust, cutting slits for steam to escape, or cut top crust into strips and make a lattice-top pie.

2 cups cubed cooked chicken 1/2 cup dried tart cherries 1/4 cup chopped walnuts 3 green onions, sliced 1/2 cup mayonnaise 1/4 cup plain yogurt 1 tablespoon lemon juice 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

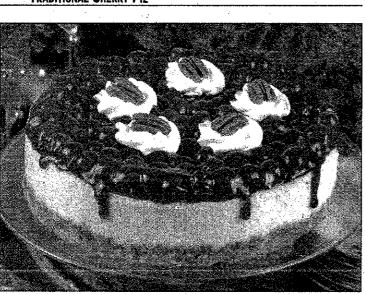
#### **MAPLE CHERRY SAUCE**

3 cup cherry juice blend 2 tablespoons cornstarch 1 cup frozen unsweetened tart cherries, thawed and well drained ¾ cup maple-flavored syrup % cup chopped walnuts 1 teaspoon grated orange peel

Put cherry juice blend and cornstarch in a small saucepan; mix well. Cook over medium heat until thickened. Add cherries, maple-flavored syrup, walnuts and orange peel; mix well. Cook, stirring frequently, over low heat until all ingredients are hot. Serve over roast turkey, pork or ham.

Makes 1½ cups.

Note: 1 (16-ounce) can unsweetened tart cherries, well drained, can be substituted for frozen tart cherries.



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filling is bubbly.

Makes 8 servings.

Cherry pie filling is a tasty topping for this white chocolate cheesecake. It tastes great on ice cream, too.

Bake in a preheated 400degree oven 50 to 55 minutes, or until crust is golden brown and

#### **CHEERY CHERRY CHICKEN SALAD**

Freshly ground black pepper, to taste Lettuce leaves Chopped fresh parslev In a large bowl, combine

chicken, cherries, walnuts and onions; mix well.

Sweeten up roasted or grilled meats or poultry with maple cherry sauce.

In a small bowl, combine mayonnaise, yogurt, lemon juice, oregano and pepper; pour over chicken mixture. Mix gently.

Refrigerate, covered, 1 to 2 hours. Serve on lettuce; garnish with parsley, if desired. Makes 2 main-course servings.

#### CHERRY ICE CREAM SMOOTHIE

1 cup frozen tart cherries ½ cup cherry juice blend 1 cup vanilla ice cream

Put frozen cherries and cherry juice blend in container of electric blender or food processor. Puree until almost smooth. Add ice cream one-third at a time; blend well after each addition. Serve immediately.

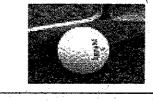
Makes 2 cups; 2 (8-ounce) servings.

#### **CHERRY SMOOTHIE**

2 cups frozen tart cherries 1 ripe banana, peeled 1 cup cherry juice blend (or other juice)

Put frozen cherries, banana and cherry juice blend in container of electric blender or food processor. Puree until smooth. Serve immediately.

Makes 4 cups; 4 (8-ounce) servings.



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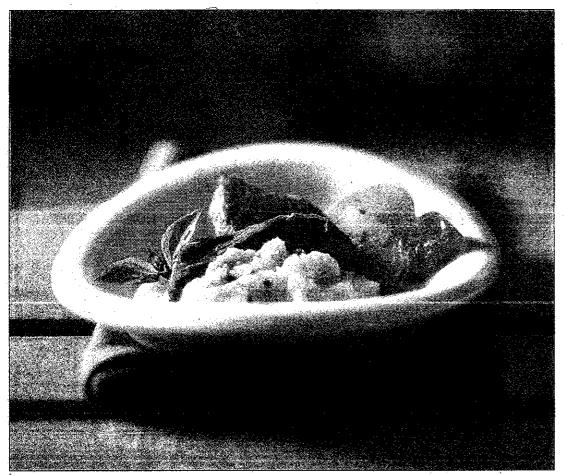
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So how does this work, you wonder, knowing that the pot roast needs long, slow cooking to make it flavorful and forktender. It's accomplished with indirect grilling, not the more intense heat that results from directly cooking over the coals (the way steaks and burgers are cooked).

Begin by placing the beef chuck pot roast, seasonings and vegetables in an aluminum foil cooking bag (or tightly wrapped in aluminum foil). Then center the foil pouch on the cooking grid with the heat from the coals or burners coming from the sides, not from underneath - hence, indirect grilling. Allow the pot roast to cook covered for a couple of hours - no peeking, no turning allowed. If you're using a charcoal grill, additional briquets will need to be added during the cooking time, but that's the extent of it.

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It's summer and you can enjoy pot roast and a new dimension to grilling.

