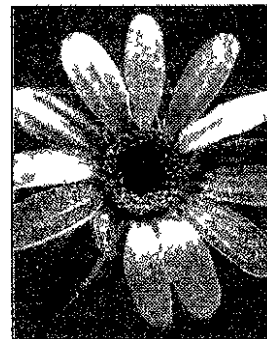


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## Pipeline

### Summer camp

Registration is fast approaching for a pair of summer day camps sponsored by the Plymouth Salvation Army

The first session runs from June 16 July 11 the second session is from July 21 Aug. 15 The camps are open to children ages 6-12 years and run 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday

Cost is \$160 for the camp held at Plymouth Township Park at McClumpha and Ann Arbor Trail and \$200 for the camp held at the Salvation Army headquarters on Main just south of Ann Arbor Road. A limited number of scholarships are available at a 75 percent discount proof of income is required

Registration takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Plymouth Salvation Army headquarters on a first come first served basis. For more information call (734) 453-5464. The Plymouth Salvation Army serves Plymouth Canton Northville and Belleville

### Volunteer honor

The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division announced the winners of the Divisional Volunteer Awards for 2003 and a local resident was one of the big winners

Angela Kae Hull, a long time Salvationist, will be honored as the Youth Volunteer of the Year winner May 13 at the Salvation Army's annual Volunteer Dinner at Burton Manor in Livonia. Hull has also been selected as the Youth Volunteer of the Year award winner for the entire Central Territory of The Salvation Army. She has served as an active member of the Salvation Army since her birth as her parents are corps officers at the Plymouth Salvation Army Corps

Hull, a resident of Canton is a Sunbeam leader for the Plymouth Corps

### Dog Jog

Downtown Plymouth goes to the dogs once again around noon on Saturday May 10 when the annual Plymouth Dog Jog takes place

The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth and the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth Canton Breakfast Club present the annual jog which starts at 1 p.m. All proceeds go directly to benefit the Michigan Humane Society and the Kiwanis clubs. The route begins and ends in Kellogg Park

Prizes will be awarded in three age groups for males three age groups for females the best costume longest tail and best look alike

Registration starts at noon the fee is \$27 the day of the race. For more information call (734) 459-7000 or (734) 981-5116



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### Smelling the flowers

Jordan Taylor Prielipp of Britton, 18 months, surveys some of the flowers at the Plymouth Farmers Market Saturday in The Gathering. Her dad, Kevin, works for the family business, Prielipp Farms, and is a regular vendor at the weekend market. Saturday was the season opener for the market which will offer fresh flowers, plants, fruits, vegetables and other goods every weekend through October.

## Formula change could cost district

### Shift in student count may add problems

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

A proposed change in the formula used by the state to calculate how it reimburses school districts for student enrollment counts could cost Plymouth-Canton Schools more than \$723,000

The projected decrease, plus the nearly \$1 million cut the district received from the state earlier this year, are at least two reasons why Plymouth-Canton faces a \$5.6 million budget deficit for the 2003-04 school year

Last Thursday, Board of Education trustees Carol Saunders and Marcy Staley testified before the School Aid (K-12) Education Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee regarding the new formula

"I explained our plight as a growing district, and what it would mean to us in dollars and cents if they change the blended count," said Saunders, who made the five-minute presentation. "They might need to consider doing something different for different types of school districts. Not one size fits all."

Unlike many school districts that can cut spending because of declining enrollments, Plymouth-Canton continues to grow. This year, the district added 415 new students and similar growth is

PLEASE SEE FORMULA, A7

## Mayors: Emergency plans lack people, cash

BY CAROL MARSHALL  
STAFF WRITER

The mayors know what they need to help keep their communities safe. They just aren't sure how to pay for it.

Mayors and township supervisors from 11 Wayne County communities met Thursday in Livonia to discuss terrorism preparedness, and weapons of mass destruction scenarios and their abilities to manage the aftermath of such attacks

Most say they need personnel and federal or state financial help to deal with emergencies. "The bottom line is, there's not enough money, there's not enough manpower, not enough equipment," said Plymouth Mayor Bill

PLEASE SEE MAYORS, A8

## Annual event pushes Johnson Creek

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Members of the Johnson Creek Protection Group are hoping to raise awareness of the creek's importance, and are sponsoring a day devoted to the creek as a means for gathering support for their efforts

The third annual Johnson Creek Protection Day is set for Saturday, May 17, in Northville, a day organizers are billing as an educational, hands-on community day to raise awareness about the creek

The idea is to get people out to see the creek, which they might not even have known was there, said Michelle West,

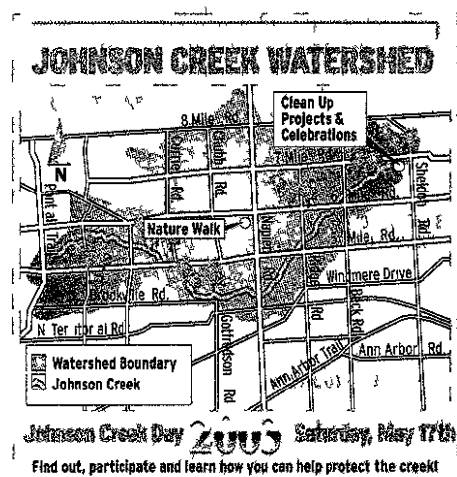
the group's secretary. "We want them to enjoy the creek, have a good time with the family."

The day's activities will be centered around three events

■ The Johnson Creek Nature Walk - Starts at 9 a.m., an interactive walk on the Northville Ridge subdivision property in Northville Township, on Six Mile west of Ridge Road. This morning walk will familiarize participants with the history, fish and wildlife, current problems and ongoing protection efforts associated with Johnson Creek

■ The creek cleanup - Starts at 10 a.m., a volunteer effort to remove debris

PLEASE SEE CREEK, A7



## Showcase Plymouth draws a good-sized crowd

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Looks can be deceiving, as the results of the 15th annual Showcase Plymouth event proved Monday

This year, people taking part in the annual business expo, restaurant exhibit and pizza challenge didn't have to tram-

ple all over each other or move through narrow aisles to visit the more than 80 businesses which signed up for the affair

But it wasn't because the crowd was any thinner. On the contrary, hundreds of people pushed through the rooms at St. John's Golf and Conference Center. The difference this year was Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce offi-

cials and organizers at St. John's decided to spread the wealth, for the first time using both upper- and lower-level rooms surrounding the atrium to provide a more user-friendly area

"It gave us the means for getting more businesses, and potentially more people,

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Worldly food**  
In Sunday's Taste section read about a new cookbook that features a variety of vegetarian dishes from all over the world



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**AROUND TOWN**

**PATTERSON POST**

Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, named Bruce Patterson, R-Canton, to the Environmental Task Force of the Council of State Governments

"I take my role in protecting Michigan's natural resources very seriously," Patterson said "As vice-chair of the Natural Resource and Environmental Affairs Committee and now a member of the nationally recognized Environmental Task Force, I will continue my efforts to preserve and protect the outdoor heritage of our great state for future generations"

**FOOD DRIVE**

The U.S. Postal Service and the Plymouth Salvation Army are teaming up to help feed seniors and children during the summer months

The USPS/Salvation Army food Drive takes place Saturday Potential donors need just leave their donations of on-perishable food items by the mailbox, to be collected during Saturday deliveries

According to drive organizers, last year's food drive collected some 16,000 pounds of non-perishable foods All local

donations stay in the Plymouth-Canton area For more information, call the Plymouth post office, (734) 453-6111

**LOCAL HONOR**

Stephen Nowak of Plymouth received the 2003 Alumn Career Achievement Award from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology May 3 at the college's Honors and Awards

Banquet

Nowak is vice president and controller for Owens Corning Composites Systems Business He graduated from Rose-Hulman in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, and an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan in 1990

Nowak is responsible for all global financing, sourcing and strategic planning functions of the Composites Systems Business At \$1.6 billion in sales, the division is Owens Corning's largest and most global, consisting of 11 different business units and employing 6,000 people in 53 manu-

facturing facilities around the world

Prior to his current position, Nowak served as vice president of Strategic Planning Reporting directly to the company's chairman, he took on special assignment of leading the development of the company's detailed long range business plan

**INTERNET AND GENEALOGY**

The Plymouth Historical Museum and the Plymouth District Library host a genealogy seminar titled, "Using the Internet for Genealogy"

The seminar will be held at the library on Main in Plymouth from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 17 Speakers for the workshop are Kathy Petlewski, Internet and Genealogy Librarian for the Plymouth Library, and Elizabeth Kelley Kerstens, archivist of the Plymouth Historical Museum, who is a professional genealogist and editor of *Genealogical Computing Magazine*

Cost is \$25 with lunch provided as well as all materials Call (734) 455-8940 for reservations

**COUNTY HEAD START**

Wayne County is now

enrolling 3- and 4-year-olds from income-eligible families and children with certified or suspected disabilities in the Head Start program

Wayne County Head Start program locations are all around the county, excluding Detroit, which operates its own program

Children enjoy educational activities and receive medical, dental and nutrition services at no cost Social events, recreational activities, and volunteer opportunities are available for parents

For more information about the Wayne County Head Start program, contact (866) 534-KIDS

**SALVATION ARMY DINNER**

Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox will be the guest speaker for the annual Plymouth Salvation Army dinner, set for Wednesday, May 14, at the Army headquarters on Main Street in Plymouth, just south of Ann Arbor Road

The dinner is open to the public, however, space is limited so reservations must be made by May 7 Reservations can be made by calling the Salvation Army at (734) 453-5494



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**May Day**

Megan Piwowar of Plymouth, 17, (left) and Cheri Porter of Canton, 18, blow bubbles during May Day festivities at Salem High School Monday Humanities students from Sue Welker and Mary Beth Carroll's classes plan and execute the May Day project as part of their second semester showcase requirements The students research the Middle Ages, the Renaissance, costuming and spring games from the period

**LIBRARY PICKS**

Every week the Plymouth District Library staff provides the *Observer* with their list of "Best Sellers" based on the number of requests for titles by library patrons The books are available by placing a request with the library, 453-0750

- 1 What Should I Do with My Life
- 2 Leap of Faith Queen Noor
- 3 Stupid White Men Michael Moore
- 4 Dereliction of Duty Robert Patterson
- 5 Savage Nation Michael Savage

**PARENTS' CHOICE PICTURE BOOKS**

- 1 Francis the Scaredy Cat Ed Boxall
- 2 Grandma Jeanie Franz Ransom
- 3 Dawdle Duckling Tonia Buzzee
- 4 The Day the Picture Man Came Faye Gibbons
- 5 Gopher Up Your Sleeve Tony Johnston

**FICTION**

- 1 Armageddon Tim LaHaye
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**Physical Therapy UPDATE**  
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 Presented by Hands On Center For Physical Therapy  
**A WALK IN THE PARK**  
 An estimated one third of people between the ages of 63 and 94 have osteoarthritis of the knee which is a degenerative condition that limits the ability to climb stairs and stand comfortably Active and passive range of motion exercises have traditionally been an important component of physical therapy programs for osteoarthritis to improve joint mobility and function To gauge the effectiveness of physical therapy one study compared the effectiveness of a fixed therapeutic regimen for the knee hip ankle and lumbar spine with placebo in patients with osteoarthritis of the knee After four weeks of twice weekly sessions it was found that the treatment group had improved symptom scores and significantly increased walking distance compared with the placebo group There are a range of physical therapies and exercise programs that can benefit individuals with osteoarthritis They include aquatic therapy strengthening and stretching exercises and Tai Chi For assistance in developing an exercise program that is both enjoyable and effective in relieving pain and increasing mobility ask your physician for a referral to the HANDS ON CENTER FOR PHYSICAL THERAPY You'll find our facilities located in Plymouth at 650 South Main Street To learn more about our many services please call 455-8370 Blue Cross and Med care provider  
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## Store owner critical after fall

Gordon Matesic, owner of the Dairy-Go-Round ice cream shop in Plymouth, remained in critical condition Wednesday afternoon from head injuries suffered when he reportedly fell off a ladder while working on his building Friday afternoon.

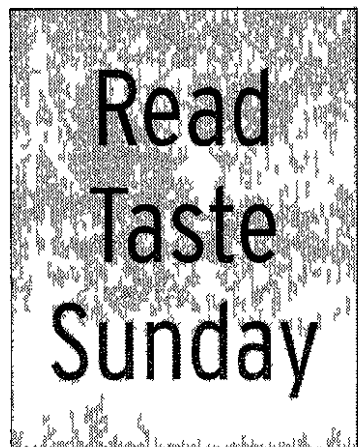
Plymouth police Officer Tony Angelosanto said he responded to a dispatched call and found Matesic on the ground after apparently falling from the ladder.

A Medflight helicopter was called to take Matesic to St Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti.

However, after landing at Smith Elementary School, the chopper crew reported engine problems and Matesic was taken by the Plymouth Community Fire Department to the hospital.



Gordon Matesic remains in critical condition following an apparent fall off a ladder at his building.



## School candidates square off in forum on issues

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Budget cuts, pay reductions, state funding and class size were among the many topics discussed Tuesday night at the Plymouth-Canton Schools candidate's forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Western Wayne County and the Observer newspapers.

Four people are vying for the two seats up for grabs in the June 9 election. Mark Slavens, the current Board of Education vice president, is seeking a second four-year term. Roland Thomas has twice been elected to the board, serving a total of 17 years. Richard Ham-Kucharski is attempting his third run for the board. And, Roy McCutcheon, who calls himself the new kid on the block, is seeking a seat on the board for the first time.

In opening remarks, each gave an insight into what their priorities would be, if elected.

"I want to continue the

theme of moving forward and improving the academic success of our students," declared Slavens.

"We are facing an unprecedented financial crisis," said Thomas. "My experience, knowledge, passion and focus on children can help provide that leadership."

Ham-Kucharski said his focus would be on "class size, federal and state regulations and how they impact our future. The best way to predict the future is to help create it."

McCutcheon acknowledged having a dissenting voice could be a good thing for the Board of Education.

"I don't like the idea of laying off teachers every year," he said. "I'm interested in alternative funding."

"Sometimes you need a dissenting opinion, or a straw to stir that drink. And, I might be that dissenting opinion," said McCutcheon.

While the district is attempting to cut \$5.6 million from the 2003-04 budget, the candidates were asked

to look ahead to the 2004-05 budget year.

"We're going to have to open our minds and find ways to reduce costs without touching the classroom, if we can," said Thomas. "We have to look at administrative costs, and the cost of technology to improve our efficiency and eliminate positions."

McCutcheon said he wants to take a look at administrative costs to determine where cuts can be made.

"I want to look really hard at things that aren't academic," he said. "I want to be able to explain to the voters where the money is going. We shouldn't touch the student-teacher ratio in kindergarten through second grade class sizes."

All except one candidate expressed a desire to look at possible pay cuts to help stabilize the budget.

"We should try to distribute that pain as much as possible across the entire (school) population," said Ham-Kucharski. "We can potentially reduce or eliminate job cuts



PAUL HURSCHEMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth-Canton school board candidates Roy McCutcheon (from left), Roland Thomas, Rich Ham-Kucharski and incumbent Mark Slavens answer questions at Tuesday's school board forum at the Plymouth Library.

by doing that."

Slavens, who said he has an insight into the district's finances because of his tenure on the board, said the district is already "lean and mean."

"Our superintendent has already gone beyond pay cuts," said Slavens. "Dr. (Jim) Ryan has already taken the extraordinary step of not replacing the second-in-command, which has saved this district \$110,000-\$120,000."

All candidates believe the state needs to provide more funding, whether it be the foundation grant or money for mandated programs. "We need to close the gap

between rich school districts and the rest of us," said Thomas. "They need to help us improve our safety and security in the schools by providing support services."

Slavens believes there's money available from the state for local programs. "I've been advised by legislators for the last six years that there's no money there," he said. "I don't believe it."

The hourlong forum was videotaped by Comcast Cable, and will be replayed several times before the election.

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## MEA council picks Slavens, Ham-Kucharski for board posts

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Education Association 2A Coordinating Council is recommending its 1,350 members vote for incumbent Mark Slavens and candidate Richard Ham-Kucharski in the June 9 Plymouth-Canton school board election.

The council, which represents 1,000 Plymouth-Canton Education Association teachers, plus 350 para-professionals and custodians in the district, interviewed all four candidates before making its recommendation to the rank-and-file.

Slavens is currently vice president of the school board, and is seeking his second consecutive four-year term. This will be Ham-Kucharski's third

attempt at being elected to the board.

The council decided not to recommend the other two candidates, former board member Roland Thomas and newcomer Roy McCutcheon.

Board member Marcy Staley is not seeking re-election.

"We want to move forward, we don't want to move backward and the old ways," said Tracy Quigley, Council spokeswoman. "These two candidates will move us forward."

"We liked what they had to say," added Chuck Portelli, president of the PCEA. "It's time for a change. We don't want to go back to the past."

References to the past by Quigley and Portelli were obvious references to Thomas, who served 17 years in two separate stints on the Board of Education.

Portelli said the MEA 2A Coordinating Council will send out postcards to nearly 2,000 MEA members who live in Plymouth and Canton, recommending Slavens and Ham-Kucharski. He said the group was undecided if it will hold a phone bank the weekend before the election in support of the two candidates.

In the past, because of low voter turnout, the MEA 2A Coordinating Council has been somewhat powerful in the outcome of the school board elections.

"I think we have a big influence because of the apathy of the voters in both Plymouth and Canton," said Portelli.

The figures appear to support Portelli's claims. Last year only about 5.5 percent of the district's 76,000

**'I think we have a big influence because of the apathy of the voters in both Plymouth and Canton.'**

Chuck Portelli  
PCEA president

registered voters went to the polls. In 2001, the figure was even lower at 3.5 percent.

Elections clerk Elizabeth Adams said district residents can register to vote through May 12 at the municipal clerk's office, or the Secretary of State.

Absentee ballots are being sent out this week. Requests for absentee ballots can be made to Adams at (734) 416-3095.

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# City, township partners in hazardous waste collection day

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

City and township residents not only get an enhanced opportunity to get rid of household waste next week, but they also get to take part in a first-time program to exchange mercury thermometers.

Township and city governments have organized another joint hazardous waste collection day, this time from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, May 17 at Compuware Arena.

In addition to the waste collection, residents who have mercury thermometers will be able to exchange

them for digital thermometers, with representatives from Wayne County on hand to make the switch.

It'll be the second time the event has been held at Compuware, located on Beck Road. Officials moved it there last fall after residents spent up to 75 minutes waiting in line at the old Port Street location. For the first time last year, the event was organized as a joint township/city venture, and its popularity became its largest roadblock.

"When we invited the city (residents) in, there were a great deal more people," said Susan Vignoe, the townships solid waste and public

service coordinator. "At Port Street, we could only service two cars at a time."

At Compuware, Environmental Quality, the firm hired to handle the collection, will set up three service lines, with three or four stations at each line. Potentially, EQ could service a dozen cars at once, if necessary.

Having this event at Compuware allows us to service the residents much more efficiently," Vignoe said.

Acceptable items for disposal by residents include aerosol cans, automotive fluids, hobby chemicals, laboratory chemicals, reactives (stump removal, water treatment com-

pounds, peroxides, elemental metal-sodium potassium), items labeled acid, flammable, caustic, poison, caution, toxic, danger or warning, lawn and garden products, pesticides, medications, mercury, oil-based paint, polishes, pool chemicals, propane cylinders, adhesives, gasoline unbroken fluorescent light bulbs, resins, solvents, wood preservatives, batteries, drain openers, and driveway sealer.

Unacceptable items include smoke detectors, tires, radioactive materials, PCB containing materials, explosives, including ammunition and fireworks, and medical waste.

Also on the unacceptable list is latex- and water-based paint, because they can be dried out and disposed of with regular trash.

"The city and township are providing residents with another opportunity to get rid of chemicals and materials that can harm the environment if disposed of improperly," said Scott Cabauatan, the city's neighborhood services coordinator.

Compuware Arena is located at 14900 Beck Road in Plymouth Township. Residents can call the city, (734) 455-1392, or the township, (734) 453-8131, for more details. bkadrich@ee.homecomm.net | (734) 459-2700

## FIRE LOG

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to these runs April 30-May 6

■ **Tuesday, May 6** — Residential rescue runs on Newport, Spicer, Drury, Maple, and Northville Road, down wires rescue run on Hines

■ **Monday, May 5** — Residential runs on Brewster Court, Haggerty and Graefield Circle, commercial rescue run on Five Mile, industrial rescue runs on Plymouth Oaks Boulevard, and Sheldon, public building rescue run on Five Mile, vehicle accident runs on Powell and Beck, Ridge and North Territorial, and Joy at I-275, and single family fire rescue run on Amelia

■ **Sunday, May 4** — Residential run on Glenview, two public building rescue runs on Haggerty, and rescue run on Ann Arbor and Canton Center

■ **Saturday, May 3** — Residential rescue runs on Maple, and two on Northville Road, public building rescue run on Five Mile, vehicle accident rescue runs on Sheldon north of Joy, Main and Joy, North Territorial and Beck, and eastbound M-14, east of Sheldon

■ **Friday, May 2** — Residential runs on Haggerty, and North Territorial, commercial rescue run on South Main and Ann Arbor Road, landing zone on McKinley, vehicle accident rescue runs on northbound I-275 south of M-14, I-275 and Ann Arbor Road, and westbound M-14 and Robinwood with washdown, public building rescue run on Ann Arbor Road, and industrial rescue run on Industrial

■ **Thursday, May 1** — Residential rescue runs on Normandy Drive, commercial rescue run on Ann Arbor and Penniman, vehicle accident rescue run on Ann Arbor and Haggerty, and downed wires rescue run on Five Mile

■ **Wednesday, April 30** — Residential rescue runs on Ross, Haggerty and Pleasant View Court, vehicle accident rescue run on Beck and M-14 with washdown, public building rescue run on Farmer, and industrial rescue run on Sheldon

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Cynthia Anderson of Arbonne International (left) consults with Jennifer Clifton of the Plymouth Chamber while Michelle Yax (far right) works with Marlene Nauts and Justine Paluch of Plymouth at Showcase Plymouth at St. John's Conference Center Monday. Arbonne International is a Swiss skin care product line.

**SHOWCASE**

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to come and see the best Plymouth has to offer, said chamber Executive Director Fran Toney, who ran the event despite the pain from a shoulder injury she suffered setting things up. "We wanted to get as many businesses into the showcase as possible, and at the same time make it as comfortable as possible for the people who came to see the event." The move was a key one, according to many of the business representatives on hand. "In the past, it's been very, very crowded," said Dr. George Atsalis of Comprehensive Modern Dentistry. "It was a good idea to give it more space, because this year people aren't stepping on each other. It's a little more enjoyable." Atsalis also benefitted from the positioning of the restaurant booths. His table was directly across a wide aisle from that of Station 885. "We've got a lot of people coming by, and we're right across from them serving steak," Atsalis said with a laugh. "It doesn't get any better than that." The Station 885 table was one of many showcased in the



Attendance was booming at Showcase Plymouth at St. John's Conference Center Monday.

"Taste of Plymouth," which highlighted the specialties of restaurants from all over the community. It included samplings from E.G. Nick's, Station 885, Atlantis, Jack Dunleavy's Grill, Bannigan's, The American Grill, Compari's, Steak and Ale, Fazoli's and St. John's. The Pizza Taste Off featured slices from Mother's, Papa Romano's and Jet's pizzas. Jet's held off Papa Romano's, 131-102, to win the challenge. The event also featured an appearance by Plymouth's

Maureen Huebel, who is the reigning Mrs. Michigan U.S. Beauties, who autographed photos and talked with people from her spot at the chamber booth. In addition, the various area service clubs all handed out their respective "Volunteer of the Year" awards. "All in all, I'm very happy with the way it turned out," Toney said. The Plymouth community has some of the best businesses around, and they were all able to show their stuff (Monday). It turned out to be a great event."

**FORMULA**

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expected next year. "Growing districts experience financial difficulties as they open new buildings, even in the best of times," Saunders said. "But difficulties become crises when funding is either withdrawn or cut, especially when the foundation grant (\$7,025 per student) is one of the lowest in southeast Michigan." This situation our district faces now, and a change in the blended count formula, will only exacerbate the problem," she added. According to figures from the school district, under current funding formulas the dis-

trict would receive more than \$19 million. The proposed change would mean the district would collect \$12 million. "Eighty-eight percent of our budget is salaries. We don't have more to cut," Staley said. "We're already lean and mean. We've made cuts that already have gotten us to the point that we are cutting at the bone." "The blended count cut, plus the one million (dollars) this year, and the frozen foundation grant (next year) is more than we should have to handle," she added. "We've opened three new buildings, and we're at 99 percent capacity. We either add more classrooms, or more buildings, and that means more overhead."

We have to have teachers in our classrooms." State Sen. Bruce Patterson, R-Canton Township, has been working with Plymouth-Canton Schools in attempting to keep the present formula, or at least a less dramatic change. "Right now, it's too early to tell," Patterson said. "I hope it remains the same, but there will be winners and losers in changing the count formula." "I talked to Sen. (Ron) Jehnek (R-Three Oaks, chairman of the K-12 subcommittee), and I will continue to have sidebar discussions with him," Patterson added. "I don't expect a decision for a couple of weeks." tbruscato@oe.hometownnet.com (734) 459-2700

**CREEK**

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from the creek corridor in various locations along the length of Johnson Creek from Salem Township to the City of Northville. Volunteers will meet at Fish Hatchery Park in Northville, on Seven Mile west of Sheldon, where they will be assigned to a cleanup site. Fish Hatchery Park Trout Celebration - Starts at 1 p.m., a community-oriented celebration of Johnson Creek at Fish Hatchery Park in Northville, providing information to the public on how they can help to preserve this creek for the future.

The event will include demonstrations and displays by the Michigan Bat Conservancy, Nature Discovery (frogs and toads by Jim McGrath), Friends of the Rouge, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Wayne County and others. There will also be a nature "scavenger hunt" to find a vari-

ety of flora along the park's nature trails as well as other activities for children. Last year's event drew more than 250 people, and West said the group is hoping for at least that many this year. The last two years, the weather hasn't cooperated. This year, West said, they're "hoping for sunny and warm." "We think it's important people come out for this event because Johnson Creek is the only cold-water trout stream in the Rouge River watershed, said West. If people don't know anything about it, they

can't do anything to protect it." In addition to live exhibits of bats, reptiles and amphibians, the pond at Fish Hatchery Park will be stocked with brown trout to provide a fishing derby for children, and fly-fishing lessons for adults. Space will be limited for some events, so officials are urging early registration, which can be accomplished by contacting Michelle West via e-mail at mwest@alnm.com or by phone at (734) 761-1010. More information is available at the group's Web site, www.jcpg.org

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**Cassmer Fleszar**

Services for Cassmer Fleszar, 81, of Plymouth were held April 22 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church with the Rev. Elias Salomon officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens-West in Westland.

Mr. Fleszar was born Feb. 6, 1922, in Detroit and died April 19 at Lutheran Heritage Village. He lived in the city of Plymouth for 52 years and was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel during this time. He served during World War II in the Army Air Corps and loved to travel. He was a salesman for industrial supplies until retirement. He was an avid golfer and card player.

He was a "people person," with memberships in the Elks Club as well as a 40-year association with the Knights of Columbus. He was a former Grand Knight at the Father Renaud Plymouth Knights of Columbus. He also was a committee member on the Kids with Cancer golf outing.

Mr. Fleszar was preceded in death by his wife, Florence. Survivors include daughter, Jan Hansen of Canton, son, Raymond D. (Michele) of Wisconsin, daughter, Marie Fleszar of Ann Arbor, eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to Kids with Cancer, c/o the Rev. Russ Kohler, Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 1050 Porter, Detroit, MI 48226.

Arrangements made by Vermeulen Funeral Home.

**Donald Edwin Burger**

Services for Donald Burger, 77, of Livonia were held May 2 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert McGrath officiating.

Mr. Burger was born July 11, 1925, in Detroit and died April 29 in Livonia. He was the retired owner/operator of Livonia Building Materials and lived his whole adult life in Livonia. He was a member of St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia. He graduated from Plymouth High School. He loved to travel to his cottage in Baldwin, Mich. He loved to build things.

Mr. Burger was a loving father, grandfather, great-

grandfather and brother. He was a veteran of the Navy in World War II.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Kathleen of Livonia, children, Donna (Michael) McGuire of South Lyon, Marsha Breough of Rochester Hills, Jeffrey Burger of Westland, Donald (Norma) Burger of Harrison Township and Joseph Burger of Canton, seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, sister, Virginia Burk of Westland, and brother, Thomas (Gladys) Burger of Livonia.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice in Livonia.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**E. Vance Glore**

Services for E. Vance Glore, 87, of Canton were held May 3 at St. Michael Lutheran Church with the Rev. Jerry Yarnell officiating. Burial was at Meade Cemetery in Macomb Township.

Mr. Glore was born June 22, 1915, in Doniphan, Mo., and died April 29 in Ann Arbor. He was a sales representative for AAA for 27 years. He also worked for General Motors Corp. for 14 years. He came to the Canton community 20 years ago from Detroit. He was a member of St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton, and the Plymouth Elks. He enjoyed dancing and traveling to the Caribbean, Asia, Europe, and Australia. He also loved family gatherings on holidays.

Mr. Glore was preceded in death by wife of 62 years, Irene Glore.

Survivors include daughter, Carol Ano of Ann Arbor, son, James D. (Beverly) Glore of Schaumburg, Ill., grandchildren, Sheila Glore, Sharon Fincher, Allison Glore, Allen Ano, and David (Sydney) Ano, great-grandchildren, Ethan Fincher and Summer Ano, and sister-in-law, Ethel Glore Farrell of Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Michael Lutheran Church in Canton. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**Hazel Trudell Grove**

Services for Hazel Grove, 96,

of Westland were held May 3 at the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home Canton Chapel with the Rev. Jack Spitz of the First Baptist Church of Westland officiating. Burial was at Cadillac Memorial West Cemetery.

Mrs. Grove was born May 28, 1906, in Burnside, Pa., and died May 1 in Livonia. She was a homemaker.

Mr. Grove was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel.

Survivors include son, Edward Grove, daughter, Beatrice (John) Molesky, sisters, Sarah Brady and Margaret Krochka, five grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

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**Patricia Ann Woznick**

A memorial service for Patricia Woznick, 73, of Plymouth was held May 2 at St. John Neumann Catholic Church with the Rev. George Chamley officiating.

Mrs. Woznick was born Sept. 5, 1929, in Detroit and died April 22 in Plymouth. She was a registered nurse.

Survivors include daughters, Karen Cornwall, Anne Garcia, Sharon Pfaff and Marie Woznick, sons, Joseph Woznick and Michael Woznick, eight grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Neely-Turovski Funeral Home.

**Cecelia Contario**

A memorial service for Cecelia Contario, 94, of Canton, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Cherry Hill Methodist Church with the Rev. Larry Wik officiating.

Mrs. Contario was born December 3, 1908, in Staunton, Ill., and died April 25 in Howell. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Cherry Hill Methodist Church for over 50 years, where she sang in the choir. She enjoyed gardening and church activities.

Mrs. Contario was preceded in death by her husband, John Contario, two brothers, and one sister.

Survivors include son, John Contario of Danapoint, Calif., daughter, Joann Heiler of Brighton, grandchildren, Leon Rutley of Roswell, N.M., Jill Rutley of Crawfordville, Fla., Kelly Walker of Coraopolis, Pa., Brian Contario of Milford, Ohio, Natalie (Gered) Carlisle of Sparta, Wis., Jana Contario of Danapoint, Calif., and two great-grandchildren.

**Roger A. Daoust**

Services for Roger Daoust, 56, of Plymouth were held May 6 at Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home in Defiance, Ohio, with the Rev. Robert Seitz and the Rev. John Stites officiating.

Mr. Daoust was born Jan. 1, 1947, in Defiance, Ohio and died May 2 in Belleville. He worked at Thompson-McCully Co. for three years, was a U.S. Marine veteran of the Vietnam War, lifetime member of the VFW No. 3360, Disabled American Veterans, member of the Herman Hesselschwardt Det. No. 758 of the Marine Corps League, former policeman at the Bowling Green State University, and former Defiance City firefighter.

Mr. Daoust was preceded in death by his father, William Daoust. Survivors include wife, Janet, daughters, Julie (Joe) Kelley of Kalamazoo and Suzan (Ryan) Quick of Grand Haven, mother, Maxine Daoust of Defiance, sister, Barbara Hesselschwert of Defiance, brothers, William of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Thomas of Glendale, Ariz., David of Defiance, Gerald of High Point, N.C., and Douglas of Defiance.

Arrangements made by Mast-Mock-Hoffman Funeral Home.

**Peter H. Carson**

Services for Peter Carson, 73, of Plymouth were held May 4 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Mr. Carson was born March 31, 1930, in Detroit and died May 1 in Farmington Hills. He was distribution control manager for Awrey Bakeries for 37

years. He came to the Plymouth community in 1993 from Detroit. He was a member of the Independent Foresters Association and was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard during the Korean Conflict. He attended the Henry Ford Trade School. He and Jessie had been married for 46 years. He loved sports, especially the Detroit Red Wings, and reading.

Survivors include wife, Jessie Carson of Plymouth, daughter, Denise (Chris) Acosta of Corona, Calif., son, Chris (Mary) Carson of Richmond, Ohio, grandchildren, Nicholas Acosta and Joseph Acosta, and brother, Richard Carson of Lake Forest, Calif.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**Ruth Eleanor Schmidt**

Services for Ruth Schmidt, 66, of Canton were held May 5 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Norman H. Street, the Rev. James McGuire, and the Rev. Terry Prisk officiating. Burial was at Oakland Hills Cemetery in Novi.

Mrs. Schmidt was born June 12, 1936, in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada, and died May 2 in Canton. She was a medical assistant in a doctor's office from 1953 to 1957. She was a teacher's assistant for Livonia Montessori School from 1983 to 1985, and she was a homemaker. She came to the Plymouth community in 1972 from California. She was a member of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church since 1972. She became involved with Pioneer Girls in Niagara Falls in 1954 and continued in California and in Michigan until 1993.

She loved to entertain family and friends. She had many annual swim and Christmas parties for bowling league, church youth groups, and Sunday school class.

Survivors include husband, Albert D. Schmidt of Canton, daughter, Carolyn (Dave) Pelli of Garden City, son, Jeffrey

(Carrie) Schmidt of Oshkosh, Wis., grandchildren, Jenny (Jeffery) Harrison, Laura Pelli, Breanna Schmidt, Hannah Schmidt, and Carver Schmidt, mother, Mae Auld of Niagara Falls, great-grandchild, Jeffery Harrison II, brothers and sisters, Margaret Swallow of Niagara Falls, Ontario, Beverly Auld of Niagara Falls, David (Nedra) Auld of Niagara Falls, Dorothy (Fred) Roussy of Niagara Falls, Ontario, and Cathy (Norm) Stephenson of St. Catherine, Ontario.

Memorial contributions may be given to Odyssey Hospice or the Alzheimer's Disease Association.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

**Michail T. Schuster**

Services for Michail Schuster, 76, of Canton, were held May 6 at Uhl Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev. Bob McDonald officiating.

Mr. Schuster was born Oct. 22, 1926, in Michigan and died May 3. He was a carpenter.

Survivors include son, Mike (Sue) Schuster, daughter, Ronnie (Ed) Peterson, son, Bill (Elaune) Schuster, son, Keith (Brenda) Schuster, son, Chris (Patty) Schuster, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements made by Uhl Funeral Home.

**Edward F. Malinowski**

Services for Edward Malinowski, 85, of Canton were held on May 8 at Saint Anselm with the Rev. James Moloney officiating. Burial was at St. Hedwig Cemetery.

Mr. Malinowski was born July 8, 1917, in Detroit and died May 5. He was a tool and die plant manager.

Survivors include wife, Bernice Malinowski of Canton, his children, Connie (Stanley) Kronen and Ronald Malinowski, two grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

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OUR VIEWS

## District must protect quality of education

As tough a decision as it was for Superintendent Jim Ryan and the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, the laying off of some 23 teachers may not have been the most difficult part of his budget balancing act.

The hardest part will come when district officials try to avoid cutting into the meat of the education the Plymouth-Canton school district provides our children.

For instance, grumbling has already started because the district is considering cutting programs such as Reading Recovery, which provides specially trained staff to ensure first-graders with reading problems are reading at grade level before advancing past first grade.

According to some estimates, fewer than two dozen students take part in the program, which costs the district some \$150,000 to provide.

That's a lot of investment, for which district officials are going to have to weigh the return. People, such as former school board member Mark Horvath, say the program should be saved, and we agree - if it makes fiscal sense, board members should save such programs.

Of course, it's easy to sit in the ivory tower and say all programs should be saved. If it were that simple, Ryan could balance the budget in his sleep.

Another danger area when school districts talk budget cuts is class size, long a hot-button issue in Plymouth-Canton. When a district lays off 23 teachers, such issues are bound to once again creep to the top.

While the possibility of larger class sizes looms, especially at the middle- and high-school level, school board members are talking about holding classes from kindergarten through second grade harmless, meaning they would stay at the 25-student level.

According to district officials, other class sizes remain below 30 students, a range the district obviously hopes to maintain. We strongly urge them to keep it there, so the fiscal crisis gripping the district doesn't begin to detract from the quality of education our children receive.

When 88 percent of a district's budget is consumed by costs related to personnel, it makes sense that cutting that budget is going to involve people. Other fixes would be welcome, and have been suggested. Trustee Carol Saunders, for example, recently suggested a top-down pay cut for everyone in the district. And, while it sounded nice from a political perspective, it's not likely to happen, what with union contracts and such to consider.

No, the board is going to have to go about it the old-fashioned way, making tough cuts while trying to find alternative revenue sources. Ryan's been at this a long time, and we trust he'll find a way to do it without compromising the educational quality he was hired to protect.

## Stay sober, safe this prom season

Every year at this time, we join other newspapers across the country to warn young adults about the dangers of alcohol.

Proms and graduations are prime time for teenagers to get wild and use alcohol to take away their inhibitions. It's a dangerous decision that leads to deadly auto accidents, unwanted sexual situations and violence.

It is all too common during this season for the *Observer* to bring the tragic news that some group of young people have been injured or killed in a drunken driving accident, or that they have injured or killed someone else.

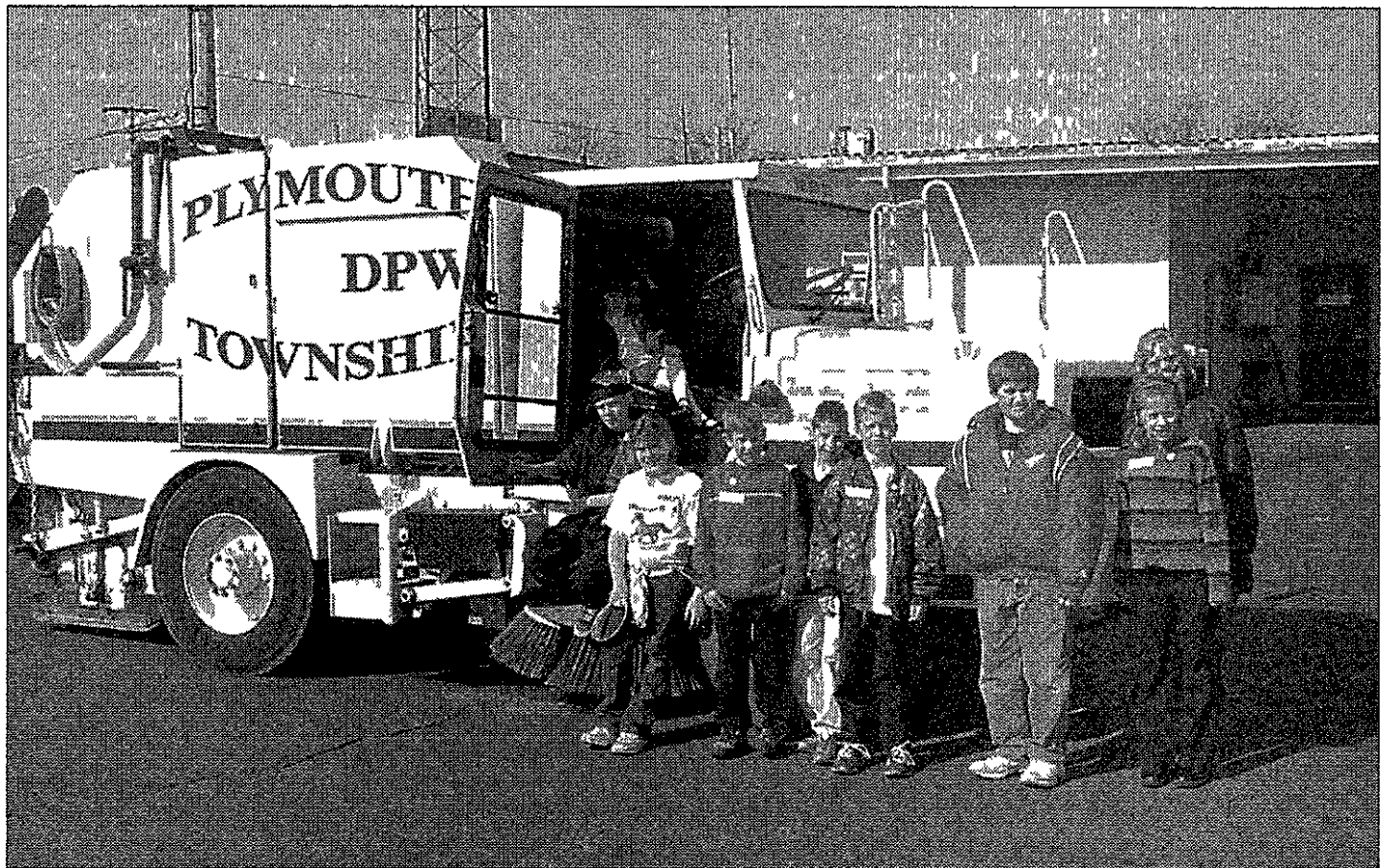
We tell the stories and show the pictures. A senior class picture shows a handsome young man, a pretty young woman, full of confidence in the future. The accident photos show the mangled steel, the shattered glass, the death of dreams.

Family, teachers and classmates remember the young life that had so much promise.

But every year the story repeats itself with a depressing regularity.

We can cite the statistics, we can repeat again the effects of just one drink on the body of an underage drinker, we can admonish about the dangers of peer pressure. But we know that our words will have little impact on those young people as they set out in their tuxedos and gowns to the big night.

Stay sober, stay alive and live your dreams!



In recognition of "Bring Your Child to Work Day," several offspring of Plymouth Township employees came to Township Hall to learn more about what their parents do for a living. The children, ranging in age from 5 to 13, got an up-close look at a DPW street sweeper, then toured various township departments. Pictured are (seated in truck) Taylor Antal (Sgt. Bob Antal, police), standing left to right, Chris Vignoe, Alisha Vignoe (Susan Vignoe, solid waste coordinator), James Lewis (Mark Lewis, building official), Brian Mann (Supervisor Steve Mann), Nathan Hansen (Stefanie Smith, dispatcher), Matthew Ankrapp (Betty Ankrapp, treasurer's office), Rachel Lewis (Mark Lewis), Joann Coobatis, human resource director.

LETTERS

### Save Reading Recovery

As one of the efforts to reduce the financial crisis created by the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, the board is considering the elimination of the Reading Recovery Program. This program provides specially trained staff to ensure that first-graders with reading problems are reading at grade level before leaving the first grade.

Using district data, this program costs \$150,000 per year to operate, and the elimination of the program is therefore thought to save the district \$150,000 per year. This estimate does not, however, include the savings from the reduction in remediation expenses due to fewer children needing special programs for reading assistance in future grades.

