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The Plymouth Wildcat Football Summer Car Wash takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Mobil Gas Station at the corner of Sheldon and Warren. Proceeds benefit the Wildcat football program. Parent volunteers are needed, and participants should plan on bringing old towels, clean rags, large sponges and buckets. For more information, call Steve Goulet at (734) 414-7874.

**Grand donation**

Plymouth Canton Community Schools Educational Excellence Foundation received a \$5,000 donation from the Plymouth Community United Way to support EEF's Summer Skills Academy, a three-week program to assist first- and third-graders who are performing below grade level in reading and/or math. This summer's academy was held last month at Eriksson Elementary. Nearly 400 students - 169 in the reading and 227 in math - participated in the program. A certified teacher, with one paraprofessional assisting, taught each class. Nine pre-student teachers from Eastern Michigan and the University of Michigan also supported classroom instruction. Funding for the program was in excess of \$60,000. Additional financial support for the program was provided by a grant from a private donor and proceeds from the annual Hoben/Hoedel golf outing.

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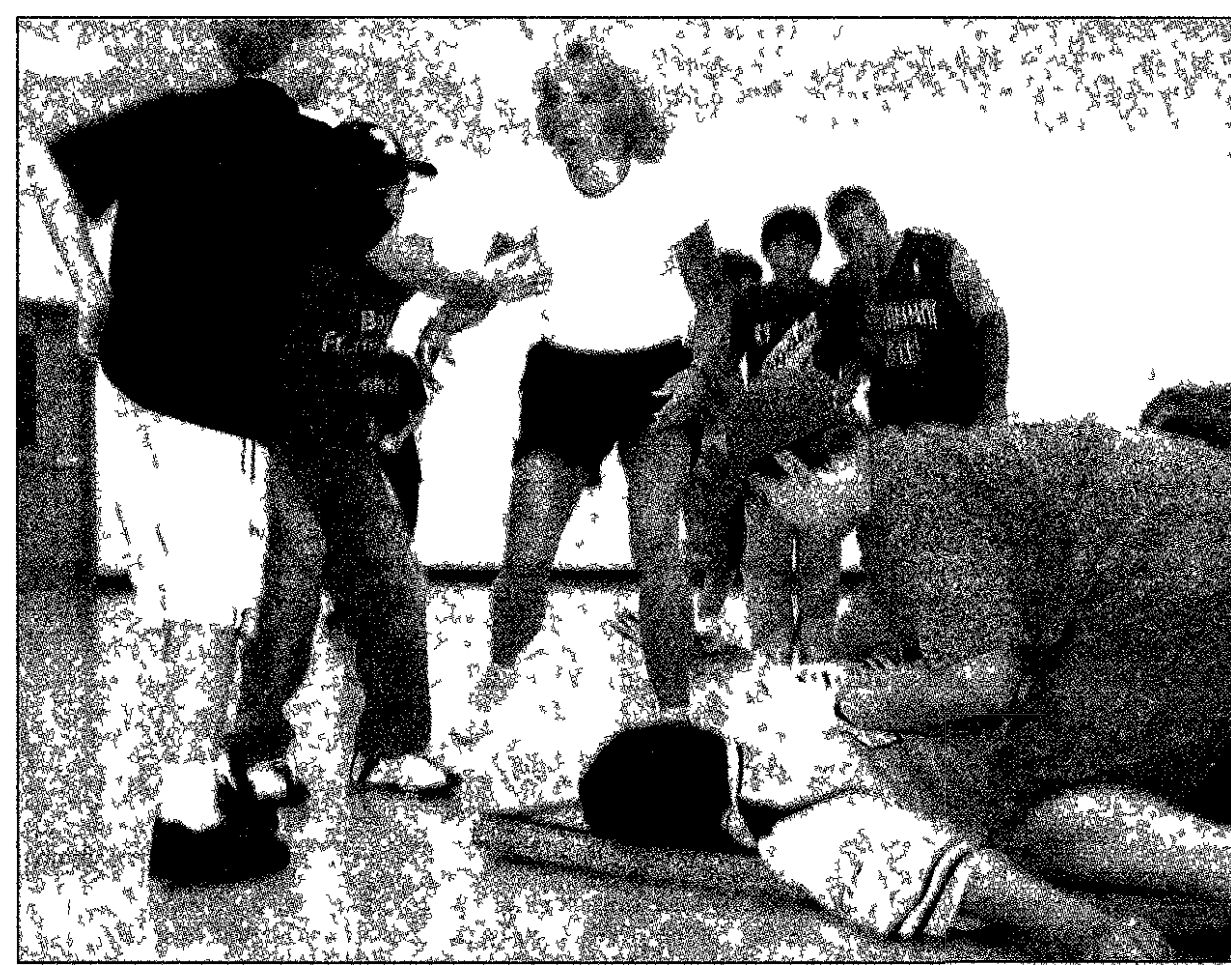


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CPR-certified students, including (from left) Josh Greenhalge, Alex Martinez, teacher Barb Kilgore, Teddy Gnida and Chris Kordick, practice a simulation for the public service announcement on CPR they filmed at Discovery Middle School.