#### GRILLED POT ROAST PIPERADE

- 1 boneless beef chuck shoulder pot roast (about 2-1/2 pounds) aluminum foil cooking bag (large
- size) 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons minced garlic 1 tablespoon coarsely ground
- mixed peppercorns, such as black, white, pink and green 1 medium onion, cut into 8
- wedges 1 medium red bell pepper cut
- into 2-inch wide strips 1 medium yellow bell pepper, cut
- into 2-inch wide strips 1/2 cup beef broth 2 tablespoons thinly sliced fresh
- basil salt and pepper

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Sprinkle inside of aluminum foil cooking bag with flour. Combine garlic and peppercorns; press evenly onto all surfaces of the beef pot roast. Place pot roast in bag. Add onion, bell peppers and beef broth. Seal bag minum foil drip pan in center of grate between coals. Position cooking grid with handles over coals, so briquets may be added as needed.

Remove pouch from shallow pan and place on grid directly over drip pan. Grill, covered, 2 to 2-1/2 hours or until pot roast is fork-tender. (Add 3 to 4 briquets per side every 30 minutes to maintain heat level.)

Remove pouch from grill to shallow pan. Using oven mitts, cut open bag with sharp knife. Carefully fold back top of bag, allowing steam to escape. Remove vegetables and toss with basil in medium bowl. Remove pot roast to cutting board. Carve into slices, Season beef and vegetables with salt and pepper as desired. Makes six servings.

Cook's tip: If a cooking bag is not available, make a foil cooking pouch. Place 28-by 18-inch piece of heavy-duty aluminum foil in shallow pan. Sprinkle foil with flour. Place seasoned pot roast in center of foil. Add onion, bell peppers and beef broth. Bring two long sides of foil up over pot roast; seal loosely with double fold. Fold in open ends to seal. Then continue as directed.



stove top or in the oven, the beef on the grill simmers with the garlic, pepper, onion and vegetables letting the steam turn it into a tasty, tender Grilled Pot Roast Piperade. To add an extra touch of summer, toss the cooked vegetables with fragrant fresh basil before serving. by double folding the open end. Place bag in shallow pan.

Prepare grill for indirect cooking, by igniting an equal number of charcoal briquets on each side of the fire grate, leaving open space in center. When coals are medium, ash-covered (25 to 30 minutes), add 3 to 4 new briquets to each side. Place aluNutrition information per serving: 251 calories; 37 g protein; 7 g carbohydrate; 7 g fat; 129 mg sodium; 71 mg cholesterol; 5.7 mg niacin; 0.5 mg vitamin B6; 2.6 mcg vitamin B12; 3.5 mg iron; 8.6 mg zinc.

Recipe courtesy of the Cattlemen's Beef Board and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

Please submit items at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E, Maple, Birmingham, 48009 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. Wine tasting

Vine tasting the first Wednesday of T each month 6 -8 p.m., alternating at a p different Unique restaurant.

### CALENDAR

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 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 features Germany's White Wine Artistry on July 7 at Northern Lakes Seafood Company, 1475 N. Woodward (at the Radisson Kingsley), in Bloomfield Hills. Call

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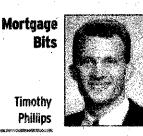
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# Don't overlook cost of loan

any mortgage borrowers are so focused on shopping interest rates that they often miss out on other important loan factors. Interest rate is one loan element; it is not everything. Such one-dimensional shopping is like buying an automobile based solely on its looks without even considering performance, fuel economy, insurance costs and residual value.

Sharp borrowers who think beyond just their interest rate often find themselves looking for answers to other important mortgage questions. One very important (and often overlooked) element of the mortgage shopping process is the question of how to handle their loan's closing costs.

The answer to the "loan costs" question actually varies with each borrower's unique situation. For the purposes of today's column, I am using the term "costs" generically. Please be mindful that borrowers' total closing expenses will normally include their down payment and prepaid taxes and interest, in addition to their loan's costs and fees.

There are essentially three ways for borrowers to cover mortgage costs — pay cash out of pocket, use their home's equity, or have somebody else pay for the costs. That "somebody" could be a seller, if you find one willing. It could also be your lender, who will usually put you into a loan product that will pro-

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# Set fair eviction policies

Do you have any criteria for setting forth fair eviction policies? We are owners of a substantial apartment building for the first time and want to know what our rights are.

Here are some general rules for setting fair eviction policies. Don't evict residents based on characteristics protected by fair housing laws. Treat residents the same when applying eviction policies. Don't evict residents because they cannot live on their own. Don't evict residents in retaliation for fair housing complaints. Don't threaten eviction for discriminatory reasons. Don't evict residents because of other residents' prejudices. Don't refuse to renew residents' lease for discriminatory reasons. Don't fear evicting protected residents for valid reasons. Don't evict residents because guests belong to protected classes. Keep good records to support nondiscriminatory evictions.

I am a member of a board and am continually being harassed by certain members of the association who have even threatened me physically. How can I continue to serve as a board member and deal with the situation.