Even using very conservative estimates for these remediation costs, the reading recovery program will save the school district over \$250,000 per year by reducing remediation costs. Using this very simple, purely financial analysis, the school district will actually be costing itself an additional \$100,000 per year by elimination of Reading Recovery.

A program that ensures our first-graders can read and is a proven, cost-effective method for reducing the need for remediation in future grades must not be cut by this school board. I urge you to hold each board member personally responsible for making sure that Reading Recovery is retained by our school district.

If board members such as current Vice President Mark Slavens, the only board member currently running for re-election, want to continue to act as educational leaders in our community, they must demonstrate their leadership by delivering the board votes necessary to retain Reading Recovery.

In this time of financial crisis, why would our school board want to eliminate a program that is both educationally and financially beneficial?

Mark Horvath  
Canton

### Preserve history

The pending development of the former Daisy Air Rifle/Adistra property for residential use is one of the most important "in town" projects to be proposed in recent years. I would rank it above the Wilcox property for historical significance.

We should place high priority on the adaptive reuse of the red brick building where the famous 'Red Ryder' BB guns were made. This is where hundreds of Plymouth residents worked from the 1890s to 1957. From this very plant came the toys that made dreams and fantasies of kids around America come true.

Plymouth, for all its quaintness, has not had the best record for historic preservation, both in residential and commercial structures. Many structures that could have been moved or renovated to new uses have been lost.

The list is fairly long for such a small town. A significant Italianate home on Main was lost to an office building, four homes on Union (one a former hospital)

were lost to the library parking lot, the 1880 era hotel on Mill next to the CSX tracks, and many others could have been renovated or moved.

At one time there was a proposal to pave Kellogg park, and make a Main Street "bypass" around the town! If you look at 1920s-era postcards of Main Street in Plymouth, it was a gorgeous, tree-lined street, with fine homes nearly all the way, all but a few are gone.

With all this kind of historically insensitive development, we are lucky to still have the Penn Theater and the Wilcox/Markham house (which was nearly lost to development several times).

Plymouth has a small existing historic district, named the Kellogg Park Historic District, established in 1994. The boundaries include all the properties directly surrounding Kellogg Park and a few on the streets radiating away from that. Most all are commercial buildings, only about eight are house-type structures. And, contrary to popular belief, Old Village is NOT a historic district!

Historic districts are legal districts, formed and administered by the local government. If you reside or own property within one, you have certain benefits, as well as limitations. Northville has a large district, Ann Arbor and Grand Rapids have several each. In a bold move, Canton has created a district from the remnants of the town of Cherry Hill, and a huge "new urbanism" development is being added to create a historic town-like area again.

Most of the original Daisy/Adistra plant could easily be adapted for residential use, as originally proposed. The rest of the property can be developed in an architecturally compatible manner. If added to the existing historic district, certain federal and state tax credits can be used as well. To date, not one property has used these credits in Plymouth!

Let's start to respect our heritage here more, and realize that historic preservation and adaptive reuse are not limitations to development, but smart and environmentally friendly methods.

I urge the city commission and planning commission to make preservation a top concern in this and future projects, and to encourage the use of the tax credits allowed within historic districts.

Mark Oppat  
Plymouth

### Proper use of funds

In response to John Sullivan's letter (May 1), I take great offense to an elected government official that "knows" how and why I voted last November ("The people of this state did not vote against using the tobacco settlement funds for health care") without even asking me.

I don't understand how, if our state is in such dire financial condition (\$1.7 billion budget cuts) we can cut merit scholarships 80 percent and then "increase Medicaid funding."

I don't know if Mr. Sullivan has ever worked in the health care field, but I do. Throwing more money at the Medicaid program will not solve its problems. Just ask Detroit hospital emergency rooms that routinely treat minor health prob-

lems in the ER vs. a doctor's office (at a greatly inflated cost) because they are required to. This aspect of the Medicaid program has to be corrected.

Mr. Sullivan states that "it is not government's responsibility or role to pay for college education. Where is it written that government's funding of education should be limited to K-12? Or that health care for able-bodied individuals should be provided free, similar to Canada's?"

If we really wanted to use the tobacco settlement funds for their righteous intent, they would be spent only on tobacco-related illnesses (lung cancer, throat cancer, anti-smoking education, etc.) and not the wishes of special interest health-care lobbyists or current governor wish-lists.

Tom Kelly  
Plymouth

### Teacher shines

In honor of National Teacher Appreciation Week, our family would like to say thank you to Ms. Cannon. Ms. Cannon is a first-grade teacher at Fiegel Elementary School and an outstanding teacher. She teaches with a firm, yet understanding knowledge of children and their behaviors. She continually focuses on the positive with the children in the classroom and comments more on good behavior, not bad.

She has touched our lives personally with her natural gift of teaching. Our children have learned so much while in her classroom. She teaches with a firm, yet understanding knowledge of children and their behaviors. She continually focuses on the positive with the children in the classroom and comments more on good behavior, not bad.

She addresses each child's needs and is always available to parents. Not only has she taught our children above and beyond our expectations, she has become a role model for our son, who now wants to be a teacher, just like Ms. Cannon.

Thank you, Ms. Cannon, your enthusiasm for teaching shines through you to the children that you touch each and every day.

the Skopczynski family  
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"The (Stepping Out for a New Beginning) walk provides the basic necessities that keep the shelter pantry and linen closets stocked for months. The Girl Scouts do much to increase awareness by making the community of Plymouth aware of First Step's mission and needs."

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# What is done in dark may be most dangerous of all

In the good old days, if the FBI wanted to snoop into what books folks were checking out from the local library, it had to get to a formal subpoena signed by a judge.

But in the post-9/11 frenzy of patriotism, the U.S. Congress passed something called the USA Patriot Act. The act allows FBI agents to walk into libraries or bookstores and demand a list of books obtained by anybody or to see computer records indicating which Web sites they had looked at. Sure, the government has to assure a judge that this information is required for an investigation into terrorist activities, which is a nice way of saying that all the FBI needs to do is assure a judge of its good intentions and go on its happy way.

Worse, the act forbids the library or bookstore from telling a patron he or she is being investigated by the FBI.

Lest you think this is some abstract problem cooked up by some liberal lawyers working for the ACLU, consider the e-mail message I got last month from Charlene Huget, director of the Brighton District Library, which is used by about 5,000 people each month.

"The thing that has my board anxious is that if the FBI came into the library, took all our computers out and looked into our circulation lists, I could not tell my board they had been in. Staff who were present and observed the FBI being here could not go home and tell their spouses. Currently, in the library world, it is believed that 175 libraries have been visited — all rumor, of course, because this information cannot be made public."

I called Kathleen Zaenger, director of the Howell Carnegie District Library, to ask her how all this makes her feel. "Very uncomfortable." How come? "Because it doesn't comply with the intent of our Constitution about individual privacy and because it keeps secret what information our government is gathering."

In Michigan, with the largest concentration of Arab-Americans in the country, the possibility that federal agents are secretly looking into the circulation lists of libraries in Dearborn is hardly an abstract worry, either.

The Justice Department refuses to say how many libraries have been asked for information about their patrons' reading habits. But a survey conducted by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign concluded that some 550 libraries around the country had been asked by federal or local investigators about what some of their patrons are reading.

Steven Kershner, the executive director of the Michigan Library Association, says that local librarians are put into a bind by the provisions of the Patriot Act. The Michigan Library Privacy Act, for example, says librarians may not disclose the records of who takes out what book, except upon a written order from the court or permission by the individual in question.

The MLA is working to let librarians and library board members know what they can and cannot do with panels and workshops, posting frequently asked questions on its Web site, and so forth. Kershner says the FBI agent in charge of the Detroit office has been pretty sensible about the agency's new powers, preferring to get court orders or search warrants instead of "barging in on innocent libraries." But he's concerned.

"It's important for citizens to know that libraries take very seriously the issue of privacy for library users, whether it has to do with books taken out or computer use and Web sites," Kershner said. "Libraries will comply with the law, obviously, but at the same time we will be advocates for individual rights and privacy."

I asked the librarians I interviewed if lots of their patrons had been worried about the Patriot Act. It seems almost nobody knows about it, which goes to prove that what is done in the dark of public ignorance may be the most dangerous things of all.

For example, there is evidence the U.S. Justice Department has prepared for introduction to the Congress an 86-page Domestic Security Enhancement Act of 2003 that would, among other things, strip Americans of their citizenship for giving "material support" to a group designated as "terrorist." This could mean that sending a check to help fund an organization's lawful activities without knowing of its other acts could lose somebody their right to have any rights at all.

And, according to *The New York Times*, the Bush administration tucked a surprise proposal into the intelligence authorization bill to give the CIA and the military the authority to issue administrative subpoenas — known as "national security letters" — that require Internet providers, credit card companies, libraries and other such organizations to produce material like phone records, bank transactions and e-mail logs.

Benjamin Franklin was right when he observed that, "Those who give up essential liberties in order to secure a little temporary safety deserve neither safety nor liberty."

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



Phil Power

# First-time soccer dad experience becomes one of life's sweetest joys

I'd been a soccer dad for all of five minutes before I realized I'd already violated one of the cardinal rules.

I'd forgotten that little canvas director's chair all soccer parents sit in on the sidelines.

To that point, I'd done everything else a first-time soccer dad was supposed to do. I'd overpacked Robert's soccer bag, put an unnecessary turtle-neck beneath his jersey in case he got cold.

Obviously, running around the soccer field actually made him hot, a circumstance I realized after the first period. When my 6-year-old came to the sideline, I asked him if he was hot in the turtle-neck.

He looked at me, sweat on his brow, cheeks rosy red — and I decided not to repeat the question. We simply removed the turtle-neck.

Other than that, things went pretty well on my first day as a soccer dad. There we were on the elementary school field right on time Saturday for his second game, but my first. I didn't bring my chair, but as it turns out, the chair would have been empty anyway, because I couldn't stop prowling the sidelines.

I'd been the same way as a high school wrestling coach, unable to keep my seat. Why I thought it would be any different when my own son was playing the game is beyond understanding. The chair's only purpose would have been holding my jacket (sort of like the treadmill at home).

Robert doesn't know all the kids' names yet, so as we approached the field, he'd see a teammate and call out, "Hey, No 5!" or "Dad, that's No 2." He does know the other Robert's name, but he's still learning the rest.

He was excited, but nowhere near as excited as I was. I wrestled and played football and a little baseball in high school and, as a typical male jock, couldn't wait to watch my son on an athletic field of some sort. My older sons live in South Carolina, Matthew doesn't play sports and I've not yet seen one of Marcus' baseball games.

So I'd waited a long time for this, an eternity to feel the thrill of watching my progeny exert his influence in an Olympian effort, propelling his team to victory! Isn't that what all fathers assume is going to happen? Their sons are always going to be the ones who hit the game-winning home run, or score the deciding touchdown or, in this case, knock in a luck from the 18 to win the game.

Every father throughout history has wanted that opportunity, the chance to scream, "That's MY boy!"

It didn't happen for me, at least not on this Saturday. Only one parent got to have his son score the game-winner, because Robert's team — the Shark Attacks — won the game, 1-0. But that

didn't stop me from having all those "dad" feelings, my chest swelling with pride as Robert jogged into the fray with his teammates.

His coach, a young woman named Debbie who seemed very nice, had them organized. She took the players and walked them to their positions — Robert started at midfield — and showed them the area they were to patrol.

Of course, as soon as the opening kick was taken, every player on the field converged on the ball, forming a scrum of some 20 kids kicking at the ball but more often hitting someone's shins. I was delighted to see Robert right in the middle of it, tried to will him through the sheer force of telepathy to knock the ball past the opposing goaltender.

As a former sports writer, I've watched a lot of youth sports, and I've always wondered about parents who shout directions at their children, frequently in direct opposition to what their coaches are yelling. I vowed, during those sports writer days, not to become that kind of parent.

And I lived up to that vow — for about six minutes. Then, there I was, hollering at Robert to move up on defense when the ball was deep in the opposition's end, urging him to watch the ball, rather than play kick-the-rock when the action wasn't anywhere near him.

I understand better now the parents who holler at their children during the game. I used to think they were doing it because they figured they knew better than the coaches, now I realize they simply can't help themselves. It's part of trying to support them, trying to help them be the best they can be. No one can do that better than a parent, can they?

I bet Steve Yzerman's dad hollered instructions at his son, even with Hall of Fame coach Scotty Bowman on the bench.

There's still enough detached sports writer in me to evaluate Robert's game in a fairly unbiased fashion. He didn't score a goal, but made several good clearing kicks during his time on defense. He hustled upfield when his team was advancing with the ball. Passes never got to him, although I remain unflinchingly convinced he would have converted them into goals had they reached his little feet.

Frankly, it didn't matter what kind of game he played. He could have stood around, never touched the ball and allowed 14 goals to get by him, and I still would rather have been there than anywhere else on the planet.

For one hour, on one Saturday morning at one elementary school, I got the chance to watch my son having the time of his life, doing something he loves to do, and allowing me to be part of it. That's my boy!

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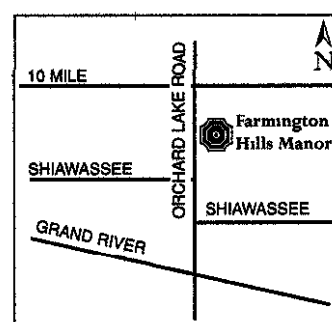
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# Beardmore remembered as education champion

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Beardmore

Dorothy Beardmore inspired boards of education, teachers and parents for more than three decades.

The name Dorothy Beardmore is synonymous with service to children," said Tom Watkins, Michigan superintendent of public instruction.

Beardmore, who served at various times on the Rochester Community Schools, the Oakland Schools and the State of Michigan boards of education, died May 2. The Rochester Hills resident was 76.

Mrs. Beardmore served on the Rochester board from 1967-74 and the Oakland Schools board from 1974-84. On state board from 1985-2001, the Republican never missed a meeting in 16 years.

Mrs. Beardmore made outstanding contributions to public education in this district and at the county and state levels," Rochester Superintendent John Schultz said. "She continued to advocate for public school children through her volunteer efforts after leaving the state board. Recently, Dorothy served as a member of the Rochester Community Schools Foundation. She will be dearly missed."

During her tenure on the state board, she helped adopt new teacher certification rules and curriculum standards. In that era, the board also adopted inter-district schools of choice, special education policy framework, character education policy, parental involvement policy, alternative routes to teacher certification, statewide technology plan and policies for creating effective learning environments.

"She was the epitome of the model citizen — she was very caring and concerned and con-

siderate," said Kathleen Straus, a current state board member. "She was an excellent board member. She was completely devoted and thorough. Even when she left the board, she still wanted to make sure education could be the best it could be."

Straus, a Detroit Democrat, and Beardmore were also close friends, despite their party differences.

An advocate for early childhood education, Beardmore also served on several committees of the National Association of State Boards of Education. From 1995-97, she chaired the Healthy Schools Network, a 15-state inter-agency coalition to promote good health for school-age children and their families. She also chaired the state's Healthy Schools Network until 2001.

She received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of State Boards in 2000, the Michigan Education Association Distinguished Service Award in 1999, the Education Leadership Award from the Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals in 1995, and was inducted into the Michigan Hall of Fame in 1996.

In April, the state Board of Education created a new award in her honor — the Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award, which will annually honor a person whose past or current efforts on behalf of education are deemed to be of outstanding benefit to the quality of education for all Michigan students.

In addition to her involvement with education,

Beardmore and her husband, William, were founding members of University Presbyterian Church of Rochester, where she served as an elder.

Beardmore was also a founding member of Rochester's Neighborhood House in 1968 and was elected chair of the board in February.

"She was a pillar in our

organization and our community," Neighborhood executive director Susan Vidican said. "She truly was a gentle soul. There will be a tremendous hole."

Beardmore was born Oct. 19, 1926, in Chicago.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, William Beardmore, daughter Nancy

Beardmore Weiss, of Bambrige, N.Y., son Alan Beardmore, of Morrison, Colo., brother Charles Van Zoeren, of Kalamazoo, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at University Presbyterian Church, 1385 S. Adams in Rochester Hills.

Memorial gifts should be made payable to the Community Foundation of Greater Rochester and indicate on the memo line that funds should go to the Neighborhood House-Dorothy Beardmore Memorial Fund.

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### Military discounts

Military personnel and their families are eligible for buy one get one free lawn area tickets at Freedom Hill Amphitheater in Sterling Heights. Upgrades are also available. Offer applies to all branches of the military including active, reserve, retired and civilian and their immediate families. A valid military ID is required when purchasing tickets. This is our way of saying thank you to the defenders of our freedom past and present, said Kevin Cassidy, Freedom Hill general manager. For more information call the box office (586) 268-5100 or visit [www.freedomhill.net](http://www.freedomhill.net). Tickets on sale now. Season opens 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 24 with *Third Eye Blind*.

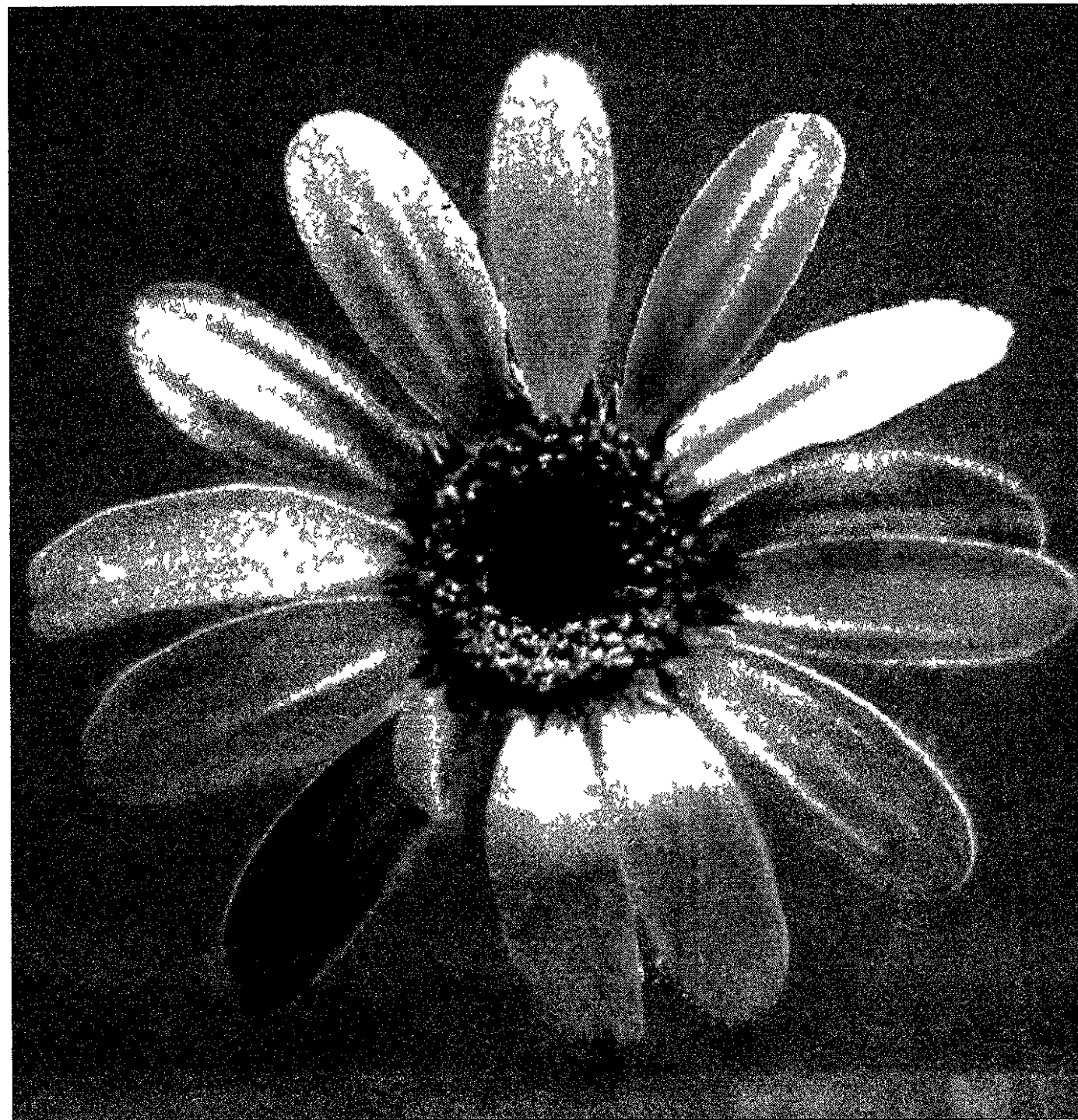
### Drum roll

In honor of *Blast!*—opening Tuesday, May 13 at the Fox Theatre in Detroit—Olympia Entertainment is calling on local drumlines who can make crowds dance to the beat of their drums just like the cast of *Blast!*. Interested drumlines who can explain in 50 words or less why they have what it takes to beat out the rest can enter the *Blast!* Drumline Exhibition by sending an e-mail to [Contests@OlympiaEntertainment.com](mailto:Contests@OlympiaEntertainment.com) with *Blast!* Drumline Exhibition in the subject line by Friday, May 9. Include name of the drumline, number of members, representative's name and evening phone number. Ten drumlines will be asked to report to Comerica Park 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 13. Each drumline will have a few minutes to perform a drumline dance style cadence. The drumline with the most memorable beat and dynamic performance will win a prize package that includes the opportunity to perform outside the theater 6-6:45 p.m. Thursday, May 15. Tickets to the show and a meet and greet with the cast.

### Gallery tour

Tour 13 downtown Birmingham galleries 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 9. Cowboy Trader Gallery, 251 Merrill St. upper level, is hosting a reception for Susan Guy, an acclaimed painter of horses from Buffalo, Wyo., from 7-10 p.m. For more information about Birmingham Art Walk and the reception for Guy call (248) 647-8833 or visit [www.cowboytradergallery.com](http://www.cowboytradergallery.com). Other participating galleries are Artspace II, Avenue Gallery, Bloomfield Fine Arts Gallery, Bruce White Gallery, David Klein Gallery, Gallery Nikko, Habatat Gallery, Hill Gallery, Posner Gallery, Robert Kidd Gallery, Yaw Gallery and Zoom Artistic Photography.

# Art in the park



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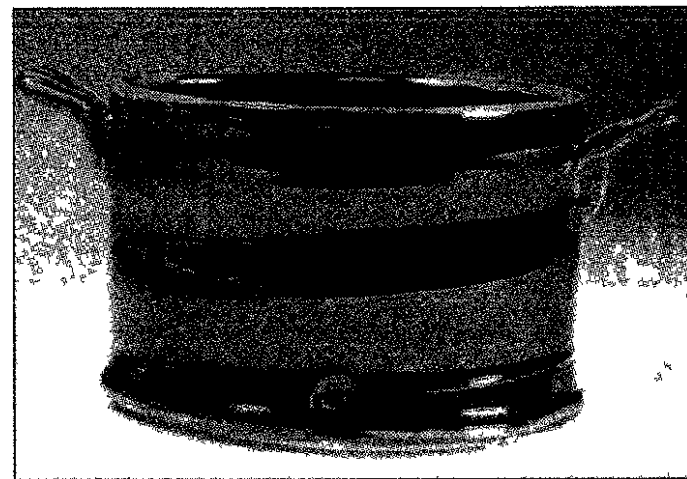
## First fair of season this weekend in Birmingham

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

Just like daffodils and tulips popping up in area backyards are a sure sign of spring, the Birmingham Fine Art Festival heralds the arrival of the outdoor art fair season. Held Mother's Day weekend, the festival kicks off a string of art shows in Plymouth, Ann Arbor, Rochester, Farmington, and Franklin. (See related sidebar.)

This year's 22nd annual event returns to Shain Park in downtown Birmingham Saturday-Sunday, May 10-11. Presented by the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center and Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber, the festival spotlights 300 artists working in 17 media ranging from painting to jewelry, glass, sculpture, photography and ceramics.

"It's the first art fair of the season and the first art weekend of the summer in Birmingham," said Janet Torno,



Joe Smith creates wheel thrown functional pottery. He will be exhibiting the functional wares in the Birmingham Fine Art Festival.

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'L'Air d'Esprit' is a tribute to Russian ballerina Olga Spessivtzeva. The pas de deux is performed in *Encore*, Arpino.

## Dance in contrast

Joffrey troupe presents American, Russian works

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Think twice about attending just one Joffrey Ballet of Chicago performance.

The company has two decidedly different programs planned for their Detroit visit this weekend at the Detroit Opera House.

"Like night and day," said David DiChiera, DOH director. "And, ballet watchers are going to be fascinated by both."

The first, *Encore, Arpino*, offered May 8-9, represents late 20th century dance. The second, *The Diaghilev Dynasty*, runs May 10-11 and recalls some of the great Russian choreography of the early 1900s.

*Encore, Arpino* is comprised of signature works created by Joffrey Ballet of Chicago's founder and

artistic director Gerald Arpino.

Arpino, whose choreographic style has been described as youthful, passionate and precise, co-founded New York City's Joffrey Ballet with Robert Joffrey in 1956.

In 1995, Arpino established Chicago's Joffrey Ballet.

Among the pieces presented in *Encore, Arpino* is *Light Rain*, the most requested work in the dance troupe's repertoire.

Arpino's choreography "is steeped in the tradition of ballet but has such youth, which gives it an American vitality," DiChiera said, adding, "It appeals to a very wide audience. It's not like an interpretation of an old-style European ballet."

In contrast, *The Diaghilev Dynasty* is rooted in the art form's legacy. The

### BALLET ON STAGE

**What:** Joffrey Ballet of Chicago presents two programs, *Encore, Arpino!* (May 8-9) and *The Diaghilev Dynasty* (May 10-11).

**When:** 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 8-10; 2 p.m. Sunday, May 11.

**Where:** Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit.

**Tickets:** \$17-\$75. Call (313) 237-SING, Ticketmaster (248) 645-5555 or [www.MichiganOpera.org](http://www.MichiganOpera.org).

PLEASE SEE BALLET, B6



# Brazilian rhythms jazz up Beatles songs on new CD

There's no doubt The Beatles changed music as we knew it in the 1960s. Their albums introduced foreign elements of classical and world music into the pop vocabulary.

Rich Kowalewski and his band Brazil and Beyond continue the musical journey with the release of their CD *Beatles Set* to a Brazilian beat, the recording covers early to late 1960s songs like *This Boy*, *Blackbird*, and *Norwegian Wood*.

Brazil and Beyond perform music from the CD at a release party Wednesday, May 14, at the Bird of Paradise in Ann Arbor. They'll also play tunes from their latest recording 2 p.m. Sunday, May 11, at the Birmingham Fine Art Festival in Sham Park.

"We've been together five years and always included Beatles songs in our sets," said Kowalewski. "They adapted well to Brazilian rhythms. I grew up in the late '60s with The Beatles. Every new record was a big event full of anticipation and excitement. The Beatles took us on a journey from *Rubber Soul* onward. They introduced new sounds,



## Artistic Expressions

Linda Chomin

Indian music through George Harrison. They were good influences introducing us to new and positive things. That makes for good music making.

Brazil and Beyond pick up where The Beatles leave off by arranging songs in samba, Bossa Nova and Afro-Brazilian styles. The latest CD opens our ears to instruments like the cavaquinho. Kowalewski performs the melody line of *This Boy* on the ukulele-like instrument. He also plays six-string Brazilian bass guitar and double bass on the CD. Frank Marinello plays classical and steel string guitar, Dennis Sheridan a number of percussion instruments including the African berimbau. Rob Emanuel sticks to drums and tambourin.

Kowalewski developed an appreciation for classical and jazz music while studying bass at Wayne State University. He



PHOTO BY STEVE GALLI

Brazil and Beyond introduce their new CD, 'Beatles,' at the Bird of Paradise. Pictured are Frank Marinello (left), Rob Emanuel, Dennis Sheridan with berimbau and Rich Kowalewski.

now teaches the instrument at Oakland University in Rochester, Farmington Public Schools and Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn.

The Portuguese brought the cavaquinho to Brazil," said Kowalewski. "It's from the same family of instruments that includes ukulele. We're basely an acoustic group with nylon string guitar, drums,

world percussion playing Brazilian, pop and jazz standards. Rochester, Farmington Public Schools and Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn. The Portuguese brought the cavaquinho to Brazil," said Kowalewski. "It's from the same family of instruments that includes ukulele. We're basely an acoustic group with nylon string guitar, drums,

## BRAZIL AND BEYOND

- Birmingham Fine Art Festival - 2 p.m. Sunday May 11. Sham Park stage in front of Birmingham City Hall on Martin.
- CD Release Party - 8 p.m. Wednesday May 14. Bird of Paradise 2312 S. Main St. Ann Arbor (734) 662-8310.
- Landry's Big Fish - 8-11 p.m. every Friday Saturday. Fairlane Town Center Dearborn (313) 336-6350.
- Rio Bravo - 5-8 p.m. Tuesday May 20. 240 Town Center Dr. Dearborn (313) 271-2900.
- Troy Summer Concerts - 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 18. Civic Center Lawn, 500 W. Big Beaver north of Liberty east of I-75.
- Rochester Concerts in the Park - 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday July 24. Rochester Municipal Park, Rochester.
- Music Under the Stars - 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday Aug 7. Greenmead Historical Village, 20501 Newburgh at 8 Mile Road. Livonia.

Beyond's third release after *Brazil* in 1999 and *Amanha*, which was introduced at the 2001 Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival. *Beatles* differs from the first two because we're already familiar with the songs written by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, and George Harrison. *This Boy* and *Blackbird* are sure to become favorites with Beatles fans,

especially those who like their music with exotic flavors.

Brazil and Beyond's *Beatles* CD is available online at [www.brazilandbeyond.com](http://www.brazilandbeyond.com) or at Tower in Birmingham Harmony House Berkley and Dearborn Music.

Know of an interesting story? Call *Observer & Eccentric* arts reporter Linda Ann Chomin at (734) 953-2145 or send e-mail to [chomin@oehomecomm.net](mailto:chomin@oehomecomm.net).

# JAMbalaya Street Festival could attract 100,000 to Pontiac

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

It's going to be a lively, funky, musical, artistic, tasty, spiritual Cajun event.

There's a lot of activities already announced to kick-off summer, but mark your calendars because the JAMbalaya Street Festival in Pontiac is expected to be very big.

Authentic tastes and sounds of New Orleans topped with Latin American beats and a big Mardi Gras-style parade is why Pontiac Mayor Willie Payne anticipates 100,000 people to attend the three-day festival Friday, Sunday, May 30 to June 1.

JAMbalaya means a mixture of many good things rolled into one. This JAMbalaya is just that vibrant and fun. People are already talking about it, Payne said.

It helps to know that Payne is a New Orleans native.

"We want to bring some Southern hospitality to the North. We want to show the Northerners how we do it in the South and we want to provide an upbeat, safe activity to get our neighbors excited about downtown Pontiac," Payne said.

Payne unveiled the JAMbalaya plans at Bo's Bistro in downtown Pontiac last week.

"The idea started at my mayor's birthday party last year that had a Louisiana-Mardi Gras theme," Payne said.

Replacing Pontiac's *Hot Wheels, Cool Nights* - the plan is to make JAMbalaya a new summer kick-off tradition in Pontiac.

"When you talk of New Orleans think jazz, blues, Blood Sweat and Tears, think authentic Cajun food including Mayor Payne's Shrimp and Potato stew," JAMbalaya Producer John Witz said. This event is for you.

Some of the major highlights:

- The food: Authentic Southern cooking with dishes ranging from beignets to Jambalaya. Every participating restaurant will offer at least one Southern dish. Participants include BD's Mongolian BBQ, Sweet Georgia Brown Zef's Restaurant, Kettle Korn of Michigan, Crystal Lake Cafe, Carter's Ribs & Tips, Howes Bayou, Mercurio Food Specialties, Big Daddy's Cool World Enterprises, Bert's Marketplace Jazz Club/Bert's on Broadway, Bos Roaster Co., Olympian Cafe, and The Almond Hut.

- The Latin Quarter part of the festival will be on Saginaw Street between Pike and Lawrence. Cha-cha to Latin music from The Reno Band and Saoco. A complete musical lineup will be announced later this month. Authentic Mexican and Puerto Rican cuisine from Mario's Meat Market and Trini & Carmens Express will be offered.

## JAMBALAYA STREET FESTIVAL

When 4 p.m. to midnight Friday May 30  
11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday May 31 and June 1

Where: Downtown Pontiac

What it is: A kick off to summer in Pontiac. The theme is a Taste of New Orleans as JAMbalaya. Activities include live entertainment, fine arts show, carnival, Mardi Gras theme parade, Southern and Cajun foods.

For more information [www.pontiacfestivals.com](http://www.pontiacfestivals.com)

- Music: Bands like Blood, Sweat and Tears, Sax Maniacs, Reefermen, Maison Bleue, Motorcity City Mama's Mania, Quincy Stewart Quartet, Twistin' Tarantulas, Kentucky Headhunters, Spyro Gyra, Alexander Zonjic, a Gospel showcase featuring Zamar instruments of praise, Troubadors, Black Bottom Collective, and Inohs Svad.
- The Parade: Music, Shaka Zulu dancers, drummers and stilt walkers from the Big Easy. The parade begins 11 a.m.

Saturday, May 31 at the corner of Saginaw and Lafayette and marches through downtown Pontiac to the Phoenix Center.

■ Two fairs: Witz said one is an eclectic juried art fair that includes artists from at least 25 states.

The second fair is called *Body, Mind and Spirit* created by the health publication phenomeNEWS. It includes body workers to restore energy, psychic readers, holistic health practitioners, massages, pyramids, yoga, natural cosmetics, and healthy food.

■ NBA Rhythm n' Rims in the parking lot of Saginaw Street. It's an interactive basketball and music tour consisting of an 18-wheel vehicle that unfolds into a 30,000 square-foot basketball theme-park. The stage features pop, R&B and alternative musicians, NBA and WNBA autograph sessions, slam dunk, three-point and free throw competitions and more.

There will be a full-size carnival with rides open to the public. Proceeds from the "Carnival for Courage" will benefit Kids Kicking Cancer. The Detroit Red Wings are involved.

Payne called JAMbalaya an important "quality of life" initiative for the city and metro-Detroit area. Proceeds from beverage sales will benefit local charities.

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## Celebrate National Music Week

Here's what's happening on the Sears Stage at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile Road at Middlebelt during the Community Celebration of National Music Week. For more information, call (248) 476-1160.

**Thursday, May 8**  
2 p.m. Ala Mode, barbershop quartet

**Friday, May 9**  
Noon C.J. Nodus, medley of Broadway favorites

**Saturday, May 10**  
4 p.m. Arbor Opera Theatre  
6 p.m. Mike Dunn, banjo

**Sunday, May 11**  
Mother's Day - no performances

**Monday, May 12**  
2 p.m. C.J. Nodus, medley of Broadway favorites

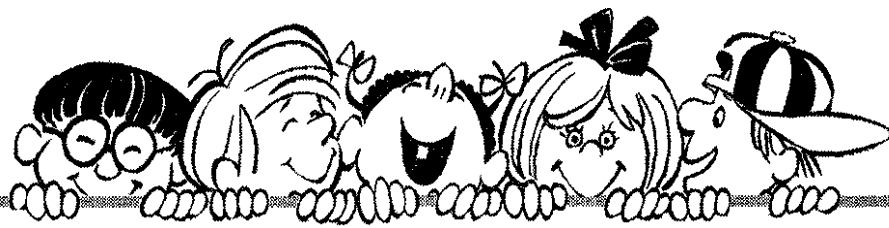
**Tuesday, May 13**  
12:30 p.m. Gary Cooper, saxophone  
5 p.m. Marjorie Van Hoy, composer and pianist

**Wednesday, May 14**  
11:30 a.m. Ladywood High School Orchestra  
2 p.m. C.J. Nodus, medley of Broadway favorites  
6 p.m. Detroit Fine and Performing Arts Middle School Band & Orchestra

**Thursday, May 15**  
11 a.m. Birmingham Musicale String Ensemble  
11:45 a.m. Ladywood High School Chorus  
2 p.m. Clarenceville Middle School Show Choir  
7 p.m. Renaissance Barbershop Quartet

**Friday, May 16**  
11:30 a.m. The Three Shades of Gold  
1 p.m. Clarenceville High School Choralists  
4 p.m. Maria DiCinco and students, piano  
6 p.m. Connie Randall and Friends, piano and vocals

**Saturday, May 17**  
3 p.m. Arbor Opera Theatre  
6 p.m. Mike Dunn, banjo



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# Marching band meets Broadway on Fox stage

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN  
STAFF WRITER

*Blast!* is an entertainment experience. Don't go to this celebration of movement, color and music expecting to see a show strung together by a story.

Imagine a marching band flashing instruments and sabers to music on a Broadway stage. That's *Blast!*, the 2001 Emmy Award winner for Best Theatrical Event and Best Choreography.

*Blast!* explodes onto the stage of the Fox Theatre Tuesday-Saturday, May 13-17.

There's no story line, just sit back and enjoy it, said Bryan Sutton, one of 56 cast members putting on the spectacle. There's comedy, some sadness but most of it's high-end, fast-paced, energetic.



'Blast!' is a theatrical spectacle of movement, color and sound

*Blast!* is like a visual representation of the emotion a color gives you. It's like a live fantasy with a light show, loud

music, lots of dancing to songs that go from purple to red hot and end with *Malaguena*. There's every kind of music

## BLAST!

**What.** Theatrical spectacle of music and movement drawn from marching band pageantry

**When:** 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday May 13-17  
2 p.m. Saturday-Sunday May 17-18 7:30 p.m. Sunday May 18

**Where:** Fox Theatre 2211 Woodward Ave. Detroit

**Tickets:** \$25-\$59 call (248) 433-1515 for information (313) 471-6611

from techno pop to classical to jazz and show tunes.

Like the rest of the cast members Sutton's theatrical experience hails from his years with Lakeview High School's competitive marching band and color guard in St. Clair Shores. *Blast!* is based in marching band and drum corps. The show evolved from the marching band pageantry

of Star of Indiana drum corps founded by businessman Bill Cook in Bloomington, Indiana in 1984. Artistic director James Mason shaped the competitive drum corps into the theatrical show Brass Theatre and eventually into *Blast!* which opened to rave reviews at the London Apollo in December 1999.

The 28-year old Sutton

joined the cast four years ago. He's part of the visual ensemble creating dance and movement with flags and sabers but also plays tuba and drums.

"I know all of the parts," said Sutton who attended Oakland Community College in Royal Oak and competed with a number of award-winning marching bands. We're all kind of multi-talented and all sing in the show."

Marching and moving around a stage while toting an instrument or saber takes an enormous amount of energy.

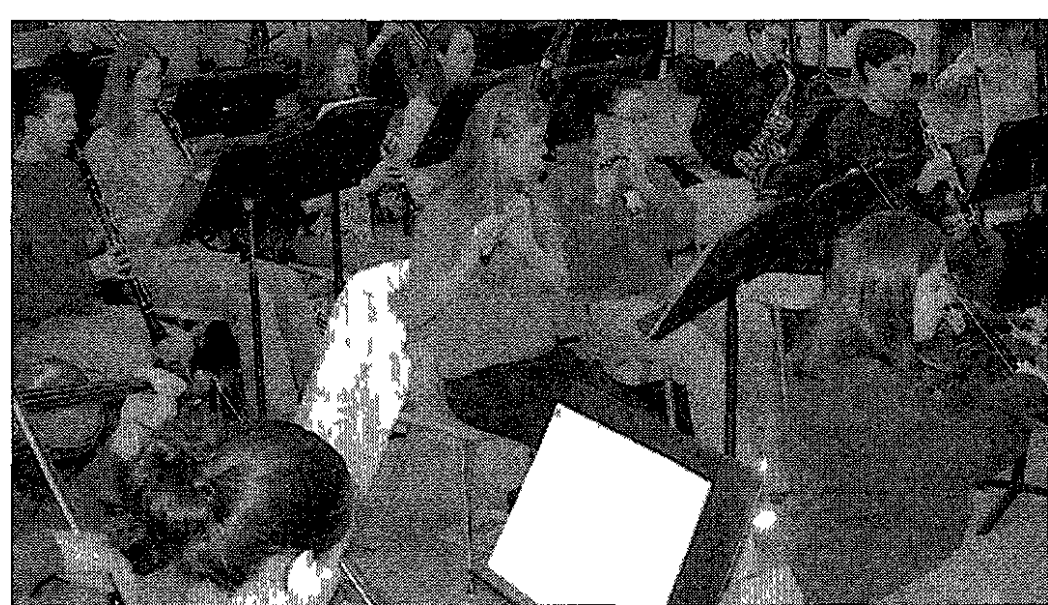
"It's kind of strenuous on tour doing mostly one week runs," said Sutton, who goes through seven costume changes during the show. "My life fits into two suitcases and a carry on."

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## Manny and the mirror

Chris Korte plays the lead character drudging up his past in *Manny and the Mirror: A Rock Opera* running 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 9-10, and Thursday-Saturday, May 15-17, and 6 p.m. Sunday May 18 (doors open one hour before with performances by local artists) at Hastings Street Ballroom 715 E. Milwaukee, Detroit. Tickets \$10. Call (313) 870-9002. Franklin, composer and lyricist Daniel Roth tells the suspenseful story of Manny, his girlfriend and dead brother through the songs. He also narrates the rock opera.



## Spring concert

Livonia Youth Philharmonic of Michigan presents its annual Spring Concert 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Stevenson High School, 33500 Six Mile Road, west of Farmington Road, Livonia. Tickets \$7 at the door, \$4 children and students, under age 3 free. Call (248) 350-3028. Different groups will perform including the Beginning and Intermediate Youth Orchestra, Advanced String Group, Concert String Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Flute Choir, and the Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Derek Weller.