**Learning to save lives**

Students film PSA about lessons learned through CPR

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

A middle-aged man suffered an apparent heart attack while playing tennis at Discovery Middle School. As a crowd gathered, a 12-year-old Plymouth Township boy heard the commotion, rushed to the court and administered CPR while someone dialed 9-1-1.

Canton Township emergency teams arrived shortly afterward, taking over rescue attempts and transporting the victim to the hospital. Fortunately, because of the quick action of all those involved, the victim survived to play tennis another day.

The situation while it easily could be real, in



Chris Kordick goes through the motions of CPR on Teddy Gnida while practicing for a public service announcement students of Discovery Middle School made recently.

PLEASE SEE **CPR, A3**

**City aims for charter revision**

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth city charter could get its first major overhaul since its inception in 1957.

The city commission hopes to elect a nine-member Home Rule Charter Commission in November, with the sole purpose of updating the charter.

If elected, the charter commission would take over where a committee left off last March. After meeting for nearly 16 months, the committee recommended 32 pages of changes to the current city charter, ranging from deleting references to municipal judges (there are no longer any) to how the mayor is elected.

"I think it would be penny wise and pound foolish to put this off any longer," Commissioner Phil Pursell said. "There's always some-

one who has an issue with the charter the way it's written. "Some of it is obsolete, and I think the quicker this is done the better off the city will be because there won't be a liability issue involved that we could possibly incur down the road."

City Manager Paul Sincock said it would cost about \$10,000 to elect a commission and rewrite the charter. The city commission could piece-meal the project and put several items on a ballot for consideration by voters, but it would take nearly \$3,000 per ballot issue - on a regularly scheduled election date - and years to vote on and implement the suggested changes.

An elected charter commission could recommend making all the suggested changes to the charter in one ballot question.

Sincock said the current charter committee, which has eight members, could run for the elected charter commission seats. All have said they'd be willing to serve, Sincock said.

Bob Mundt, a member of the committee, would like to see the city commission move forward in electing a charter commission.

"I think it's foolish to waste all the effort that's been put in," said Mundt, who noted that if a decision is delayed, "it may create a barrier to getting people to volunteer to do that kind of thing in the future, to see their work essentially ignored."

City attorney Bob Marzano and City Clerk Linda Langmesser are looking at the feasibility of putting the issue of a charter commission on the November ballot.

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PLEASE SEE **BOND, A8**

**District pushes for bond issue**

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Joan Noricks of Canton Township is no stranger to raising money.

As director of the Canton Community Foundation, fund-raising is Noricks' major responsibility. Noricks' fund-raising skills will be put to the test the next six weeks as part of the 18-member Plymouth-Canton Schools bond advocacy committee that will push for passage of a two-part ballot question Sept. 28, asking district residents to approve a total of \$138 million in funding for the district.

One question will ask voters to renew an 18-mill non-homestead millage for the next 10 years. That millage generates approximately \$29 million - or 22 percent - of the district's total revenue.

**'With the growth in the community, I can see the need for another school. And, with the state tax situation being tight, local community residents need to support their local school district if they want quality.'**

Joan Noricks  
Canton Township

The second part is a \$109 million bond issue, of which \$94 million will be used for upgrades at every building in the district constructed before 2000, with the remaining \$15 million to construct a new elementary school in Canton.

I feel strongly it's a good thing," said Noricks. "With the growth in the community, I can see the need for another school. And with the state tax situation being tight, local community residents need to support their local school district if they want quality."

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With only about six weeks to garner support from residents in the five communities the district serves - with the majority in Canton Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township - Noricks knows the bond won't be an automatic sell. "I definitely think it will be a challenge," she said. "Who wants to pay more taxes? But, it's all about understanding there's a cost to quality education, and do we support our kids or don't we? It's beneficial to the total community and society in general."

As for the 18-mill non-homestead millage, voters will be asked to renew a tax which, for the most part, has been on the books the past 10 years and doesn't cost most homeowners a penny. The millage is a tax on businesses and those who own non-homestead property, such as a second home.