If anyone threatens you with physical harm, you should immediately file a police report and if necessary



Selling your house may take longer than you think

obtain a Personal Protection Order. As far as your position as a director, there may be provisions in the condominium documents that keep co-owners from acting in an offensive and/or obnoxious way and the association may have recourse against that coowner particularly if that coowner has threatened you physically. You are best advised to consult with your association attorney.

**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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BY KEELY KALESKI

Have climbing interest rates got you thinking about selling your house so you can move into a bigger one before it's too expensive?

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, each year about one in seven Americans moves from one place to another, slightly less than in the recent past. Finding a new or better house is the most common reason cited for a short-distance move. More than half of all moves are within the same county.

Look around your neighborhood, there are lots of houses for sale. If you're thinking about selling, you'd better get moving because it might take longer than you think to find a buyer.

"It's absolutely a buyer's market," said Michelle Michael, an associate broker with Re/Max Classic in Farmington Hills, and former president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors. "It's turning into a major issue in this area. Sales are still good, but the marketing has changed."

Buyers are more selective about what they are choosing to look at and tougher in their negotiating. Prices are starting to come to down because there are so many homes on the market. Some sellers are offering incentives to potential buyers like offering to pay closing costs.

Michael remembers when it used to take 30 to 60 days for a house to sell in

the tri-county area. Now homes are taking three to six months to sell.

"Homes are still selling,"

she said: "They're just not selling as fast as they used to. You could easily have a home up for sale for six months, that's not something we're used to."

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Stand out

In this competitive market you have to try to stand out. "Your day-to-day life changes when you put your house up for sale," said Tony Camilleri office manager for the Livonia/Westland office of Real Estate One. "You want as many people through your house as possible. You need to make a conscious effort to put your best foot forward and make sure

'Your day-to-day life changes when you put your house up for sale. You want as many people through your house as possible. You need to make a conscious effort to put your best foot forward and make sure the house is neat-as-a-pin at all times.'

Tony Camilleri Livonia/Westland Real Estate One the house is neatas-a-pin at all times." Making it convenient for the buyer to see your house is important too.

"We offer twilight open houses in the middle of the week, 5-8 p.m. during rush hour," said Camilleri. "We're hoping to get buyers on their way home."

Local Realtors aren't complaining, they're just cautioning people that selling a house might take longer than they think.

"We've had record years in real estate, things have been great," said Margie Duncan, sales manager at Century 21 Town & Country in Birmingham.

But buyers are fussier. One of Duncan's clients fixed a leak, but had been hesitant to address the watermarks on the ceiling. "She has to, it's become an issue," said Duncan.

"Paint the interior and exterior, it's inexpensive and makes the house look nice and fresh. Clean the carpets, make sure the basement and garage are clean so people can see the space they're buying," recommends Carlina Boji, broker owner of Re/Max Classic with offices in Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Livonia and Canton.

"I will say houses that are well taken care of sell," said Duncan. "I had a house that sold in four hours last April. We priced it aggressively and the buyer fell in love with the house." duce a sufficient "yield" to cover your costs.

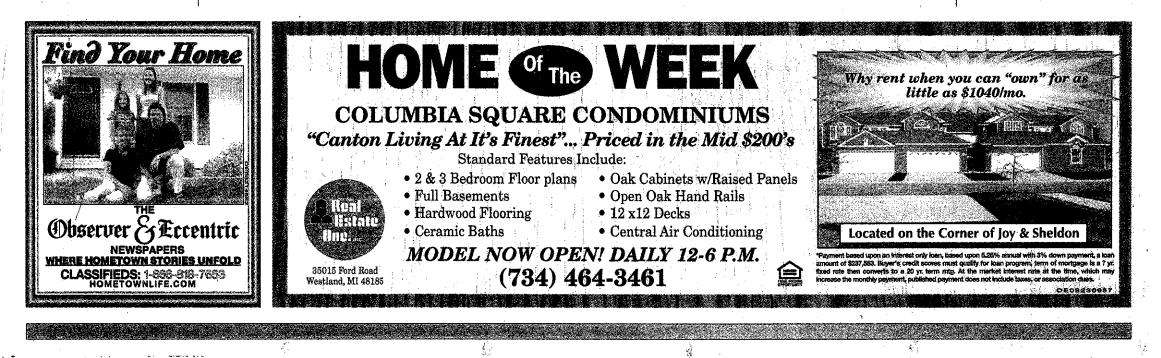
Do not be deceived. If a lender claims that he will "cover your costs," he will certainly recoup that money in some other way. Nobody works for free, and a "tocost" loan simply means that you are paying for your own expenses in another way.

If you have it, using your home's equity is usually a good option, especially if you intend to stay in the loan for a very long time. This tack should give you an optimum interest rate which will save you huge money over time.

Accepting a slightly higher interest rate and asking your lender to cover your costs is a good idea for short-term mortgages. You will have slightly higher monthly payments, but you will pocket the chunk the money you would have otherwise forked out on those costs.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his Wealth Academy™ archives at www.PhillipsH0.com or phone him toll-free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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# Mortgage rates fall but are higher than same period last year

#### **BY JEANNINE AVERSA** ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Rates on 30-year and 15-year mortgages fell, but are up considerably when compared to the same period last year.