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# Going Places

YOUR GUIDE TO SUBURBAN ENTERTAINMENT

## PROFESSIONAL THEATER

**Detroit Repertory Theatre**  
*Sorrow and Rejoicings* through May 25 13103 Woodrow Wilson Detroit \$17 free attended parking (313) 868 1347

**Gem Theatre**  
*Shear Madness* through May 18 333 Madison Detroit \$24.50 to \$34.50 (313) 963 9800

**Meadow Brook Theatre**  
*Meshuggah Nuns!* continues 8 p.m. Wednesday Saturday 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sunday through May 11 Meadow Brook Theatre in Wilson Hall Oakland University Rochester Hills \$24 \$38 previews \$19 \$26 (248) 377 3300

**Flanders Theatre Company**  
*Could This Be Love?* 8 p.m. Thursday Friday to May 9 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday May 11 Trinity House Theatre 38840 Six Mile Road at I 275 east of Haggerty Livonia For directions call (734) 464 6302 Tickets \$14 \$12 seniors call (313) 538 5739

**Purple Rose Theatre Company**  
*Hope For Corky* to May 31 137 Park Street Chelsea \$17.50 \$32.50 (734) 433 7673

## COMMUNITY THEATER

**Village Players of Birmingham**  
*Side Show* the 1998 Tony nominated musical about conjoined twins who were vaudevillians in the early 20th century 8 p.m. Friday Saturday May 9 10 16 17 2 p.m. Sunday May 11 & 18 34660 Woodward Ave \$15 Call (248) 644 2075

**Ridgedale Players**  
*Belles* 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday May 8 10 and Friday Saturday May 16 17 and 2 p.m. Sunday May 18 at the theater 205 W Long Lake Road between Livernois and Crooks Troy \$12 \$11 seniors and students on Sunday (248) 988 7049

**Genesis Troupe**  
*You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* 8 p.m. Friday Saturday May 9 10 and 16 17 and 7 p.m. Sunday May 11 and 18 St. Kenneth Catholic Church Social Hall 14951 N Haggerty Plymouth \$8 \$5 students (734) 420 0288

**Spotlight Players**  
Present the Stephen Sondheim musical *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* 8 p.m. Friday Saturday May 9 10 *Watertower Theater* on campus of Northville Psychiatric Hospital 41001 W Seven Mile Road west of Haggerty Northville \$14 ages 19 and older \$10 ages 2 18 (248) 349 7110

**Avon Players**  
*Cabaret* 8 p.m. Friday Saturday May 9 10 and Thursday Saturday May 15 17 and 2 p.m. Sunday May 11 at the theater 1185 Washington Road one mile east of Tenken and Rochester roads Rochester Hills \$15 (248) 608 9077 or visit the Web site at www.avonplayers.org

**Farmington Players Barn**  
Nunsense 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday May 8 10 and 15 17 and 2 p.m. Sunday May 11 Farmington Players Barn Theater 32332 W 12 Mile Road Farmington Hills \$15 (248) 219 0800

**Stagecrafters Baldwin Theatre**  
*Cowgirls* 8 p.m. May 9 10 2 p.m. matinee May 11 415 South Lafayette Royal Oak \$5 \$16 (248) 541 6430

**Clarkston Village Players**  
*The Cover of Life* by RT Robinson 7:30 p.m. Thursday 8 p.m. Friday Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday through May 17 Depot Theatre Clarkston \$10 Thursday and Sunday \$12 Friday Saturday (248) 625 8811 or online at the Web site www.clarkstonvillageplayers.org

**Rosedale Community Players**  
*Sylvia* a comedy by A.R. Gurney 8 p.m. Friday Saturday May 9 10 Upstage Theater 21728 Grand River east of Lahser Detroit (313) 532 4010

**SRO Productions**  
*Amy's View* 8 p.m. Friday Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday Friday May 9 sold out benefit Performances May 10 11 May 16 18 1854 Church Burgh Historical Park Civic Center Drive and Berg Road \$10 adults \$8 children 12 and under senior adults 50 and over (248) 827 0710

## CHILDREN'S EVENTS

**Farmington Hills Youth theater**  
*School House Rock* a musical

version of the 1970s television cartoon 7 p.m. Thursday May 8 and 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday May 10 Costick Center 28600 W 11 Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster \$8 (248) 219 0020 (reservations) (248) 473 1800 (information)

**Dora the Explorer**  
Live show Thursday Sunday May 8 11 Performances 7 p.m. Thursday Friday 10 30 a.m. Thursday 11 a.m. 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday Fox Theatre Detroit \$18.50 \$23.50 and \$29.50 available at the box office Hockeytown Authentics in Troy and all Ticketmaster outlets (248) 433 1515 or www.olympiaentertainment.com or www.ticketmaster.com

**Paper Bag Productions**  
*Charlotte's Web* noon (lunch) show 1 p.m. Saturday May 10 1 p.m. (lunch) show 2 p.m. Sunday May 11 Livonia Mall Seven Mile Road and Middlebelt use G entrance \$10 includes lunch \$7 show only (586) 344 7774

## DANCE PERFORMANCE

**Eisenhower Dance Ensemble**  
Center Dance Ensemble debut concert 8 p.m. Saturday May 10 Varner Recital Hall campus of Oakland University (248) 852 5850

## BOOKS/WORKSHOPS

**Write on**  
Four days of poetry fiction and non fiction workshops readings by faculty and students and panel discussions on publishing and creative writing programs are highlights of the Far Field Retreat for Writers Thursday Sunday May 15 18 at Oakland University in Rochester Hills Featured writers include Maureen Dunphy Thomas Lynch and Gerry LaFemina For more information visit www.2oakland.edu/english/farfield

## CLASSICAL

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra**  
Leif Sgerstam conducts Brahms from the North concerts 1 30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday May 9 and 8 30 p.m. Saturday May 10 at Orchestra Hall Detroit \$15 \$56 (313) 576 5111

**Elijah**  
Highland Park Baptist Church of Southfield presents Felix Mendelssohn's work with full orchestra and soloists 7 30 p.m. Saturday May 17 6 p.m. Sunday May 18 28600 Lahser Road south of 12 Mile Road Southfield No charge nursery available for children under 2 for Sunday concert (248) 357 5464 Ext 490

**Westminster Concert Bell Choir**  
The Sanctuary of Kirk in the Hills 1340 W Long Lake Road Bloomfield Hills 7 30 p.m. Wednesday May 14 \$30 for families of four or more \$15 general admission \$10 seniors \$8 students (248) 626 2515 Ext 109

**Nightnotes**  
Brazilian born pianist Maria Meireles 8 30 p.m. Friday May 16 Hagopian World of Rugs 850



Kitty Donohue is one of nine performers at a 10th anniversary celebration 7 30 p.m. (Open Mic 7 15 p.m.) Saturday May 10 at Mama's Coffeehouse at Birmingham Unitarian Church 38651 N Woodward Ave near Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills Tickets \$10 \$8 seniors and under age 16 Call (248) 569-0965 To reserve a slot for Open Mic, call (248) 626 4650 The coffeehouse will donate profits to Kids4afghankids a charity building a school and clinic in the mountains southwest of Kabul The performers are all donating their talents as well Also performing are Jim Perkins and Finvarra's Wren, Mustard's Retreat Jan Krist Matt Watroba, Robert Jones Jim Bizer Dennis Kingsbury and David Folks



Alexander Zonjic & Friends perform at the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra's Dinner Auction fund-raiser 6 p.m. Friday May 9 Townsend Hotel 100 Townsend St., Birmingham Tickets are \$100 includes gourmet dinner The event is the orchestra's major fund-raiser for the year Call (248) 645-2276

S Old Woodward Ave Birmingham Preceded by an hors d'oeuvres reception at 8 p.m. \$19 (\$10 children 12 and under) (248) 559 2095

## CHORAL

**Farmington Community Chorus**  
8 p.m. Friday Saturday May 9 10 Seligman Performing Arts Center Detroit Country Day Church 22305 W 13 Mile Beverly Hills \$10 (810) 632 4067 or (248) 473 1800

**Livonia Civic Chorus**  
Present the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber 8 p.m. Friday Saturday May 16 17 and 3 p.m. Sunday May 18 Marquis Theatre Northville \$10 (734) 422 2589

## COMEDY

**Genitt's**  
Bob Posch comedy 7 p.m. May 9 & 23 7 course dinner and show \$50 108 E Main Northville (248) 349 0522 for reservations

**Joey's Comedy Club**  
8 p.m. Tuesday is open mic with Beer Money Improv show also featuring Kicker's All American Grill 36071 Plymouth Road Livonia (734) 261 0555 www.joeyscomeyclub.com

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle**  
Open mic 8 p.m. Wednesdays (\$2) Improv troupe 8 p.m. Tuesdays (\$5) 269 E Fourth Royal Oak (248) 542 9900 or www.comedycastle.com

**Century Theatre**  
Comedy works brings game style and sketch improvisation to the stage 8 30 p.m. Friday Saturday to June 28 333 Madison Detroit \$12.50 (313) 963 9800

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Bloomfield Hills Toy Show**  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday May 31 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church 1100 Lone Pine Road \$4 kids under 12 free (248) 646 1047

## BENEFITS

**Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra**  
Dinner and auction fund raiser 6 p.m. Friday May 9 at the Townsend Hotel Birmingham Alexander Zonjic and Friends entertain \$100 (248) 645 2276

**Romanian Folk Music Concert**  
A Rotary Club International fund raiser 7 p.m. Friday May 9 St. George Cathedral Romanian Cultural Center Southfield \$30 \$10 students (734) 421 5048

**Great Lakes Chamber Gaia**  
Classical Meets Jazz benefit for the 2003 Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival 6 30 p.m. Saturday May 10 Gem & Century Theatres 333 Madison Ave Detroit \$175 per person (248) 559 2097

**Art on the Avenue**  
Champagne Preview Party 6 9 p.m. Wednesday June 4 Ford Community & Performing Arts Center Dearborn \$30 advance \$32 at door proceeds benefit Dearborn Community Arts Council (313) 943 3095

## JAZZ/BLUES

**Steve Turre Quintet**  
And Russell Malone Quartet 8 p.m. Thursday May 8 Orchestra Hall Detroit \$18 \$50 (313) 576 5111

**DSO Civic Orchestra and Civic Jazz Orchestra**  
Perform world premiere of *Motor City Memories* a work by legendary jazz artist Frank Foster 3 p.m. Sunday May 11 Orchestra hall Detroit \$10 (313) 576 5111

**Barbara Ware**  
With Kevin Grenier & Vermillion Moon 6 8 40 p.m. Monday May 12 and 9 30 p.m. to midnight Monday May 19 with Johnny Trudell & Friends Motor City Casino Overdrive Lounge Detroit

**Hidden Agenda**  
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday Saturday through Saturday June 21 Fox & Hound 39560 Woodward Bloomfield Hills No cover (248) 644 4800

**Rosie O'Grady's**  
Tim Flaherty Marvin Conrad and George Bennett Tuesday Night Open Blues/Jazz Jam 9 30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tuesday Rosie O'Grady's 175 W Troy Street Ferndale (248) 591 9163

**Vince James Trio**  
Compari's 8 11 p.m. Wednesdays 350 S Main Plymouth (734) 416 0100

**Matt Michaels Trio**  
Tom Saunders' cornet and Jim Wyse clarinet and saxophone 7 30 11 p.m. Wednesday May 14 with guitarist Steve Carryer 7 30 11 p.m. Wednesday May 21 with vocalist Barbara Ware Wednesday May 28 at Ron's Fireside Inn 28937 Warren Road two blocks east of Middlebelt \$5 cover with dinner \$10 cover without dinner (two drink minimum) (734) 762 7756

**Ursula Walker/Buddy Budson**  
7 30 11 30 p.m. Saturday May 31 Friday May 16 and 30 The Classic Grill in the Pontchartrain Hotel 2 Washington Blvd (313) 965 0200

**Bugs Beddo band**  
8 p.m. to midnight Friday May 16 Blue Martini 201 Hamilton Row Birmingham (248) 258 3005 10 p.m. to 1 30 a.m. Friday Saturday May 30 11 30 s Brewery 51 N Saginaw Pontiac (248) 338 9088 and 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Saturday May 17 Cavern Club 201 S First Ann Arbor (734) 332 9900

## FOLK/WORLD

**Festival**  
Flutist Ginka Ortega presents Groupa Musica Viva with Passions Festival of World Music and Dance Latin and Flamenco classics Shelia Landis Trio and an African Music and Dance Ensemble 8

## MAKING CONTACT

Please submit items for publication in *Going Places* to Linda Chomin two weeks in advance of event *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* 36251 Schoolcraft Livonia MI 48150 or fax (734) 591 7279

p.m. Friday May 9 Smith Theater Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge campus 27055 Orchard Lake Road Farmington Hills \$16 in advance \$18 door \$20 reserved up front seating (248) 522 3667

**Blackthorn**  
The Lash Thursday Friday May 8 9 and Blackthorn Saturday May 17 John Cowley & Sons 3338 Grand River Farmington (248) 474 5941 (Celtic)

**Tish Hinojosa**  
Mexican American pop/folk singer/songwriter 7 30 p.m. Friday May 9 Royal Oak First United Methodist Church 320 W 7th Street Royal Oak \$15 adults \$12 students seniors 60 and over (248) 541 4100

## SOCIAL DANCING

**Hustle**  
Do the Hustle 7 9 p.m. Friday May 9 during a two hour inter-generational dance class at Unity of Livonia 28660 Five Mile Road (between Inkster and Middlebelt) in Livonia Suggested donation is \$8 Call (734) 421 1760 or visit www.unityoflivonia.org

**Contra Dancing**  
1 30 4 30 p.m. first Sunday of each month Lovett Hall Ballroom next door to Henry Ford Museum Dearborn \$8 (313) 982 6100 Ext 2262

**Dance Elite Ballroom Studio**  
Swing & Salsa dance instruction 8 p.m. Dance 9 p.m. to mid night DJ open to the public Friday Maple at Haggerty (inside Bloomfield Avenue Shoppe II) West Bloomfield \$10 \$9 Michigan Swing Dance Association singles welcome \$10 per person (248) 926 8522

**Moon-Dusters**  
Ballroom dancing to live bands featuring swing fox trot waltz cha cha and Latin 8 30 11 30 p.m. Saturday Livonia Civic Center 15218 Farmington Road at Five Mile Road \$5 (248) 967 1428

**Rhythm 'N' Shoes**  
Weekly ballroom/Latin dance party with disc jockey 9 11 p.m. Thursday 2172 Franklin Road north of Square Lake Road east of Telegraph Bloomfield Hills \$7 \$6 members (248) 334 0299

**All Star Dance Parties**  
7 p.m. Sunday (one hour Cha Cha lesson by Glen Clark) through April \$6 ballroom dancing 8 11 p.m. \$6 \$10 for both White Heather Club 150 Vester Ferndale (313) 521 6564

**A-1 Dance Parties**  
8 p.m. to midnight Thursday Top 40s Oldies Line Dances requests Italian Cultural Center Warren \$6 (313) 521 6564

**Country Western**  
Mother's Day Dance 7 p.m. Saturday May 10 (lesson) 7 30 p.m. dancing to DJ music cou



Celebrate spring and country life at Sheep Shearing Day 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday May 10, at the Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm 1005 Van Hoosen Road, off of Tenken, one mile east of Rochester Road, north of downtown Rochester Learn how raw wool is turned into clothing, play old-fashioned games, pet animals, and see the alpacas, llamas and angora rabbits Admission is \$5, \$3 seniors and students Call (248) 656-4663 or visit the Web site at www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm

ples flow and line dancing \$10 Italian Cultural Center 28111 Imperial Dr South of 12 Mile Road east of Hoover Warren (586) 573-0668

## MUSEUMS, PARKS AND TOURS

**Ann Arbor Hands On Museum**  
Celebrating 20 years of discovery museum offers more than 250 science and technology exhibits to explore the world of science 220 E Ann 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday Saturday noon to 5 p.m. Sunday \$7 \$5 children students and seniors (734) 995 KIDS or www.aahom.org

**Cranbrook Institute of Science**  
39221 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills \$7 adults \$5 children/seniors (877) 462 7262

**Nankin Mills Interpretive Center**  
Live animal display hands on activities for kids 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday Saturday 33175 Ann Arbor Trail in Westland east of Hines Drive Free (734) 261 1990

**Detroit Institute of Arts**  
Continues its Friday night programming at the museum 5200 Woodward Ave With admission \$4 \$1 children no charge for Founders Society members Call (313) 833 8499 for exhibition information (313) 833 7900 for general information or visit the Web site at www.dia.org

**Detroit Science Center**  
*Titanic The Artifact Exhibit* continues to Sept 7 Advance timed tickets for the exhibit \$16.95 \$13.95 seniors \$11.95 ages 2 12 IMAX film and planetarium shows \$4 each or \$6 for both (248) 645 6666 Also a planetarium show recreating the stars the night the ship went down and IMAX movie on the ghostly ship at the bottom of the ocean Digital Dome Planetarium Show weekends 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday Friday 10 30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday noon to 6 p.m. Sunday at 5020 John R Detroit (313) 577 8400 www.detroitsciencecenter.org

**Detroit Zoo**  
Kids will love The Arctic Ring of Life which features a 70 foot see through acrylic tunnel where polar bears swim around visitors \$8 adults \$6 seniors and children For more information call (248) 398 0900 or visit the Web site at www.detroitzoo.org Now open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily The zoo is at 8450 W 10 Mile at I 696 and Woodward Royal Oak The Detroit Zoo is always looking for volunteers To volunteer or for more information call Sue Kingsepp at (248) 541 5717

**Henry Ford Museum**  
Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday \$8.50 \$13.50 (313) 271 1620 For IMAX ticket prices and show times call (800) 747 IMAX (4629)

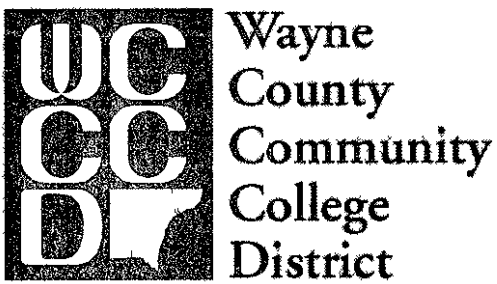
**Meadow Brook Hall**  
Tours 1 30 p.m. Monday Sunday and 12 30 p.m. and 2 30 p.m. Saturday Sunday cost is \$12.50 \$8.50 seniors over age 62 \$6 children under 12 children under 2 free Tea on Tuesday \$35 at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University Rochester For information visit the Web site at www.meadowbrookhall.org

**Plymouth Historical Museum**  
New permanent Abraham Lincoln exhibit Images of Lincoln acquired from Michigan collector Weldon Petz at the museum 155 S Main \$3 \$1 students ages 5 17 \$7 a family Hours are 1 4 p.m. Wednesday

Thursday and Saturday Sunday (734) 455 8940

**Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm**  
The 16 acre museum complex tells the story of Oakland County's earliest pioneers Admission includes tours of the 1840 Van Hoosen Farmhouse 1850 Tenant Red House and 1927 Van Hoosen Dairy Barn The museum's new permanent exhibit A Lively Town uses more than 200 images and 100 artifacts to show the development of the Rochester area \$5 \$3 children students and seniors Hours are 1 4 p.m. Wednesday Saturday at the museum on Van Hoosen Road one mile east of Rochester Road off Tenken (248) 645 4663 or visit www.rochesterhills.org/museum.htm





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## ACADEMIC COURSES

Wayne County Community College District's Western Campus offers two summer semesters: a longer semester of 12 weeks and a shorter, more intense semester of 7.5 weeks. Classes are applicable to an associate degree program at WCCCD or to transfer to a four-year institutions (please check with the university to which you want the credits transferred).

### 12-WEEK SEMESTER

May 27 – August 18

#### SCIENCES

Introductory Biology  
Human Anatomy and Physiology I & II  
Microbiology  
Introduction to Chemistry

#### COMPUTERS

Introduction to Computer Information Systems  
PC Repair and Troubleshooting

#### ENGLISH

Reading Skills Development  
Advanced Reading and Study Skills  
Basic Writing Skills I & II  
English I & II  
Fundamentals of Speech

#### SOCIAL SCIENCES

World Civilization I – Pre-history to 1650  
U S History I – 1607-1865  
Introduction to the Visual Arts  
American Government  
Introductory Psychology  
Sociology

#### MATHEMATICS

Basic Mathematics  
Pre-Algebra  
Elementary Algebra  
College Algebra

#### OTHER PROGRAM OFFERINGS\*

Heavy Equipment Maintenance  
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning  
Nursing

\* For more information, please call the Western Campus 734.699.0200.

### 7.5-WEEK SEMESTER

June 16 – August 8

#### SCIENCES

Introductory Biology

#### COMPUTERS

Computer Applications in Business

#### ENGLISH

English I  
Introduction to Drama  
Fundamentals of Speech

#### SOCIAL SCIENCES

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  
Introduction to the Visual Arts  
American Government

#### MATHEMATICS

Principles of Economics

Occupational Therapy  
Surgical Therapy

## CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES

The Western Campus also offers a variety of continuing education/enrichment classes which expand your knowledge in a field you have been wishing to explore!

Some are popular and have been repeated by popular demand; some are new. The courses vary in length from one day to twelve weeks, so please check the schedule book when you register.

#### AGRISCIENCE

Flower Garden Design Learn how to plan and design a flower garden, using seasonal blooming dates.  
Composting (Intro) Learn the 3-bed composting system for general garden needs.

#### \*Introduction to Residential Landscape Design

Learn techniques to create professional landscape designs for their homes  
Class will focus on the principles and techniques of organic gardening

#### Organic Gardening

#### CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Builders License Prep Prepare for the Michigan Builders License Exam by taking this course  
Apprenticeship Programs Provides an orientation to define how you could be involved in a registered apprenticeship program.

#### COMPUTER CLASSES

Microsoft Office Courses A six-hour introduction to computer basics like Word and Excel.  
PowerPoint Learn to work with specialized drawing tools and built-in word processing to create powerful presentations

#### Web Page Design

Acquire the knowledge to design visual content for the web.

#### Computer Based Music

Learn the basics of audio production and create CD quality recordings.

#### CPR/LIFE SAVING SKILLS

CPR for Healthcare Providers An American Heart Association BLS Course for Healthcare Providers.

#### HOME AND AUTO REPAIR

Handy Home Repair Learn to build a room, tile a floor, install windows and much, much more  
Beyond Handy Home Repair Develop specialty skills in various trades with hand and power tools  
Small Engine Repair Obtain necessary skills to tear down and assemble a small air-cooled engine

#### OTHER

\*Aromatherapy Learn about the use of essential oils and their relationship to skin care  
\*Therapeutic Ceramics Designed to work specifically with post mastectomy patients  
Greystone Ballroom Dancing Learn the graceful dance movements and techniques made famous at the Greystone Ballroom  
Beginning Guitar Bring an acoustic or electric guitar and learn basic chords, picking and runs  
Cardio Kickboxing Learn body mechanics and modifications to exercises that prevent injury or accommodate a disability  
35mm Photography For beginners+, basic camera operations, with students supplying their own camera and film  
The Hustle Learn the unique steps of the Hustle, emphasizing line techniques and caller terminology

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**BALLET**

FROM PAGE B1

program resurrects three works performed by the celebrated Russian dance company Les Ballets Russes de Diaghlev

The most controversial of the pieces is *Le Sacre Du Printemps*, which translates into *The Rite of Spring*

Created by legendary choreographer Vaslaw Nijinsky to music by the equally renowned Igor Stravinsky, the piece's debut in Paris incited street riots. The ballet depicted a fertility rite, during which a girl is sacrificed. Consequently, the piece was performed only a few more times and considered a lost masterpiece.

Nijinsky's sister Bronislava Nijinska choreographed *Les Noces*, which is also set to



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Les Ballets Russes de Diaghlev's 'Parade' was a collaborative effort choreography by Leonid Massine, set design by Pablo Picasso and theme by Jean Cocteau

music by Stravinsky. Four grand pianos accompany the vibrant depiction of a Russian peasant wedding.

The third selection, *Parade*, was a collaboration by several

well-known artists of the time. Leonid Massine choreographed the piece, Pablo Picasso designed the set and Jean Cocteau created the circus theme.

"It was revolutionary at the beginning of the 20th century to bring together different artists," commented Carol Halsted, dance coordinator at the Detroit Opera House.

Of course, the Diaghlev-era choreography was itself radical. "It absolutely revolutionized what was being done at the time," said DiChiera.

Today, pieces like *Les Noces* and *Le Sacre Du Printemps* are considered the building blocks of modern and contemporary choreography, said DiChiera. "These pieces altered the evolution of dance and have been influential up to the current day."

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**ART FAIRS**

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BBAC executive director 'Our silent auction of works, donated by artists, grows bigger and better every year. And we have lots of new art activities for families - patriotic flag T-shirts (\$12) to decorate with stamps or painted silk scarves (\$8) to make for mom, or treasure boxes

**FAMILY FESTIVAL**

"We want this to be a family festival. We have a variety of live entertainment and new food including healthy alternatives from Lettuce Plan It in Southfield. There's plenty of great food, great fun."

This year for the first time the weekend begins with a trolley tour of Birmingham galleries 6-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 9. While Sharon Stanton is excited about partnering with local businesses to feature art indoors, the BBAC special events coordinator is ecstatic about artists in the Birmingham Fine Art Festival outdoors.

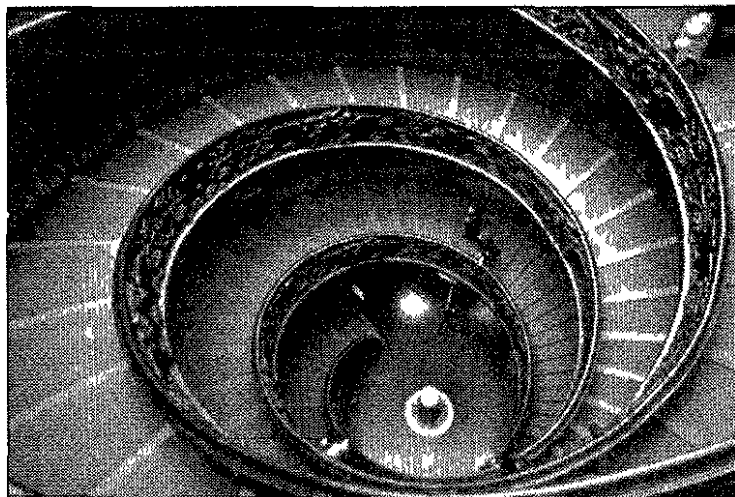
The quality of work has increased as word of mouth about the festival spreads among artists on the art fair circuit. For the first time this year judges will award \$2,600 in cash prizes for Best of Show. The monetary awards are sure to draw even more artists to create a larger pool from which to choose.

"I'm excited about artists like Karen Howell of Pennsylvania whose porcelains are based on the Japanese legend of the Rabbit and the Moon," said Stanton. "There are a lot of interesting types of art - Birmingham artist Andrew Madvin's glass flowers are for outdoors and indoors. They have a glass bloom mounted on a steel stem and are lyrical and beautiful. About one-third are new artists working in fiber, photography, and glass."

"There will be very colorful lampworked glass beads by Lee Cox of Florida, from New Mexico acrylic abstract paintings by Bill 'Wild' Weldon. Sherri Tracey of Illinois is bringing 2-D mixed media. She begins with batik then adds wire, wood, silver leaf to create works with titles like *Journey into the Woods*. They're very colorful and tell a story."

**ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE**

Ceramist Joe Smith doesn't have as far to travel as most of the artists in the festival. Smith is an instructor and artist-in-residence at Cranbrook's Kingswood Upper School in Bloomfield.



California photographer Emanuel Volakis captures antiques of Europe such as this spiral staircase in his work

**BIRMINGHAM FINE ART FESTIVAL**

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday May 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 11

Where: Shain Park north of Merrill east of Bates downtown Birmingham. For more information call (248) 644-0866

**Entertainment Schedule**

Saturday May 10

- 11 a.m. Tri-Force, rock and blues
- Noon The DirtBros folk classic rock bluegrass blues
- 1 p.m. Village Players of Birmingham perform music from Side Show
- 2 p.m. Donna Lee Holman country
- 3 p.m. Sheila Landis Trio, jazz
- 4 p.m. The Hope Orchestra high-energy original music
- 5 p.m. Michael King Band

Sunday May 11

- 11 a.m. Blackman and Arnold Quartet
- Noon Julie Kovich progressive pop
- 1 p.m. David Nefesh ballads
- 2 p.m. Brazil and Beyond, music from new Beatles CD
- 3 p.m. Chris McCall
- 4 p.m. HotSmoke rock n roll

**'We want this to be a family festival. We have a variety of live entertainment and new food.'**

Janet Torno executive director BBAC

Hills His functional plates, vessels, bowls, plates, and serving pieces come in rich colors that remind him of the bronze patina of sculptures on campus. Smith studied ceramics at Kansas City Art Institute in Missouri before moving to Michigan to study with Tony

Hepburn at Cranbrook Academy of Arts. This is his first time in the Birmingham show.

"I'm looking forward to it," Smith said. "Back in the '80s and early '90s I did art fairs but teaching is a full-time job. Birmingham's the only show I've applied for this year."

"I've been throwing 34 years. My work's changed over the years. It used to be clean unbroken lines, but my latest work is looser and has a Zen quality as if a Zen master was following me around. There are hidden things in my work a good eye can find."

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**Shop for art at street fairs**

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

The Birmingham Fine Art Festival kicks off a summer of outdoor art fairs. It's a great time to shop for gifts. In fact, many people begin their holiday shopping at this time of year. So grab a pair of comfortable shoes and plan on making a day of it.

Here's a list of upcoming art fairs. Admission is free except where noted.

**Greektown Arts Festival** - 5-10 p.m. Friday, May 16, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 17, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 18, on Monroe, St. Antoine and Beaubien, in Detroit's Greektown, (313) 963-3357

**Jambalaya Street Festival** - 4-10 p.m. Friday, May 30, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, May 31, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 1, (248) 334-4600 or www.pontiacfestivals.com

**Livonia's Arts & Crafts Festival** - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 7-8, Greenmead Historical Village, 20501 Newburgh at 8 Mile Road, (734) 466-2540

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# Fresh air

## 'A Mighty Wind' opens; winged creatures take flight on the big screen

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Movie-goers looking for a breath of fresh air have two spirituous films from which to choose this weekend. *A Mighty Wind*, which opens in theaters Friday, and *Winged Migration*, showing Friday-Sunday, May 9-11 at Detroit Film Theatre.

While both films sound a bit like *National Geographic* productions, only *Winged Migration* tackles natural phenomenon, that of the flight of birds. Oscar-nominated for best documentary, the film tracks species from seven continents, capturing the experience of flight thanks to cutting-edge technology and unprecedented efforts by cinematographers and pilots.

*Winged Migration* took three years to film and is visually stunning, said Elliot Wilhelm, DFT director. "You feel as if you're flying alongside them."

*Winged Migration* a Sony Pictures Classics release is rated G. For schedule or tickets call (313) 833 3237 or visit [www.dia.org/dft](http://www.dia.org/dft)

*A Mighty Wind*, directed by Christopher Guest (*Best in Show* and *Waiting for Guffman*) is a mock documentary - otherwise known as a



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Three '60s folk music groups reunite for a concert in the mock documentary *A Mighty Wind* featuring Eugene Levy and Catherine O'Hara

mockumentary - about three 60s folk groups who reunite for a concert following the death of a manager.

The film genre - fiction with actors filmed like a documentary - makes for hilarious

entertainment. Guest's other mockumentary *Best in Show* did well in the box office. *A Mighty Wind* is doing even better in cities where it has already opened. Whether you like folk music or came of age in



MATHEU SIMONET

If there's a way to convey the experience of flight to human beings on film, *'Winged Migration,'* Oscar-nominated in the category of Best Documentary, has done it. The film shows Friday Saturday and Sunday at Detroit Film Theatre

### FILM TUNES

Movie music will be in the air at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 10 at the Redford Theatre in Detroit. Organist Ron Reeseigh has a century of film tunes to

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# 'The Lizzie McGuire Movie' is a giggly teenage girl's fantasy

THE LIZZIE MCGUIRE MOVIE  
\*\*1/2 (out of four)

Lizzie McGuire (Hilary Duff) is a giggly teenager with a knack for screwing up. At her junior high graduation, she trips and pulls down the curtain backdrop, knocking her entire class from the risers. Her little brother - a master blackmailer who possesses a folder entitled "The Lizzie Files," which includes subfolders like "Trips & Falls" and "Embarrassing Moments" - tapes the incident and sends it to CNN.

Desperate to duck prime-time humiliation, Lizzie joins her class trip to Rome, under the militaristic eye of their chaperone, Mrs. Ungermeyer.

Things take a turn for the totally dreamy when Lizzie meets Italian pop star Paolo, who wants Lizzie to impersonate



Extra Butter

Daniel Kraus

ate his former girlfriend and singing partner, Isabela, at an awards show that takes place at - but of course! - the Roman Coliseum.

The song Lizzie sings at the end of the film - a moronic, embarrassingly catchy teenybopper number called *What Dreams are Made Of* - is really the perfect comment on the preceding exercise in adolescent fantasy, because *Lizzie McGuire* is exactly that: a teenage girl's fantasy.

It's pretty clear that *Lizzie McGuire* isn't exactly re-drawing the map of modern-

day gender roles, and this is what is most irritating and endearing about the film. Lizzie encounters no adventure. No international intrigue. Her only competition? Other girls, locked in savage competition to out-glam their bitter rivals.

Sure, Lizzie does her fair share of conniving, but it is solely in aid of nabbing the romantic attention of a boy she hardly knows. With Lizzie in an almost constant state of swoon, *Lizzie McGuire* is borderline offensive - what happened to all the faux-feminist "girl power" that was all the rage a couple years ago? Lizzie makes the Spice Girls look radical.

But let's be honest with ourselves here: 14-year-old girls do dress in pink outfits with the word "love" stenciled on them. They do obsess over

clothes and make-up. Because if they don't succeed in getting that idiotic 14-year-old boy to look at them they might, like, totally die! If you've ever seen the kids' TV show that *Lizzie McGuire* is based on, you know that the opening credits look like a JC Penny's commercial: the clear message, in a nutshell, is to dress up, fit in, and be cute - and the world will be your oyster.

Despite all this, I liked *Lizzie McGuire* precisely because it contained no messages. It simply embraces modern middle-class WASP girlhood and treats all its neuroses and hang-ups as par for the course. The young ladies at my screening loved the film, feebly in part because it reassured them that all their "unimportant" desires weren't unimportant at all. "It's OK to spend three hours planning your

wardrobe," the film assured them. And, for better or worse, there was an almost audible sigh of relief.

Duff makes it all work. Like many child actors, her acting is slightly overconfident, but behind her bluster you can still see an overwhelmed youngster - and is this not how one braves the daily junior high gauntlet?

Unfortunately, Duff is way too pretty - never for a second did I believe Lizzie could ever be as unpopular as the film implies. After all, Duff is a Britney Spears look-alike, and lest we miss it, there are several Britney-style dance sequences to solidify the comparison.

Like Britney, Duff treads an uncomfortable middle ground of being aggressively sexy while still being very young (oddly, the film's reoccurring

bits of animation portray Lizzie as an awkward bean-pole, quite unlike the buxom starlet she really is.) To neutralize this, Duff is put into a storyline so safe Pamela Anderson could emerge unscathed - there is never a threat of sex here, only of super-duper pop stardom.

To those of us who aren't adolescent females, *Lizzie McGuire* may seem to be part of the problem when it comes to issues of young women's confidence, self-esteem and self-worth. Still, Lizzie's contemporaries should feel welcome to embrace the movie. After all, don't they get enough preaching outside of the theater?

Daniel Kraus is a syndicated columnist and filmmaker. Info on his latest film *Ball of Wax* can be found at [www.ballofwaxmovie.com](http://www.ballofwaxmovie.com)

### FILM BEAT

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# Birmingham reels in Mitchell's Fish Market

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

Over the last few years, southeast Michigan has attracted a number of upscale national-chain restaurants, choosy about their high-profile locations. The latest of these is Mitchell's Seafood Market, which opened Friday, May 2 on the ground floor of The Willits, a luxury condo complex in downtown Birmingham.

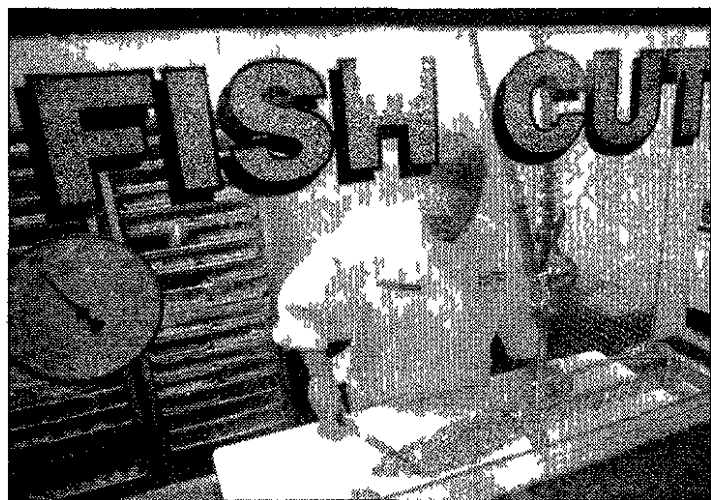
Owner/president Cameron Mitchell is the energy and idea-man behind the restaurant corporation Cameron Mitchell Restaurants, headquartered in Columbus, Ohio. The company has grown from a single unit in 1993 to 19 units with nine different concepts in four states. Birmingham is the seventh Fish Market restaurant to open.

Mitchell knows the restaurant industry from dishwasher to the president's desk. In 1979, he got his first taste of the business as a dishwasher at a local Columbus, Ohio steakhouse. A few years later, he graduated from the Culinary Institute of America and began to climb the corporate ladder of another Columbus restaurant group. As an entrepreneur in 1993, he left to form his own company.

## BIRMINGHAM FIT

Mitchell's seats 250, including a private dining room for 18. The great seafood houses of coastal America inspire the design and atmosphere, complementing the over 80 menu items utilizing fresh seafood, flown in daily from coastal origins and displayed at the entrance to the open kitchen.

A custom-designed refrigerated seafood preparation room at a constant 35 degrees Fahrenheit, maintains maximum freshness once seafood deliveries are made. True to the "Market" in its name, Mitchell's Fish Market also features a retail seafood menu



Executive Chef Seanne Myers prepares salmon at the cutting station at Mitchell's Fish Market

JERRY ZOLYNSKY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## MITCHELL'S FISH MARKET

Where: 117 Willits St., Birmingham (248) 646 3663

Open: Lunch and dinner daily  
Sunday brunch 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Food style: Eighty preparations of daily-delivered fresh seafood from national and international waters and selected turf items.

Cost: Lunch \$7-\$13  
Dinner \$8-\$20 Sunday brunch specials \$8-\$11 Fun kids menu items at \$5

Reservations: Accepted

of fresh fish and seafood to go.

A large reception area divides a cigar-friendly bar with 35 stools and additional table seating for 40 from a richly wooded no-smoking main eating area off the open kitchen. A nautical bar mural hints at boating on local waterways while the non-smoking area offers the feel of eating on a docked private yacht with rich wood decor. Many polished brass-accented

comfortable booths set another mood while tables at the windows offer a city "shore" view.

Among the unique cocktail pours is Whatyoutalknabout Willits, a spin on a Cosmopolitan, christened by General Manager Mark Weiss, a Birmingham resident. The name is but one clue about a restaurant that takes seafood, fun and gracious hospitality seriously.

## ON THE MENU

"Preparing seafood is all I've ever done," said 27-year-old Executive Chef Seanne Myers, a graduate of Pennsylvania Institute of Culinary Arts in Pittsburgh. A native of Kent, Ohio, she now makes her home in Troy. "With seafood, the concept is all about what's fresh," she added.

Except for sandwiches at lunch and steak or chicken options at dinner, the menu for each service time is nearly identical. Based on Mitchell's Seafood Market in other locations, Chef Seanne noted the trendy menu items.

"From the raw bar, oysters are popular," she said. "Oysters have seasons, therefore we source them that way and from the coldest waters. We always have three East Coast and one from the West Coast."

Other house special "starters" are Beer-Boiled Jumbo Shrimp Cocktail, Seared Rare Salt 'n Pepper Tuna, and N'Awins BBQ Shrimp or if you prefer soup, it's Maine Lobster Bisque.

The Beachcomber's Platter offers three tastes in one, broiled Atlantic salmon, shrimp and scallops, accompanied by creamy garlic mashed potatoes and vegetable garnish of the day. Sweet corn saute in addition to creamy garlic mashed potatoes are an excellent plate accompaniment to Chesapeake Bay Crab Cake. To heighten the experience, pair this dish with a food-friendly chardonnay, such as the 2000 Byron, 2000 St Francis or 2001 Chateau St Jean "Belle Terre."

These are only a few of the well-priced selections on the progressive wine list (wines listed from lightest to heaviest), accessible on the back of the daily-dated menu.

Chef Seanne, whom you'll see visiting tables, especially likes her Cedar Roasted Atlantic Salmon, roasted and served on a cedar plank, and her Blackened Florida Mahi Mahi, served with flash-fried rock shrimp, sauteed spinach, sweet onion hash browns and a Zydeco BBQ sauce (\$11.50 at lunch and \$17.95 at dinner).

Keeping with the seafood theme, don't miss Sharkfin Pie, Johnson's butter fudge ice cream, honey-roasted peanuts, fudge, peanut butter, Oreo cookie crust, all topped with whipped cream. Or if you like your dessert in liquid form, a number of specialty coffee drinks, Single Malt Scotches, cognacs and Ports require only a simple request.

Eleanor Heald is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. To leave her a voice mail message dial (734) 953 2047 on a touch tone phone mailbox 1864#.

## CITY BITES

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## MOTHER'S DAY

### Michigan Star Clipper

All aboard for Mother's Day Dinner on the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train. Pontiac Trail north of Maple Road in Walled Lake. Mom will enjoy a three-hour train excursion and five-course gourmet dinner with live entertainment on Sunday, May 11. Train leaves at 5 p.m. Cost is \$72.50 per person. All mothers receive \$10 off. Reservations required. Call (248) 960 9440. www.michiganstarclipper.com.

### Champagne brunch

At the Finnish Center on the north side of Eight Mile Road, west of Farmington Road, between Gill and Newburgh in Farmington Hills, 12:30-3 p.m. Sunday, May 11. Complimentary carnations for mothers and champagne served from a champagne fountain. A variety of brunch selections ranging from breakfast to dinner prepared by Chef Mike Grant will be served. Craft for kids program and prizes. Cost: \$12.50 adults.

\$3.50 children under 12. Call (248) 478 6939 for reservations.

### Meadow Brook Hall

Tea with Mom 2-3 p.m. Sunday, May 11. Cost: \$20 per child, \$35 per adult. Mother's Day dinner begins at 6 p.m. with a champagne reception followed by four-course meal prepared by Executive Chef Danny Martinez. Cost: \$75 per person, includes tax, tip, gratuity. Reservations required. Call (248) 370 3140 or visit www.meadowbrookhall.org. Meadow Brook Hall is on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester.

### Five Lakes Grill

Mother's Day brunch, limited menu, adults \$19.95, children 6-12 \$8.95, no charge for children under 6. 424 N. Main St., Milford. Call (248) 684 7455.

### Unique Restaurant Corp.

Serving Mother's Day brunch beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 11, at Morels and Northern Lakes Seafood Company. Call Morels (248) 642 1094 or Northern Lakes Seafood Company (248) 646 7900 for reservations/information. Shiraz (248) 645 5289. Duet (313) 831 3838 and No. VI Chophouse (248) 305 5210 will open at noon for dinner and serve until 8 p.m. Morels and Northern Lakes Seafood Company open at 5 p.m. and serve until 9 p.m. All of the venues will have their regular dinner menu.

# Tribute's executive chef wins James Beard Award

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

At the 13th annual James Beard Foundation Awards event, Monday, May 5, in New York's Marriott Marquis hotel, Executive Chef Takashi Yaghashi of Tribute restaurant in Farmington Hills was named Best Chef of the Midwest.

Established in 1990 and akin to an Oscar in the film world, The James Beard Foundation Awards are the premier honors for fine food and beverage professionals in North America.

Nominees and winners are selected by an independent volunteer panel of more than 500 food and beverage professionals from around the country who vote in specific award categories related

to their expertise. The accounting firm, Lutz & Carr, tabulates ballots. Winners' identities remain confidential until the awards ceremonies. Winners receive a bronze medallion engraved with the image of James Beard.

The James Beard Foundation presents its annual awards with generous support from a host of contributors, American Express sponsored Best Chef in the Midwest that also included other talented chef nominees Roger Johnsson from Aquavit in Minneapolis, and from Chicago Paul Kahan of Blackbird, Michael Kornick of MK and Tony Mantuano from Spiaggia.

Tribute is located at 31425 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills (248) 848-9393 and is open for dinner Tuesday-Saturday.

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### Flower Day

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The first Flower Day drew more than 20,000 people even though plants were not sold; only displayed and questions were answered by the growers about plants. The following year growers sold the plants and the event grew.

Today more than 100,000 flats of plants are on display making it the biggest event of its kind in the world according to organizers. On Saturday, May 17, Blooming Affair Day will be sponsored by the Detroit Recreation Department and the Eastern Market Merchants Association. On Sunday, May 18, Flower Day will be sponsored by the Metro Flower Growers Association and EMMA.