Because of the Headlee rollback provisions which could eventually reduce the 18 mills and cost the district hundreds of thousands of dollars, the district will be asking voters to approve 20 mills for the next 10 years.

Even though the district can only levy a maximum 18 mills by state law, the 20 mills will give a cushion against any future rollback.

The \$109 million bond issue, according to Superintendent Jim Ryan, is for future needs and growth of the district. "It does some necessary renovations to protect investments in our buildings, meeting the needs for the next 5-10 years, addresses future growth, reduces or minimizes operational costs, and provides for equity of programs and facilities for all students," said Ryan.

**Shopping complex may break ground along with hall project**

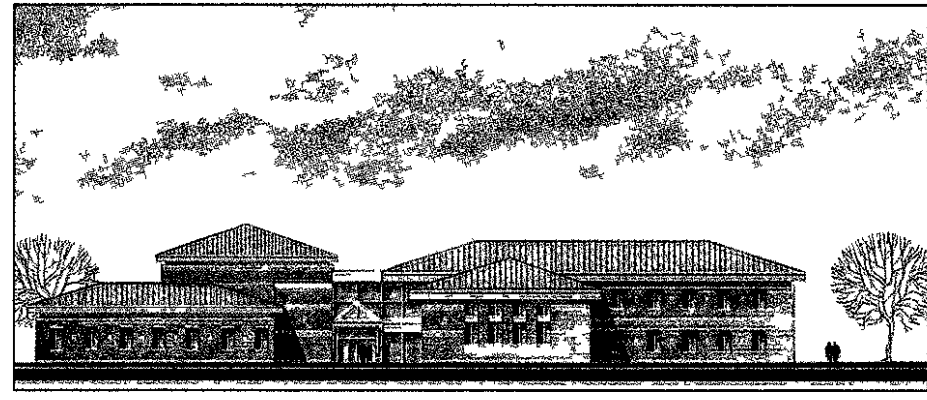
BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

A new Plymouth Township Hall may not be the only thing being built along Ann Arbor Road at Haggerty.

The first shovels are expected to hit the dirt on the \$12 million town-

ship hall complex before the end of the year, and it's possible construction could run concurrently on a 135,000-square-foot retail complex that will share the same corner.

Jacob Bacall, managing partner at Bacall Development, confirmed Wednesday his company



Preliminary design for the new \$12 million township hall project

has obtained preliminary site plan approval for the complex, which will take up some 16 acres of the

former Massey property at the intersection. Township officials purchased slightly more than

nine acres of that parcel earlier this year for the

PLEASE SEE **PROJECT, A8**

Coming Sunday in your Plymouth Observer

**Back to school**

Having children's eyes examined is an important step to take before classes begin. See why in Sunday's Health section.

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**CLARIFICATION**

A story in the Thursday, Aug 5 *Plymouth Observer* should have said it was the First National Bank, at Ann Arbor Road and Tavistock, that was robbed last week. It was not Standard Federal.

**SKATING LESSONS**

Potential skaters can learn to figure skate and hockey skate from the Plymouth Figure Skating Club, based at Compuware Sports Arena. The club holds open registration for the Fall Basic Skills/Learn to Skate Program from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug 18 and from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug 21. Classes, including hockey skating skills, run for eight or seven weeks beginning Aug 25 and are for skaters ages 3 years old to adult. Compuware is located at 14900 Beck. For more information, visit the club's Web site at [plymouthfigureskating-club.org](http://plymouthfigureskating-club.org) or call (734) 459-6686.

**KIWANIS COOK-OUT**

The Colonial Kiwanis Club of Plymouth celebrates the summer season with a family cook-out just before the Plymouth City Commission meeting Monday, Aug 16. The cook-out and the meeting take place at Colonial Kiwanis Park at the corner of Junction and Auburn. Hot dogs, snacks and refreshments will be served starting at 6 p.m. The commission meeting starts at 7.

**FASTPITCH TRYOUTS**

A 16-U girls fastpitch summer travel team is organizing with Plymouth High School Coach Val Canfield as head coach. Tryouts for interested Plymouth-Canton area girls will be held from 2-5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Aug 16-18, at the Plymouth High School varsity softball field. Contact assistant coach Bev McManus for more information at (734) 467-7756.

**CRAFTERS, ARTISTS WANTED**

Officials of the Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters are looking for crafters and artists for "Spring Arts and Crafts Ensemble." The event is scheduled for 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at Canton High School. It's a juried show. For more information, e-mail Diane VanDyke at [djvandyke@peoplepc.com](mailto:djvandyke@peoplepc.com) or call (734) 416-3354.