Freddie Mac, in its weekly nationwide survey, reported Thursday, June 24 that rates on benchmark 30-year fixed-rate mortgages declined to 6.25 Featured

percent, down from 6.32 percent. A year ago, rates were lower, averaging 5.24 percent.

Thirty-year mortgage rates hit a low this year of 5.38 percent the week ending March 18. Since then, they have slowly moved upward.

Rates for 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages dipped to 5.64 percent. That was down from 5.70 percent, but up from the average rate of 4.63 percent registered a year ago.

For one-year adjustable rate mortgages, rates this week stood at 4.13 percent, unchanged from last week. A year ago, rates on one-year ARMs averaged 3.45 percent.

"This week's easing off in mortgage rates is rooted in the market's waitand-see posture with regard to the Federal Reserve Board's upcoming actions on interest rates," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief

economist. Economists expect the Fed

will raise short-term rates for the first time in four years when they meet this week.

Rates on 30-year mortgages could rise to 6.9 percent by the end of this year, which would still be consid-

'This week's easing off in mortgage rates is rooted in the market's wait-and-see posture with regard to the Federal Reserve Board's upcoming actions on interest rates.'

Frank Nothaft Freddie Mac

ered low by historical standards, according to some economists' estimates. An improved labor market should help offset the impact of higher rates, they said. Some economists are forecasting home sales to set new records this year.

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In May, new-home sales surged by 14.8 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.37 million, an all-time monthly high, the Commerce Department reported.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year and 15year loans each carried an average fee of 0.6 point this week, while one-year ARMs carried an average fee of 0.7 point.

In a separate report, refinancings accounted for 33.4 percent of total mortgage loan applications filed last week, down from 33.8 percent in the previous week, the Mortgage Bankers

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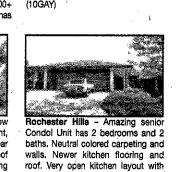




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Four years ago, Daryl Collier sold his 1,300square-foot home in Orange County and bought a house twice the size for two-thirds the price at the edge of this booming city to the east.

The move came with a cost: Collier must now spend more time in the car to reach his job in Newport Beach, but he likes the space, the weather and the less stressful atmosphere of his new hometown, near Murrieta in Riverside County.

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slower lifestyle," he said. "You trade off the commute for the buy you get on the house. But it's

worth it to us.' Thousands of people across California are making the same calculation, according to U.S. Census figures released Wednesday. Inland areas, particularly in Riverside County and the Sacramento region, are growing fast while pricey coastal regions are holding steady or losing population.

Lincoln, a bedroom community of Sacramento, had the highest rate of growth from 2002 to 2003, at

Orange County. It's just a more than 17 percent. Its population had more than doubled since 2000, to 23,080.

It was followed by Brentwood in Contra Costa County and Wheatland in Yuba County. Seven of the top 20 were in Riverside County, including Beaumont, fourth at 12.3 percent, and Murrieta, the sixth fastest at 10.1 percent. Cities recording nega-

tive growth were clustered in the San Francisco Bay area, including San Francisco, Piedmont and Berkeley. High-priced Santa Barbara also was among the cities where population was down slightly or holding steady.

In May, the state **Department of Finance** released population estimates as of Jan. 1, 2004, that differ somewhat from the Census figures, which reflect the estimate as of July 1, 2003. But the data reflect the

same ongoing shift: Californians are fleeing coastal areas, where open land is scarce and home prices are stratospheric, for inland regions that still have the space, if not the water and roads, for large, new developments. Sacramento-area cities have witnessed an explosion of suburban home building.

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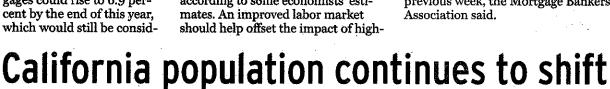
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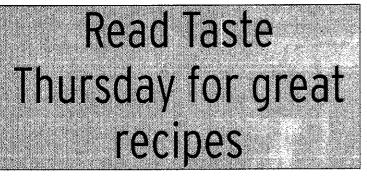
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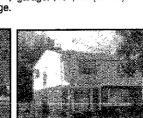
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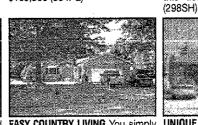
THREE'S NOT ENOUGH? Classic 4 and in move-in bedroom colonial in Livonia to the golf course is this newer charming and in move-in bedroom colonial in Livonia Canton colonial. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 condition. You must see this 3 boasts an updated kitchen, room fireplace, and many mature trees. Tons of updates hardwood floors, formal dining, upgrades and extras. \$325,000 include: hot water heater, doorwall to inviting deck, a nicely paint, siding and finished basement, and a 2 car