For more information contact the Eastern Market Merchants Association at (586) 393 8800.

### Swap plants

The city of Farmington Hills Spring Plant Swap is set for 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, May 17, in the City Hall parking lot at 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads. All gardeners are invited to bring perennials and seeds to swap with other gardeners.

### Sunscreen

As summer approaches, most people are conscious of the necessity for sunscreen. Unfortunately for our furnishings, people are not as aware of the necessity to protect their homes against the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays.

Ultraviolet rays can even eventually fade floors, furniture upholstery and drapery fabrics - or even worse - a treasured painting. Natural undyed fabrics can become yellowed. Wood in furniture can fade, leaving an unevenly colored piece of furniture or split in the wood due to the heat. The right window covering can block up to 99 percent of UV rays. Look for a percentage of UV blockage rating. The higher a product's rating, the better the home's interior is protected.

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Geoffrey Orley of Shabahang Persian Carpets of Bloomfield Hills poses with Zsolt Ensol with some antique Persian carpets.

## Rugs, rings and things

### Antiques take center stage

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

Phyllis Sheppard of Farmington Hills remembers how she and a friend helped convince her husband, Bill, to purchase a Wedgwood ring from 1830 for her at an Antiques Show & Sale at Greenfield Village.

"We kind of cornered him, she said with a laugh.

It's a beautiful ring. You take off the ring and there's another design inside.

"They kind of talked me into it," Bill said.

Actually, the Sheppards are not antique buffs, looking for some rare, hidden treasures. They volunteer at Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum's complex (now known as The Henry Ford), and help with the Antiques Show each year. This year they'll help wallpaper booths for the exhibitors.

But what impresses them are the variety and significance of historical pieces exhibited in such an appropriate venue - at Lovett Hall, adjacent to Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum. More than 40 art and antique exhibitors carry a diverse assortment of fine antiques and collectibles for sale on May 17-18. (See related box.)

Kitty Bartholomew, host of HGTV's *Kitty Bartholomew You're Home*, will lecture on using color and antiques in the home at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17.

"There is just so much

involved with the show, and some of it is just unbelievable," said Bill. "They have little glass-ware, jewelry, Oriental rugs and old books." One year, the show had books dated from the 1800s from England. Bill is a retired civil engineer so he really appreciated an old surveyor's instrument he saw one year.

"They have a beautiful display of sterling silver, candleabra and antique spoons," said Phyllis.

"It's a marvelous sight to see, even if you don't buy anything. It's a nice thing to see."

Geoffrey Orley of Shabahang Persian Carpet in Bloomfield Hills hasn't exhibited at the show for several years.

"I'm absolutely looking forward to it," Orley said.

"It's sort of a 'coming home' event."

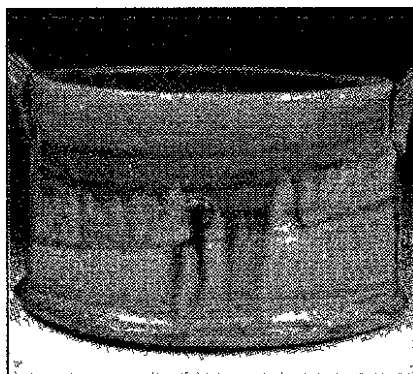
Susan Bishopric, Orley's publicist, said Orley spends much of his time explaining the differences between city and tribal prints in antique rugs.

"He spends a lot of time educating people about antique rugs," Bishopric said. "He explains the difference in quality and technique that keeps the colors vibrant."

Bishopric said the city carpets are "more sophisticated,"



Kitty Bartholomew, host of HGTV's *Kitty Bartholomew You're Home*, will appear at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 17, at the Greenfield Village Antiques Show & Sale.



This acorn border soup tureen is circa 1830, displayed by Elva Needles Antiques in Kansas City.



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John Scobie of Kitchen Studios in Birmingham looks over maple cabinets with a glazed finish he recently installed inside The Ultimate Show House at the Somerset Collection in Troy.

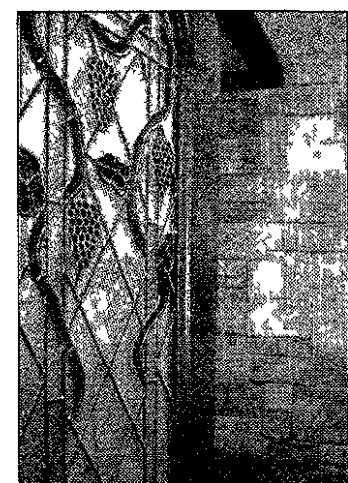
## Show House opens for visitors at Somerset

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK  
STAFF WRITER

You'd thought you'd just run over to the Somerset Collection and browse the stores. After a few minutes of walking, you've come across a new storefront.

Actually, it's not a store at all. It's a replica of a home, a show house, a stonemason's throw from Neuman Marcus in Somerset South in Troy.

The 2003 Somerset Home and Garden Show features The Ultimate Show House, 6,000 square feet with 16 rooms, which retails for about \$2.5 million in a real-life setting in the Birmingham area. Builder Doug Derocher estimates the actual cost at \$800,000 to \$1 million.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The wine pantry of the house comes complete with a stained glass door and cultured stone walls.

such as the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Suite Dreams Project, CATCH, Habitat for Humanity and the United Way. The public can view the home during Somerset's business hours. Admission is free.

The idea of a show house was conceived after representatives of Dominick Tringali Architects of Bloomfield Hills made a site visit to a Las Vegas show house last winter.

That group discussed with a group of women what they wanted to see in a future dream home. Comments ranged from a place to "drop papers and mail when friends came over" to an "easy-to-operate home automation system."

Dominick Tringali Architects developed the house after discussing it with clients Derocher, a third generation builder and owner of Custom Homes by Derocher in Royal Oak, was the builder. Standard Federal Bank served as a third sponsor.

Usually, Somerset is the site of a garden show to help charities, but this year Somerset's marketing officials wanted a different kind of event, said Leah Plotkin, marketing coordinator for Dominick Tringali Architects.

"We wanted to put together all the things that you would want in a dream home," Plotkin said. "The only things that are missing are a roof, foundation and live plumbing," Derocher added.

The home was built in Somerset when a vacant storefront became available. Derocher only had two months and no money to build the site, but volunteer builders and architects got to work, he said. Derocher completed the project in 2-1/2 months.

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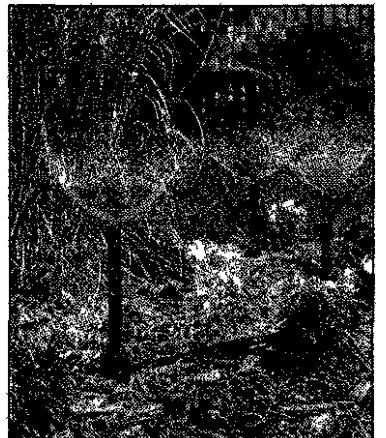
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**ANTIQUES**

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and the tribes are "more jazzy."

Cathy Hemmer of Farmington Hills will be a dealer at the Utica Antiques Market (See related box.) She will sell signed prints and jewelry there.

"I generally sell what I like myself," Hemmer said. "I look for aesthetics, and see if it is useful as well as beautiful."

Hemmer enjoyed the show last year, which was her first appearance there, so she's returned. "They have pretty much everything from A to Z there. There's lots of small items, china and giftware from the '30s, '40s and '50s, and good oak furniture."

When she purchases, she later sells, jewelry, then looks for pieces that are hard to find and unusual, she said.

"I look for anything that is different, and where people say 'I've never seen such a thing,'" Hemmer said.

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**ANTIQUE SHOWS**

**Utica Antiques Market 2003**

What: More than 200 dealers will attend specializing in antiques and collectibles for serious collectors or the novice. Now in its 18th year.

When: 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday May 10 and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday May 11. Shows also are scheduled July 12-13 and Sept. 6-7.

Where: Knights of Columbus grounds, 21 Mile Road, one mile east of Van Dyke in Utica.

**19th Annual Greenfield Antiques Show and Sale**

What: More than 40 art and antique exhibitors carry a diverse assortment of fine antiques and collectibles available for sale.

When: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday May 17 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday May 18.

Where: Lovett Hall, adjacent to Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

Admission: \$10 at the door includes an informational program, book, admission to the show and sale, and the Saturday lecture with Kitty Bartholomew. Proceeds support kids camps, classes, and field trips.

Special guest: Kitty Bartholomew, HGTV's host of *Kitty Bartholomew You're Home*, presents a special lecture at 1 p.m. Saturday May 17 at the historic Anderson Center Theater on

Thinking Outside the Box: Using Color and Antiques in Your Home. Other highlights: Preview Evening is 6-10 p.m. Friday May 16 in Lovett Hall. This evening gives patrons a chance to view exhibitor pieces on sale before the public event. A special sneak preview of Greenfield Village's restoration will be part of the evening's festivities.

Preview tickets range from \$100 to \$350 per person. For more information and to order Preview Evening tickets, call (313) 982-6001.

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"Which PDA should I buy? It's the rare day that I don't hear this question from a friend, neighbor, or family member. As someone who's spent the last half decade writing about the little marvels (PDAs, not my family), I guess I'm something of an expert, or so I've told people."



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Admittedly, it's becoming increasingly complex to choose a PDA (a.k.a. personal digital assistant, or handheld PC). As with other consumer electronics, you face a dizzying array of brands, models, and prices. How can you make a smart decision? Have no fear, I'm an expert. (Note: If you're interested in PDAs that double as phones, stay tuned—I'll cover those in a future column.)

Start with price. You probably have a number in mind, and that will help narrow your choices. For instance, if your budget tops out at \$100, you have two options: Palm's \$99 Zire (www.palm.com), or whatever closeout deal on last year's models you can find in stores or online (try www.overstock.com). The Zire is a solid entry-level PDA—stylish, easy to use, and capable—but its screen isn't backlit, so

you won't be able to read it in low- and no-light situations.

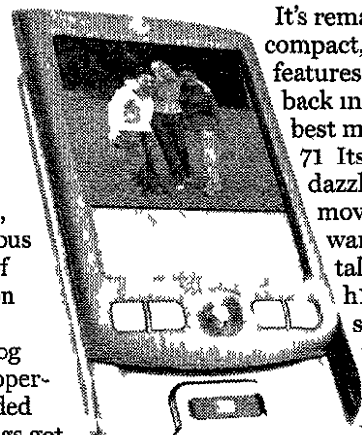
At the \$200 price level, I recommend the Sony Clie PEG-SJ22 (www.sonystyle.com), which sports a gorgeous color screen, plenty of memory, an expansion slot, and one of my favorite features: a "jog dial," which lets you operate the unit one-handed.

Beyond \$200, things get a little trickier, as you have to decide between the Palm and Pocket PC operating systems—the core software inside the PDA. (It's not unlike choosing between Windows and Macintosh.)

Palm, Handspring, and Sony are the major manufacturers of Palm-based handhelds, Hewlett-Packard and Toshiba rule the Pocket PC camp. Microsoft makes the Pocket PC operating system, meaning those PDAs offer a more Windows-like interface.

Trust me when I say that's not necessarily a good thing. Indeed, it's widely accepted—and I strongly agree—that Palm-based PDAs are much easier to learn and use than Pocket PCs. If you're a self-proclaimed technophobe or new to PDAs, you may appreciate a gentler learning curve.

That said, I've recently become smitten by the Hewlett-Packard iPAQ h1910 (www.hp.com)—a Pocket PC



It's remarkably thin and compact, but still loaded with features. Meanwhile, Palm is back in the game with its best model in years, the Zire 71. Its highlights include a dazzling color screen, movie and music software, and a built-in digital camera. The iPAQ h1910 and Zire 71 each sell for \$299, making for a decidedly tough choice.

Don't look at me—I'm no expert. I'll discuss higher-end PDAs in an upcoming column. In the meantime, happy shopping!

Rick Broida has joined the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* as a columnist who will write about computers and technology for the At Home section. Broida grew up in Farmington Hills, graduated from North Farmington High School in 1986 and Michigan State University in 1990 with a degree in English. He resides in Commerce Township with his wife Shawna and their two children. Broida has written for over 13 years, mostly in computer and technology magazines including *Wired*, *PC Magazine*, *FamilyPC*, and *Home Office Computing*. Broida is a co-author of several books on handheld computing, including *How to Do Everything With Your Palm Handheld*, third edition. Broida also started *Tap*, the first and only magazine for users of PalmPilot handhelds, which later became *Handheld Computing*, where he is editor. Readers who have questions for Broida can email him at rickbroida@excite.com.

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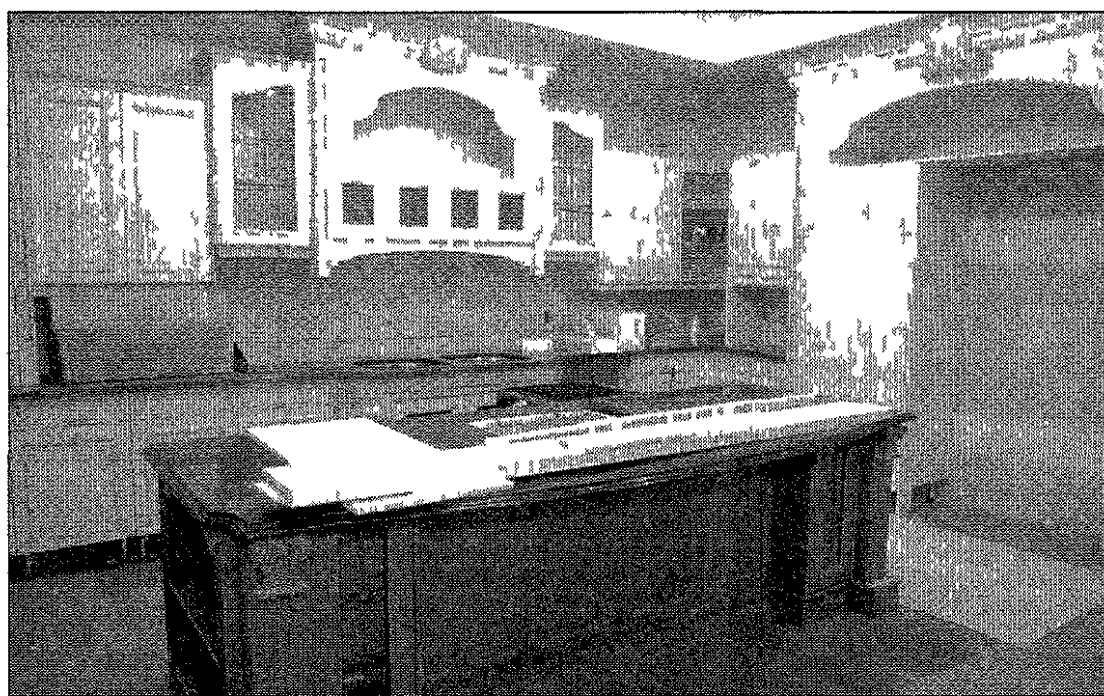
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**Concert:** A concert with the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra Sunday, June 1. Enjoy an evening of music by the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra. Appetizers will be available. For ticket information, call (248) 643-6360 or visit www.TheSomersetCollection.com



Although the kitchen is still under construction, its beauty and attention to detail are becoming apparent.

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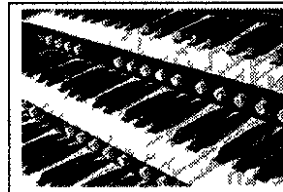
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And what a home it is. Beyond the entry, there's a foyer, adult gathering room and a library. The home will be furnished with pieces donated by local stores. A baby grand piano and 50-inch plasma TV are in the adult gathering room. Distressed, wide-plank oak floors add a comfortable feel to the formal dining room, and the cultured stone walls present an Old World, European look. Bill Derocher, Doug's brother, also added distressed beams. "It's a nice effect, it warms the room up," Bill said.

A butler's pantry features a yellow limestone countertop, and a wine room with a stone wall sits between the kitchen and dining room. The kitchen is John Scobie's work of Kitchen Studios in Birmingham. Maple cabinets with a glazed finish grace the walls, which are also distressed with cracks and wormholes. Glazed cabinetry is a new trend in kitchens, Scobie said. Utility is the most important thing in being a functional kitchen," he said. There are hard-drawn carvings, appliance garages, a drawer refrigerator and an in-wall coffee maker. A dual elliptical ceiling in the vestibule will greet visitors who are walking through the home.

Brick veneers in the walkways add to the Old World motif of the home. An outside courtyard features a fireplace and cultured stone. Brick pavers and bluestone with the live plants create a balance of rock and greenery. Plotkin credits Somerset officials with their efforts in working with Dominick Tringali and Derocher to make the Show House a success and raise thousands for the local charities. "We'll try to top what's been done in the past," she said.

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**Ikebana International**

Detroit Chapter 85 of Ikebana International will meet at noon Wednesday May 14 at Southfield Presbyterian Church 21575 W 10 Mile. Toshi Shimoura Dolores Alexander Mary Oshika and Rose Smitka will present the program Japanese Fabrics for Home Decorating.

**Plant sale fund-raiser**

The Belle Isle Botanical Society has scheduled its annual plant sale fund raiser 9 a.m. 3 p.m. Saturday May 24 at Belle Isle Greenhouses across from the Belle Isle Aquarium on Inselruhe Avenue. Perennials annuals herbs hostas geraniums mini roses rose varieties heirloom tomatoes houseplants and water hyacinths will be available. Profits will go to material equipment and repairs to the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory. For information call (313) 852 4064.

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## A rose for Julie's mom

It was 11 years ago that we met in the prenatal exercise class. She was pregnant with Julie, I was pregnant with Taylor.

That year that exercise class was just what I needed. All day I would chase two tireless little boys, busy with friends, schools and activities. I needed a respite, a time to concentrate on this new baby to come. I loved meeting with all of the women, we would chat, share stories.

I learned she was the mother of two little girls and, like me, she was expecting baby No. 3. She was a nurse and I was a writer. In that 20 minutes of bending and stretching we shared stories of life and husbands and recipes. When it was all over 45 minutes later, we would run back to our schedules.

After the girls were born, there was no time. Feeding, burping, changing, the routine of caring for baby three. Then one day, before we even knew it, our babies went to school. Taylor in the morning kindergarten session, Julie attending school in the afternoon.

A couple of years ago she moved just a few blocks from me. I sometimes would see her jogging past my house, sometimes I run into her grocery shopping at Costco, some days I would see her picking up a child at school, or I might run into her at Target.

Somehow we had lost touch, life has a funny way of doing that. There seemed no more time to stop and chat, no time to compare stories. She had her life, and I had mine.

I heard once that she appeared on the "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" show. She actually sat across from Regis, and she won some money.

Through the years of passing in the hallway of that elementary school, through the years of waving a passing hello, shouting a greeting, I never forgot that prenatal exercise class.

I never realized how fast 11 years could fly by. Taylor and Julie are now fifth-graders preparing to move on to junior high in September. They are classmates this year, but their moms still don't see much of each other. I keep busy with the kids, with my husband's schedule, she keeps busy with her girls.

I ran into Julie's mom at Target just a couple of weeks ago. Her once-curly brown hair was covered with a hat. She was checking out at one counter, I was an aisle away. "Our babies are going to be big sixth-graders," she smiled happily.

"I know," I agreed, "it all has gone by so fast." She nodded and we gathered our purchases and walked through the door. I wondered why I didn't stop to talk longer. I wondered why I didn't invite her to lunch. I wondered why I didn't run through the parking lot, to ask her how she was doing. As I put my bags in the back of my van, I looked one more time for her. But she had gone.

Some days now, I look for her to jog past my house, I look for her during my runs to Costco, I look for her to pick up Julie from school, but that isn't needed any longer. Julie walks home from school with her friends. Taylor gets a ride

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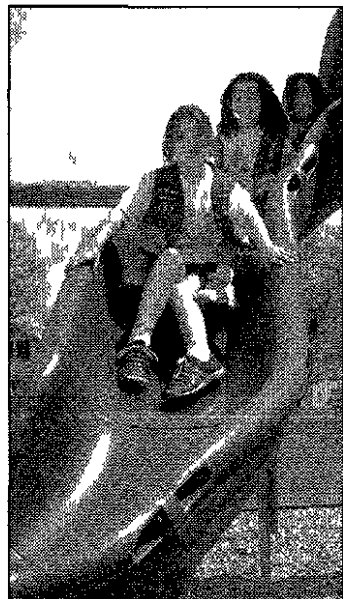
# They're Stepping Out

## Scouts help raise awareness of domestic violence

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Victims of domestic violence should take heart from the pater of some 3,000 little feet through Kellogg Park and downtown Plymouth Sunday.

That's when some 1,500 Girl Scouts, all from the Huron Valley Council, took to the streets downtown for the eighth Stepping Out for a New Beginning Walk, the annual effort run by the Ann Arbor-based scouting headquarters to benefit domestic shelters serving Livingston, Monroe and Wayne counties. "The event is held to raise awareness for domestic violence, and to provide local shelters with needed supplies that help them provide sup-



Northville Brownie Troop No. 167 members enjoy a ride down the slide. They are (from left) Brittany Browsers, 9, Emily Rencok, 8, and Michelle Lu, 9.

port to women and children in our community," said Jenny Haggerty of the Huron Valley Council.

The idea was born out of a brainstorming session during the infamous O.J. Simpson trial. Prosecutors in that case presented evidence of domestic abuse between Simpson and his former wife, Nicole, whom he was acquitted of killing, then later found responsible in a civil case.

According to Stepping Out co-chair Barb Svec, "we wished we could do something to make people more aware of domestic violence. 'This idea just came to us'."

The Girl Scouts, their parents and adult leaders spend time before the walk collecting items — toilet paper, laundry soap, diapers, linens, wipes, food and other personal care items — and bundling them up to be handed out to shelters.

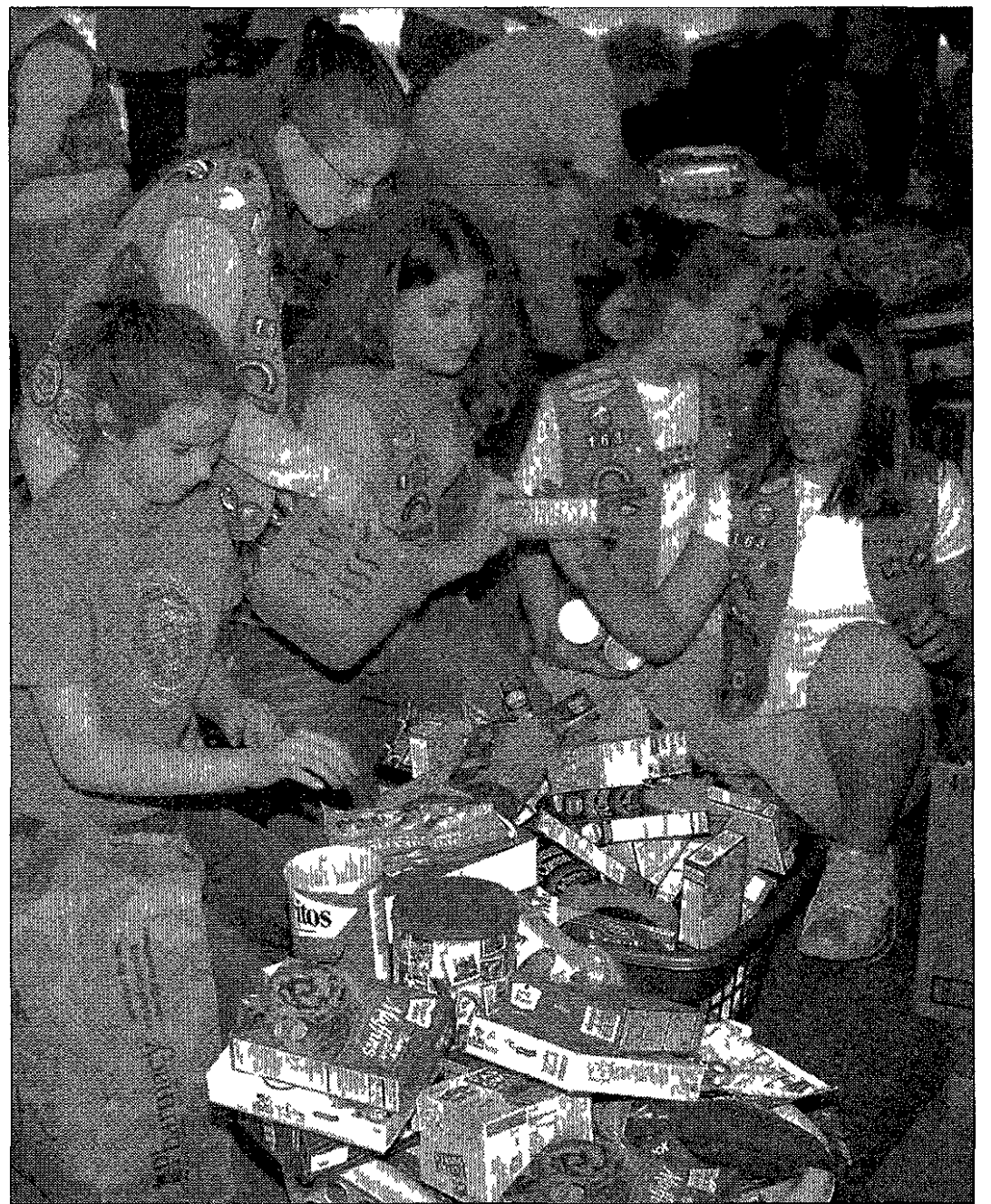
The scouts then bring the collected items to the walk in downtown Plymouth, where they are loaded into vans for distribution to the shelters run by First Step and La Casa.

The girls then walked a little more than a mile along a pre-determined route that featured various activities.

Margaret Hoffman, program director for the Huron Valley Council, said the shelters depend heavily on the donations.

"When you hear shelter officials saying they actually budget for this, you realize the need to fill this place up," Hoffman said.

Local officials agreed. "The items collected from the Stepping Out Walk are extremely important to the families at our shelter," said Theresa Brizoe, first vice-president of First Steps board of directors. The walk provides the basic necessities



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Canton Troop No. 163's members (from left) Katherine Coffey, 11, Amanda Aquiline, 11, Michelle Boji, 11, Gina Antonucci, 12, and Morgan Frayer, 11, help sort out the plethora of donations on Sunday during the Stepping Out for a New Beginning 2003 event in Plymouth.



Several games and activities were set up for the participants before the walk on Sunday. Here, Scouts run under the tarp when the caller names something that matches. They have to get across before the other holders can pull the tarp down on top of them. Running in this instance is Newport Troop No. 466's Meghan Baum, 11, Courtney Weiss, 9, and Canton Troop No. 900's Elizabeth Gives, 13.

that keep the shelter pantry and linen closets stocked for months. The Girl Scouts do much to increase awareness by making the community of

Plymouth aware of First Step's mission and needs." The event was organized in 1995, and many of the scouts participating this year have

been involved in most or all of them, and they've come to know the importance of the event.

"When we came to understand why we're doing this, it got to mean more to us," said Teja Paruchuri of Canton. "It's a great cause."

In addition to the annual walk, event organizers decided to put together a Girl Scout troop at the First Step shelter. Cadette Girl Scout Troop 900 participates in Girl Scout program activities.

"This is especially important to the shelter residents because of the uncertainty in their lives," said Girl Scout Leader Karen Clark, a member of the planning committee. "Joining a stable organization like the Girl Scouts can help them meet new friends when they relocate to their new home."

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# WAC seeks members as 62nd year nears

BY MARY MCDONOUGH  
STAFF WRITER

Just like many other veterans organizations, the Women's Army Corps, or WAC, is now fighting a different kind of war — that of its own survival.

WAC Chapter 15, which meets monthly at the Southfield VFW, has only a handful of active members left. As such, it is reaching out to younger female veterans in all branches of the military to keep the organization going.

"It's an opportunity to be of service to other veterans," said WAC chapter president Lt. Col. Freida Williams of West Bloomfield, a career military officer who is called on regularly to play Taps at military funerals.

Williams said the members work closely with Detroit's V.A. Hospital, raising money for activities and supplies, hosting a spring carnival, making visits with coffee and doughnuts and decorating a Christmas tree each year. Dues are \$18 a year and the group meets the second Saturday of the month for a potluck. The national WAC organization also holds a conference every year, where all the local chapters can get together.

"Whenever a member dies, we make a \$100 donation to the Army Women's Museum in Virginia," Williams said.

The WAC was a division of the

army created in 1943, to which all women were assigned, to provide additional support during World War II. From there, they would be assigned duties in mostly secretarial, clerk and communications jobs.

Unlike its precursor, the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, the WAC afforded women all the same military benefits, pay and protection of male soldiers. Through the WAC, 150,000 women served in World War II, including overseas in the South Pacific and European Theaters. The organization was disbanded when the army was integrated in the 1970s.

"The assimilation of males and females for basic training, I still think it is a stupid idea," said Barbara Becker of Plymouth, a retired master sergeant. "A lot of these women come from no rules to a long list of rules and they can't take it. And they don't need the harassment of some of these men."

The WAC insulated female soldiers and protected them from the type of sexual harassment that goes on today, said four members gathered at the VFW on a recent Wednesday to tell war stories over cookies and ice cream.

They spoke of days when female soldiers were not allowed to wear pants or jewelry and were required to wear lipstick in public.

Women have always been in combat, they said, just not in any

official capacity until recently. "There have been women in combat ever since the Revolutionary War, just not officially," said Williams.

"Every person at this table has been in situations where there has been a lot of danger," said Mary Baker, who served as an army medic. "When I was 18 years old, I wanted to be an army nurse so bad."

In 1943, 1st Sgt. Sandra Intorre worked as a cryptographer, helping decode messages about military operations. Her turn in the war effort was short-lived however, because she had family living in Italy and as such, was considered a possible threat to national security. She was reassigned to the Pentagon and made the army a career, ultimately becoming a recruiter.

The stories could go on forever, but the numbers of those who served in the WAC, or even know what the WAC is, continue to dwindle. "When you go to the convention, you see it," said Becker.

Added fellow soldier Baker: "That's why we need new blood." The U.S. Women's Army Corps is hosting a 62nd annual birthday buffet lunch at 12 noon on Saturday, May 10, at the Ray Dunham VFW Hall located on Nine Mile west of Telegraph. An \$8 donation is required to attend and all female Army veterans are invited.

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Women's Army Corps members (seated, from left) Frieda Williams of West Bloomfield and Barbara Becker of Plymouth, and Mary Baker of Northville (standing, from left) Sandra Intorre of Allen Park and Kay Vartanian of Dearborn, are among the active WAC members who meet monthly at the Southfield VFW.



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**Book Appraisal**  
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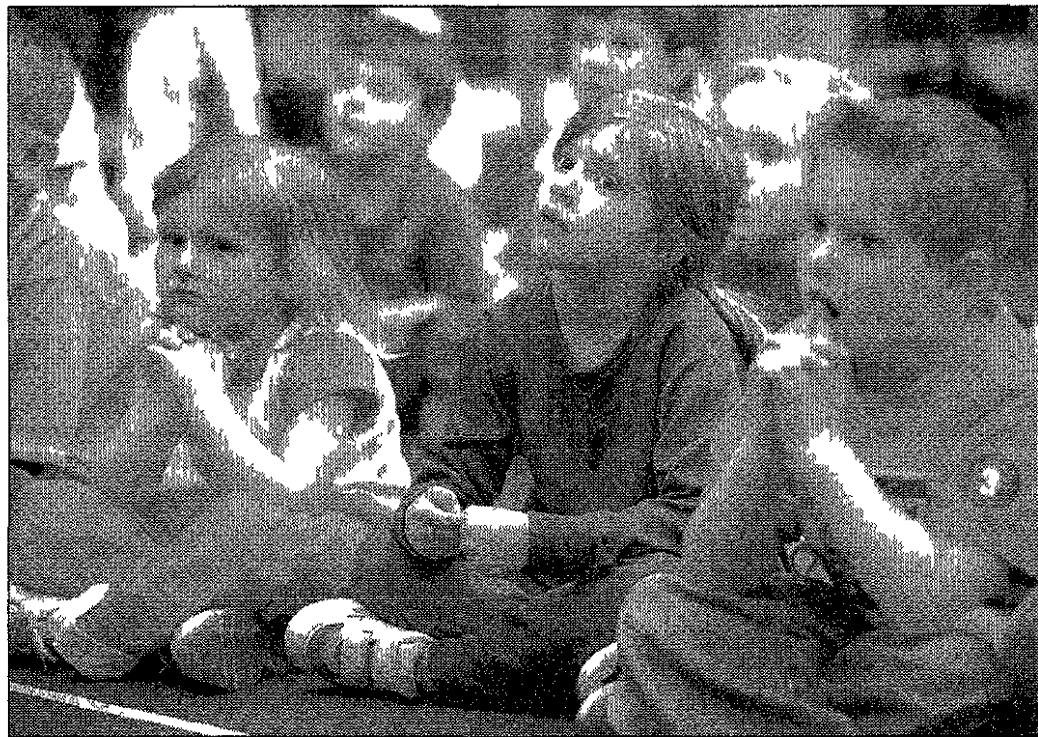
**Senior Housing Expo**  
The Senior Housing Expo is being held 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday May 15 at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The expo will feature a guest speaker on senior housing, a luncheon, housing community booths and prize drawings. Reservations are required to (734) 453-1234 Ext. 236.

**Spring Concert**  
The 16th annual Spring Concert performed by the Ann Arbor Youth Chorale will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Saturday May 17 at the Chapel of the Holy Trinity at Concordia University in Ann Arbor. Contact Erin Clafin at (734) 996-4404 for further information.

**Fish Fry**  
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Listening up

Ashley Thuernau of Canton, 4 1/2, (from left) Katie Kleabir of Plymouth, 6, and Scott Thuerau 6 1/2, listen to Michael Brophy of REPTILE, Inc.

**Crafters**  
Crafters are needed for the 16th annual juried show on Saturday Oct 18. The show will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at West Middle School. Call Jan at (734) 844-1707 or e-mail theweys@comcast.net

**Preschool Registration**  
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**Inline Roller Hockey Leagues**  
Skatin Station II in Canton is accepting registration for the spring season. One game a week. Call (734) 459-6401 for more information.

**Crafters Wanted**  
St. Thomas a Becket Church in Canton is accepting applications for the Christmas Craft Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Dec. 6. Interested crafters should contact Gloria at (734) 981-0279.

**Volunteer Training**  
First Step, the Western Wayne County Project on Domestic and Sexual

Violence is looking for volunteers. Call (734) 416-1111 Ext. 202 for more information.

**Plymouth Community Council on Aging**

Free health screening for seniors 13 p.m. April 29 at the Plymouth Township Friendship Station. Please bring the name of your physician and relevant health history information. Please pre-register by calling (734) 453-1234 ext. 236.

**Preschool Registration**  
The Plymouth Salvation Army is opening registration for its preschool programs for fall 2003. The 3 year old program is on Tuesday and Thursday and the 4 year old program runs Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information call Peggy at (734) 459-1358 or (734) 453-5464 Ext. 25.

**Fish Fry**  
Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center is again hosting an All You Can Eat 5.9 p.m. Friday night fish fry or pasta dinner at the Fox Classic Clubhouse. The cost is \$8.75 per person.

**Plymouth Children's Nursery Co-op**  
Registration has begun for the 2003-04 school year. Openings for 3-4 year olds, various class times and days. Call Nola Wellman at (734) 453-0595 for information.

**Storytime**  
Peggy Price Heiney presents a special story time for children ages 5-7. Stories, creative dramatics and book selection round out this monthly session at the Plymouth Library. Registration is required. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

**Plymouth Symphony**  
Plymouth Symphony League is launching the 2003 Greater Detroit Area Entertainment Book Sale. The cost is \$30. Place your order at the Plymouth Symphony Office or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016.

**Free Blood Pressure Screening**  
Free blood pressure screenings will be taken at the Plymouth District Library 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of every month. No appointment is necessary. Call (734) 453-0750 for further information.

**Recreation Registration**  
The City of Plymouth is now taking registration for its classes for all ages. Classes include gymnastics, dance, core body exercise, tots, jump a rama, taekwon do, personal development, aerobics, clogging, senior trips and programs and much more. Call (734) 455-6620 for more information.

CLUBS

**NAMI**  
The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill will hold its public education meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday May 12 at St. Clare's Episcopal Church/Temple Beth Emeth 2309 Packard Ann Arbor. For information call (734) 994-6611.

**DAR**  
The Sarah Ann Cochrane Plymouth Northville Chapter of the DAR is holding the May meeting at Annette Heindryckx's home at noon Monday May 19. The program is the history of the Heindryckx farmhouse. Contact Annette Heindryckx at (734) 455-2864.

**NACW**  
Sylvia Durant, author of *A Better Woman, A Better Man and A Better Child* will be the guest speaker at the Tuesday May 13 NACW meeting. The meeting is scheduled from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Ernesto's Restaurant in Plymouth. RSVP to Brenda Durling (734) 462-4670.

**Kiwanis Evening Club**  
Meetings are held at Station 885 at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday evening. Visitors are always welcome. For more information contact Charline Miller at (734) 455-4782.

**Mothers & More**  
The Wayne County chapter of Mothers & More meets twice a month in Plymouth. Call (866) 841-9140 Ext. 4329 or visit Web site mothersandmore63@onebox.com.

**Exchange Club of Canton**  
Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday at Palermo's Restaurant in Canton.

**P/C Vietnam Vets of America**  
Chapter No. 528 meets every second Monday of the month at the American Legion Post No. 32, 9318 Newburgh Livonia. If you were a U.S. serviceman or woman and served between 1961 and 1975, you can join the Vietnam Vets. Visit the Web site for more information.

**BNI Plymouth II**  
The Plymouth Chapter II BNI Group meets Wednesdays at 7 a.m. at Denny's Restaurant located at 1275 and Ann Arbor Road. The group is actively looking for new members. Call (734) 459-5696 for further information.

**West Suburban Stamp Club**  
Meetings are 8 p.m. the first and third Fridays at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main in Plymouth.

**BPW**  
The Plymouth Business and Professional Women's Club meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Atlantis Restaurant on Ann Arbor Road. Guests are welcome. For more info and dinner reservations contact Mary Brooks at (734) 420-0320.

**SEPAC**  
Open to all residents of the Plymouth Canton community as well as school staff and administrators, SEPAC (Special Education Parent Advisory Committee) meets 7:30 p.m. every second Monday of the month at Discovery Middle School in Canton. For additional information contact Rich Ham Kucharski (734) 844-1714.

**Plymouth VFW**  
Fish fries continue every Friday from 5:30 p.m. through May 16. The price is \$6 at the Plymouth VFW 1426 S. Mill. All you can eat fish and chips, additional items available. Call (734) 459-6700 for take out.

**MOPS-Plymouth**  
The MOPS group is now enrolling for fall. Relaxing fun time for moms while the kids ages 0-5 enjoy program of games, stories, singing and play. Meets first and third Fridays of the month from 9:11 a.m. at Lake Pointe Bible Chapel, 42150 Schoolcraft Plymouth. Call (734) 420-0515.

**Colonial Kiwanis of Plymouth**  
The Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth meets at noon Thursdays at Ernesto's, 41661 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Guests are welcome. For information call Ernie Hughes, membership chairman (734) 414-0400.

**MOPS-Westland**  
Westland MOPS meets at Westland Free Methodist Church September through May on the second and fourth Fridays of the month. Free child care. Contact Nikki Guenther at (313) 937-2479.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Shooks-Kraus**  
Mr and Mrs Douglas Shooks of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacy Shooks, to Gary Kraus Jr. Stacy is a 1995 graduate of Churchill High School and a 2000 graduate of Central Michigan University. She is a third grade teacher for Wayne-Westland Schools. Her fiancé, Gary, is the son of Gary and Marietta Kraus of Livonia. He is a 1997 graduate of Churchill High School and a 2000 graduate of Michigan State University. He is currently pursuing his masters and doctorate from Lawrence Technological University. He is an engineer for DaimlerChrysler. The couple is planning an October wedding and will be making their new home in Livonia.

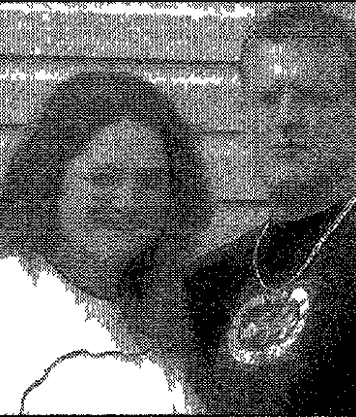
**Carpenter-VanBelle**  
Glenn and Janice Carpenter of Lambertville announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Laura Ann Louise Carpenter, to Michael Bryan VanBelle. Laura is a 2001 graduate of the University of Michigan where she earned a bachelor's degree in industrial and operations engineering. She is an engineer at Ford Motor Co. Her fiancé Michael, is the son of Michael and Kathleen VanBelle of Livonia. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 2001 with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He is an engineer at Ford Motor Co.



**Strasser-Hughes**  
Robert and Kathleen Strasser of Westland announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Robyn Lynn Strasser, to Johnathon Preston Hughes of Livonia. Robyn is a 2002 graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in psychology. She is employed with Comerica Bank. Johnathon is the son of Sharon Hughes of Canadian Lakes, Mich. He is a carpenter with F J Pine Hollow. The couple are planning a May wedding in St. John's Chapel.

**Schaefer-MacDonald**  
Joan and Jack Schaefer of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Julie Ann Schaefer of Plymouth to Michael Patrick MacDonald of Westland. Julie is a 1992 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 1997 graduate of Madonna University. She is currently pursuing a masters degree in library science at Wayne State University. Her fiancé, Michael, is the son of Pat and Harvey MacDonald of Livonia. He is a 1990 graduate of Eastern Michigan University. He is a customer service manager for Comcast High Speed Internet in Ann Arbor. The couple is planning a November wedding in St. Francis of Assisi Church, Ann Arbor. They will be making their new home in the Ann Arbor-Dexter area.

**Prince-O'Kopski**  
Alan and Linda Prince of Plymouth and Judy Prince of South Lyon announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Rebecca Ann Prince, of Westland to Jerame O'Kopski of Westland. Rebecca is a 1993 graduate of Plymouth Salem High School. She is employed by Comcast. Her fiancé, Jerame, is the son of Jewel O'Kopski of Canton and Ron Drabicki of Canton. He is employed by Grable Van Lines. The couple is planning a June wedding in St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Westland.



# 'Women on Wednesdays' returns

The Detroit Tigers have announced the return of 'Women on Wednesdays' to Comerica Park in Detroit for the 2003 season. A unique monthly pre-game program focusing on the achievements of women throughout Major League Baseball and sports, 'Women on Wednesdays' is presented by Henry Ford Health Systems, *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and FOX 2. WXYT & WWJ Operations Manager Georgeann Herbert will be the first featured guest of the new season on Wednesday, May 14 prior to the Tigers game with the Oakland Athletics. Herbert was named the operations

manager for WXYT & WWJ in November of 2000 and 2003 marks her 30th year in radio. She has received awards for news coverage from the Associated Press, UPI and the Radio Television News Directors Association, including the Edward R. Murrow Award twice. Additionally, Herbert has received the National Headliner Award. The 'Women on Wednesdays' program will take place in the Upper Deck Lounge, located on the 300-level of Comerica Park, from 5:30-7 p.m., and each program is scheduled to feature an interview with a current Tigers player and coaches. New to the 'Women on

Wednesdays' program this season is a pre- and post-event networking segment, providing all guests the opportunity to meet the featured guest, as well as members of the Tigers front office. Additionally, numerous door prizes will be awarded to Tigers fans in attendance, including a day at Visage Spa in Bloomfield Hills. This event provides a unique, fun opportunity for Metro Detroit professional women to enjoy Tigers baseball and meet others in an affiliated or similar industry to theirs, said Tigers executive assistant to the senior vice president's Tamara Mitm. Admission to 'Women on

Wednesdays' is free with a ticket to the game on May 14 against Oakland. Tickets may be purchased by calling (248) 25-TIGER, or by visiting www.detroittigers.com, the box office at Comerica Park or any Ticketmaster outlet. The upcoming schedule (with guests): June 18 - Lucinda A. Treat - chief legal officer, Boston Red Sox; July 9 - Wendy Lewis - vice president of recruitment & diversity, Major League Baseball; Aug 20 - Phyllis Merhige - vice president of club relations, Major League Baseball; Sept 3 - Denise Ilitch - president, Ilitch Holdings, Inc.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

EVENTS

**Hospice/loss workshop**  
Madonna University's hospice education department will offer its third annual Grief and Loss Summer Institute May 8-10. The three individual workshops will be held 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Topics include: Assisting Children and Teens in Grief; When Families Grieve; and a Bereavement Coordinators Workshop. Cost is \$85 for each workshop. Call Dr. Jack LoCicero (734) 432-5471 or e-mail jloccicero@madonna.edu.