PULTE'S FABULOUS OAKMONT Built CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN Cute ranch in 2003, this beauty boasts formal less than a third of a mile from Beautiful lot backing to the woods. Wayne 2 story with 3 bedrooms, living & dining plus a dramatic downtown Northville! Newer AC, and trail yet still a short walk to finished baths, open staircase, full bedroom ranch on a large double replacement windows, and a family room and study. Sunroom, carpet and interior paint. Newer town. Beamed vaulted ceilings, attached garage. Central air for basement, attached garage, family corner lot with a fenced yard and newer furnace plus niceties like gourmet kitchen, full basement, 3 porch, updated kitchen, windows box window, formal dining, huge summer, shed, and a playhouse for car garage, and picture perfect and front door. Updated bath, full kitchen with 2 pantry's and the kids! Nicely landscaped. Close landscaping, Backs to a basement and the appliances appliances. 2 garages one to the school, park and community

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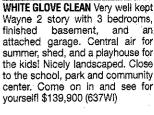
commons. Beautifully appointed. stay, Situated on a deep treed lot. attached, newer roof, wood floors, center. Come on in and see for \$169,900 (334PE)



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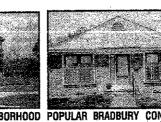




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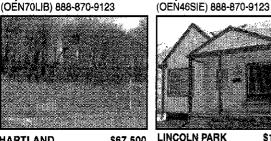
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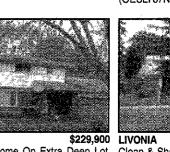


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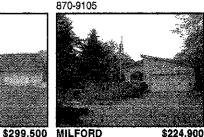
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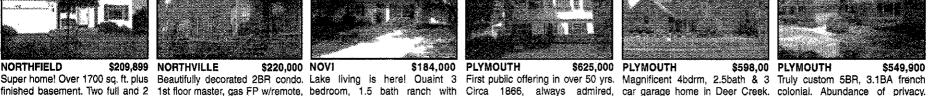
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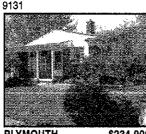
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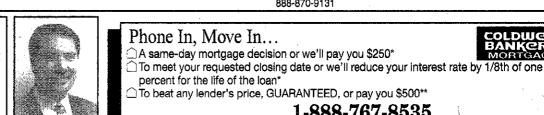
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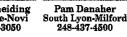


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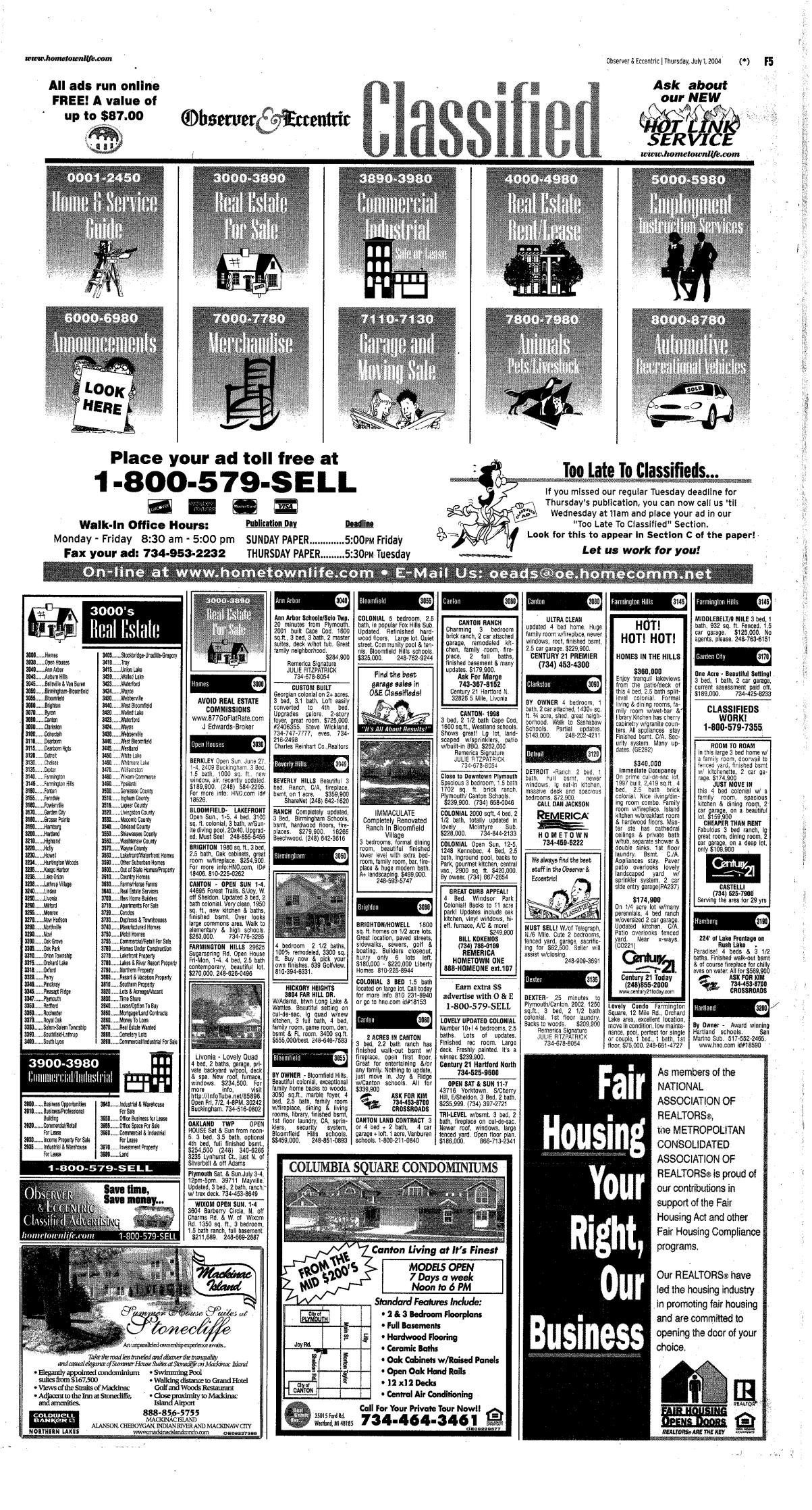


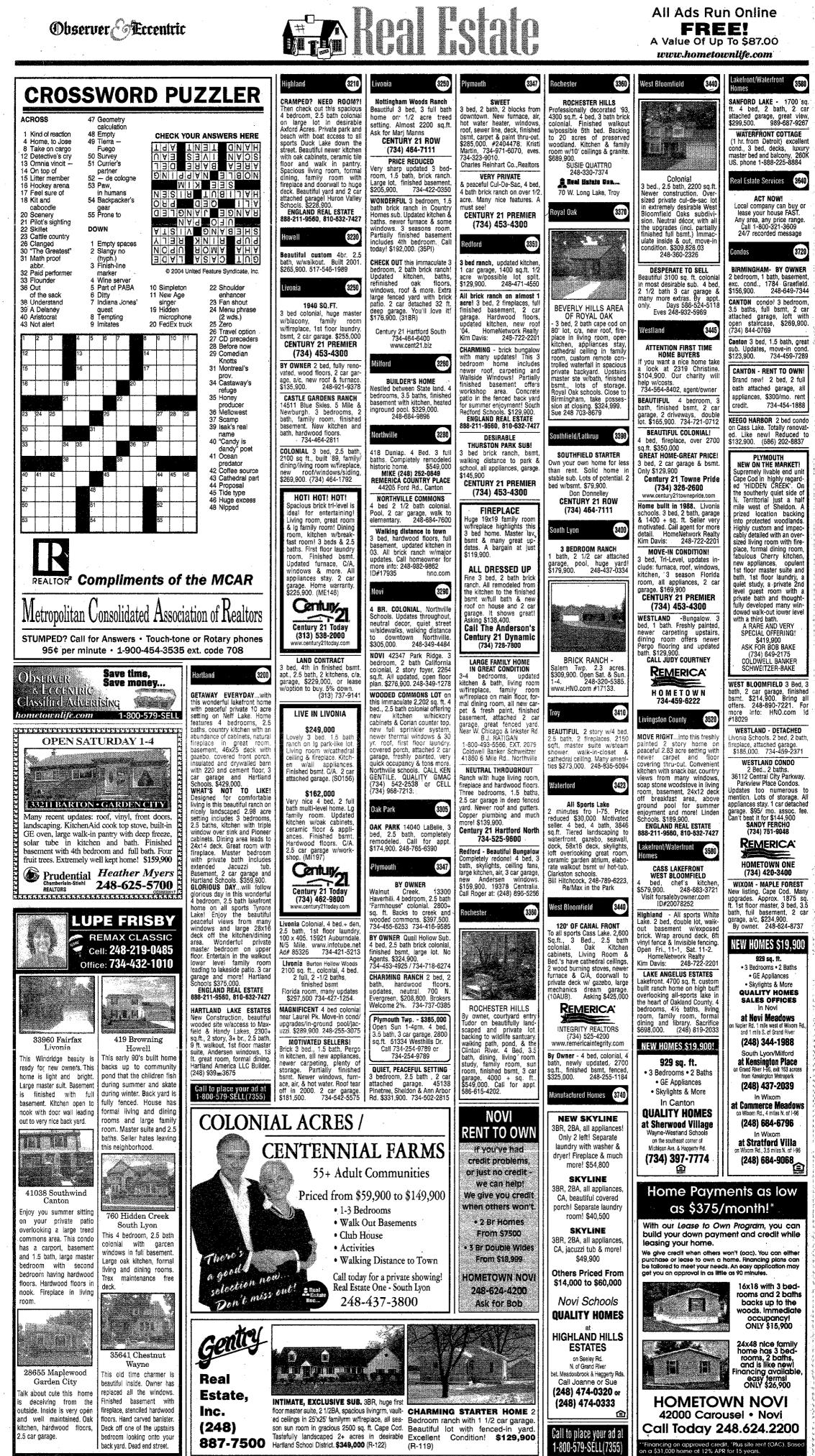
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