**Mission choir**  
The choir from Grundy Mountain Mission will be at Kenwood Church of Christ, 20200 Merriman Road, Livonia, 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 14. This widely acclaimed choir has sung internationally and has appeared on television and at Disney World and Opry Land. For more information call Memorial Church of Christ at (734) 464-6722.

Marie will begin at 6:30 p.m. May 15 at St. Edith's Church, 15131 Newburgh Road, Livonia. Adults \$12, children 10 and under \$6. Call (734) 464-9494 by May 5 for reservations.

**Women's fellowship**  
Meeting in room C317, C319 for Women's Fellowship movie night 7 p.m. Friday, May 16. Bring a blanket, pillow and slippers (no pajamas, sorry). Popcorn and pop available.

**Concert**  
The Langsford Men's Chorus whose repertoire ranges from classical hymns to spirituals, all sung in glee club tradition, will hold a concert at the First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, Southfield, 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 16. A free will offering will be accepted. Call (248) 569-2972.

**Marriage encounter**  
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**Festival of music**  
The Chorus of the Episcopal Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Detroit will present 'A Festival of Cathedral Music' 4 p.m. Sunday, May 18. The concert will feature the Choir of Men and Boys, the Choir of Women and Girls, and the Chamber Choir. Suggested donation: \$10 adults, \$8 students and seniors, and \$25 families. The Cathedral is located at 4800 Woodward Avenue at Warren Avenue in the heart of Detroit's Midtown Cultural Center. There is lighted, gated parking accessible via East Warren Avenue. Contact Robert Kellerman at (313) 833-4438.

**Spaghetti dinner**  
St. Dunstan Catholic Church, 1526 Belton, Garden City, will hold a spaghetti dinner 4:30 p.m. Friday, May 9, to benefit its 'Feed My Lambs' pantry program. Adults \$6, children 10 \$3, children 3 and younger free. Call (734) 425-4396.

**Talk it Over**  
The topic for 'Talk it Over' this month is verbal abuse. Round table discussion followed by refreshments. Childcare provided 7 p.m. Friday, May 9.

**Plant sale**  
Don't forget to buy flowers for mom on Mother's Day. St. John Episcopal Church's 'Premiere Plant Sale' will be held Mother's Day weekend 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 9-11. The church is located at 555 South Wayne Road (between Palmer and Cherry Hill), Westland, Call (734) 721-5023.

**Ongoing celebration**  
On Sunday, May 11 as part of our ongoing celebration of our congregation's mission and ministry for over 50 years, we will welcome the return of Pastor Paul Nuechterlein as guest preacher. Please join us for a special time of fellowship with Pastor Nuechterlein and his family at 9:30 a.m. and then our gathering around word and sacrament in worship at 10:30 a.m.

**Blood drive**  
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, Livonia (1 block west of Inkster Road), Livonia, will hold a blood drive 1-6 p.m. Monday, May 12. For an appointment, call Jay Hohenshil at (734) 455-3349. Walk-ins welcome.

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The Easter message is the core of the Gospel. The good news of Christianity is that death is not the last word, but rather a transition to our true home with God. Death may seem invincible, after all, each of us will die, having little control over the details of when, where, and how we will die. On the surface, death looks both inescapable and permanent. However, we should not be fooled by the external appearance of death. For death affects only our bodies. At the core of our being is our immaterial soul, the eternal spirit which we share with our Heavenly Father. Although we tend to identify ourselves with our earthly bodies, the Easter message reminds us that this is a mistake. Our physical bodies are nothing more than transient shadows and not our true selves. Easter is a celebration of our true selves, our eternal souls. The Bible tells us, "The Good News was promised long ago by God through His prophets. It is about His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, as to His humanity, He was born a descendant of David, as to His divine holiness, He was shown with great power to be the Son of God by being raised from death." (Romans 1:2-4)

## The Good News

And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. R.S.V. John 10:28



## So many projects, so little time

School is winding down, and so, for awhile hopefully, will the number of projects the kids bring home. Don't get me wrong. I love all of their handmade creations, especially my 3-year-old's most recent drawing of me. I look like a fetching alien with a gigantic head, big eyes and tiny stick arms and legs. My refrigerator is plastered with renderings of mermaids, animals, flowers and other original artwork from my two Picasso's.

But to tell the truth, I need a break from all the "projects." Every month, my first-grader brings home a new "family project." It's simple enough, really. We are asked to decorate one side of a shape made out of construction paper with items like beads, fabric, stickers, cereal, etc. (Let me say right now that whoever invented glitter should pay, and I mean pay.)

We are also instructed to include all family members in the monthly project. This involvement usually consists of big sister telling little sister not to touch anything, at which point little sister starts whining and crying that she wants to help. So big sister tells little sister she can help only if she does what she says.

Dad's role usually consists of gluing one tiny sequin on the nearly finished project, or walking by and remarking how nice it looks. My duties typically include locating all materials, laying down newspaper in preparation for the inevitable spills and mess to come, giving suggestions and encouragement, and, of course, cleaning everything up.

Our first successful attempt at family creativity involved transforming a blank paper doll into a Hawaiian hula dancer, complete with a skirt made from leftover plastic green grass from the previous year's Easter baskets. Since then, we've tackled the artistic challenge of decorating a pumpkin, a turkey, a Christmas tree, a snowman, a heart, a shamrock, and a randerop. Now, we have to do a flower.

But that's just for starters. There are many more projects. In March, for example, my daughter brought home instructions for three required school projects in one week. In addition to decorating a shamrock for the monthly project, she had to decorate a Mardi Gras mask and make a "leprechaun trap" to bring to school on St. Patrick's Day.

I looked at my husband. "You do the leprechaun trap with her," I told him point blank. I may be creative, but I draw the line when projects become mechanical in nature. Even if they only require first-grade mechanical skills.

Then I can't forget the biggest project of the school year. It was the "100 Day" project. Students had to make something, anything they wanted, out of 100 things and bring it on the 100th day of school. I had saved some Popsicle sticks and helped Eileen count them out. Then she spent days painting them vibrant colors before my husband helped her glue them together in the shape of flowers.

I have to admit, seeing the proud look of accomplishment on her face made it all worthwhile. (And it even made me almost forget my mad dash to Michael's in a desperate search for a green Styrofoam base.)

Even little Erin brings projects home from preschool. I had to help her make a "Me and my family" poster by assembling a collage of photos. We also had to look through magazines and cut out pictures for the "What do people wear?" project and the "What do people eat?" project. Besides gluing the pictures, she gave the projects finishing decorative touches with markers and glitter glue. (If there's one thing I've learned when it comes to projects, it's that kids like "sparkly" things.)

Now, all these projects are good for kids, I know. Nothing can replace hands-on work for promoting their creativity and self-esteem. And I know these projects are also meant to promote bonding between parents and their children. And they have. It's just that when you add homework and all the rigors of daily life into the equation, tackling project after project can be a bit tiresome at times.

Not only that, but we have



**Squeeze the Day**

Lynn Waldsmith Pawlik

our own never-ending home maintenance and home improvement projects to deal with. Sometimes it's just overwhelming to think of all the projects we have to do around here and all the school projects we'll be doing with the kids for years to come.

I guess when you come right down to it, life is one big project. We, ourselves, are all works in progress, so to speak. But it sure would be nice just to do nothing for awhile.

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## 'Fix Up-Clean Up' project is May 31

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*What is the Fix Up-Clean Up project?* Teams of parents and teens go into the community once a year to help the elderly in and around their homes by doing odd jobs.

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21 yr old black female brown skin smoker likes music reading movies Seeks intelligent honest loyal good looking caring male 25 to 35 prefers smoker Ad# 403919

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44 yr old female tall medium build very attractive college graduate Enjoys theater fine dining dancing travel Seeks professional man 40 to 55 nice build with no young children non smoker For friend ship maybe more Ad# 403900

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Smoker white female retired 5 2 medium build good looking Looking for a SWM 46 55 Ad# 403994

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Single white female 34 good natured and sincere currently seeking an attractive professional physically fit black male 35 to 45 non smoker honest sincere caring who enjoys children sports quiet times outdoor activities for a long term relationship Ad# 403986

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46 yr old female 5 7 brown hair and eyes Irish/Greek Enjoys pets dining out quiet times at home Seeks level headed down to earth gentleman kind male Ad# 403983

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42 yr old blonde Polish female wishes to meet blonde Catholic Likes sun tanning Camp Dearborn sports music shopping dancing Ad# 403975

**HELLO**  
Attractive 32 yr old single mom blue eyes red/blonde hair 5 6 Loves hockey coaching sports fishing boating long walks out doors Seeks man who loves children and isn't afraid to try new things honest and open Ad# 403976

**AWAITING YOUR CALL**  
Attractive widowed white female enjoys nature out doors dining out gourmet cooking music dogs Seeks intelligent non smoking man who enjoys the simple life Ad# 403981

**TAKE MY HAND**  
32 yr old single mother of one red/blonde hair blue eyes 5 6 If you are interested give me a call Ad# 403984

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Divorced white female 5 8 125 lbs hazel eyes outgoing fun loving enjoys dining out movies dancing and more Searching for an honest intelligent down to earth single male 50 and older to share romance and adventure Ad# 403970

**AM I ASKING TOO MUCH**  
55 yr old female widow 5 7 140lbs employed has two grown daughters Enjoys sports long walks quiet evenings movies Looking for a man 5 10 and up height and weight proportionate sincere not into mind games Ad# 403910

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Single white female dark brown hair and eyes Enjoys biking bowling movies can die light dinners dancing camping Seeking a single white male who is honest outgoing and enjoys a variety of interests Ad# 403895

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29 yr old single white mother of one full figured 5 9 suburban hair brown eyes Enjoys camping country music playing cards NASCAR quiet evenings at home Seeks family man 30 to 45 over 5 9 non smoker who is ready to settle down and enjoy family life Ad# 403930

**LOOKING FOR YOU**  
22 yr old single African American female mother of one non smoker Enjoys shopping movies long walks in the park Seeking non smoking male children ok Ad# 403924

**JUST WHAT YOU NEED**  
Single female brown skin 138lbs 5 4 works out looks good is honest Loves music walks antiques and having fun Seeks honest man who is not afraid to share himself Ad# 403972

**PICK UP THE PHONE**  
Divorced mother of one petite brown hair and eyes educated employed Likes water sports rock concerts roller skating Seeks hand some guy 30 s to enjoy life with one step at a time Children okay Ad# 403688

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5 4 medium weight short hair wears glasses good smile good sense of humor Enjoys sports sewing interior design Seeks intelligent fun family oriented financially secure adventurous male Ad# 403980

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45 yr old female non smoker 5 8 medium build fit romantic Enjoys working out outdoors Looking for non smoking male who is health conscious enjoys working out For long term relationship ship Ad# 403991

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Divorced white mother of one 29 non smoker 5 4 120lbs blonde hair blue eyes Enjoys golf roller biking camping fishing Seeks single white male 29 to 34 who is honest fit intelligent good looking caring decent and likes children Ad# 403886

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Single white male 45 6 2 209lbs muscular athletic brown hair blue eyes clean cut degree never married no dependents outgoing person ally enjoys rollerblading working out etc Seeks a friendly single female Wayne County Ad# 404066

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37 yr old white female employed plus size 5 2 enjoys movies outings sporting events family get together Seeks employed tall male 27 to 47 who can make her laugh non drinker preferred Ad# 403878

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SWM 45 180lbs 6 blond hair blue eyes healthy fit and humorous Enjoys time with my sons music biking sports animals dining and more Seeking a SWF 40 48 who is a Christian humorous fit warm hearted and oving Ad# 415445

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**GIVE HIM A CALL**  
SWF 30 who is looking for a SWF 18 40 to spend quality time with and to enjoy life with Ad# 415154

**PROFESSIONAL**  
SWM 53 N/S S/D 5 11 brown hair blue eyes honest and humorous Enjoys working out the outdoors boating sunsets cooking dining and more Seeking a SWF 40 50 who is a professional attractive humorous and who enjoys similar interests Ad# 415056

**FUN LOVING**  
SNAM 27 5 10 210lbs brown hair blue eyes shy at first and friendly Enjoys cars sports going out with friends and more Seeking a SNAF 22 27 for a friendship first Ad# 415003

**DEDICATED**  
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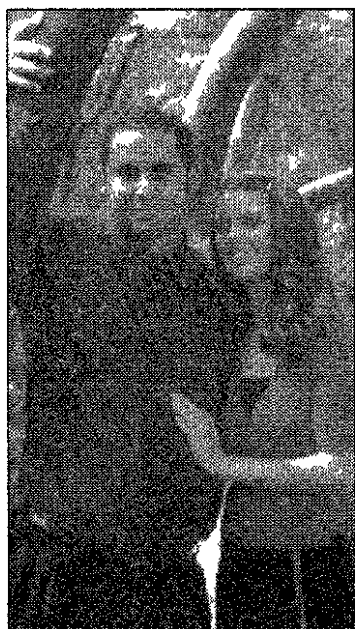
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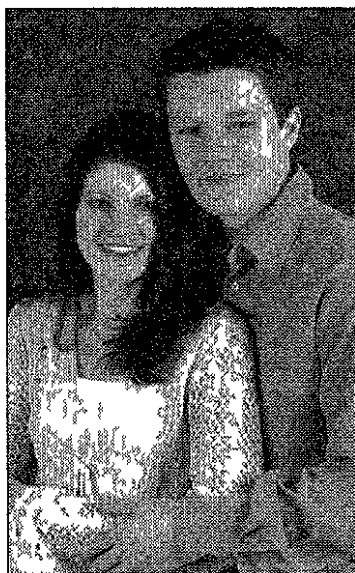


**Thomas-Bedoun**  
Al and Ann Thomas of Canton are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Megan Jessica Thomas, to Jason Hussein Bedoun, son of Ed and Debbie Bedoun of Canton

Megan is in her junior year at Eastern Michigan University, majoring in secondary education, political science and English. She is employed at Mongolian Barbeque.

Jason will graduate in the fall of 2003 from Michigan Institute of Aeronautics. He is employed at Frito-Lay.

A July 2003 wedding is planned for Henry Ford Mansion.



**Ravida-Dusseau**  
Jacqueline and John Ravida of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Rosina Maria Ravida, to Chad Robert Dusseau of Plymouth. Rosina received her bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University. She is currently employed as a marketing director for the Ann Arbor Art Center.

Her fiancé, Chad, is the son of Steve and Cindy Dusseau of Plymouth and Ron and Bobbi Martin of Houghton Lake. He received his bachelor's degree from Schoolcraft Community College. He is a sales representative for AV Detroit.

The couple is planning a May wedding in St. Edith Church, Livonia.



**Mazurkiewicz-Battagin**  
Richard and Elizabeth Mazurkiewicz of Canton are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy, to Edward Battagin, son of Luigi and Amelia Battagin of Dearborn Heights.

Amy is a 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in communications. She works as a buyer at Yazaki North America.

Edward is a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a bachelor's degree in environmental studies and psychology. He works as a customs analyst at Delphi Automotive for Sandler and Travis Trade Advisory Services.

A June 2003 wedding is planned in Novi.

**STANDISH**

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home from school nearly every day. Her after-school activities demand it, even though we just live a couple blocks away from the school.

There seems as if there is just never enough time.

There are times in life that stay with you and times that fade away. My time in that exercise class with Julie's mom

has stayed with me. I think of those times, before the girls were young, and I smile. As the years pass, as our daughters continue to bloom and blossom, they are growing into young women before our very eyes.

There are days I think about a reunion for that exercise class. Bringing together that group of diverse women who in that 45 minutes 11 years ago found a moment of commonality, a bond of Motherhood.

It is true, life does have a funny way of changing. My

babies are almost grown now. Julie's mom's girls have grown too.

And so, in these moments of memories, I offer this rose to Julie's mom. A rose offered in celebration of the spirit of a shared Motherhood, in celebration of hope, in celebration of the bloom for tomorrow.

I just never realized how fast 11 years could fly by.

Cathy Standish is a Plymouth resident and regular contributor to the *Observer*. She can be reached via e-mail at Cate1956@aol.com.

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## Canton edges N'ville; Salem splits with Wayne

Canton completed one of its scheduled baseball games Monday before the rains hit, forcing the second game to be halted after two innings.

In that first game, the Chiefs emerged with a 4-3 triumph at Canton Northville led 3-2 after three innings, but the Chiefs struck for two runs in the fourth on back-to-back doubles by Shawn Little and Ryan Powell (Powell's scoring the game-tying run), a hit batsman, a walk to Andy Howald and, after

### BASEBALL

a runner was thrown out at the plate trying to score on a passed ball, a double by Dave Mintz to knock in the winning run.

Canton improved to 8-7 overall, 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Northville is 6-4 overall, 3-1 in the WLAA.

Mintz and Matt Kay each had two hits (Kay had two doubles) and an RBI, while Zach Fishaw had a hit and an RBI.

Carl McDewitt got the pitching win for Canton, allowing two earned runs on eight hits and two walks, with four strikeouts.

In Monday's second game, the Mustangs were ahead 2-0 after two innings when it was postponed. The game will be resumed next week.

Last Saturday, Canton competed in the Big 11 Tournament in Farmington and came away with a split. In the Chiefs' first tournament game, they went up against state-ranked Kalamazoo Central and came away with a 10-0 five-inning mercy loss in a game played at Farmington HS.

Rich DeMeyere pitched well for the Chiefs, surrendering three earned runs.

PLEASE SEE CANTON, D7

## Sidelines

### An era ends

There's little doubt the success the different hockey teams that have called Plymouth's Compuware Arena their home have experienced over the last few years. But for the Detroit Compuware Tier II team, winning wasn't quite enough.

On Tuesday, Detroit Compuware president Mike Vellucci announced that the Tier II program will suspend operations indefinitely.

Detroit Compuware will continue to operate its other youth hockey programs, which includes seven AAA teams spanning all age divisions.

Because of the increasing costs of operating a Junior A franchise, we have made the difficult decision to suspend team operations, Vellucci said in a press release. It was a very difficult decision to have to make after operating a team for 20 years.

A highly successful team at that, the 2001-02 team won the Robertson Cup and the Gold Cup national championship through its history. The Detroit Compuware Junior A Tier II team has a record of 508-176-61, a winning percentage of 68.2 - higher than any other Junior A franchise in the U.S. The 1989-90 squad was 42-0-2 and included on its roster Eric Lindros, Pat Peake and Brian Rolston, all NHL first round draft choices.

The team won a record four USA Gold Cup National Championships and captured 11 North American Hockey League titles. Other notable alumni from the Compuware franchise are NHL players David Legwand, Denar Hatcher and Doug Weight.

### Madonna sweeps

Madonna University's baseball team managed just nine hits in two games played against Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Siena Heights last Saturday. But the Crusaders still managed to get a pair of victories at Livonia's Ford Field.

In the first game, Sterling Mintzer handcuffed the Saints on just three hits and two walks, giving up two unearned runs while striking out eight in a 3-2 Madonna win.

Mintzer also started the game winning rally, doubling to lead off the seventh inning. Tony Kern ran for Mintzer and after a sacrifice by Eric Lightle (from Livonia Church Hill), Justin Fabian doubled to score the winning run. Fabian had two hits in the game to pace Madonna.

In the second game, Mark Cole (Livonia/Catholic Central) was nearly unhittable for the Crusaders, stopping Siena Heights on two runs (one earned) on two hits and five walks, striking out six in 6 1/3 innings of another 3-2 win. Madonna scored all three of its runs in the second inning. Mintzer collecting three hits in the game and Lightle singling in two runs.

Madonna finishes its season at 22-30 overall, 6-18 in the WHAC. Siena Heights is 14-38 overall, 9-15 in the WHAC.

PLEASE SEE STEWART, D3



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Canton's Sarina Gorney (left) manages to get back safely to third under the tag of Salem's Amanda Bradley in the bottom of the fifth inning.

## Rocks are on a roll

### Slip past Chiefs, 2-1

So far, perfect. That's what Salem's softball record is thus far in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division after Monday's double-header sweep at Wayne Memorial, 12-1 and 8-3.

And if that was nice, Tuesday's result was even sweeter: a 2-1 win over cross-campus rival Canton at Massey Field.

The Rocks improved to 15-4 overall, 7-1 WLAA and, with Monday's wins, 5-0 in the Lakes Division.

Tuesday's win over Canton allowed Salem to avenge an earlier one-run loss to the Chiefs. This meeting was a "defensive battle, that's for sure," said Salem coach Bonne Southerland. "We came up with some big plays."

Canton had a 1-0 lead going into the sixth inning, but the Rocks scored twice in the inning for the decisive margin. Alycia Murawski started the inning by reaching base on an error. Maggie Tudor followed with a bunt single, with both runners moving up.

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, D7

## Stewart leads WMU to a title

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Laura Stewart's first two years as a pitcher for the Western Michigan Broncos softball team were pretty much lackluster.

The Plymouth Township native was a dominating force for the Canton High School Chiefs, but the college game was much different.

"The hitters are a lot better, it's like taking the big hitter on every high school team and putting them on one college team," said Stewart. "And, there's the three feet back (pitching mound) that takes some adjustment. It's a lot of time and mental strain."

In fact, in Stewart's freshman year the Broncos finished dead last, so there was nowhere to go but up.

And that's exactly what's happened this year, as the Broncos, led by the pitching of Stewart, a junior who helped WMU capture its first Mid-American Conference West Division title (27-22, 17-7 MAC). The Broncos head into this week's MAC tournament as one of the favorites.

In the game that clinched the division title, Stewart allowed only five hits over five innings in a 9-2 victory at Ohio on the final day of the regular season.

The win improved Stewart's record to 10-3 overall, 10-1 in the MAC (including four shutouts), with an earned-run-average that is now less than two runs per game. Her only losses were to the University of Michigan, Stanford and MAC foe Toledo.

"My change-up has improved a lot, I have a better curve ball, and better control of my rise ball," said Stewart. "I picked up a lot of speed with weight lifting."

According to pitching coach Jamie Mandarino, it was more than just better control of pitches that lifted Stewart to MAC West Division

## Whalers look for size at OHL draft

BY C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

The future is now for the Plymouth Whalers, and their view of it is something big.

At last Saturday's Ontario Hockey League Priority Draft, the Whalers chose a left wing, a right wing and a defenseman with their three selections in the first two rounds. All three share one common trait: size.

"It was evident the success a guy like Chris Thorburn had in the playoffs and we wanted a guy who could do that for

### OHL HOCKEY

us," said Whalers' coach/general manager Mike Vellucci. "We wanted somebody who could work hard along the boards and score goals."

The Whalers' first-round pick (18th overall) was Michael Lombardi, a 6-foot-2, 180-pound left wing who played last season for the Minor Midget Vaughn Kings. In 28 games for the Kings, Lombardi had 17 goals and 32 assists (49 points), with 139 penalty

minutes.

"Michael Lombardi is a power forward - big, strong and skilled," said Vellucci. "I know a lot of coaches say this, but he was a guy we had rated very high on our board and were happy to see he was still around by the time we picked."

Lombardi, who is a native of Richmond Hill, Ontario, is looking forward to joining the Whalers. "I am very excited to be in Plymouth," he said. "The Whalers are a great organization."

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, D6

## Hawks stop Chiefs' Observerland streak

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

It was just a little ironic that Farmington Harrison coach John Reed had to change a flat tire on his car late Saturday night following the 33rd annual Observerland Relays.

"That was the only thing that went bad," he said. "Otherwise, it had been a perfectly good day for Reed and his team, which finished first among 20 area schools in the boys track and field competition at Farmington High School."

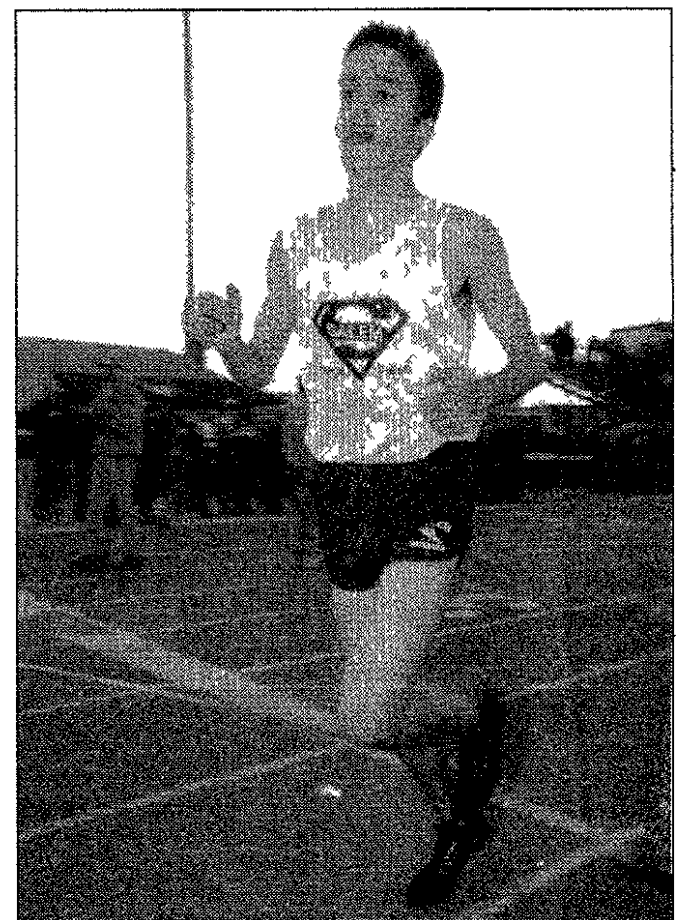
There was nothing flat about the Hawks' performance. They won half of the 16 events and dethroned three-time defending champion Plymouth Canton. It was the second team title and first since 1997 for Harrison, which had 875 points. Canton (80) and third-place Northville (62) also received team trophies.

"It's awesome, the kids came ready to run," Reed said. "It's a senior team, they're focused and have excellent attitudes. We've been working really hard, and we're just very happy to win the meet."

It was either feast or famine for the Hawks, who scored 80 points with their eight first places and just 75 in the other eight events.

Despite winning five of the first 13 events, Harrison still trailed Canton, 59-57.5. The Hawks had a big finish, winning the last four - the shuttle hurdle, 400, 1,600 and pole vault.

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Salem's Justin Hajduk got the only win at the Observerland Relays for his team, finishing first in the 1,600-meter run.

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# Rocks' golfers are looking better than ever

BY C J RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

The bar has been raised. Used to be breaking 200 as a team was a reasonable goal for a girls golf team like Salem. Not so anymore.

Going into today's key dual match with Livonia Stevenson, the Rocks are not satisfied with bettering 200. Their goal now is more like 180, something they'll have to do to compete with the likes of Stevenson and Northville.

And that's surprised even their coach, Rick Wilson. After all, Salem lost two key golfers from last season's squad in Danielle March and Kelle Tamme. The Rocks have just one senior, Lindsay Young, who is consistently among the team's top eight.

For example, last Thursday, Salem outshot Walled Lake Central by 28 strokes at Edgewood CC. That improved the Rocks' dual-meet record to 4-0.

"We've never been that low before," said Wilson. "It used to be we'd try to get four girls at 50, which would be a 200 team score. Now it's 180."

## SALEM OUTLOOK

Against Central, Salem's four scorers were Ashley Smith at 39, Jamie Siedlaczek at 40, and Amyrose Mitchell and Young at 47 each. Team total 173.

What startled Wilson wasn't just the scores, but the ages of the girls shooting them. Smith is a freshman, Siedlaczek is a sophomore.

A little bit, Wilson admitted when asked if his team's success surprised him. "What really surprised me was the level Ashley Smith came in playing."

Adding someone like Mitchell, a junior who transferred in from Dearborn Fordson, and freshmen Kristen Schwan and Anna Ross to a lineup that already included the aforementioned as well as juniors Danielle Powers, who was all-division in the Western Lakes Activities Association last season, and Emily Brockschmidt will transform any team into a contender.

"Our strongest players are our younger players," said Wilson. Indeed, Smith and Siedlaczek are

## "Our strongest players are our younger players."

Rick Wilson  
Salem girls golf coach

the team's top players at present. "We've improved," he added. Siedlaczek, Powers and Young have all improved and the new players have really helped."

Which brings a couple of team goals within reach, such as the WLAA championship (which combines the league tournament finish with dual-meet record) and a berth at the state meet.

"My belief is the young ones will continue to get better," Wilson said. "We haven't been to the state meet as a girls team."

One reason is that Salem, and Canton, have always competed at the very tough Brighton Regional at Oak Pointe. They won't this year, they travel to the Temperance Bedford Regional at Giant Oaks on

May 15. The WLAA Tournament is scheduled for May 20 at Brentwood. Trying to get a team that includes six freshmen to perform at a consistently high level would seem difficult, but thus far the Rocks have managed.

"They just go out and play," Wilson said. "They have no concept of what it would be like to go to state meet."

"We just have to continue to beat the teams we think we can beat."

Today's dual match against Stevenson at Fox Creek, the Spartans' home course, will be a major test.

"I think it will be an advantage for Stevenson because it's their home course," said Wilson.

But then again, who knows for certain?

## Pinckney best-ball

On Monday at Timber Trace in Pinckney, Salem shot a best-ball total of 175 to finish fourth in the 16-team field.

The top score was carded by Sahne, 156, followed by Livonia Ladywood at 169 and Farmington

Mercy at 172. Following Salem came Farmington Unified at 176, Livonia Churchill at 184, Canton at 188, Milford and Linden tied at 189, and Dearborn at 197.

Salem's Smith and Siedlaczek shot a best-ball total of 80 to place fourth overall.

Young and Mitchell had a 95 total and Schwan and Brockschmidt shot 97.

Canton's top scoring team was Megan Depp and Beth Treadwell at 94.

The Rocks competed at two other tournaments, the Brighton Invitational at Oak Pointe April 11 and the Hartland Invitational at Dunham Hills April 16. At Brighton, Salem finished 11th out of 28 teams, with Smith shooting an 82 to place 10th in her first-ever high school tournament.

The Hartland Invitational was another best-ball tournament, with three two-girl teams for each school. Salem was sixth with a 280, with Canton seventh at 285. Northville won the tournament with a 249.

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# Chiefs are capable of a title challenge

BY BRAD MONASTIERE  
STAFF WRITER

An experienced lineup has been leading the Canton golf team on the links so far this spring, and the team appears ready to take the next step into the upper echelon of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Chiefs have finished in the top 10 in two tournaments this season, both featuring at least 20 competing teams, and they have won four of five dual meets in WLAA play. Coach Dan Riggs said his team should remain competitive in both tournaments and in duals.

"We have an experienced team and a good dual meet team," Riggs said. "We have been playing consistent and I'm pleased with our improve-

## CANTON OUTLOOK

ment." Leading the Chiefs is four-year starter and captain Megan Depp. Fellow senior Michelle Corwin has been a top player for Canton for three seasons. Their leadership and experience are valuable assets to the team.

Rounding out the top six for Canton are juniors Beth Treadwell and Heather Hugasian and sophomores Natalie Slupek and Katie Hoeksema.

Last year the Chiefs finished seventh out of the 12 teams in the league. Riggs said a change in the league pecking order is anticipated.

"We have more consistency than we did before," he said. "In this league, you have to be

careful in every match. But the girls help each other out a lot and our seniors complement each other real well on the course."

Like all spring coaches, Riggs said the timing of spring break has made it a challenge for his athletes to stay sharp. With the resumption of league play last week, the breakneck pace towards league and regional meets has started.

"It makes it tough, because before, you had lots of time to practice and get into matches right away," Riggs said. "Now, everything is condensed into 3 1/2 weeks."

Not that it's hurt the Chiefs much. On Tuesday, they hosted Livonia Franklin and Walled Lake Northern in a double-dual at Hilltop. Canton led with a 198, Franklin was second with a 259 and Northern

was third with 279. Canton's low scorers were Slupek and Corwin, each with a 48, Depp at 50, and Treadwell at 52.

The Chiefs also have dual victories over Walled Lake Western (202-218) and Walled Lake Central (200-229). Their only loss has been to Northville in the first week of the season, by a 189-196 margin.

"I'm real happy with the kids," he said. "They're doing a real good job. They've been together for two of the last four years — it's time."

At present, Northville together with Livonia Stevenson (which Canton faced yesterday) and Salem figure to be at the top of the WLAA race.

Together with the Chiefs, who could be in the mix as well

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# Salem shuts out Ford; Canton rolls over Glenn

Solid goalkeeping by Heather Jones helped keep Salem's soccer team unbeaten with the Rocks blanking Utica Ford 3-0 Saturday in a non-conference match played at Ford.

Salem improved to 7-0-2 overall with the victory. Jordan Falcusan accounted for the only goal in the first half, scoring on an assist from Marissa Sarkesian.

In the second half, the Rocks got goals from Tara Duncan, with another assist from Sarkesian, and Amy Gizcki, with an assist from Macy Lepper.

Salem coach Joe Nora credited Jones with keeping the Rocks in the game. "Heather Jones was phenomenal in goal," he said. "She had 12 saves, four of them really spectacular."

## SOCCER

**Canton 7, John Glenn 0:** Six players scored goals for Canton Monday as the Chiefs posted their seventh shutout of the season, at Westland John Glenn's expense.

Canton improved to 5-0 in Western Lakes Activities Association matches, 8-2 overall. The Rockets fell to 2-7-1 overall.

Kara Aherns led the Chiefs' attack, scoring two goals. Katie Raker, Kara Marsh, Megan Romer, Kelly McKee and Molly Priebe scored one goal apiece. Assists went to Danielle Shepherd, Rachel Perry, Kelsey Zemanski and Katie Mills had assists.

It was Canton's fourth-straight shutout. On Saturday

at Canton, the Chiefs blanked Saline 2-0.

Katie Esper scored their first goal, with an assist from Katie Mills. Aherns accounted for the second, Marsh got the assist.

Briana Wolcott was in goal for the shutout, she made 15 saves.

Canton tangles with Salem in the annual cross-campus rivalry at 7 p.m. tonight.

**Salem 8, Wayne 0:** Marissa Sarkesian scored three goals to propel Salem to an easy victory Tuesday in a WLA game played at Salem.

The Rocks improved to 8-0-2 overall, 2-0-1 in the WLA's Lakes Division. Wayne is 4-6-1 overall, 0-2 in the Lakes.

Other goal-scorers for Salem were Jane Dewitt,

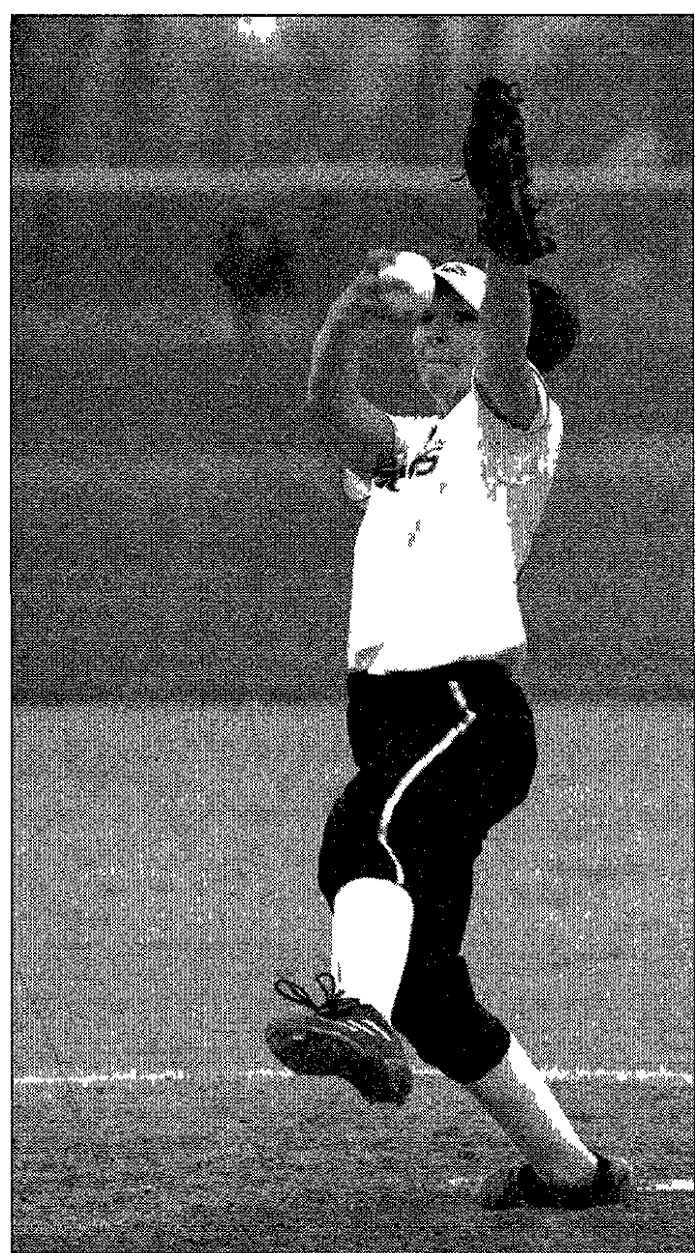
Macy Lepper, Jordan Falcusan, Jennifer Murray and Jordan McDonald. Kristen O'Beirne was in goal for the shutout.

The Rocks led 4-0 at the half.

The match was postponed until Tuesday due to the weather.

**Roeper 2, Plymouth Christian 0:** At Borden Park in Rochester Hills Friday, junior midfielder Sarah Pernick scored both goals as Bloomfield Hills Roeper raised its record to 5-1-1 overall, 4-1 in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

Freshman forward Alex Sims chipped in with an assist, while sophomore keeper Maddie Stano recorded her fourth shutout of the season.



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Laura Stewart, a Canton HS graduate, has elevated her game and made Western Michigan a MAC contender in the process.

## STEWART

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### Pitcher of the Week

"She was bound and determined that she wasn't going to be a role player for us," said Mandarino. "I can't tell you how many Saturdays she asked me to work out, or stayed after practice, to perfect her game."

Laura has always had physical talent, her ball moves, but it was more believing she still had that dominant mentality and she really does, added Mandarino. That was probably the biggest stepping stone she made this year, which has made a huge difference for our program.

Stewart was given the MAC honor after posting a 3-0 record, all conference wins, during the last week of

the season. She posted a 1.47 earned run average, scattered 14 hits over 19 innings while striking out 24 batters.

In one of those games, Stewart blanked Buffalo on just five hits in a 1-0 shutout, while striking out a career high 10 batters.

Stewart, an elementary education major, is also a champion off the field. She sports a 3.47 grade point average, and was recently named the MAC Scholar Athlete of the Week after posting a 4.0 grade point this semester.

As for Stewart's preparation before a game, it's really quite simple.

The night before a game I watch a *Buffy the Vampire* DVD, Stewart said. "She's a strong figure that I look up to. I pitch like I'm slaying."

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# MU players earn All-WHAC accolades

BY GEORGE STEPHENS  
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Although Madonna's baseball and softball teams had contrasting seasons, they were both rewarded for their effort on and off the field.

Thirteen Crusaders were named to All-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference teams, while another six were selected All-Academic team in the WHAC.

On the softball side, Jennifer Tenyer, Arn Fowler and Sarah Golob earned first-team All-WHAC accolades.

Tenyer paced the team in wins, with a 16-8 record and a 2.09 ERA. Tenyer ends her Madonna career as the school leader in every pitching category. Golob, in her first year with the Crusaders, went 14-7, posting a 2.77 ERA with 111 strikeouts. She was also fourth on the team in hitting with a .325 average. Fowler led the team in hitting with a .359 average and knocked in 21 RBI.

Krystle Shuna and Mary Warchuck were both honorable mention All-Conference selections. After making honorable mention last season, Chris Woodruff (Redford Catholic Central) made the WHAC All-Conference team in 2003, batting .325 with 19 extra base hits.

Sterling Mintzer made honorable mention last year at the plate, but earned WHAC All-Conference honors this season from the mound. The 6-foot-6 hurler posted a 1.99 ERA in 40.2 innings, striking out 35.

Mark Cole (CC), Matt Rugley (Redford Union), Joe Greene,

## COLLEGE SPORTS

Mario D'Hern (CC), Joel Halliday (RU) and Adam Kline (CC) were all named honorable mention. Three Crusaders from each team were rewarded for their classroom efforts.

Dave Nester earned a 3.5 grade-point average in Pre-Medicine, D'Hern a 3.3 GPA in English, and Woodruff a 3.6 GPA in Business. As for the softball team, Landsay Bzdok posted a 3.4 GPA in Computer Information Systems, Tenyer a 3.5 GPA in Criminal Justice, and Fowler a 3.7 GPA in Marketing.

Madonna University also placed fifth in the WHAC 2002-03 All-Sports Trophy Tabulation.

The WHAC All-Sports trophy is computed using the highest finish in six conference sports (three women and three men) for each school. Each sport champion receives eight points, second place seven and so on.

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RUNNING EVENTS 6,400 meter relay: 1 Catholic Central (Dave Lucas Kevin Mason Max Working Brian Dool) 18:40.2 2 Northville 19:16.6 3 Salem 19:53.1 4 N Farmington 19:54.0 5

Canton 19:57.0 6 Farmington 20:10.7 10 high hurdles: 1 Kevin Davis Harrison 14.5 2 Steve Kijianczyk Canton 15.1 3 Curtis Crowl Garden City 15.3 4 Siwicki Northville 15.4 5 Nick Karr Churchill 15.6 6 Bill Makela Catholic Central 16.1

Distance medley relay: 1 Churchill (Justin Brevick Kevin Forgette Kevin Kane James Gale) 10:46.0 2 Stevenson 10:49.0 3 Northville 11:09.0 4 Redford Union 11:20.0 5 Salem 11:50.0 6 Catholic Central 11:20.6

800 relay: 1 Harrison (Marcus Woods Robert McCall Charles Pickett Charles Stewart) 129.6 2 Farmington 132.1 3 Canton 132.8 4 Salem 133.9 5 John Glenn 133.9 6 Franklin 135.9

1600 run: 1 Justin Hajduk Salem 4:27.3 2 Nick Gabrys Northville 4:41.6 3 Trevor Step Catholic Central 4:41.9 4 Aaron Lanning Canton 4:45.0 5 Mark Varney Plymouth Christian 4:55.0 6 Derek Mireles Churchill 4:57.0

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100 dash: 1 Marcus Woods Harrison 10.8 2 T.J. Dillard Wayne 11.0 3 Corey Walsler Canton 11.0 4 Allen Lenz John Glenn 11.2 5 Joe Green Farmington 11.3 6 Erik George Churchill 11.4

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relays Harrison moved one-half point in front of Canton, 67.5-67, by winning the 400, in which it tied the meet record of 43 seconds that it set last year

The 1,600 victory virtually guaranteed Harrison first place, and the pole vault results clinched it. At nearly 10 p.m. the running events were done, but the contending teams and meet officials were still waiting for the pole vault to finish before the final results could be announced. A short time later, Harrison was declared the pole vault and meet winner. Canton was second in both.

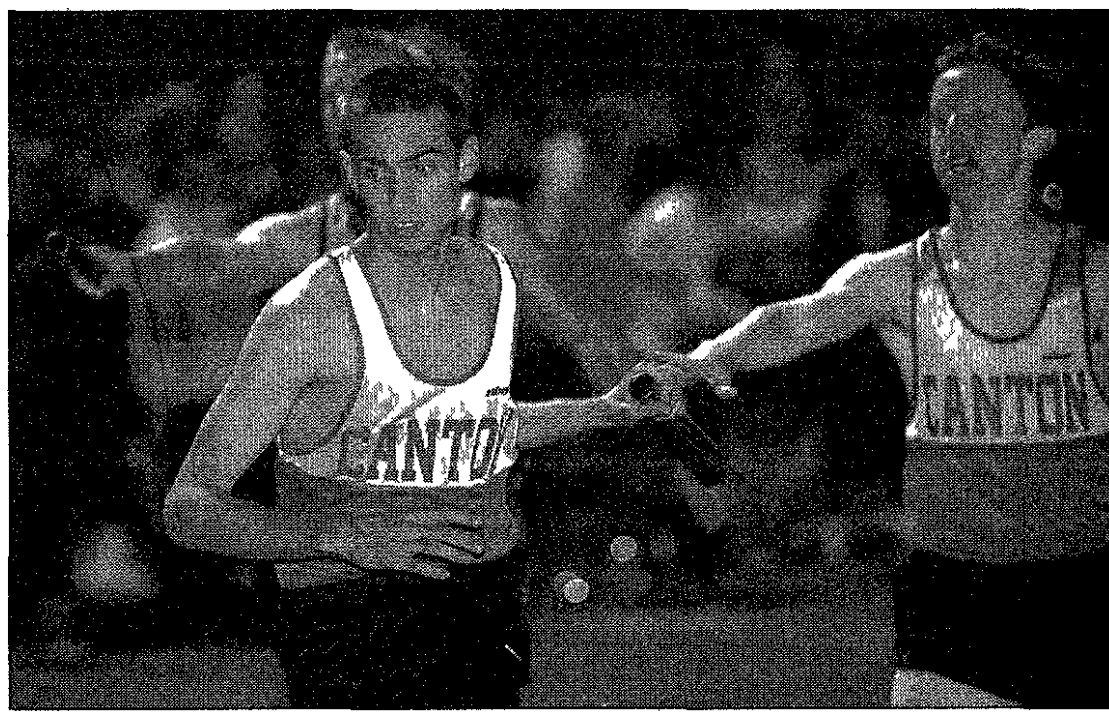
"The pole vault is one of the most popular events at our school," Reed said, attributing Harrison's success in that event to assistant coach Richard Penderal. "Everybody wants to be a pole vaulter."

As expected, the Hawks did well in the sprint events. They also won the 800 relay, while senior Marcus Woods won the individual 100 dash.

Led by high hurdles champion Kevin Davis, Harrison fared well in the hurdles and was a surprise winner in the 3,200 relay since distance running is not a traditional team strength.

"I'm really proud of my 3,200 team (Charlie Gass, Andrew Singer, Brian Coats and Fermon Tate)," Reed said. "But we've been quietly working on it. We've got our time down to 8:15, and we're going to try to place in the (Division 2) state meet with that."

That was our surprise



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton's Jesse Williams (right) hands off to teammate Cy Azizi in the 1,600-meter relay. The Chiefs finished fourth in the event in 3:33.9 and were second in the team standings with 79 points.

We knew we were going to do well in that, but I don't think other teams realized we would have a time like that."

Woods, Robert McCall, Charles Pickett, Charles Stewart, Coats, Tate and Davis contributed to two relay victories each. Harrison's 400 time is the fastest in the state, and his 800 time is among the top three, according to Reed.

"We went after the events we knew we could do well in," Reed said, "but we did go after others (pole vault and hurdles). We are doing other events."

As opposed to Harrison, Canton had a more balanced approach to team scoring.

The Chiefs didn't win an event, but earned points in all but two of the 16. Canton had four seconds, five thirds, fourth fourths and one fifth.

"We scored in so many places, and that's a compliment to our kids," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "We have some real good athletes and some depth. I'm real proud of my guys and the effort they gave today. This is one of the best teams we've had at Canton High School. They're a hard-working bunch and also good kids."

Canton and Livonia Churchill (1976-78) are the only schools to have won the championship three consecutive years.

Churchill hasn't won since 1989, but has the most overall titles with eight. Plymouth Salem is next with six, followed by Canton (which also won in 1986) and Westland John Glenn.

"We would've liked to have been the only team to win it four years in a row," Richardson said. "We enjoyed our run of three in a row. We gave it our absolute best effort, and Harrison was just a little better than us today."

"Our seniors can say they were Observerland champs three out of their four years."

Brad Waidmann, who recently returned from a quadriceps injury, had a personal best in the discus (136-6), tied two others as the best high jumper (6-2) and had Canton's fastest split in the shuttle hurdle relay.

Richardson also cited Dan Driscoll, who scored in four events, and Corey Walsler, who was third the 100 and anchored the second-place 400 relay team.

The Chiefs, who trailed Northville early, "didn't start to catch up until halfway through the meet, and that's when Harrison decided to put on a big push," Richardson said.

Northville, which won the long jump and was second in four other relays, had possibly its best finish under second-

year coach Bill Cornelius. "It's gratifying just to see Northville become a real track team," he said. "I grew up in a small town (in Illinois) where track was an important part of athletics."

It's taken a while to instill a commitment to hard work and to change some attitudes, and it's starting to take hold. Success breeds success and we're looking forward to the future."

Reed added the meet was a homecoming for the Farmington schools, which moved to the Oakland Activities Association last fall.

"We were looking forward to running against our old rivals (in the Western Lakes Activities Association)," he said. "We're used to seeing them, and now we only see them once, so that was fun."

"We always know Canton is going to be right there. Canton has a really outstanding track team. We know, if we're doing well, they'll be right there."

Other winners included Livonia Franklin in the high jump, Livonia Stevenson, discus, Redford Catholic Central, shot put and 6,400 relay, Churchill, distance medley, Salem's Justin Hajduk, individual 1,600 run, and Farmington, sprint medley.

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# University of South Florida signs Ocelots' 6th man

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

A month ago James Holmes had every intention of playing another season of basketball at Schoolcraft College.

But the 6-foot-3, 185-pound guard from Belleville has a different destination for the 2003-04 basketball season — and it's a long way from Sugarbrook Park in Ypsilanti where Holmes honed his game. Holmes, who averaged 14.4 points as a sixth man on Schoolcraft's 31-4 squad, will be coach Robert McCullum's first recruit at the University of South Florida.

McCullum, who took the USF job after three seasons at Western Michigan University, became interested in the shooting guard after it was learned that Holmes had met ACT and core curriculum requirements

## RECRUITING

coming out of high school

Ironically, an assistant coach at Central Michigan University checked into Holmes high school academic record and it was determined through the NCAA Clearinghouse that he had three years of eligibility remaining.

"It's a chance to play now, with new facilities and a new coach, and I'm on the same level as everybody else going in there," said Holmes, who joins a South Florida squad coming off a 15-14 record. "I visited Central, but I know Conference USA is one of the top conferences in the nation. My dream is play in the NBA and I feel this gives me the best opportunity."

As a senior at Belleville, Holmes averaged 18 points, six

rebounds and five assists per game as the Tigers reached the state Class A semifinals.

The shooting guard was recruited by NCAA Division II schools, but Division I interest didn't come until this season when Holmes took advantage of playing time when starter Dion Sherrell, who signed recently with Wyoming, missed 15 games during the middle of the season with a broken foot.

"First of all, James comes from an outstanding program and we're trying to building a top-notch program by recruiting from winning programs," McCullum said.

"You know when you get a player from Schoolcraft and coach Briggs that you're going to get a guy who plays hard and will embrace the things we're trying to do here at South Florida."

Holmes, who plans to major

in either Communications or Business at USF, averaged 20.6 points per game during Schoolcraft's final six games. He had a game-high 25 points in a 78-77 overtime win over Vincennes (Ind.) in the Region 12 championship final and scored 29 off the bench earlier in the season when Schoolcraft beat Flint Mott for the Eastern Conference crown.

He shot 52.6 percent from the floor, including 40.7 percent from three-point-range and 77.6 percent from the foul line.

"James certainly fills a void for us because he's a guy who can really shoot the basketball," McCullum said. "And he was appealing because he's a student-athlete who has three years of eligibility remaining because he was an academic qualifier who met the initial NCAA requirements."

Holmes became the Ocelots top scorer down the stretch, averaging 20 points per game during the last month as Schoolcraft earned its third consecutive trip to the NJCAA Division I tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

"It shows if you work and continue to do well in school, and when your time comes and you're ready, it will happen for you," Schoolcraft coach Carlos Briggs said.

"If James hadn't done well his first year at Schoolcraft, he would have had to come back for a second year. But he took his school work seriously and he's done well in school. Good things happen to good people. James not only a good player, but a good person."

Holmes, raised in a single parent family by his mother Rose Hamilton, has three older sisters and two younger sib-

lings, including a 1-year-old brother whom he affectionately calls "Little Smooth."

Often searching for reliable transportation, commuting back-and-forth to school was a chore, but Holmes persevered, thanks to Coach Briggs and academic advisor Carol Derr.

"Personally, I hate to see him go because that's 25 points per game we won't have next year," Briggs said.

"So if you know anybody who can do that for us next year, let me know."

Holmes becomes the sixth Ocelot to sign with a Division I school this year joining Sherrell (Wyoming), Marcus Bennett (UNC-Charlotte), Andre Scott (New Mexico State), Gary Johnson (Central Florida) and Torvoris Baker (University of Detroit Mercy).

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## OUTDOORS CALENDAR

### ACTIVITIES

#### FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB

The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester. Meetings are open to all anglers, boaters and non-boaters. Call Harold Leider at (248) 656-0556 for more information.

#### SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://go.to/ocsa> for more information.

#### DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (14100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to [rvrerrat122@home.com](mailto:rvrerrat122@home.com).

#### METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Livonia senior center located on the southeast corner of Farmington and Five Mile. Call Henry Nabors at (248) 258-5502 for more information.

#### MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Middle School located on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads. Visit [www.mffc.org](http://www.mffc.org) on the Internet for more information.

#### FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call Mark Boggs at (734) 464-6155 or e-mail [somemore@aol.com](mailto:somemore@aol.com).

#### HURON VALLEY STEELHEADERS

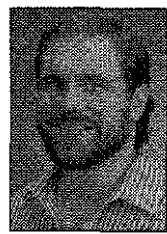
The Huron Valley Steelheaders meets the third Thursday of each month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 27600 Hall Road Flat Rock. Call Carroll White at (734) 285-0843 for more information.

#### CLINTON RIVER BASS 'N RATS

The recently organized Clinton River Bass 'n Rats meets the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Gander Mountain Lodge. Call (810) 247-9900 for direction and additional information. The club is an affiliated chapter of the B.A.S.S. National Federation.

## Largemouth bass virus arrives in Oakland County

Largemouth bass virus (LMBV) reared its ugly head for the first time in



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Bill Parker

Michigan/Indiana border

Since then, however, the virus has spread and has now made its way into southeastern Michigan lakes, including Lake Orton in Oakland County, the furthest north the virus has ever been found, Woodland Lake in Livingston County, and Devil's Lake in Lenawee County. There was a fish kill in Woodland Lake and 100 percent of the fish tested there turned up positive. On Lake Orton, two of 30 fish tested

positive and in Devil's Lake four of 30 turned up positive. To date LMBV has been found in a total of nine lakes, all in southern Michigan.

LMBV is one of over 100 naturally occurring viruses that affect freshwater fish. Unfortunately, as a relatively new virus, not a lot is known about it including its origin and the mechanism through which it is spread.

Although it can be deadly to largemouth bass, LMBV is not known to infect humans. Infected fish are considered safe to eat as long as the flesh is thoroughly cooked.

LMBV can infect other species of fish including crappies, bluegills and smallmouth bass, but apparently is only deadly to largemouths.

LMBV causes bloating in the swim bladders of adult largemouth bass causing them to remain in the warm, oxygen-depleted water near the surface, which eventually leads to suffocation. They often have trouble remaining upright, appear lethargic, and occasionally have sores and/or lesions on their skin.

"When the fish are most sus-

ceptible is in the heat of the summer," says Jim Francis, a DNR fisheries biologist at the Livonia District Office. There are lower levels of dissolved oxygen then, and the fish are already stressed out by the warm weather.

In an effort to help contain the disease the DNR is asking for angler's help.

"We're asking people to try to abstain from fishing in the heat of the summer," Francis says. "Try to minimize their stress levels and don't carry them around all day in a livewell."

The DNR also asks anglers and boaters to take the following steps to help prevent the spread of LMBV:

- Clean boats, trailers, other equipment thoroughly between fishing trips to keep from transporting LMBV, as well as other undesirable pathogens and organisms, from one water body to another.

- Take special care to clean fishing equipment when you are done fishing known locations of the virus.

- Do not move fish or fish parts from one body of water

to another, and do not release live bait into any water body.

- Handle bass as gently as possible if you intend to release them and release them as quickly as possible.

- Refrain from hauling the fish for long periods in live wells if you intend to release them.

- Minimize targeting of largemouth bass during the period from mid-July to mid-August, especially during exceptionally hot weather conditions.

- Report dead or dying adult largemouth bass fish to Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division offices (517-373-1280).

- Volunteer to help agencies collect bass for LMBV monitoring.

- Educate other anglers about LMBV.

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

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THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP BASEBALL**  
**Thursday May 8**  
 Ply Christian at Oak Christian (2) 4 p m  
 Churchill at Northville 4 p m  
 Canton Agape at Baptist Park 4 30 p m  
**Friday May 9**  
 Franklin at W.L. Western 4 p m  
 Salem at Stevenson 4 p m  
 John Glenn at W.L. Central 4 p m  
 Cranbrook at Clarenceville 4 30 p m  
 Luth N west at Luth Westland 4 30 p m  
 Redford CC at Eastpointe 7 30 p m  
**Saturday May 10**  
 (all double headers)  
 Franklin Road Christ vs Canton Agape 11 a m at Griffin Park No 1  
 Redford CC at Warren DeLaSalle 11 a m  
 Inter City at Luth Westland 11 a m  
 Churchill at Farmington 11 a m  
 Belleville at John Glenn 11 a m  
 Wayne at Traverse City West 11 a m  
**PREP GIRLS SOFTBALL**  
**Thursday May 8**  
 Ply Christian at Oak Christian (2) 4 p m  
 Northville at Churchill 4 p m  
 Mercy at Ladywood (2) 4 p m  
 St Alphonsus vs Canton Agape 4 30 p m at Canton Softball Center  
 Macomb Christian at Huron Valley 4 30 p m  
**Friday May 9**  
 W.L. Western at Franklin 4 p m  
 Stevenson at Salem 4 p m  
 W.L. Central at John Glenn 4 p m  
 Wayne at Lincoln Park 4 p m  
 Light and Life at Ply Christian 4 30 p m  
 Kingswood at Clarenceville 4 30 p m  
 Luth N west at Luth Westland 4 30 p m  
**Saturday May 10**  
 (all double-headers unless noted)  
 Bedford Invitational 8 30 a m  
 Pieper Tourney at RO Kimball 9 a m

Canton Classic 9 a m  
 Wyandotte Roosevelt at Salem 11 a m  
 Franklin Road Chr st vs Canton Agape 11 a m at Griffin Park No 2  
 Inter City at Luth Westland 11 a m  
**PREP BOYS TRACK**  
**Thursday May 8**  
 Salem at W.L. Central 3 30 p m  
 Churchill at Canton 3 30 p m  
 Northville at Franklin 3 30 p m  
 Stevenson at Wayne 3 30 p m  
 W.L. Western at John Glenn 3 30 p m  
 Ecorse at Clarenceville 4 30 p m  
**Friday May 9**  
 Ply Christian at Whitmore Lake TBA  
 Spartan Twilight Inv 4 p m  
 South Lyon Invitational 4 p m  
**Saturday May 10**  
 Jackson N west Invitational 9 a m  
 Athens Relays 9 30 a m  
 Annapolis Invitational 9 30 a m  
 River Raf Inv at A A Huron 9 30 a m  
**PREP GIRLS TRACK**  
**Thursday May 8**  
 Canton at Churchill 3 30 p m  
 Wayne at Stevenson 3 30 p m  
 John Glenn at W.L. Western 3 30 p m  
 Ecorse at Clarenceville 4 30 p m  
 Franklin at Northville 5 p m  
 W.L. Central vs Salem (Ply HS) 5 30 p m  
**Friday May 9**  
 South Lyon Invitational 4 p m  
**Saturday May 10**  
 Jackson N west Invitational 9 a m  
 Athens Relays 9 30 a m  
 Annapolis Invitational 9 30 a m  
 River Raf Inv at A A Huron 9 30 a m  
 Troy Athens Relays 10 a m  
 Mercy Invitational 10 a m  
**PREP GIRLS SOCCER**  
**Thursday May 8**

Bethesda at Ply Christian 4 30 p m  
 Canton at Salem 7 p m  
**Friday May 9**  
 Mercy at Ladywood 5 30 p m  
 Luth Westland at Crestwood 5 30 p m  
 Churchill at Jackson 7 p m  
 G P North at Franklin 7 p m  
 Garden City at Wayne 7 p m  
**Saturday May 10**  
 Troy Athens at Stevenson noon  
**PREP GIRLS GOLF**  
**Thursday May 8**  
 Salem vs Stevenson (Fox Creek) 3 p m  
 Ladywood vs A A Gab Richard TBA  
**Friday May 9**  
 Wayne vs Salem (St Johns) 3 p m  
 Churchill vs Glenn (Fellows Ck) 2 45 p m  
 Franklin vs Stevenson (Fox Creek) 3 p m  
**PREP BOYS TENNIS**  
**Monday May 5**  
**Thursday May 8**  
 Canton vs Salem 4 p m  
 Redford Union at Franklin 4 p m  
**Friday May 9**  
 Churchill at John Glenn 4 p m  
 Franklin at Stevenson 4 p m  
 Wayne at Northville 4 p m  
**Saturday May 10**  
 Catholic League at Schoolcraft 8 a m  
 Honor and Glory Tourn 8 a m  
 Dearborn Invitational TBA  
**PREP LACROSSE**  
**Thursday May 8**  
 Catholic League Tournament TBA  
**Friday May 9**  
 Holt at Ladywood 6 p m  
**Saturday May 10**  
 Ladywood at Lansing Waverly 9 a m  
 Catholic League finals TBA  
 TBA - time to be announced

WHALERS

FROM PAGE D1

"I would say I'm a bump-and-grind, get-your-nose-dirty type of player. What you see is what you get with me."  
 Size was again a key element in Plymouth's second-round selections. The first second-round pick (No. 32nd overall) was Dan Collins, a 6-1, 180-pound right wing who was with the Syracuse Jr. Crunch last season. Collins totaled 14 goals and 12 assists (26 points) in his 35 games with the Crunch, with 58 penalty minutes.  
 "Dan has a ton of skill from the blue line in," Vellucci said. "He is a player who can score and has nice hands around the net. In the games we saw him play against the Ann Arbor team, he dominated."  
 Plymouth's second second-round selection was someone close to home. Mark Mitera, a 6-2, 180-pound defenseman from Livonia.  
 Last season playing for the '87 Little Caesar Minor Midget team, Mitera collected five goals and 23 assists (28 points), with 141 penalty minutes, in 68 games.  
 Although Vellucci is hoping all three players will join the Whalers, nothing is for certain. "Like Dan, (Mitera) is a play-

er who isn't sure if he is going to college or will play for the Whalers," the Whalers' GM/coach said. "But we are excited to have the opportunity to have him playing for the Whalers. He is a player who could easily be a first-round NHL pick."  
 "He is a powerful and skilled defenseman who is a future captain. He could come in right now and quarterback our power play."  
 Mitera, however, won't rush his decision. "I really like the OHL, it seems the better players go to the OHL," he said. "But it's a tough decision (college or pro) to make and I have all summer."  
 "I am more like a Chris Pronger type player who can move the puck up to the forwards."  
 All three players pleased Vellucci. "I think we were able to get some great players with a lot of potential to be impact players in the future," he said. "We were able to get players with a lot of size, but also have a lot of skill."  
 "My teams have always had those type of players. But I also think you are seeing the kids are getting bigger."  
 The Whalers also helped their future a bit. Last Friday, the day before the OHL Priority Draft, they traded their second-round pick (39th overall) and a third-round pick

(58th overall) they got from Sarnia to the Kingston Frontenacs for the Frontenacs' second-round pick next year and their third-round selection (44th overall) this season.  
**Award-winners**  
 At the Plymouth Whalers annual team banquet last Thursday, Chad LaRose received the greatest accolades, taking home two team honors. LaRose, who set a team record by scoring 61 goals during the regular season, was selected by the Whalers' coaching staff as the regular season's Most Valuable Player. He also received the Top Scorers Award.  
 LaRose, who was earlier named winner of the OHL's Leo Lonlonde Memorial Trophy, which is presented to the OHL's outstanding overage player, finished second in the league to Ottawa's Corey Locke in the Most Outstanding Player Award voting.  
 Other award-winners for the Whalers were John Viglante, Rookie of the Year, Cole Jarrett, Defenseman of the Year, Jimmy Gagnon, winner of the Face-off Award, Chris Thorburn, Playoffs Most Valuable Player, Nate Kiss, Hardest Worker, and Jams Wisniewski (from Canton), Scholastic Player of the Year.  
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**TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual School Election of the School District will be held on Monday June 9 2003  
 TAKE NOTICE that the following shall be voted upon by the electors at the annual election to be held on Monday, June 9, 2003  
**ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS**  
 There will be elected two members to the Board of Education of the School District for a full term of four years ending in 2007. The names of all eligible School Board candidates are as follows:  
 Robert P. Coutts  
 Martha W. Toth  
**THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR TOWNSHIP CLERKS, IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2003, IS MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION.**  
 Persons planning to register with the respective city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks offices are open for registration.  
 This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education  
 RALPHA NODWELL, Secretary  
 Board of Education  
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING REPROGRAMMING OF CDBG FUNDS AND PROGRAM AMENDMENT

On May 21, 2003 at 3 p.m. in the Supervisor's conference room, third floor Administration Building 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, the CDBG Advisory Council will hold a public hearing to accept public comment on the reprogramming of funds and amendment to the FY 2002 Community Development Block Grant final statement. The purpose is to reprogram funds from canceled and completed CDBG projects and to reprogram funds to a new activity FY 2002 Affordable Housing Contingency (for Purchase of Lots for Affordable Housing or Housing Rehabilitation). The following activities are to be canceled and the funds reprogrammed: FY 2000 Ridesource \$7,000; FY 2000 Adult Day Care \$3,000; FY 2000 Mediation Service \$2,000; FY 2000 Growth Works \$1,055; FY 2001 Michigan Avenue Playground \$3,300; FY 2001 Mediation Service \$2,500; FY 2001 Growth Works \$10,500. Total to be reprogrammed \$29,355. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to Gerald Martin, Development Specialist, Resource Development Division, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48188, (734) 394-5194, Extension: 5194.  
 TERRY BENNETT, Clerk  
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WESTERN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES AUTHORITY ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 8 "WTUA INTERCEPTORS"

Western Townships Utilities Authority is seeking proposals for sanitary sewer system maintenance of the WTUA Interceptors at pump station wet walls.  
 Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the proposal documents should contact:  
 Ms. Sandy Forrest  
 Western Township Utilities Authority  
 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187  
 (734) 453-2793  
**All submittals must be received by June 6, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. at the above address.** A public opening of the proposals will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan.  
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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION OF THE ELECTORS OF PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL WAYNE AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

**TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:**  
 Please Take notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 9, 2003.  
**THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2003, IS MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2003, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.**  
 To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks offices are open for registration.  
 This Notice is given by order of the board of education  
 THOMAS WYSOCKI, Secretary Board of Education  
**ADDENDUM**  
**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Regular Biennial Election of Schoolcraft Community College Michigan will be held in conjunction with the Regular School Election.  
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WESTERN TOWNSHIPS UTILITIES AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS 3:00 P.M. MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2003

Regular meeting called to order at 3:02 p.m.  
 Present: Thomas Yack, Steve Mann, Mark Abbo  
 Agenda - adopted as presented  
 Minutes of regular meeting of March 24, 2003 - approved  
 Minutes of study session of April 14, 2003 - approved  
 Schedule of operating expenses totaling \$790,715.98 - approved  
 Operations & Maintenance Report for March 2003 - received and filed  
 Director's Report for April 2003 - received and filed  
 Lower Rouge Storage Building, Change Order No. 2 - approved  
 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Second Amendment - approved  
 Lower Rouge Storage Building Engineering Services - Capital Budget Amendment - approved  
 City of Plymouth Flow By-Pass Alternatives Engineering Services Contract - approved  
 401(a) Pension Plan Investment Changes - received and filed  
 WTUA Investment Policy - approved  
 Sewer Cleaning & CCTV Inspection - Contract 8 Request To Advertise For proposals - approved  
 Capital Improvement Program (Draft Format) - received and filed for comments by May 1, 2003.  
 YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed  
 The regular meeting was adjourned at 3:54 p.m.  
 THOMAS J. YACK, Chairperson  
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**CANTON**

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on nine hits and two walks, with three strikeouts, in six innings, but he was victimized by five Canton errors

In their second game, the Chiefs got a 15-5 five-inning mercy win over Milford Lakeland Jon Western was the winning pitcher, giving up three earned runs on five hits and four walks in 2 1/3 innings Little relieved and did not surrender a run, giving up just two hits and no walks with three strikeouts in 2 2/3 innings

McDevitt provided the offensive push with two hits, including a grand-slam home run in the second inning that broke the game open Jake Powers contributed two hits and two RBI, Howald had a hit and two RBI, Powell had a hit and an RBI, and Tony Mroz had a hit and scored two runs

**Salem 6-2, Wayne 3-4:**

After a rough start, Salem sophomore pitcher Nic England handcuffed Wayne Memorial Monday to elevate the Rocks to a WLAA victory at Salem

The Zebras scored all three of their runs in the first inning on four hits, but Salem answered with a run in the first on Brian Bradley's second home run of the season The Rocks got three more in the second to take the lead, Ryan Leach's double accounting for two of them Stevland Davis singled in another Rocks' run in the third and Andy Thackaberry doubled in their sixth run in the fifth

Davis, Thackaberry and Steve Cox each had two hits in the game for Salem, which ended a three-game losing streak Chris Judd was the losing pitcher for the Zebras

Wayne won the second game, which was completed Tuesday, by a 4-2 count Dave Clendenning was the winning pitcher, the sophomore righthander struck out 15 while tossing a four-hitter

Wayne is 5-12 overall, 2-2 in the Lakes Salem is 8-10 overall

**Catholic Central 11-9, U-D Jesuit 0-1:**

Catholic Central stayed in striking distance in the Catholic League Central Division on Sunday, sweeping a doubleheader from U-D Jesuit

We told the kids we needed to sweep to stay within striking distance of Brother Rice and they did it,' said Salter, whose team played Rice in a doubleheader on Wednesday 'Both starters went the distance, so that was nice Our pitching has been strong lately Our earned run average has come down quite a bit lately'

Jeff Schulz set the Cubs down in the opener, retiring the first 13 hitters before allowing a one-out single in the fifth inning to break up the perfect game He didn't walk a batter and allowed just three hits while fanning nine to improve to 4-1

Kyle Crepeau was 3-for-4 with two runs scored and three stole bases for CC, while Ryan Gallagher had a double, triple and four RBI, Mike Monterey was 2-for-4 with two runs scored, Drew Amble had a homer with two RBI and Schulz had a two-run double

A seven-run fifth inning led CC (10-2 Central) in the second game, called after five innings because of darkness Monterey (5-0) earned the win on a four-hitter with two walks and eight strikeouts Derek Brooks was 3-for-4 with a double and two runs scored at the plate, while Monterey had two RBI and Schulz had two RBI

On Monday, the Shamrocks mercied Detroit Country Day, 10-0, as Bob Henderson (2-0) pitched a five-hitter with a pair of walks and a strikeout John Eshelman suffered the loss for the Yellow Jackets, giving up six runs and seven hits in three innings

Aaron Pauling had a pair of hits with a double and an RBI for CC (15-2), Alex Wojcik had a homer with two RBI, Joe Dudzinski had a double with an RBI and Schulz's single scored a pair of runs in the three-run sixth inning to end the game

**FITNESS CHAMP**

John Demsick, former Canton HS wrestling coach and a current physical education teacher in the Plymouth-Canton district, finished first in one event and second in another at the State Health and Fitness

**ROCKS**

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on a passed ball Cortney Edwards bunted as well and reached base when the throw went home

That loaded the bases for Alison Proodian, whose fielder's choice scored the game-tying run Mandy Bradley delivered the winning run when the Chiefs booted her ground ball

Kelli Szczepanski got the pitching win (she's now 11-4), giving up one run on four hits and no walks, striking out one The loss went to Renee Ross, who tossed a two-hitter, allowing two unearned runs and two walks while striking out five

The first game Monday was stopped after five innings by the 10-run mercy rule Salem had 13 hits in the game, with Jess Bonello going 3-for-3 with a double, two singles and three runs batted in and Tudor adding a single and a three-run triple

Murawski contributed a double and a single with three RBI and Bradley had a double and a single

Szczepanski was the winning

**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

Championships last Saturday Demsick took top honors in the chin-up event with 36 He was also second in the dip event with 41 Demsick holds the state record in both events (37 chin-ups, 47 dips) for his weight Demsick has won the chin-up event four times in the overall

**age division**

**HOCKEY BOOSTER CLUB**

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club meets throughout the year to plan and fundraise for the varsity hockey programs at Salem, Canton and Plymouth high schools If you have, or hope to have a varsity player at a Plymouth-Canton Community High School, please plan on attending Call (734) 254-9234

pitcher for Salem in both games Monday She only allowed one hit, walked one and struck out six in the opening game The loss went to Wayne's Stacy Vojtkofsky

'Kelli came off of a busy weekend,' said Salem coach Bonnie Southerland 'She pitched in three games in the Salem Invitational, then had to come back today and pitch two more She's really focused right now and moving the ball around a lot'

Michelle Jurcak started the second game for Salem against Wayne, but only pitched to four batters before giving way to Szczepanski The first three Zebra batters scored unearned runs, with Jurcak walking the first two batters, hitting the next and throwing a couple of wild pitches

Szczepanski relieved and did not give up a run, allowing just one hit and striking out eight

Tudor led the Rocks' attack with four hits, including a solo home run, and two RBI Bonello had a double and a single and three RBI, Edwards and Szczepanski had two hits apiece, and Proodian got a single and two RBI

Wayne was leading until the fourth inning, when the Rocks

scored four runs, two on Bonello's double Tudor and Proodian each had run-producing singles

**Salem 2nd at tourney**

At last Saturday's sixth annual Salem Invitational, the Rocks reached the tournament final before losing to Temperance Bedford 3-1

Salem opened with a 3-2 victory over Flat Rock, Szczepanski giving up two runs on four hits and one walk with five strikeouts The Rocks trailed 2-0 after one inning, but a Sue Woodard single scored one Salem run in the second

That was it until the sixth when Brook Posler doubled home Bradley with the tying run In the Salem seventh, Emily Maletic and Tudor each singled and Edwards was safe on an error, loading the bases Proodian's long fly ball to right scored the game-winning run

In the second game of the tournament, the Rocks defeated Ypsilanti 11-0 in a five-inning mercy Jurcak got the pitching win, allowing three hits and three walks, striking out three in five innings Bradley led the attack with three hits including a double

and a grand slam home run Ashley Bilke was 3-for-3 at the plate, with Tudor and Proodian getting two singles and two RBI each

The Rocks went up against Livonia Churchill in the game that would decide who would play for the championship and came away with a 6-0 triumph Szczepanski was again superb, allowing five hits and one walk in six innings

Salem broke the game open with four runs in the third inning

Tudor, Murawski and Bonello each had two hits, Bonello slugging a triple, and Bradley had a single and a home run

In the final, Temperance Bedford got eight hits off of Szczepanski while Salem managed just one hit Two runs in the seventh clinched it for the Mules

'It was a nice tournament,' said Southerland 'Salem hit a couple over the fence Hopefully, it's just the beginning of what is to come Bedford is a good team and very aggressive up at bat

'I'm glad we got to face them because they are in our regional and they have a very good pitcher'

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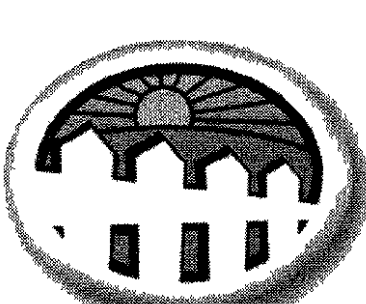
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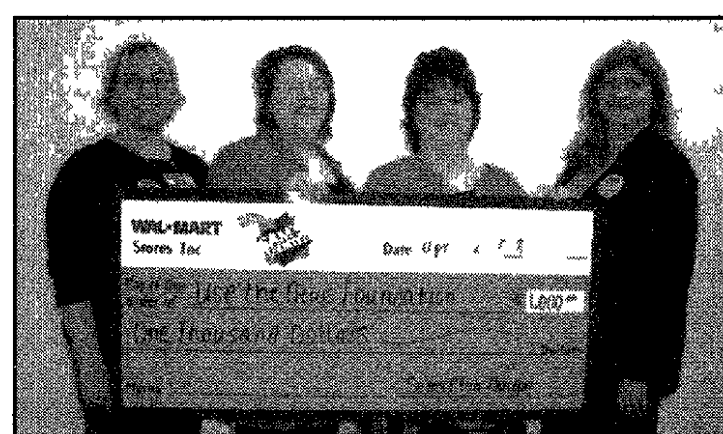


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**BEST BOYS TRACK TIMES**

**OBSERVER'S BEST BOYS TRACK TIMES (through May 2)**

**Shot put**  
 Hady Rahman (Stevenson) 53 2.5  
 Paul Stradtner (Garden City) 51 6  
 A.J. Simmons (Wayne) 48 10  
 Chris Snyder (Canton) 48 0  
 Pat Clark (Redford CC) 47 3  
 John Muirroy (Redford CC) 46 10.5  
 Jason LeDuc (Redford Union) 46 0  
 Dan Haller (Luth Westland) 45 11  
 Anthony Morelli (Churchill) 45 3  
 Bryan Frawley (Canton) 44 11.25

**Discus**  
 Paul Stradtner (Garden City) 159 8  
 Chuck Cannon (Churchill) 150 6  
 Hady Rahman (Stevenson) 146 6  
 Marcus Gowdy (Thurston) 145 10  
 Jason LeDuc (Redford Union) 139 11  
 Nick Barrett (Redford CC) 136 10  
 Brad Waidmann (Canton) 136 6  
 Pat Clark (Redford CC) 134 6  
 Mike Ghannam (Churchill) 131 11  
 Ryan Danescu (Redford CC) 131 4

**Long Jump**  
 Allen Lenz (John Glenn) 21 0  
 John Mitchell (Stevenson) 20 3  
 Doug Persondek (Garden City) 20 3  
 Matt Smitherman (John Glenn) 19 10  
 Dan Driscoll (Canton) 19 9  
 Rodney Preston (Canton) 19 6  
 Joe Mielke (Franklin) 19 5  
 Andy Lynett (Franklin) 19 1  
 Francisco Beltran (Churchill) 19 1  
 Darre Johnson (Wayne) 19 0.5

**High Jump**  
 Joe Mielke (Franklin) 6 4  
 Brad Waidmann (Canton) 6 2  
 Glenn Garratt (Clarenceville) 6 2  
 Brian Graham (Franklin) 6 0  
 Matt Graham (Franklin) 6 0  
 Dave King (Franklin) 6 0  
 Darre Johnson (Wayne) 6 0  
 Andy Rossow (Canton) 5 10  
 Josh Silvernail (Clarenceville) 5 10  
 Curtis Crowl (Garden City) 5 10

**Pole Vault**  
 Jon Chapman (Canton) 13 0  
 Mike Bebow (Franklin) 12 0  
 Dan Driscoll (Canton) 11 6  
 Ryan Santa (Churchill) 11 6  
 Michael Zahara (Churchill) 11 0  
 Joe Jackson (Wayne) 11 0  
 Rich Hensel (Canton) 10 6  
 Steve Kiljanczyk (Canton) 10 6  
 Dan Baseley (Luth Westland) 10 6  
 Aaron Reamy (Churchill) 10 6  
 Brandon Giacchina (John Glenn) 10 6  
 Erik Thornton (Wayne) 10 6  
 Joe Mielke (Franklin) 10 6

**110-meter hurdles**  
 Steve Kiljanczyk (Canton) 15 1  
 Curtis Crowl (Garden City) 15 3  
 Bill Makela (Redford CC) 15 5  
 Nick Karr (Churchill) 15 6  
 Chris Thomason (Salem) 15 7  
 T.J. Winowiecki (Salem) 15 9  
 Brad Waidmann (Canton) 16 2  
 Enrique Garcia (John Glenn) 16 3  
 Ross Farquhar (Churchill) 16 3  
 Brian Graham (Franklin) 16 5

**300-meter hurdles**  
 Bill Makela (Redford CC) 41 3  
 Steve Kiljanczyk (Canton) 41 9  
 Dan Dinardi (Stevenson) 42 5  
 Aaron Anselement (Stevenson) 42 9  
 Brian Soash (Canton) 43 0  
 Brad Zygmuntowicz (Redford CC) 43 1  
 Nick Karr (Churchill) 43 1  
 Curtis Crowl (Garden City) 43 2  
 Joe Mielke (Franklin) 43 3  
 Chris Thomason (Salem) 43 4  
 Jon Zerebiny (John Glenn) 43 4

**100-meter dash**  
 T.J. Dillard (Wayne) 10 8  
 Derris Rolle (Redford Union) 10 9  
 Allen Lenz (John Glenn) 11 0  
 Corey Walser (Canton) 11 0  
 Erik George (Churchill) 11 1  
 Darrin Miller (Wayne) 11 2  
 Andy Lynett (Franklin) 11 2  
 Dave King (Stevenson) 11 2  
 Matt Smitherman (John Glenn) 11 3  
 Robbie Mills (Franklin) 11 3  
 Brandon Reeves (Canton) 11 3

**200-meter dash**  
 T.J. Dillard (Wayne) 22 3  
 Devin Thomas (Canton) 22 4  
 Derris Rolle (Redford Union) 22 6  
 Erik George (Churchill) 22 8  
 Eddie Brown (Thurston) 23 2  
 Robbie Mills (Franklin) 23 2  
 Allen Lenz (John Glenn) 23 2  
 Francisco Beltran (Churchill) 23 4  
 Brandon Reeves (Canton) 23 6  
 Mike Wilson (Salem) 23 6  
 Brian Gasser (Stevenson) 23 6

**400-meter dash**  
 Brian Soash (Canton) 51 1  
 Jesse Williams (Canton) 52 7  
 Anthony Smelley (Redford Union) 53 0  
 James Gale (Churchill) 53 1  
 Brett Gerken (Stevenson) 53 2  
 Shane Azizi (Canton) 53 5  
 Colin Hall (Stevenson) 53 5  
 Trevor Hearn (Stevenson) 53 6  
 Tommy Thomas (Franklin) 53 6  
 Justin Breveck (Churchill) 54 0

**800-meter run**  
 Justin Breveck (Churchill) 2 02 1  
 Keith Hearn (Stevenson) 2 03 1  
 Kevin Patra (Redford Union) 2 04 0  
 Nick Zink (Luth Westland) 2 04 2  
 Doug Novack (Stevenson) 2 05 0  
 Aaron Lanning (Canton) 2 06 6  
 Joe Horka (Churchill) 2 06 8  
 Trevor Hearn (Stevenson) 2 06 9  
 Sam Anderson (Redford Union) 2 07 0  
 Kevin Mason (Redford CC) 2 07 0

**1,600-meter run**  
 Justin Hajduk (Salem) 4 27 0  
 James Gale (Churchill) 4 29 2

**BEST GIRLS TRACK LISTINGS**

**OBSERVER'S BEST GIRLS TRACK TIMES (through May 7)**

**Shot put**  
 Nia Henderson (Churchill) 40 77.5  
 Lauren Kmet (Franklin) 35 10  
 Jessica Johnson (Canton) 35 9.25  
 Stephanie Waskiewicz (Churchill) 31 6  
 Jennifer Early (Salem) 30 9.5  
 Rachel Cooper (Garden City) 30 5  
 Jenna Hudy (Franklin) 30 0  
 Christin Jury (Ladywood) 30 0  
 Martha Rojek (PCA) 29 6  
 Sarah James (Franklin) 29 5

**Discus**  
 Nia Henderson (Churchill) 123 9  
 Lauren Kmet (Franklin) 115 5.5  
 Jennifer Early (Salem) 109 10  
 Andrea Hurn (Stevenson) 104 0  
 Rachel Cooper (Garden City) 99 2  
 Alicia Krueger (Luth Westland) 98 1  
 Jessica Jaskot (Churchill) 94 3  
 Sarah James (Franklin) 93 10  
 Martha Rojek (PCA) 93 8  
 Christin Jury (Ladywood) 93 6  
 Amy Bodnar (Stevenson) 93 6

**Long Jump**  
 Mary Maloney (Canton) 16 5  
 Jennifer Anderson (Wayne) 16 5  
 Elizabeth Easter (John Glenn) 16 0  
 Andrea Nyberg (Canton) 15 6.25  
 Kathy Carey (Ladywood) 15 2.5  
 Jenny Timm (Luth Westland) 14 11.5  
 Alex Dooley (Thurston) 14 11  
 Rebecca Fedrigo (Churchill) 14 7  
 Natalie Wasio (Thurston) 14 6  
 To inia White (John Glenn) 14 6

**High Jump**  
 Khelli Wade (Wayne) 5 3  
 Alyssa Supplee (Franklin) 5 2  
 Megan Kmet (Franklin) 5 1  
 Ashley McCall (Franklin) 5 0  
 Bethany Bartlett (Salem) 5 0  
 Connella Simmons (Wayne) 5 0  
 Megan Liewenski (Stevenson) 4 11

Rebecca Fedrigo (Churchill) 4 10  
 Jenna Pratt (Stevenson) 4 10  
 Lache Wilkins (Churchill) 4 10  
 Mary Maloney (Canton) 4 10  
 Brittany Howard (John Glenn) 4 10  
 Elizabeth Sturdy (Stevenson) 4 10  
 Jocelyn Flowers (Thurston) 4 10

**Pole vault**  
 Jennifer Perkins (Stevenson) 8 6  
 Cassie Burnett (Garden City) 8 6  
 Ashley Aquinto (Salem) 8 0  
 Amanda Bowmer (Franklin) 8 0  
 Kaitlyn Dugan (Churchill) 8 0  
 J.Q. Williams (Canton) 8 0  
 Pam Reasor (Canton) 7 9  
 Kara Karalis (Churchill) 7 6  
 Remy Brim (Churchill) 7 6  
 Jackie Demers (Churchill) 7 6

**100-meter hurdles**  
 Kaitlin Armstrong (Stevenson) 16 0  
 Jenelle Miller (Stevenson) 16 9  
 Alisha June (Garden City) 17 3  
 Amanda Tatro (Franklin) 17 7  
 Lindsay Kariniemi (Canton) 17 8  
 Lindsay Conklin (Churchill) 17 8  
 Jenelle Miller (Stevenson) 17 8  
 Chrystal Roza (Franklin) 17 9  
 Melissa Kneppshield (Churchill) 18 3  
 Dominique Gray (Wayne) 18 4

**300-meter hurdles**  
 Kaitlin Armstrong (Stevenson) 48 1  
 Rebecca Fedrigo (Churchill) 49 3  
 Alisha June (Garden City) 50 9  
 Amanda Richardson (Stevenson) 52 1  
 Lindsay Conklin (Churchill) 52 2  
 Lindsay Kariniemi (Canton) 53 4  
 Katie Cezat (Canton) 53 7  
 Jenelle Miller (Stevenson) 54 0  
 Gretta Melvin (Thurston) 54 2  
 Emily Seiter (Churchill) 54 2

**100 meter dash**  
 To inia White (John Glenn) 12 6  
 Alyse White (Churchill) 12 6  
 Christina Redd (Canton) 12 7  
 Pamela Bryant (Franklin) 12 7

Kathy Carey (Ladywood) 12 8  
 Lache Wilkins (Churchill) 13 0  
 Mary Maloney (Canton) 13 1  
 Elizabeth Sturdy (Stevenson) 13 1  
 Jocelyn Flowers (Thurston) 13 3

**200-meter dash**  
 Linda Montgomery (Stevenson) 26 0  
 Alyse White (Churchill) 26 4  
 Tiffany James (Wayne) 26 4  
 Christina Redd (Canton) 26 5  
 Andrea Nyberg (Canton) 27 2  
 Kristy Sobran (Stevenson) 27 2  
 Lache Wilkins (Churchill) 27 4  
 Deana Felix (Thurston) 27 5  
 Mary Maloney (Canton) 27 6  
 Alison Collins (Stevenson) 27 9

**400 meter dash**  
 Linda Montgomery (Stevenson) 58 9  
 Alyse White (Churchill) 59 6  
 Michelle Phillips (Churchill) 1 02 6  
 Lache Wilkins (Churchill) 1 03 0  
 Sarah Stobbe (Canton) 1 03 8  
 Amanda Sculthorpe (Stevenson) 1 03 8  
 Maura Mulcahy (Ladywood) 1 04 7  
 Michelle Lager (Canton) 1 04 9  
 Jennifer Anderson (Wayne) 1 05 2  
 Katie Tuomi (Clarenceville) 1 05 4

**800-meter run**  
 Michelle Phillips (Churchill) 2 25 6  
 Lisa Montgomery (Stevenson) 2 27 2  
 Laura Friedman (Salem) 2 31 5  
 Kelly Gibbons (Stevenson) 2 31 4  
 Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 2 31 5  
 Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson) 2 32 4  
 Meghan Wafer (Thurston) 2 34 0  
 Alyse White (Churchill) 2 34 7  
 Rachel Wodyka (Churchill) 2 35 0  
 Kyle Cieslak (Churchill) 2 35 7

**1600-meter run**  
 Michelle Phillips (Churchill) 5 17 7  
 Lisa Montgomery (Stevenson) 5 21 9  
 Heather Sirko (Stevenson) 5 27 5  
 Nicole Schmidt (Churchill) 5 27 6

Meghan Wafer (Thurston) 5 33 0  
 Kyle Cieslak (Churchill) 5 33 7  
 Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 5 33 8  
 Sarah McCormack (Canton) 5 34 0  
 Rachel Wodyka (Churchill) 5 38 0  
 Natalie Teter (Stevenson) 5 48 1

**3 200-meter run**  
 Heather Sirko (Stevenson) 11 27 2  
 Sarah Westrick (Churchill) 11 35 0  
 Kyle Cieslak (Churchill) 11 56 0  
 Nicole Schmidt (Churchill) 12 09 2  
 Nicole Renaud (Churchill) 12 09 9  
 Sara Pilon (Stevenson) 12 26 0  
 Rachel Wodyka (Churchill) 12 28 5  
 Kristyn Green (Stevenson) 12 33 0  
 Gaby Gutierrez (Churchill) 12 35 1  
 Sarah McCormack (Canton) 12 45 0

**400 relay**  
 Stevenson 52 2  
 Canton 52 6  
 Wayne 53 3  
 John Glenn 53 4  
 Garden City 54 1

**800 relay**  
 Stevenson 1 47 6  
 John Glenn 1 49 0  
 Wayne 1 49 1  
 Canton 1 51 7  
 Franklin 1 54 6

**1 600 relay**  
 Stevenson 4 10 6  
 Churchill 4 22 0  
 Canton 4 27 0  
 John Glenn 4 27 0  
 Wayne 4 28 0

**3,200 relay**  
 Churchill 9 54 2  
 Stevenson 10 05 9  
 Canton 10 17 0  
 Ladywood 10 56 0  
 John Glenn 11 02 1

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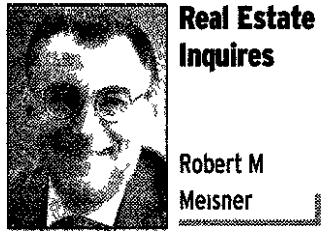


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**Real Estate Inquires**

Robert M Meisner

## Seek advice before signing

I am closing on my home and have looked at the closing statement, and in addition to the broker's commission, there is a broker's processing fee. I do not recall being asked to pay that.