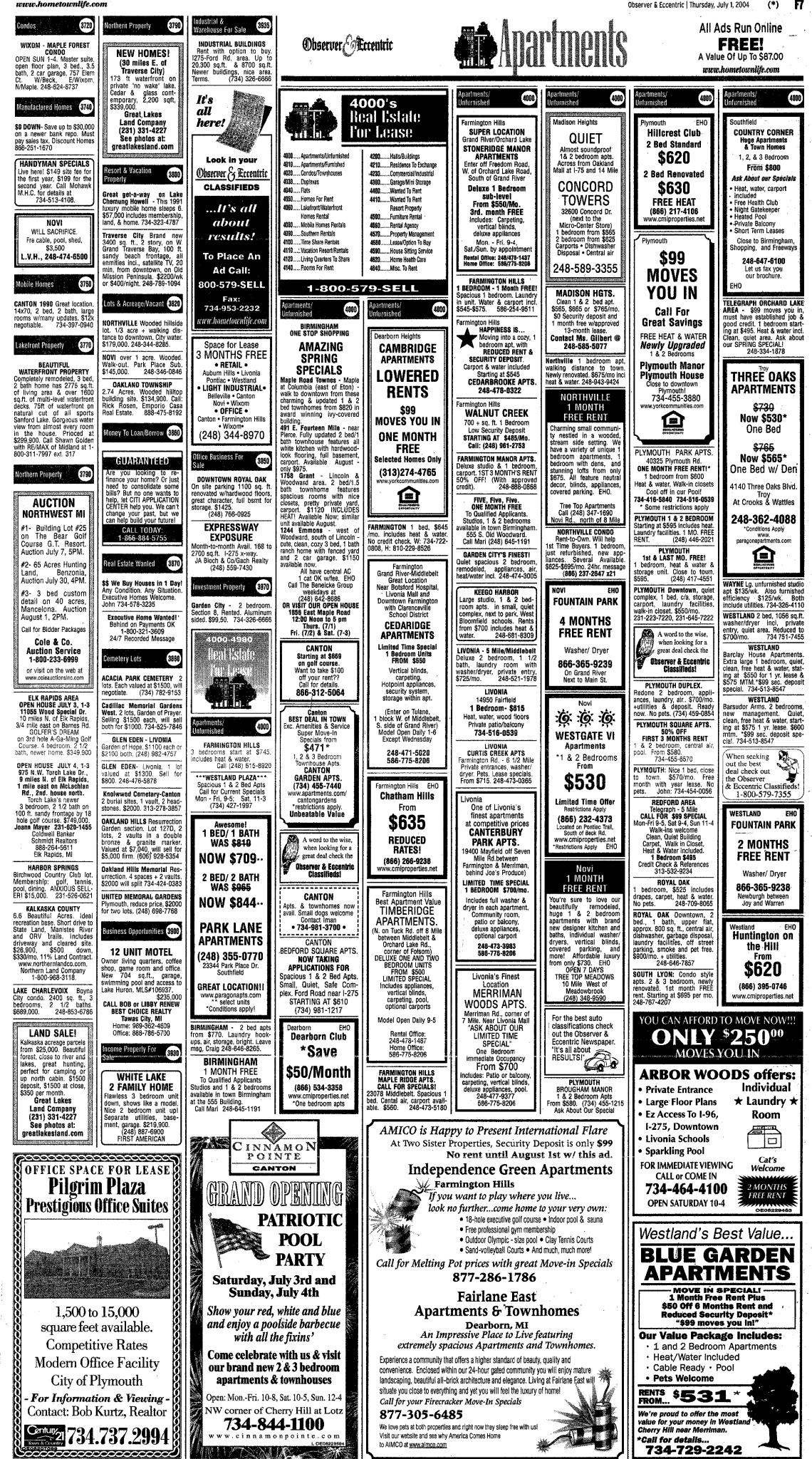