In the small print on many listing agreements, there is a provision where the broker, in addition to getting a commission, also receives a broker's processing fee, which is simply an add-on fee which I would certainly argue about when you are signing the purchase agreement, as it would appear that the 6 or 7 percent commission for the broker is adequate given the circumstances. This again proves the necessity to have legal advice before you sign the purchase agreement and any listing agreement or buyer's agency agreement.

There are a number of homeowners in our building who have damage due to overgrown tree roots because the city planted them. Do you think we have an opportunity to band together, perhaps in a class action suit?

In a similar situation, the Michigan Court of Appeals has ruled that a homeowner's whose property was damaged by overgrown tree roots can maintain a class action suit for trespass- nuisance against the city that planted them. The court in that case found that there was a common sense scheme of trespass- nuisance, negligence and governmental taking involving the municipality's tree policy. Since all of the plaintiffs allegations were substantially similar, and stem from the same pattern of the municipality's contact, the court granted class certification.

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**LAST LOOK**

Total residential building permits issued by region 2002

Location	Residences	1-Year Increase
South Atlantic	494,775	7%
Great Lakes	236,175	5
Pacific	232,375	10
We. So. Central	205,750	11
Mountain	196,850	2
Mid Atlantic	120,975	8
Plains	107,250	9
Ea. So. Central	86,925	10
New England	47,400	10

Source: U.S. Housing Markets

# A workaday real estate life can include other exciting activities

BY DOUG FUNKE  
STAFF WRITER

Some Realtors say they live, breathe, eat and sleep real estate. Others maintain that they devote 25 hours a day to the job. And some sales professionals claim that they're always on call.

Well, OK, if they say so. But work to the exclusion of everything else isn't everyone's idea of how best to use all the hours in a day. Sometimes, subtraction rather than addition is the better approach to time management.

Caroline McGuire recently became broker/owner of RE/MAX Professional in Rochester Hills. She has 33 years experience.

"This is one of the businesses where the better you are at what you do, the more you work," McGuire said. People who have endurance, who last, have learned to take short breaks. They actually pencil in family time, personal time.

McGuire periodically escapes to her boat. "I can take my cell phone, laptop with me and can work from my boat all day. I like to bob around once in a while, a few times a month, she said.

McGuire also enjoys long weekend getaways up North several times a year.

## NO APPOINTMENTS

Every other weekend I don't schedule any appointments, she added. "Something may come up and I may have to work, but I don't schedule anything. You have to refresh or you burn out. You have to get away or you're of no value to anybody."

"Real estate is hard-charged," McGuire said. "The three most difficult things in a person's life are death, divorce and moving. Sometimes (with clients) we deal with more than one of those at a time."

"It's emotional, like a roller coaster. You have to get short spurts where you can get refreshed, clear the mind, she said.

Sandra Snowdeal, affiliated with Coldwell Banker Shooltz in Oxford, has been in the business off and on for 30 years.

"I think you're more efficient when you put in less hours and use time wisely," she said. "Every hour I'm working, I'm working. I'm not chatting. I have a game plan and go at it. When it's playtime, it's playtime. The pager gets shut off."

## DAILY WALK, WORKOUT

Snowdeal said she starts every day at 5 a.m. meeting a group of friends for a five-mile walk. They hike into town, enjoy keeping in touch with each other's lives over tea or coffee, then head back to take on the workaday world.

"For relaxation, I garden and golf in summer and in winter I cross-country ski," she added. "I set aside time for myself a couple of days a week - half a day on Wednesdays and Sundays. All my clients know that and respect that. I have someone cover my business during that time as I cover for



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Kim Hahn, affiliated with Remerica Integrity, enjoys following the Detroit Red Wings and gardening.

her when she's gone.

"It's not good to be under stress 24 hours a day," Snowdeal said. "When you're under stress all the time, it's easy to make mistakes, errors."

Bill Vaughn, broker/owner of Century 21 Ambassador, Southfield, says he starts every day with a workout. "It keeps me feeling good, gives me energy for the rest of the day."

But that's not all. "I take off every chance I get. I want to go somewhere - Las Vegas, Orlando. I usually go on Friday, back on Monday morning. You've got to get away. Otherwise, the pressure gets too tight," he said.

## TUNE OUT

Agents - especially newcomers - sometimes are reluctant to tune out for fear of losing business, Vaughn said.

"I advise my people to turn off the pager, turn off the cell phone," he said. "If you stay around the house with technology today, you don't get away from the business."

"You've got to let your clients know you're going to have a day off. People accept that. You can't be available 24/7," he said.

Vaughn also has a personal maximum-number-of-hours-per-day work rule. After 10

hours, I just drop everything," he said.

Bernie and Chris Shoemaker, a husband-and-wife team with Real Estate One in Clarkston, visit their up North getaway monthly during nonwinter months.

"It's kind of a head-clearing type thing," he said. "We still probably break the rules by carrying cell phones. But when a pressing issue arises, we can take care of it in 15 minutes. The rest of the time, we're looking out the window at deer. We've got trails we walk."

Chris also likes to travel, recently visiting Key West, Fla., for a week, while Bernie fishes and hunts.

## HOBBIES

Kim Hahn, office manager at Remerica Integrity in Livonia, is another one those folks who enjoy minivisits to a place on a lake in the North country.

"Absolutely it's so important to get away for peace of mind," she said. "I had a deal go sour right after Christmas. I let the seller down easy and headed north for the weekend."

Shortly thereafter they found another buyer.

On a more regular basis, Hahn said she enjoys following the exploits of the Detroit Red

Wings - a short season this year - and gardening.

"If people say that's all they do is work, when are you finding time for your family or the things you enjoy doing?" she said.

Ed Spain, a Realtor with Weir, Manuel, Snyder and Ranke in Plymouth, wonders about the truthfulness of Realtors who claim they work voluminous hours.

"Anyone who's in the office every day, seven days a week for 12 hours, something's wrong with them," he said. "It grinds on you, your head gets twisted and sometimes you ask, 'What am I doing here?' Just like any job."

Spain likes to golf, work in his yard, socialize with friends and visit his grandchildren to recharge the batteries.

He and his partner, Jamie Clemons, spell each other so each can have a day off every week, Spain said.

"In this business the customer is always right," he said. "Sometimes, you have to control the customer. You can't let them control you."

And that refers to time as much as anything else.

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## Mortgage Bits

Tim 'Timbo' Phillips



## Brokers an asset to the market

Do you believe in free enterprise? Hug a mortgage broker today. Mortgage brokers are entrepreneurs who compete in the real estate lending market by providing funds for residential purchases and refinances. They are specialists in mortgage lending and, in Michigan, must be licensed with the state.

Mortgage brokers compete against traditional lending institutions like banks and credit unions. In fact, most of them can get you VA, FHA, jumbo, ARMs, and conventional mortgages, bridge, construction, and balloon loans, and more. Some even have access to private funds and "hard money." The same way real estate brokers employ real estate agent, most mortgage brokers hire loan officers to work for them.

The biggest advantage mortgage brokers have over traditional bankers is that they are not limited to a single lender's rules and restrictions. Bankers can have their board approve unique situations, but mortgage brokers can access wholesalers and investors who specialize in those areas.

Mortgage brokers and banks often use the same funding sources. Companies like Flagstar Bank, Bank One, Chase Manhattan, and U.S. Bank, to name a few, have wholesale lending divisions that allow mortgage brokers to originate mortgages if they meet their respective guidelines. Often, by completing only one loan application and pulling a single credit report, mortgage brokers can submit a borrower's loan package to as many different lenders as it takes to get the right fit.

Banks and credit unions normally have a reasonable selection of mortgage products, and must use one of their own loans to fulfill a borrower's needs. Mortgage brokers, alternatively, choose from a variety of competing lending institutions, based on the customer's needs and profile.

Many mortgage brokers will meet you on your terms - during the evenings and weekends, or even virtually via computer or telephone. Like full-time real estate agents, professional mortgage loan officers are "on call" all the time.

Best of all, mortgage brokers usually work on 100 percent commission, so they are an especially good choice if you have a tough situation or must handle very unique circumstances. They are truly motivated to get the job done for you.

Timothy J. Phillips is a mortgage specialist and newspaper columnist. You may reach him at (734) 451-8267 or via www.HomeQuartersBIZ.

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CANTON

Don't miss out on this special home in desirable Sunflower sub 1st floor master BR w/jetted tub Open floor plan Open FR on upper level could be 4th BR Recent updates incl vinyl siding painted trim HWH kitchen facet, garbage disposal & dishwasher Humidifier air cleaner window treatments, interior paint Maytag Oven & landscaping Extra deep basement \$329 900 (41/WEA) 734-455-6000

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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Dec 23 27 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office Listed below are cities addresses and sales prices

City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price	
Canton	6712 Ardsley	\$125 000	Livonia	15110 Alexander	\$116 000	
	2209 Brookfield	\$230 000		6735 Shaller	\$137 000	
	49025 Brooklyn	\$225 000		10016 Cardwell	\$148 000	
	453 Concord	\$217 000		28242 Elmira	\$150 000	
	44858 Danbury	\$290 000		18528 Gillman	\$134 000	
	652 Filmore	\$328 000		9874 Hillcrest	\$157 000	
	50760 Geddes	\$81 000		29811 Lamar	\$170 000	
	2009 Liberty	\$229 000		8806 Norman	\$242 000	
	2055 Liberty	\$139 000		19161 Parkville	\$172 000	
	1381 L bertly	\$121 000		14991 Riverside	\$250 000	
	42709 Lilley Pointe	\$126 000		34105 Trillium	\$100 000	
	44912 Patrick	\$251 000		Plymouth	46301 Concord	\$350 000
	42709 Proctor	\$275 000			600 L ndsay	\$172 000
	2433 River Woods	\$415 000			40167 Newport	\$185 000
	644 Sorel	\$305 000			40406 Newport	\$118 000
41154 Southwind	\$126 000	40544 Newport	\$144 000			
6530 Sturbridge	\$193 000	49730 Pine Ridge	\$684 000			
1127 Yarmouth	\$350 000	51352 Plymouth Heights	\$378 000			
Garden City	29665 Barton	\$141 000	Redford		19510 Brady	\$135 000
	1728 Cardwell	\$53 000			11321 Centralia	\$145 000
					9535 Columbia	\$102 000
					20535 Daiby	\$117 000
					18225 Denby	\$185 000
					15379 Fenton	\$108 000
					11709 Hazelton	\$122 000
					7440 N Hawthorne	\$137 000
				35608 Palmer	\$50 000	
				35688 Rolf	\$127 000	
				2229 S Christine	\$95 000	
				652 S Henry Ruff	\$128 000	
				35316 School	\$104 000	
				35316 School	\$72 000	

MOVERS AND SHAKERS

**Real Estate One**, a family owned company in Farmington Hills, recently honored its top sales associates for a record-breaking volume of \$3.2 billion in 2002. **Linda Rea** of Troy was volume leader, total contribution sales leader and affiliated sales leaders **Matt Dejanovich**, Ann Arbor, was all-company listing volume leader **Mohammed "Mike" Fayz**, Dearborn, was all-company sales unit sold leader, while the **Harrison Team**, Ann Arbor, was the all-company listing unit sold leader **Bob Ogg** and **Karen Wilson**, Troy, were all-company sales team of the year. **Melanie Bishop**, **Jeffrey Barker** and **Kathy Brock-Ballard** were the top agents company wide exceeding \$20 million in

sales. **The President's Circle** - for associates with sales exceeding \$11 million - included **Idowu Balogun**, **Andrew Collins**, **Betty Constant**, **Michael DeForrest**, **Dennis Dickstein**, **Susan Doyle**, **Mary Ferrazza**, **Julie Herman**, **Judy Jacobson** and **Rick Jarzembowski**. Also, **Mary Michalek**, **Howard Novetsky**, **David and Stacey Reese**, **Randy Roy**, **Tom Stachler**, **Fil Superfisky**, **Gail Turner**, **Cyndi Robinson**, **Margie Wells**, **Bob Weltman**, **Randy Wisniewski** and **Thomas Zibkowski**. **The President's Council of Excellence Diamond** - for sales between \$7 million and \$11 million - included **Cly Bennett**, **Gary Booms**, **Bella Brookenthal**, **Gary Callas**, **Cathy Champion**, **Debbie Combs-James**, **Denise**

**Consiglio, Sam Cupp, Dana Daley and Olena Drobot**. Also, **Laura Edwards**, **Sahar Fakhour**, **Betty Finkbeiner**, **Barbara Gaines**, **Susi Gollinger**, **Marilyn Handloser**, **Janice Hays**, **Lillian Hoard**, **John Hyuck**, **Greg Johnson**, **Jeff Kovatch**, **Chris Lee**, **Amy Lee**, **Jeanne MacKeller**, **Kelly Martin-Rahaim** and **Kathy McLean/Pamela Burke**. Also, **Dan Mladin**, **Latif Muhaimen**, **Abe and Ruby Nasser**, **Bev Onisko**, **Tom and Nancy Pierce**, **Mike Rohde**, **Carol Shapiro**, **Robert Sheldon**, **Bernie and Chris Shoemaker**, **Linda Singer**, **Nelson and Liz Stevenson**, **Jeff Tothill**, **Ida Touchette**, **Angel Vasquez**, **Constance Vlahoulis** and **Sue VonRosen**.

**Larry Shaevsky** becomes property manager for apartment and commercial properties owned by **Broder & Sachse Real Estate Services**, Farmington Hills, throughout south-east Michigan. He had been general manager of Village Green's Regents Park luxury community in Troy. Shaevsky hold a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University. He lives in West Bloomfield. **Grubb & Ellis**, a commercial real estate firm in Southfield, recently represented the buyer, **T Alterman and Associates**, in the sale of 176,700 square feet of industrial space in Canton. **John Arthurs**, vice president-industrial group, and **Randall Allman** participated for Grubb & Ellis.

COLDWELL BANKER SCHWEITZER REAL ESTATE

<p><b>CANTON \$437,500</b> Must See! 4br 3.5 bth Colonial 2 story family rm large kitchen w/island sun room deck patio fin bsmt w/2nd kitchen cur dwy mbr w/jet tub 2 stairs lots of features (BGN70KIN) 888 870 9123</p>	<p><b>CANTON \$259,900</b> Private wooded setting Gorgeous end unit Tons of upgrades MBR w/WIC private BA w/jetted tub shower &amp; dbl sinks Soaring ceiling &amp; huge wndw in LR &amp; DR Gas FP in LR 2nd flr FR &amp; lib BGP 23Gla 888 870 9127</p>	<p><b>DEARBORN \$169,900</b> Tons of updates including windows siding elec roof furn/ca &amp; glass blk wndws 4 BR hwd flrs &amp; 6 panel drs Fla rm 12x20! Nicely fin bsmt 20x20 brick garage (BGL50ACA) 888 870 9105</p>	<p><b>LIVONIA \$215,000</b> Start Packing! This super ranch style home is full of updates Marble foyer &amp; bath Oak kitchen w/Granite counter top Huge great room w/replace Professionally fin basement (BGN85SUN) 888 870 9123</p>	<p><b>LIVONIA \$172,900</b> Updated brick ranch Remodeled Oak kit w/ceramic flr &amp; walk in pantry 1 1/2 baths on main floor All newer win w/front bay in LR Furn &amp; CA (94) &amp; roof (01) Huge fin bsmt w/gls blk winds (BGL29WES) 888 870 9105</p>	<p><b>PLYMOUTH \$459,500</b> Supremely Updated On nearly an acre 1st fl mst ste w/jacuzzi WI closets updated shower Fnshehd lower level w/cedar sauna bath &amp; bar Paved circle drive 2 CA oversized 3 car gar BGP 11AMH 888 870 9127</p>	<p><b>PLYMOUTH \$249,950</b> Adorable Throughout! 3BR brick bungalow features updated kit cabinets cntrtps flooring Updated bath w/pergo custom sink 5 yr old roof on house &amp; garage Hwd flrs under carpet HW incl BGP 20lrv 888 870 9127</p>
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**FAIR HOUSING AWARDS**

The Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit is now accepting nominations for its annual Leadership Awards of individuals and firms who support and advance the cause of fair and equal housing opportunities here

Nominating forms, available through the center's office, (313) 963-1274, are due by Sunday, June 1

**CAREER SEMINAR**

Keller Williams Realty-Livonia offers a free, no-obligation class on how to get into real estate sales and what you can expect 2 p m Friday, May 9, 6 30 p m Wednesday, May 14, 10 a m Wednesday, May 21, and noon Saturday, May 24, at its offices, 31500 Schoolcraft, just west of Merriman To register, call (734) 266-9000

**SELL HOME CLASS**

Alma Mathley, Professional Real Estate Title, conducts a free, no-obligation seminar, "For Sale by Owner," 6 30-8 p m Tuesday, May 13, at Hunter Community Center, 509 Fisher Court, off Main Street two blocks north of 14 Mile Road, Clawson To register, call Mathley at (248) 851-2975

**GARDE AWARDS**

The Great Lakes Construction Alliance announces its annual Gender and Race Diversification Excellence awards with a ceremony/reception 4 30 p m Tuesday, May 13, at the Charles H Wright Museum of African American History, 315 E Warren, Detroit Cost is \$50 For information, call (313) 964-2662

**CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

Oakland Land Conservancy and Great Lakes Bioregional Land Conservancy present a seminar on the tax and estate planning implications of conservation easements 8 a m to noon Thursday, May 15, at the Michigan State University Management Center, 811 W Square Lake Road, Troy

Cost, which includes breakfast buffet, is \$99 To register,

call Donna Folland at (248) 601-2816

**FHA FUNDAMENTALS**

Mortgage U, an affiliate of Wetzell Trotter, hosts a seminar on the fundamentals of FHA mortgages 9 a m to 4 30 p m Thursday, May 15, at its offices, 30300 Telegraph Road, Suite 150, Bingham Farms Cost is \$189 To register, call (800) 278-0200

**MANUFACTURED HOUSING**

The Department of Consumer & Industry Services, Bureau of Construction Codes, accepts comments on proposed changes to Manufactured Housing Commission General Rules until 5 p m Friday, May 16 The proposed rules are available at www.michigan.gov/bcc under the What's New section Comments may be made by

e-mail, baben@michigan.gov, by fax (517) 241-9570, or regular mail, CIS, Bureau of Construction Codes, Office of Administrative Services, P O Box 30254, Lansing 48909

**BUY HOME CLASS**

Assured Real Estate conducts a free seminar for home buyers 5 30-8 p m Sunday, May 18, at 21415 Civic Center Drive, #117, just west of Northwestern, Southfield To register, call (248) 557-4310

**SALES AWARDS**

The sales and marketing council of the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan presents annual awards for outstanding achievements in new homes merchandising, advertising, promotions and sales 6 30-9 30 p m Wednesday, May 21, at Il Posto Ballroom, 28847 Franklin Road, Southfield Cost, which includes hors d'oeuvres, is \$85 To register, call (248) 862-1033

**Average mortgage rates fall nationally**

(AP) - Mortgage rates moved lower last week, good news for people thinking about buying a home

The average interest rate on a fixed-rate, 30-year mortgage fell to 5.70 percent for the week ending May 2, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reported in its weekly nationwide survey

The rate was down from 5.79 percent the previous week

For 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, rates declined to 5.03 percent last week, compared with 5.12 percent

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In the week ending March 14, right before the United States went

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That rate was the lowest since Freddie Mac began tracking 30-year mortgages in 1971 Records that reach back earlier indicate that the rate is the lowest since the early 1960s

Low mortgage rates propelled home sales to record levels last year, and economists expect this year could turn out to be very good given the favorable financing climate

"It appears the housing

industry will continue to flourish well into the summer," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist

Low mortgage rates also propelled home-mortgage refinancing activity to a record level last year, which has

played a key role in supporting consumer spending Consumers, the main force keeping the economy going, used the money saved on their monthly mortgage payments to make other purchases

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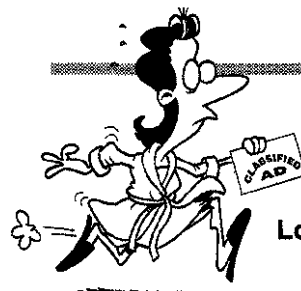
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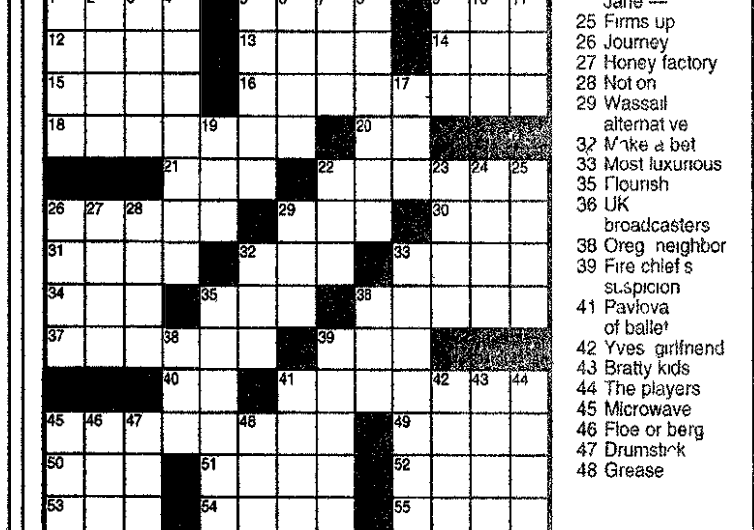
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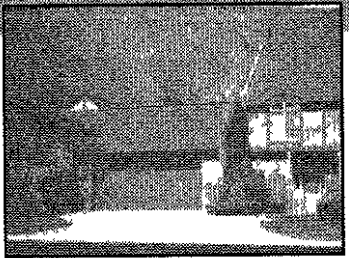
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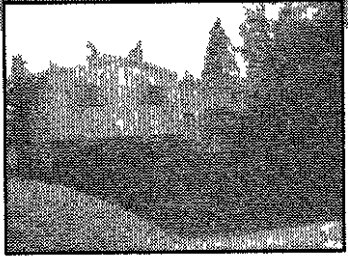
**PLYMOUTH** - Cape Cod n Plymouth 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths Enjoy your almost 1 acre of treed property! Home has beautiful newer kitchen walk out basement some work to be done but well worth the investment \$280 000 (35ANN) 734 455 5600



**CANTON** - Beautiful & neutral 2 bedroom 2.5 bath condo with additional 19x11 loft area Kitchen offers updates cabinets Newer carpet thru out recessed lighting custom wood blinds & gas fireplace Living room \$194 900 (89HOR) 734 455 5600



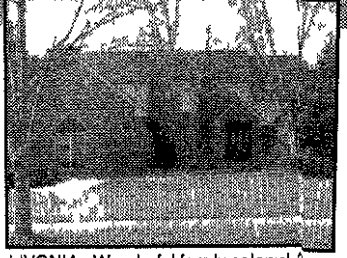
**DEARBORN** - Classic Elegance! Backing to private wooded setting This 3 bedroom 2.5 bath townhome w/private courtyard entrance Living room w/marble fireplace formal dining room opens to large deck Kitchen w/Corian & cherry cabs Master suite \$327 500 (23TIM) 734 455 5600



**BRIGHTON** Brighton schools close by Lots of living space in this 4BR 1.5BA quad level Family room with fireplace Large backyard with large deck Extra large 2.5 car garage & shed Home warranty included \$239 900 (44HOL) 248 349 5600



**WESTLAND** Spacious 3BR 2.5BA ranch Light oak kitchen w/Corian counter tops Pergo floor in breakfast room & ceramic kitchen walls All baths on main floor Family room w/wall of windows over looking rear yard Partially finished basement \$171 900 (65AVO) 248 349 5600



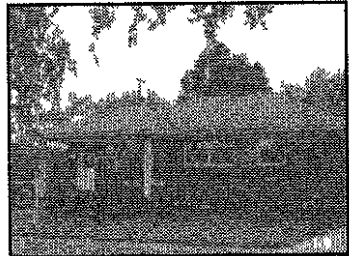
**LIVONIA** Wonderful family colonial close to all amenities and Stevenson High School Many custom features and finishes use of wood Wrought Iron fence enclosed backyard 4BR 2.5 BA 1/2 5 side entry garage Most appliances included \$369 000 (41ELL) 248 349 5600



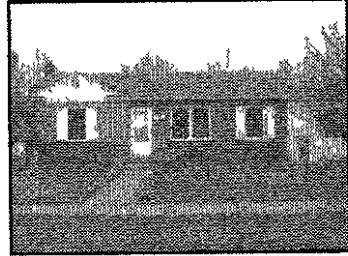
**NORTHVILLE** - Full of character! 4 bedroom 2.5 bath New England colonial on 2 acres Hardwood floors crown moldings living room w/fireplace & family room doors spa room hearth room w/10 brick fireplace Deck gardens pond tennis court & gazebo! \$475 000 (00BEC) 734-455 5600



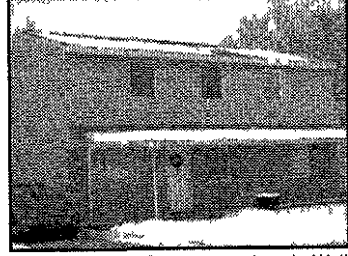
**DEARBORN** - Great income property Brick 2 family home w/2 bedrooms on each floor separate furnaces and utilities newer roof and siding dining room full basement 2 car garage fenced yard Great investment \$139 900 (05KEN) 734 455 5600



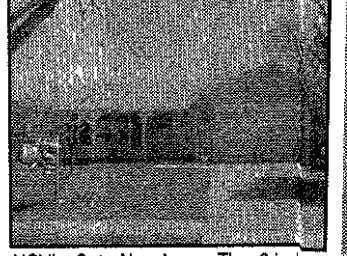
**SOUTHGATE** - Immaculate Condition! Beautiful 3 bedroom brick ranch close to schools & shopping Partially finished basement w/family room & bar hardwood floors appliances & garage \$135 900 (86TRE) 734 455 5600



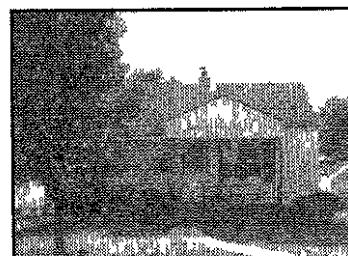
**LIVONIA** Super sharp 3BR ranch with updated kitchen bath windows and roof This charming home has hardwood floors covered ceilings and a huge fenced in yard Must see \$154 900 (91FLO) 248 349 5600



**WESTLAND** Spacious colonial Well maintained 5BR 2BA home w/newer furnace C/A hot water heater & carpet Huge MBR w/full bath & WIC One year home warranty included \$154 900 (14WAL) 248 349 5600



**NOVI** Cute Novi home This 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch is on a large lot Partially finished basement 2 car attached garage & covered patio Family room w/double Oak cabinets in kitchen & ceramic tile Natural fireplace Appliances included \$218 900 (96KNO) 248 349 5600



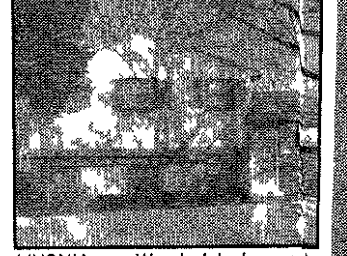
**REDFORD** - Super clean ranch 3 bedroom 1.5 bath must see! C/A newer bath kitchen windows basement w/glass block windows newer garage door w/opener neutral decor all appliances stay & Home Protection Plan \$115 900 (65BRA) 734 455 5600



**REDFORD** - Sharp brick ranch! Great 3 bedroom 1.5 bath family room w/replace deck finished basement C/A newer cement windows carpeting hardwood floors updated bath some appliances stay steel entry doors glass block windows home warranty included Must See \$143 900 (66NOR) 734 455 5600



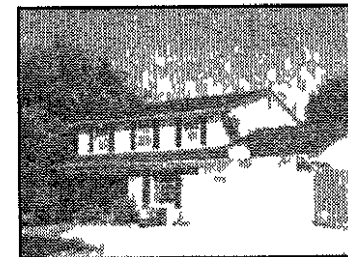
**SOUTHFIELD** Wonderful home on approx 2.4 acres 4BR 1.5BA bungalow on wooded private setting Hardwood floors plaster walls fireplace in LR Freshly painted throughout Garage & workshop This home has lots of character \$119 500 (00SHI) 248 349 5600



**LIVONIA** Wonderful Livonia b Fantastic 3 bedroom 1.5 bath brick w/loads of updates Newer roof down furnace & central air Hardwood floors under carpet in bedrooms Oversized heated 2 car garage \$180 000 (44SUN) 248 349 5600



**SUPERIOR** - Turn of the century farm house Spacious 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial offering recent renovations kitchen baths (1 w/Jacuzzi tub) entire 2nd floor great room formal dining room w/woodburning stove Separate living quarters All in a beautiful country setting \$283 900 (90CHE) 734 455 5600



**ALLEN PARK** - Rare Find! 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial has oversized master suite w/bath & hardwood floors formal living room dining room family room w/fireplace open to kitchen & basement located on a cul de sac Allen Park schools \$245 000 (00NOR) 734 455 5600

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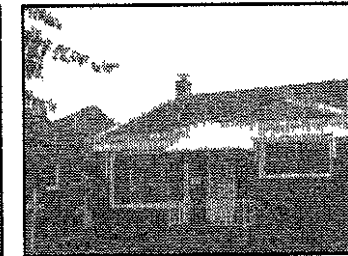
**DEARBORN** Welcome home Dearborn's prestigious Golfview 3 story English Tudor on rare double lot w/3.5 car garage Commercial kitchen Hardwood floors newer windows GR formal dining & finished basement Old world charm would be hard to duplicate \$545 900 (35WIL) 248 349 5600



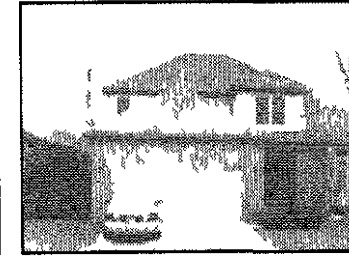
**LIVONIA** Cute starter 3 bedroom ranch w/hardwood floors & lots of updates They include electrical plumbing HW tax full cement driveway & all but 3 windows Garage door 2+ car garage fenced yard plus one year home warranty \$169 900 (49ANT) 248 349 5600



**DEARBORN** - Dearborn bungalow This home has received 2 city beautification awards You'll love the updated kitchen w/ample cabinets & doorwall to porch Steel door vinyl windows covered ceilings & ceramic tile Finished basement 2 car garage & home warranty \$172 610 (11EDI) 734 455 5600



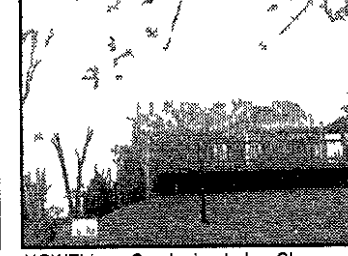
**REDFORD** - Beautifully maintained 3 bedroom ranch Hardwood floors vinyl windows plaster walls & covered ceilings updates include roof furnace C/A electric & carpet Neutral colors ceramic tile in kitchen & bathroom for added space 2 car garage has 1 car door & South Redford schools \$132 000 (73ORA) 734 455 5600



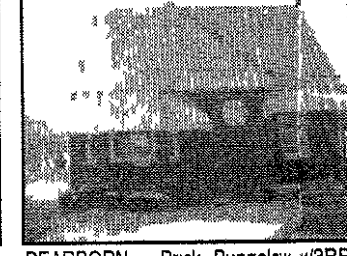
**DEARBORN** - Spectacular Home at TPC Luxurious gated community offers hardwood floors in spacious foyer library & gourmet kitchen which has white cabinets wine rack & built in appliances basement Rec room & 2 car attached garage All this offered in this 3 bedroom 3 full & 2 half bath \$559 900 (36TUR) 734 455 5600



**CANTON** Quality family living 4BR 2.5BA colonial Master bath w/WIC Hardwood foyer hall kitchen 03 Family room w/fireplace Kitchen offers rich looking oak cabinets Wood patio w/2nd story balcony off master bedroom Grill in your private backyard and take a dip in the pool \$249 900 (79KNI) 248 349 5600



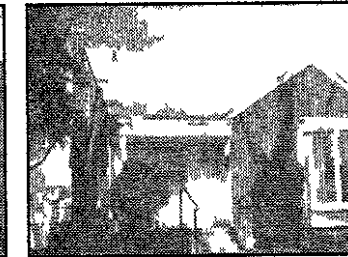
**HOWELL** Overlooks Lake Chemung Charming 3 bedroom 1 bath home on a double lot w/newer roof furnace & well Access to private all sports Lake Chemung \$225 000 (30SUN) 248 349 5600



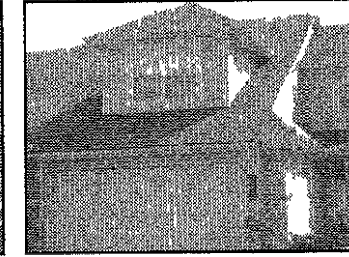
**DEARBORN** Brick Bungalow w/3BR 1BA Oak kitchen w/stainless steel sink w/disposal replacement windows hardwood under carpet gas forced air furnace updated breaker glass block in basement awnings & 1 car garage \$144 900 (01LAP) 248 349 5600



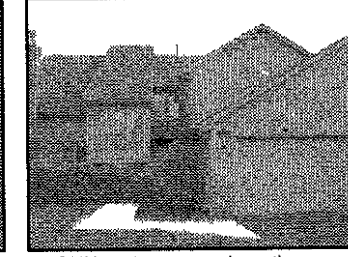
**CANTON** - Updated 2 bedroom condo Great location facing serene courtyard Open flowing floor plan new oak kitchen & bath spacious living room w/new carpet & door to balcony Master bedroom w/walk in closet \$109 000 (35FRA) 734 455 5600



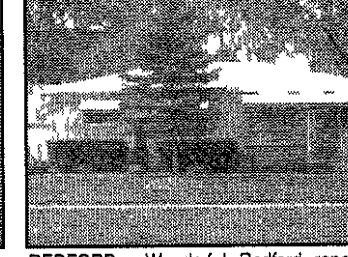
**DETROIT** - Warrendale brick bungalow 3 bedroom home w/large upper master suite dining room w/beautiful bay window hardwood floors under carpet + newer windows roof furnace & hot water heater Huge garage w/electric Close to shopping & schools \$109 900 (67PIE) 734 455 5600



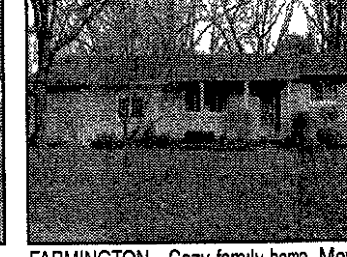
**CANTON** - Backing to woods sets the stage for newer 2 BR condo 1st floor master suite w/glamour bath hardwood floors in foyer kitchen & powder room Great room w/cathedral ceiling 2 way triple to FR 2 doorwalls access large deck Sound system alarm 2 WIC w/California organizers! \$285 900 (41WEN) 734 455 5600



**LIVONIA** Large condo with a view Private end unit on premium lot w/2BR 2.5BA Courtyard marble foyer DR large oak kitchen FFL triple finished wet bar MB w/2 WICs cedar WIC garden tub New carpet 03 cat ceilings crown moldings attached 2 car garage & all appliances \$234 900 (76LAU) 248 349 5600



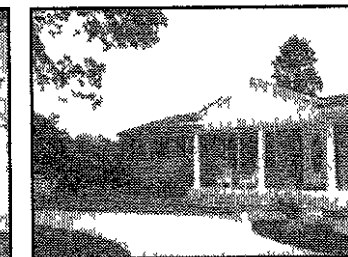
**REDFORD** Wonderful Redford ranch Don't miss this new offering Brick w/alum trim 3BDR 1.5BA large oak kitchen rec room C/A & huge 2 tiered deck 2.5 car garage neutral decor & private fenced & treed lot \$136 900 (24SAN) 248 349 5600



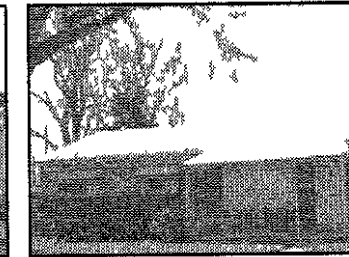
**FARMINGTON** Cozy family home Move right in & enjoy this wonderful ranch Hardwood floors family room w/frplc Newer windows (2002) Eat in kitchen 2 full baths Large lot Appliances in kitchen stay Farmington schools \$284 900 (70WES) 248 349 5600



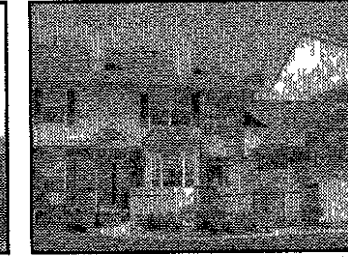
**DEARBORN** - Charm & Value! 3 bedroom bungalow w/all the major updates! Newer roofs on garage & home! Newer furnace C/A & landscaping circuit breakers Pella windows finished basement family room off kitchen \$144 900 (35GRI) 734 455 5600



**PLYMOUTH** - Impeccable Plymouth Ranch Circle drive & newer porch w/pillars newer entry doors Refinished hardwood floors under carpet + newer windows roof furnace & hot water heater Huge garage w/electric Close to shopping & schools \$109 900 (67PIE) 734 455 5600



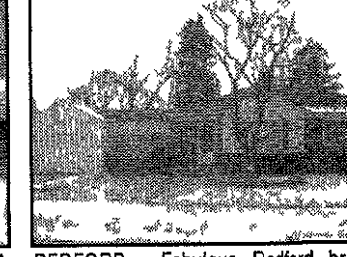
**TAYLOR** - Clean 3 bedroom brick ranch Finished basement w/full bath 2 car attached garage family room w/fireplace C/A sprinkler system full brick exterior hardwood floors & wood trim throughout must see! Must sell! \$149 900 (33WIC) 734 455 5600



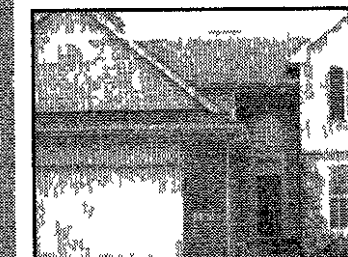
**PLYMOUTH** 2 BR 1993 built condo This contemp condo has high ceilings & plenty of large windows skylights & openness everywhere Professionally finished lower level 03 w/new Berber carpeting & a separate office workout space or storage 2 car garage pool clubhouse & tennis courts \$174 900 (23PLY) 248 349 5600