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\$219,900 CANTON EVERYTHING UPDATED! 4 BRs, 2 BAs, over 1700 SF, hdwd firs in some rms, and great kit. Lots of curb appeal & backs to park! Great location, Plymouth-Canton schools & more!



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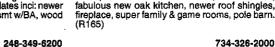
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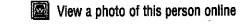
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sation and motorcycles. She is

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financially secure S8M, 26-37, no

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This quiet and easygoing, SWM, 40, is seeking an outgoing and humorous, SWF, 32-40, who shares similar interests with me,

such as sports, traveling and riding motorcycles. Ad#:481989

I am a SWM, 28, 5'9", with dark hair/eyes, outgoing and fun to be around. I like playing guitar, fishing and outdoor sports, and am look-

ing to meet an attractive SF, 18-38. Ad#:481886

WWWM, 48, 5'10", 200 lbs., with brown hair/eyes, and a mustache.

I'm fun to be with and enjoy biking, live concerts and nature walks. 1 am in search of a SWF, under 65,

who is happy with herself and wants to share time together. Ad#:481479

SWM, 23, dark hair, shy, sensitive, loves outdoors, long walks, shoot-ing pool, fun activities. Seeking

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for a relationship. Ad#:480753

SWM, 22, 5'10", dark hair, green eyes, 175 lbs., outgoing and humorous. Enjoys sports, music,

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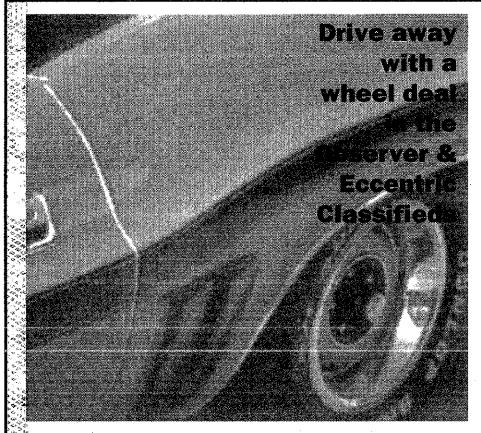
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The 2004 Chevy Equinox



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Chevrolet got it just about right with Equinox, the all-new sport-utility-vehicle that it introduced earlier this year as a 2005 model: It's strong enough to compete with in an already-crowded field of compact SUVs; it decidedly fits in with Chevrolet's increasingly distinctive brand; and at prices up to about \$25,000, it's as affordable as it is appealing.

The successor to Chevrolet's hoary Tracker SUV, Equinox is distinctively styled. It displays sprite and dependable overall road performance. Its interior is plenty roomy with some innovations that enhance its cargo capabilities. And Equinox is available with options that allow demanding buyers to come up with a very satisfying package. All in all, Equinox makes for a worthy entry by Chevrolet in a highly competitive segment that also includes vehicles such as Toyota's RAV4 and Honda's CR-V.

Equinox is named, of course, for the spring and fall dates when day and night are equal; the name is meant to reflect the vehicle's versatility. Unlike the Tracker model that it is replacing, Equinox isn't built on a reworked Suzuki platform. Instead, it is based on the same mechanicals as Saturn's Vue SUV and shares most of its guts with Vue – although Equinox is six inches longer.

Chevrolet designers used that 187 inches of length to craft a very stylish vehicle, which displays Chevy's distinctive two-band front grille and proudly displays the traditional bow-tie logo. Each fender features a distinctive bulge, and the hood is an intriguing reverse-scoop design. The rear end looks a bit too much like that of a minivan for my tastes. But Equinox's stance is much bulkier and substantive-looking than that of competitors such as the RAV4 and CR-V, which is a nice plus.

And Equinox's styling overall is a strong asset



Equinox's overall styling demands a place among the most appealing of today's small SUVs.

that demands a place among the most appealing designs of today's small SUVs. Moreover, it's highly consistent with the Chevrolet design theme that has emerged over the last several years in car models including the new Malibu and Impala and that also is being rolled across new truck and SUV models including Avalanche, TrailBlazer and Silverado.

Power for all versions of Equinox is supplied by a 3.4-liter, V6 engine and a five-speed automatic transaxle that provides 185 horsepower and 210 foot-pounds of torque. Mileage is a respectable 19 mpg in the city and 25 on the highway. I found Equinox peppy enough for most normal driving, but in quick acceleration on the highway or with a full load of people, it wasn't especially impressive.

Actually, it was the interior of Equinox that impressed me more than any other aspect of the vehicle. I was spoiled by the presence of XM Satellite Radio, which of course is available in nearly every GM model these days and isn't a distinctive of Equinox. But more than that, Equinox's design is roomy and comfortable for five passengers and a bunch of their stuff behind them. The true capabilities of Equinox come into play when you haul cargo, which I did several times during the week I was driving it. For one thing, the rear seat slides fore and aft nearly eight full inches to make way for cargo (as well as for taller passengers), and even the front passengerside seat lies flat to accommodate some especially long pieces of cartage. Maximum cargo capacity is 69 cubic feet, giving Equinox nearly the best in its class. The bottom line is all the different ways that Equinox creates space for you combine to offset the fact that the vehicle is of only middling overall dimensions.

When it came to the controls, Chevrolet opted for a simple, industrial look with large, clear gauges and faux aluminum accents. Most controls are simple in design. The center console up front can be flipped back and out of the way to accommodate a large purse or other bulky item up front. However, Chevy did appear to scrimp on the flimsy cupholders, and there are no lighted vanity mirrors.

Well, you can't have everything in a \$25,000 SUV. But Chevrolet Equinox gives you most of what you do need – and a lot more that you want.

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