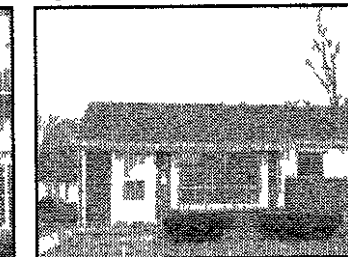
**CANTON** Immaculate 3BR 2.5BA Colonial w/neutral colors Newer carpeting Super clean home Stunning cedar deck w/lighting Finished office in basement Fireplace in family room So many extras \$249 900 (27PAR) 248 349 5600



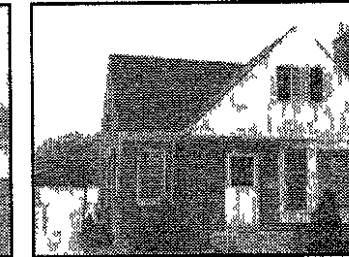
**REDFORD** Fabulous Redford brick ranch 3BR 1.5BA in tree lined neighborhood Spacious finished lower level w/family room bedroom 1/2 bath & laundry area Roomy breezeway w/attached garage Deck overlooks double lot with fence Appliances included \$140 000 (67CEN) 248 349 5600



**CANTON** - Resort like living Secluded pond like setting present this 3 bedroom 2.5 bath cape cod w/2 car attached garage basement Hickory kitchen kitchen overlooking great room w/gas fireplace custom deck overlooking delightful view of the pond \$340 000 (83HOG) 734 455 5600



**DEARBORN** - Great starter home 3 bedroom 1 bath brick ranch Covered ceilings hardwood floors in living room & bedrooms + basement Close to Oakwood Hospital & expressways \$100 000 (20SOU) 734 455 5600



**DEARBORN** - A place to call home Nice 3 bedroom Dearborn bungalow offers fire place in living room covered ceilings finished basement w/full bath & bar + newer furnace & C/A \$139 999 (45WOO) 734 455 5600



**LIVONIA** Ultimate elegance best describes this Cape Cod Gourmet kitchen features double oven ceramic backsplash & upgraded cabinets Sunny 2 story breakfast room w/French door to deck Spacious DR 2 story great room w/cus tom mantle Custom lighting & upgraded carpet \$364 900 (48VIS) 248 349 5600



**W BLOOMFIELD** New construction Custom 4BR Colonial on beautiful wooded lot w/private bath & WIC 2 story entry greets you & custom features keep you 42 cabs ceramic flooring & hardwoods Still time to pick carpet colors \$529 900 (76IND) 248 349 5600



**CANTON** Fantastic Colonial 4BR 2.5 BA home w/lots of oak & welcoming colors Master BR has cathedral ceiling walk in closet & 2 person whirlpool tub Extra large deck in quiet surroundings 2 car attached garage & so much more to see \$249 900 (87PAR) 248 349 5600

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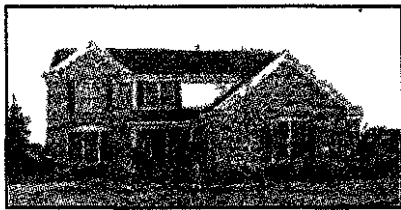
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**ELEGANT MASTER SUITE WITH JACUZZI!** Gourmet kitchen hdwd flrs. 2nd flr laundry lib/study. 2 car garage w/loft. Extensive renovation! (12FIR8)

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**PLYMOUTH** \$274,900  
**ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL** 3 bedroom 2 bath. Plymouth home. Walk to downtown Plymouth. Beautifully maintained, remodeled kitchen & baths, hardwood floors, huge great room w/ fireplace. (23H1051)

734-455-7000



**LIVONIA** \$270,000  
**1783 SF RANCH BLT IN 1994** 3 BR 2.5 BA. Great Livonia neighborhood. This place has it all. The bells and whistles. Fabulous deck w/2 ponds. (89173)

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**CANTON** \$259,900  
**BEAUTIFUL MASTER 1ST FLR CAPE COD** 2 lg rms up plus a loft area for poss FR or office. Prof fin bsmt w/2 BR and a full BA. 3.5 BA total. 1st flr laundry GR w/FP & cath ceilings. Newer wndws & rf. (S46639)

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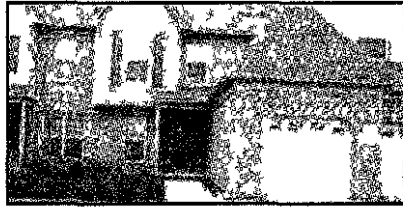
**LIVONIA** \$226,500  
**BEAUTIFUL NEWER RANCH ON 1/2 ACRE SITE** Neutral decor, pride of ownership thru out. nice finished bsmt w/rec rm. lg deck overlooks wooded lot w/park like setting. 3 BR 2 BA open flr pin all appl. (M20490)

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**LIVONIA** \$220,000  
**QUALITY UPDATED RANCH IN TIFFANY PARK!** Charming home w/3 BR 2 bath. 1188 SF new roof, kitchen, windows & more! Fin d bsmt w/natural FP & 4th BR or office. Professionally landscaped! (82HX2)

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**CANTON** \$219,000  
**EXCEPTIONAL CONDO!** 2 bedroom 2.5 bath overlooking pond. Dramatic mirrored din rm. step up great rm & den w/fireplace. Jacuzzi tub in master. Cathedral ceilings, appliances stay. (23C7007)

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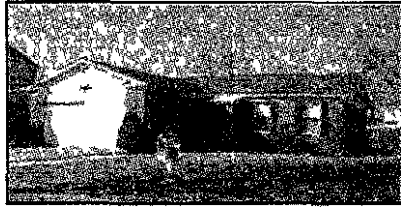
**CANTON** \$219,000  
**BEAUTIFUL RANCH, PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP** 3 BR 2 BA neutral decor newer wndws furn a/c complete tear off 3 season sun rm newer brk paver newer kit w/recessed its crown molding and much more! (R5998)

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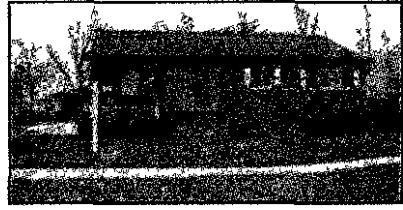
**WHITMORE LAKE** \$204,900  
**DREAM COME TRUE COLONIAL!** Numerous upgrades abound a landscaped yard & location second to none. Mstr bath partially fin d bsmt & minutes to all sports Whitmore Lake! (21CRO2)

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**WESTLAND** \$199,900  
**YOU WON'T WANT TO LEAVE!** lovely 3 Bdr. 2 bath ranch w/newer carpet & paint roof shingles privacy fence landscaping gorgeous sun rm sprinklers plant box window 2 car gar & more! (R368)

734-326-2000



**LIVONIA** \$196,900  
**MOVE RIGHT IN!** Roomy 3 bedroom brick ranch with loads of updates & upgrades. Family room with fireplace 2.5 baths finished basement 2.5 car garage. (W30711)

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**GARDEN CITY** \$189,900  
**BEST KEPT SECRET IN TOWN!** Has all the I wants. Totally updated including windows roof shingles super oak kit lg br fireplace 4 car garage huge porch 2 driveways & privacy fence. (B319)

734-326-2000



**NOVI** \$189,900  
**ALL THE WORK IS DONE, SPARKLING NOVI RANCH!** 3 BR 2 BA fresh paint & all new moldings. Kitchen remodeled mstr bath updated windows HWH & carpet in 2001. Lg yard & close to school/park. (40WIL2)

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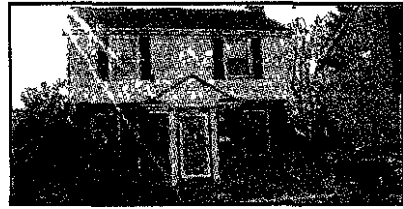
**LIVONIA** \$189,900  
**NOT A DRIVEBY!** 4 bedroom 2.5 bath ranch. Loaded with updates. All big updates are done. Home shows very well. Call to see! (W20020)

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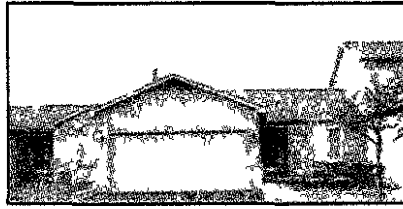
**REDFORD** \$189,900  
**LOCATION, QUALITY VALUE & CHARM!** This 1900 SF 3 BR brk ranch has it all. New rf, furn w/ac, fin bsmt living rm w/FP, 10x14 sun rm, 2 car gar. Located in a Western Golf Club subdivision. (D28338)

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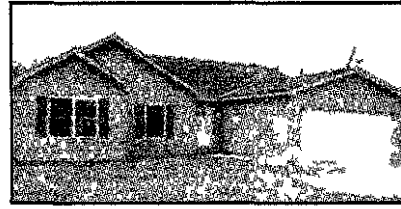
**DETROIT** \$184,900  
**OPEN DOOR & ENTER INTO ELEGANCE!** This one stands out in the crowd. You can move in without doing anything. New windows, new roof and more. (23O8770)

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**WESTLAND** \$182,500  
**DESIRABLE DEERHURST RANCH UNIT!** Sharp finished basement neutral decor six panel doors window treatments Cathedral ceiling pantry main floor laundry 2 1/2 baths and much more. (D385)

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**WAYNE** \$181,900  
**GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE NEWLY BUILT HOME!** Builder will allow certain customizations such as a optional study 14x12 brick facade optional. Walk in closets spacious master w/full bath! (V342)

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**WESTLAND** \$179,900  
**TRADITIONAL BROWNSTONE LIVING** 3 stories of living comfort. Clean redecorated ready to move in. Many upgrades include hardwood floors white kitchen open railing and more. (O675)

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**CANTON** \$169,900  
**WOW! BEAUTIFUL FP in liv rm** hrdwd foyer 1st flr laundry huge 2nd flr ba w/whirlpool sep shower stall open to both BRs c/a blt 1998 Deck bsmt attd gar & much more! (H4292)

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**REDFORD** \$169,900  
**A TRUE CHARMER!** Shade tree decks & too many updates to mention them all. Newer kitchen wndws entry doors carpets wall treatments water heater roof & gutters and more. (S143)

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**GARDEN CITY** \$168,000  
**BEAUTIFUL RANCH WITH OPEN FLOOR PLAN!** Many updates in 2000. Almost 1600 sq ft of living space very quiet neighborhood 3 bedrooms 2 bath family room with gas fireplace. (P306)

734-326-2000



**CLAWSON** \$151,900  
**RARE FIND - DESIGNED WITH OPEN FLOOR PLAN!** Charming home offers natural light with important amenities eat in kit large living room remodeled bath fin bsmt new carpet fresh paint windows & more! (W26651)

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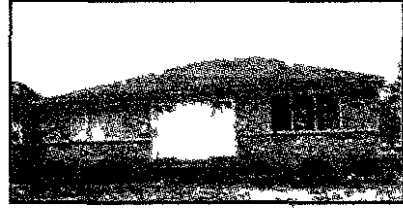
**WESTLAND** \$148,500  
**WESTLAND/LIVONIA SCHOOLS!** 3 BR 1.5 baths 1 566 SF CA & newer furnace (approx 5 yrs old). Detached 2 car garage & home warranty included. (93DON2)

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**REDFORD** \$146,500  
**BEAUTIFUL MANICURED BRK RANCH** in private area of Redford. Hardwood flrs under car pet updated elec copper plumb rf furn air natural FP in LR finished bsmt knotty pine attd FR. (D15016)

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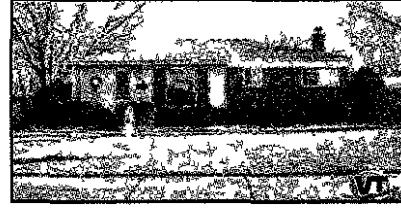
**WESTLAND** \$144,900  
**GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY!!** Rent 1 live in 1 rent both!! Each has 2 bedrooms basement appliances reconditioned approx 2 yrs ago new furnaces and C/A. Hurry!! Priced to sell. (S246)

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**NOVI** \$139,900  
**BEAUTIFUL 3 BR RANCH CONDO W/FULL BSMT!** Lg spacious rms white kit cab w/glass inserts Pergo flrs in kit/DR newer berber carpeting stove fridge & dishwasher Enclosed deck pool clubhouse/tennis! (36WOO2)

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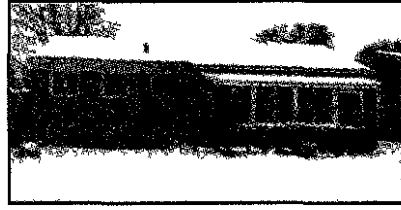
**REDFORD** \$139,900  
**RARE FIND - DESIGNED WITH OPEN FLOOR PLAN!** Charming home offers natural light with important amenities eat in kit large living room remodeled bath fin bsmt new carpet fresh paint windows & more! (W26651)

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**PLYMOUTH** \$136,900  
**GREAT LOCATION IN PLYMOUTH!** Excellent condition condo! Open floor plan with 2 large bedrooms beautiful wood door & trim oak kitchen. All newer appliances. Shows great! (23P284)

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**WESTLAND** \$134,900  
**GREAT STARTER HOME** in a quiet neighborhood 3 BR fresh paint brk ranch lg 2+ car gar partially fin bsmt great front sunporch new kit flrs many updates. All red brk. (R723)

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**LIVONIA** \$129,900  
**ADORABLE!** Oak trim thru out highlights this updated ranch. Remodeled kit & hallway w/brwd flrs. Doorwall leads to deck. Newer heating/cooling unit. Livonia schools. (23C8936)

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**WESTLAND** \$124,900  
**MINT CONDITION WESTLAND CONDO!** 2 BR 1.5 bath condo has oak kitchen new carpet vinyl flooring & freshly painted vinyl windows ceramic foyer & huge mstr w/walk in closet. (92CAR2)

248-348-6430



**REDFORD** \$124,900  
**STYLISH & CHARMING HOME** has been artfully decorated with many updates including both baths in nice family neighborhood. Covered ceilings in LR eat in kitchen & 1st floor laundry. (17CULS2)

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**SOUTHFIELD** \$117,900  
**SOUTHFIELD WE INVITE YOU TO COMPARE!** 3 BR 1.5 bath brick ranch in great area at realistic price! Clean & freshly painted neutral decor CA garage & home warranty. Immediate occupancy. (51WIL2)

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**DEARBORN HEIGHTS** \$115,900  
**IT'S THE EXTRAS!** Lovely 3 bedroom Dearborn Heights bungalow. Gar partially finished basement. Master bedroom 28x13. The updates and extras will impress! (23L25480)

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**REDFORD** \$112,900  
**A GREAT STARTER HOME** N bound Telegraph W on 5 Mile N on Garfield to Midland. This 3 bedroom bungalow has a 2.5 car gar w/plenty to offer the handyman or mechanic. (M251)

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**REDFORD** \$112,500  
**AWESOME REDFORD RANCH!** Super sharp home has oak kitchen updated plumbing full fin d bsmt w/extra bath roof 5 yrs c/a garage newer carpet & paint. (99FIV2)

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**EASTPOINTE** \$79,000  
**GREAT STARTER HOME IN EASTPOINTE!** Cute 2 BR home with 1.5 car garage & fenced yard in nice family neighborhood. Covered ceilings in LR eat in kitchen & 1st floor laundry. (17CULS2)

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SURROUND YOURSELF in ELEGANCE in prestigious Fox Hollow! Dramatic ceilings crown moldings gourmet kit w/granite magnificent mstr ceramic & hwd flrs fin d w/o bsmt. Numerous amenities! 35WOO2  
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MAGNIFICENT HOME on exceptional lot backing to nature preserve in Fox Hollow! Dramatic ceilings gourmet kit w/granite magnificent mstr ste fin d w/o bsmt. Numerous amenities! 54WOO2  
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**CANTON**  
Your Perfect Choice! Wonderful cuad level Oak eat in kitchen w/new hardwood floors. Huge deck (41x16). Family room with natural fireplace. Newer windows paint carpeting & HWH. 23H1205  
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**DEARBORN HEIGHTS**  
Hawthorne Hills Sub 3 BR 1.5 BA finished bsmt 10x14 Florida rm 2 car side entry garage. All new items rf wndws furn w/ac hwh kit all appliances stay B8600  
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**REDFORD**  
Roomy ranch on triple lot with 2.5 car attd gar w/shop & 2nd gar w/10 ft dr for your RV! New furn a/c elec carpet & paint updated kit & bath. Come see for yourself! P19910  
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Bloomfield Hills Huge Garage & Furniture Sale Childrens toys & clothes exercise equipment tools modern sofas tables chairs 5438 St Martins Ct enter Woodview N of Quanton between Inkster & Franklin May 9 10 11 10am to 4pm

Bloomfield Hills Brand names electronics & house wares Thursday & Friday 9 5 1692 S Hills Blvd off South Blvd & Squirrel

Bloomfield Hills May 9 th 9 4 138 W Hickory Grove W of Woodward Designer crystals collectibles furniture crystal baby things baseball cards and guitar

Garage Sales

BLOOMFIELD TWP May 8 9 & 10 9 4 925 Ardmore S off Quanton btwn Woodward & Lahser

BLOOMFIELD TWP 2942 Berkshire May 10 11 9 4 Vintage toys bunk beds & other furniture computers All good condition priced to sell

CANTON May 9 & 10 9am 5pm Maternly clothes baby stuff household captans bed with bookcases \$272 Mannington Joy/Morton Taylor Follow signs

CANTON Mult family Sat May 10th 9 4 1733 Christopher Dr N of Palmer E of Sheldon

Canton 2 families May 9 10 8am 4 42464 Beechwood Dr W Lilly S Cherry Hill

CANTON 4 FAMILY May 7 9 4 p.m 6186 Raintree N of Ford W of Haggerty 2 story ladder kid's clothes/toys wooden train bikes precious moments bedroom & dinette sets misc household

CANTON LEXINGTON SQUARE SUBDIVISION SALE Thurs Sat May 9 10 8 30 4pm SE corner of Cherry Hill & Sheldon

CANTON May 8 11 th 9 7 Cherry Knoll Sub Sale corner of Beck and Cherry Hill N of Cherry Hill E of Beck

CANTON MULTI FAMILY CHARITY GARAGE SALE (to benefit Russian orphans) May 8 10 8 5 43576 Hanford Rd off Morton Taylor Toys clothes furniture freezer etc

Canton Pinewood Sub Sale Off Beck S of Cherry Hill Thurs Sat May 8 10 9am 4pm Lots of stuff

CLARKSTON May 8 9 & 15 17 10am 5pm Baby 6 yr old clothes furniture toys on Sashabaw E on Stickney to Stone Valley left to 5777 Garnet

CLARKSTON MAY 8 10 8 5pm 9590 Ridgeway Trail off Baldwin N of Clarkston Rd Senous spring housecleaning sale Many like new house hold & gift items computer

COMMERCIAL TWP HIDDEN PARADISE SUB SALE Off Benetism & Maple May 9 10 9 4pm Look for houses marked w th balloons

Garage Sales

DAVISBURG Community Move Sale! May 9th 10th 9 30 3 30pm Mill Pond Park (Davisburg Rd)

DETOIT/W N Sat Sun 8 5 17774 Northrop Lazy Boy sofa recliner/rocker King Col mattress set & frame & MORE FURNITURE! (313) 242 0089

FARMINGTON 21626 Chestnut Lane off Farmington & Maplenet between 8 & 9 Mile Estate/Garage sale Everything from furniture art work glassware seasonal decorations table linens & lots lots more Wed 5 9 thru Sat 5 12 9am 5pm

FARMINGTON HILLS garage sale Thursday & Friday May 8 th and 9 th 9am 4pm Seasoned garage sale! more! Great stuff 24475 Cove D Rd E of Orchard Lake N of 10 Mile

FARMINGTON HILLS Huge! Furniture collectibles house hold clothes toys 33415 Heritage Hills Rolling Oaks Sub S of 14 Mile off of Farmington Rd Friday Saturday May 9th 10th 9 5

FARMINGTON HILLS Thurs Fri Sat 9 3pm Furniture bikes books clothing 34479 Rhonswold

FARMINGTON HILLS Benefit Yard Sale Boys & Girls Republic 9 Mile btwn Inkster & Middlebelt May 8 9 & 10 9 15 16 8am 7am Toys clothes housewares etc!

FARMINGTON HILLS ESTATE/ GARAGE SALE 25444 Liberty Lane W/Drake N/Grand River Fri May 9 9 30 7pm & Sat May 10 9am 3pm Furniture antiques col lectibles art tools linens electronics dishes glassware books CDs household items & more Everything must go!

FARMINGTON HILLS May 8 9 9am 5pm Lots of baby & kids clothes toys Thomas table w/accessories house hold items toys etc 24047 Susan Dr SE corner of 10 & Middlebelt Pine Creek Sub

FARMINGTON HILLS Subwide Garage Sale N of 13 Mile between Haggerty & Halsted Farmington Ridge/Glens Sub May 9 & 10 9 30am 3pm Many houses participating Sat Saturday only Some thing for everyone

Garage Sales

HIGHLAND TWP Household items collectibles Christmas bears & more May 9 & 10 Fri & Sat 9 5 M 59 Tispico North to Blue Heron Just tol low the signs

INKSTER Thurs 5/8 thru Sat 5/10 7am 7pm 237 Helen CRAFTS material yarn household items furniture etc (313) 274 8577

LAKE ORION Silver Bell Oaks Sub Sale 20+ families May 9 10 8 4 Silver Bell Road 1/2 mile E of M 24

LIVONIA Thurs & Fri 10am 5pm 35517 West Chicago S/Plymouth W of Wayne Road Furniture more

LIVONIA Garage/Moving Sale! May 8 10 9 5pm Two families 34856 Munger Antiques col lectibles cut glass Wood doll house furniture Misc household Burton Hollow S of 6 Mile W of Wayne bet Riverside & Fairlane

LIVONIA Thursday Friday & Saturday May 8th 9th & 10th 9 5 1836 Blue Skies Ct on corner of 7 Mile and Newburgh full dining room set Christmas tree and more!

LIVONIA 3 family sale Thur Fri & Sat 15074 Westbrook Ct Reynolds Ravines Baby & kid items

LIVONIA 18310 Queensbury Dr 7 & Newburgh Thurs & Fri May 8 & 9 9 3 Kids clothes & toys

LIVONIA Big Moving Sale! 14750 Marsna S of 5 Mile W of Newburgh May 8 & 9 9am 5pm

LIVONIA May 8 9 & 10 9am 5pm 18432 Gillman between Inkster & Middlebelt S of 7 Mi Antiques & misc

LIVONIA 35152 Banbury S of 7 Mile E of Wayne Rd Sat May 10 9 9pm Antiques fur niture toys household items

LIVONIA Garage Sale! Sat 10 2pm 9489 Stonehouse Freezer interior doors vanity electric stove more

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LIVONIA Fri Sun May 9 11 9 5pm 32525 Davenport between Joy & Ann Arbor Trail Newburgh & Wayne Rds MOVING SALE All must go Furniture couch dining room set console TV vanity household tems books kitchen set etc

LIVONIA May 8 & 9 9 7 15614 Blue Skies Ct North North of 5 Mile W/Newburgh 1973 Yamaha plus size clothing and misc

LIVONIA Sat 8 6 14877 Santa Anita between Middlebelt & Inkster off 5 Mile Household tem toys etc

LIVONIA TENT SALE May 8 10 9 4pm 38025 Amrhn N/Plymouth W/Newburgh

LIVONIA Thurs Sat May 8 10 9 5pm Two family 16835 Westbrook S/6 Mile E/Levan Kids clothes household

LIVONIA Tool sale May 8 11 9909 Fairfield S/Plymouth W/Merriman Band saw joint er scroll saw and lathe Featherlight sewing machine

LIVONIA Sat May 10 37363 Kingsburn S/ 7Mile E/Newburgh 10 5pm Moving sale EVERYTHING MUST GO!

NOVI 3 family yard sale Thur May 8 thru Sun May 11 9am 6pm Large size clothing furniture plus 91 Grand Marquis 67k/m 26893 Roric W of Haggerty S of 12 Mile

OAK PARK May 10 11 9 4 14050 Balfour N/696 W/Coolidge Antiques furni ture power tools blinds etc

Plymouth 2 Neighborhood Garage Sales Westbar II and Tritium Woods Sat May 10 9am 3pm Ann Arbor Road & McClumpha Road

Plymouth 5 family Friday only May 9 9am 4pm 1302 Maple Street Ann Arbor Trail & Sheldon

Plymouth Fr May 9 noon 5 Sat May 10 8 5 Two new vanities office chairs carpet squares misc furniture & household goods 8985 Peppertide Ct Take Colony Farm S off Ann Arbor Rd W of Beck

Garage Sales

PLYMOUTH May 8 9 8 6 9 10 8 2 Huge Antique Sale! Over 30 yrs of collect ing 8985 Northampton Dr N of Joy W of Beck

PLYMOUTH Thurs Fri & Sat 9 noon Joy Rd & Beck Woodlore South Sub 47237 Tania Ct Lots of good stuff!

PLYMOUTH BLOCK SALE Ann Arbor Tr & Sheridan St E of Sheldon Sat May 10th 9am 4pm Jr hockey equipment kids clothes & toys misc

PLYMOUTH Fri & Sat May 2 & 3 9 5pm 41662 Lindsay Dr Ann Arbor Trail & Lilley Snowblower table saw tools TV bunkbed & toys and more!

PLYMOUTH May 8 10 15 17 9 5pm 546 Roe near City Hall HUGE GARAGE SALE!

PLYMOUTH Sat May 10th 10 2 13298 Foxboro Ct off N Territorial between Sheldon & Beck Old shutters sprinkler parts exercise equip Nordic Track (like new) kids bikes kids/adult clothes and more

REDFORD Fox Street Garage Sale Fri Sat & Sun 9am 5pm between 6 & 7 Mile Beech Daly & Inkster

REDFORD 12977 Royal Grand off Eastbound Schoolcraft Just E of Beech Daly Last house before dead end Saturday May 10 8 4 1 day only Baby furniture bike and lots of household items (313) 534 4553

REDFORD TWP HUGE YARD SALE! Thurs Sun May 8 11 10am 6pm 17205 Brady N/6 E/Beech Lots Baby/Kids

ROCHESTER 3 Family Moving/ Garage Sale Baby items fur niture outdoor items big screen TV utility trailer sports equipment misc Sat May 10th 9 4pm Cobb Creek Sub W of Livernois N of Dutton

ROCHESTER HILLS May 9 & 10 9 5 979 Bristol Antiques collectibles jewelry furniture clothes household much more

ROCHESTER HILLS Eddington Farms Annual Sub Sale May 8 10 9am 4pm N of Hamlin E of Rochester

ROCHESTER HILLS May 8 9 10th 9 5 1196 Olympia N off Tianken W of Adams in Thornridge Sub

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**ROYAL OAK** We cleaned our house! Lots of baby items beautiful baby toddler & w/omens clothing golf clubs elec stove snowblower Nordic track & misc Thurs Sat 9 4 Benjamin Ave S of 13 Mile between Crooks & Coolidge

**SHELBY TWP** Huge sale Baby maternity household & more May 9 10 9 4 6240 26 Mile Rd between Van Dyke & Mound Everything priced to sell

**SOUTH LYON** Thurs Sun May 8 11th 9 5 57212 Hidden Timbers N/10 Mile W/Hoff M/10rd Tons of baby clothes toys furniture & accessories Home furnishings

**STERLING HEIGHTS** Huge 5 family Sat May 10 9 5 4829 Fox Hill on 16 1/2 Mi betw Mound/Ryan Toys crafts etc

**TROY** Thurs & Fri 9 3pm 4083 Penrose Ct N/Wattles W/Crooks Recently remod elec kitchen appliances cabnets doors etc some furniture sports equipment bikes teen clothes misc

**TROY** Multi family sale Thur & Fri 9 4 475 E Lovell Dr Rochester & S Blvd Kids stuff & more!

**TROY** 5/8 9 10 9am 3pm Multi family Childrens toys & clothes Household 3652 Bellows S/Wattles E/John R

**TROY Estate garage sale** May 8th 9th & 10th 9 4 pm 2546 Limerick between Beach & Adams off Square Lake & South Blvd Bedding housewares small appliances & much more

**TROY** Moving 21 5327 Brezina Hill Long Lake & Coolidge Northfield Hills Condos May 9 10 9 2 30x50 coffee table king size bed wall 53x53x12 entertainment center cabinet sewing machine rowing machine solid white dishes International and Princess Di beanie babies kitchen misc including pots & pans Crosstitch supplies

**TROY Woodlands Sub Garage Sale** Thursday & Friday May 8 & 9 9am 3pm W of Crooks N off Wattles

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** 3636 Viewfield Ave N off Greenlake S of Commerce May 8 10 th 9 4 Antiques vintage collectibles include dolls and troll collection innens jewelry Womens clothing size 6 10 exc cond Baby clothes and lots of misc

**WEST BLOOMFIELD** Antiques & collectibles 1 day sale Sat May 10 9 4 China porcelain pottery glassware depressions vintage innens hats books primitive furniture dining room set crockery Coca Cola Haywood Wakefield furniture lamps tools priced to sell 7155 Michigan off Cooley Lake Rd between Hospital Rd & Williams Lake Rd turn next to Pete's Auto Repair No early sales

**Westland** at City Hall on Ford Road May 10 9 30 4pm Homemade pet treats & toys pet sitting service Your Pet Care 734 748 3391

**Westland** May 8 9 10 9am 5pm 218 S Maine St off Cherry Hill between John Hix & Newburgh

**Westland** at City Hall on Ford Road May 10 9 30 4pm Womens clothes size 1X 3x wedding gown size 14 paid \$1000 asking \$200 exc cond Lots of Misc Call for Gow info only 734 748 3391

**WESTLAND** May 9th 9 5 Sat 15 1275 Portland W/Hix S/Avalonide Little Tykes great kid s and adult clothes much misc

**WESTLAND COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE** Sat May 10th 9am 4pm 36601 Ford Rd 100 spaces 734 722 7620

**Garage Sales 7110**

**WESTLAND** Sat only May 10th 9 5 7600 Donna off Ann Arbor Tra between Middlebelt & Merriman

**Westland** Sat only 9am 7 124 Vansu I Collectible whiskey bottles refrigerator stove washer dryer etc

**Moving Sales 7130**

**Birmingham** New contemp porary furniture armo re desk bedroom dinng leather chair desk chairs misc & more Sat Sun 10 1847 Banbury E Woodward S Lincoln N 14 Eaton to Sheffield to Banbury

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** 2660 Alveston 1 block S of Square Lake 1 block E of Opdyke Ant que pine step back hut ch & kitchen set antiques col lectibles lots of furniture dishes tools misc May 8th 9th 10th 9 6

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** Sat May 10th only 9 3pm Everything goes! All ages 220 Marble head 2 bikes E/Lanser N/Quarton

**Canton** Moving sale by Nancy Fri Sun 10 4 44512 Westminister N Ford W Sheldon Contents of home nice furniture Ethan Allen din ing room set costume jewel ry innens newer household

**CANTON** Thurs Fri & Sat May 8 9 10 Call 734 455 9327 or 307 421 6491 for info Rockwell power tools furniture household goods

**DINING SET** youth & adult bedroom sets rollout comput er desk office desk sofa love seat Best Offer 248 486 8407

**FARMINGTON** 35603 Tall Pine between Grand River & Freedom off Drake Rd May 10 9 4pm Mahogany drop leaf gate leg dining table mahogany triple dresser canopy bed (full) w/triple dresser maple dressers Thomsville dining set w/b chairs & china cabinet misc furniture garden tools deco rative items pictures snow blower

**Farmington Hills** Moving Sale Fri Sat 9 5pm Sun 9 10am Furniture tools house hold 22680 Shadowglen 9 Mile & Halsted area

**FARMINGTON HILLS** Thurs Sat May 8 10th 9 4 pm for furniture beds baby and house hold items toys books clothes 32499 Chesterbrook S off 13 Mi W of Orchard Lk

**FURNITURE** for every room chandelier crystal rugs silk flowers misc household After 4 248 347 5860

**LAKE ORION** May 10 & 11 10 4 1016 Urbick Way Childrens toys Little Tykes outdoor playset 2 bedroom sets couch loveseat & chair with ottoman twin captians bed bunk set with attached desk and drawers dresser jet ski and more 248 814 7677

**LIVONIA** May 9 & 10 Furniture TVs clothes kids stuff new dryer All inside at 19001 Westmore 1 blk S of 7 E of Farmington 9 5pm

**LIVONIA Estate/Moving Sale Everything Must Go** May 9 & 10 at 9am Fox Creek Es tates 19243 Levan Ct N off 7 Mi E Rd next to Glenda's Nursery

**LIVONIA** May 9 & 10 9 4pm 35260 Banbury Ct. Sof 7 Mile E of Wayne Furniture toys bikes clothes misc household items

**Moving/Downsizing** Sat May 10 9 3 1221 Westboro Birm E/Adams between Maple & Big Beaver Household goods and furniture

**NORTHVILLE moving sale!** Furniture antiques household goods porch furniture clothes Thursday & Friday 9 4 Saturday 9 3 44733 Galway Nearest main inter section 8 Mile Rd & Center St

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### Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS  
AVANTI NEWS FEATURES

Time was when my family drove one of the most innovative cars in America, and it was a station wagon from Ford Motor Co's Taurus and Sable family of cars, which then were the biggest-selling line in the nation. It was about a decade ago, when owning and driving our white Mercury Sable station wagon - with its extremely streamlined styling - made us just the tiniest bit iconoclastic, because it was the high point of the era of the minivan. And yet the car performed very reasonably and served well the needs of our young family of four.

I recount all of this because I've been driving a 2003 Taurus sedan lately, which has rekindled the memories. Recalling what the Taurus franchise once represented also helps place it in the proper context today. And after a week with the SES sporty version of the Taurus, I came to pretty much the same opinion that I held about its cousin nameplate many years ago. The car performed reasonably and served well the now-changed needs of our somewhat-grown family of four.

The big difference between then and now, of course, is that this package of attributes doesn't hold up nearly as well in the much-expanded automotive marketplace of today as it did a decade or so ago. Higher-quality reasonably priced models made by Japanese companies, most notably the Toyota Camry, long since have overtaken the Taurus's once-vaunted car-sales leadership, even though the Taurus family has been fully redesigned at least a couple of times. Moreover, conventional sedans such as Taurus are trying to hold onto their very place in the new-vehicle continuum amid an intensifying assault by light SUVs and cross-over vehicles.

The good news at the end of all of this, however, is that the 2003 Taurus, with prices centering in the low \$20,000s, continues to represent a solid value for middle-American consumers looking for a traditional sedan above all else. It remains modestly stylish, it performs adequately, there's plenty of room, and Ford keeps improving the product.

The SES Taurus is a new sporty version of the sedan



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that is designed to appeal to younger buyers searching for style at a good value. And at a suggested retail price of \$23,930, this version delivers on that promise. The fully monochromatic body - silver, in the case of my vehicle - highlights an exterior that has a good chance of appealing to the target demographic. The 3.0-liter DOHC V-6 Duratec engine delivers 200 horsepower and 200 foot-pounds of torque, giving it a nice reserve when quick acceleration is required. The interior is highlighted by a pewter-brush finish on the instrument-panel center-stack surround and the console floor.

Outside, the sports package nicely states its case with a body-color spear in the grille and a body-color applique on the rear deck lid. Aluminum painted sport wheels, a rear spoiler and unique "Sport 24V DOHC" fender badging round out the exterior. With its sleek and low profile, the whole Taurus family cuts a nice figure on the road, with its overall slightly organic design providing the most reasonable and stylistically effective appearance that Taurus and Sable have had since their introduction in 1986. Gold Ash Metallic is a new color for 2003. Overall, this year's models are available in four-door sedans and four-door wagons.

The base Taurus is equipped with a 3.0-liter V6 that is capable of 155 horsepower, an acceptable output for a mid-priced family sedan. Fuel economy tops out on the highway at an average of 28 miles a gallon, a good mark. Dual-stage airbags in front are offered on all

models, and higher-priced models include four-wheel antilock-disc brakes as standard. The top-line SEL Premium features traction control and front side airbags. The trunk is a generous size, and back-seat passengers also have plenty of room.

Taurus's interior has picked up a series of quality improvements to reduce air leakage and cabin noise, two problems that have afflicted Taurus off and on since its inception. Also new for 2003 are illuminated cruise-control switches, also, the controls for the adjustable pedals have been moved to the instrument panel for easier access. The cabin overall is functional and attractive, controls placed and labeled in a straightforward manner. I was disappointed that Ford hadn't found a way to move overhead lights further ahead in the cabin, over the dashboard rather than staying in their traditional placement as "dome" lights.

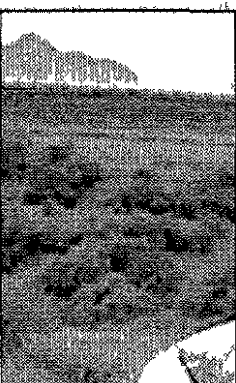
Specifically in the SES, high-contrast, two-tone sports seats with upgraded fabric for both front and rear passengers are visible even from outside the vehicle. Deep-ple floor mats feature the Sport badging. In short, for young drivers who otherwise wouldn't be interested in this family of cars because they don't want to be caught dead driving their father's Oldsmobile, so to speak, the 2003 Taurus SES may provide a way out.

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FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN	\$1800 DOWN	17
RENEWAL	\$445 MO.	\$396 MO.	Convertible Available

**2003 MUSTANG V6 COUPE**

**\$5.98 PER DAY**

Rear spoiler, single wing, power driver's seat, speed control, ABS, brakes, traction control, a condition ng s x CD changer, rad o w/mach, wheels 16 b ght alloy 3.8L EFI engine, automatic overdrive transmission, P225/55R16 94T BSW all season [Stock #33585] **WAS \$20,125**

**Now \$14,303<sup>36\*</sup>**

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 48 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN	\$1800 DOWN	47
RENEWAL	\$169 MO.	\$137 MO.	Mustangs Available

**2003 WINDSTAR LX**

**\$10.84 PER DAY**

E-c AM/FM ster/d, c/c, remote keyless entry, a r lugg rack, enhanced steering grp, 2nd/3rd row priv glss, 3.8L CHV EFI engine, four speed automatic O/D trans, P215/70R-15 BSW [Stock #32173] **WAS \$26,740**

**Now \$19,931<sup>68\*</sup>**

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN	\$1800 DOWN	160
RENEWAL	\$325 MO.	\$299 MO.	Windstars Available

**2003 RANGER XLT SC 4x2**

**\$4.77 PER DAY**

Sono bumper, dark graphite cloth, tachometer, 4-wheel ABS, 3.0L EFI flex fuel V6 engine, 5-speed auto O/D trans, P225 steel BSW all season tires, 3.73 ratio reg. axle, farside box, 4600 GVWR, power window/lock group, remote keyless entry, speed control, tilt leather wrap, steel reg. wheel, sport bucket seats [Stock #33557] **WAS \$21,330**

**Now \$13,791<sup>07\*</sup>**

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 48 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN	\$1800 DOWN	160
RENEWAL	\$176 MO.	\$143 MO.	Rangers Available

**2003 EXPLORER XLS 4x2**

**\$7.25 PER DAY**

Mirra gray clearcoat, med. pla chment, cloth opt chais, four mats, C/K carpet, a XLS sport group, g ass, privacy prem. um cassette/CD rad o wheels, cast alum. 4.0L SOHC V6 flex fuel eng. 5-0 speed auto O/D trans, P225/70R16 ASB owl tires, 3.55 ratio reg. axle [Stock #32427] **WAS \$27,480**

**Now \$18,992<sup>57\*</sup>**

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN	\$1800 DOWN	387
RENEWAL	\$260 MO.	\$217 MO.	Explorers Available

**2003 FOCUS ZX3**

**\$7.17 PER DAY**

CD silver clearcoat, med. dk charcoal cloth, integrated fog lamps, tilt speed control, split rear seat, a 1-disc w/MP3/clock 2.0L DOHC 16v Zetec engine, auto trans, P225/50R16 BSW tires [Stock #32075] **WAS \$16,500**

**Now \$12,036<sup>60\*</sup>**

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN	\$1800 DOWN	180
RENEWAL	\$215 MO.	\$189 MO.	Focus Available

**2003 TAURUS SE**

**\$8.28 PER DAY**

SE value package, a 5-spk painted alum wheels, spd ctrl, remote keyless entry, dual pwr mirror, p/e m l ght, AM/FM stereo, cass, 3.0L 2v 6-cyl flex fuel engine, auto overdrive transmission [Stock #33044] **WAS \$21,325**

**Now \$15,193<sup>90\*</sup>**

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN	\$1800 DOWN	239
RENEWAL	\$248 MO.	\$205 MO.	Taurus Available

**2003 ESCAPE XLS 4x2**

**\$7.03 PER DAY**

A pwr mirrors w/m fold, rem keyless entry, pwr side wndws, 3.0L cu elec V6 eng, 4-sp speed auto CD trans, P225/70R15 ASB BSW tires, step bars, back r f dk w/l, creste 15 cast alum wh's, spd control, perm alarm [Stock #33466] **WAS \$21,630**

**Now \$16,926<sup>09\*</sup>**

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN	\$1800 DOWN	85
RENEWAL	\$253 MO.	\$212 MO.	Escapes Available

**2003 F150 S/C 4x2 XLT**

**\$7.00 PER DAY**

Black clearcoat, dark graphite console, chrome plated equipment pkg, 507A XLT, se res, overhead console, AM/FM stereo/clock/sing CD, 4.2L EFI V6 engine, electronic 4-speed auto O/D, P225/70R16 owl all season, 3.55 ratio reg. axle, 605C GVWR, pkg, nail XLT spec, a value, pwr, black mirrors, cast alum wheels, cloth opt chais [Stock #32106] **WAS \$26,650**

**Now \$17,109<sup>60\*</sup>**

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN	\$1800 DOWN	503
RENEWAL	\$258 MO.	\$210 MO.	F-Series Available

**2003 EXPEDITION 4x4**

**\$13.88 PER DAY**

Captain's chair, cloth 3.75 rat, 1 m s p axle, mng b ds, aux heater/fog, p m stereo, n-dsh 6 CD/cass, w/clock, fog lamps, third row seat, 4.6L EFI V8, 4-sp speed auto trans, P225/70R17 OWL all sn [Stock #32884] **WAS \$38,130**

**Now \$27,418<sup>36\*</sup>**

FORD EMPLOYEE or ELIGIBLE FAMILY MEMBER

A-PLAN 36 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN	\$1800 DOWN	36
RENEWAL	\$410 MO.	\$364 MO.	Expeditions Available

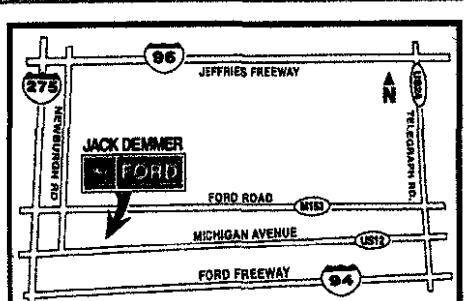
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	\$1500	\$1910
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	\$1500	\$2119
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	\$1000	\$2037
RANGER	0 Down	\$405
	\$1500	\$1980
EXPLORER XLS	0 Down	\$597
	\$1500	\$2141
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EXPEDITION	0 Down	\$995
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