**CIRCUS' 66TH**

The Kelly Miller Circus will celebrate its 66th year this year. The Plymouth Lions Club is sponsoring this year's circus, which will be in town Wednesday, Aug 18. Performances are scheduled at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Central Middle School. This year's show will feature elephants, horses and a cast of international circus stars under a beautiful circus big top. The tent raising itself is a great free show that will take

place 8:30 a.m. Tickets are available at Bellavino, Kroger and Wiltse's Pharmacy.

**NEW HOPE GOLF OUTING**

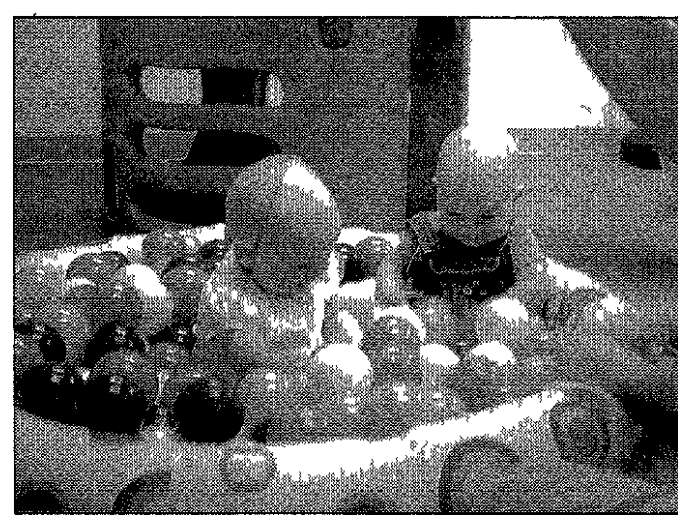
New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts its sixth-annual "Good Grief" golf outing Saturday, Sept 11 at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth Township. Registration begins at 9 a.m., with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$125 per person (\$40 of which is tax deductible), which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch and buffet dinner. Dinner-only tickets are available for \$50 (\$25 is tax deductible). Proceeds benefit New Hope, a center for bereaved children, teens and adults. Registration deadline is Aug 27. For more information, call the center, (248) 348-0115.

**RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE**

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 112 hosts its annual rummage and bake sale from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug 19-21 at the hall, 344 Elizabeth (at Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth. Anyone who would like to donate items can deliver them to the hall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug 17-18. Donations are tax-deductible. All proceeds will be used to benefit veterans.

**HOCKEY BOOSTERS**

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club is taking up the challenge to fund the district's pay-to-play hockey program. The three teams will host a fund-raising golf outing Aug 28 at Hickory Creek Golf Club in Canton. Cost of the event is \$100 per player or \$400 per foursome. The cost includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, pop and water on the course, dinner, and the chance to win prizes. A silent and live auction will be held. Check-in for the event is 7 a.m., with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. There will be prizes for longest drive and closest to the



**Open house**

Youngsters will get a chance to play in the balls, and do other fun things, when Puzzle Pieces Center for Children and Families hosts an open house from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug 15. The center will open its doors, and its parking lot, to the public for what officials promise to be a "fun-filled" open house. Visitors will enjoy arts and crafts, jump on a moonwalk, visit a clown and play in the sand and water, among other activities. Puzzle Pieces is located at 911 N. Mill, in Old Village Square. For more information, call (734) 459-4664.

Symphony office by e-mail at [CelebrationYO@aol.com](mailto:CelebrationYO@aol.com) or call (734) 451-2112. Scholarship funding is available for students living in Westland. Please contact the office for further information.

**KIWANIS BREAKFASTS**

The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth-Canton Breakfast sponsors the final event in a series of pancake breakfasts at the Masonic Temple in downtown Plymouth to raise money to support its projects. Breakfast is served from 8-11 a.m. Sept 4. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12. Children age 5 and younger served free. Proceeds from the breakfasts — which include all-you-can-eat eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy and coffee, tea or juice — support community activities such as an annual scholarship, sweat suits for First Step, Bentley Elementary School read-aloud, church directories for area hotels/motels, Halloween Costumes for hospitalized children, Youth Leadership Canton and Leadership Plymouth. Also sponsoring breakfasts at The Masonic Temple, located at 730 Penniman, are the Elks, the Masons and the Civitans.

**WILDCAT GOLF OUTING**

A golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School Wildcat athletic program is set for an 8 a.m. shotgun start Sunday, Sept 12 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford Road in Canton. Cost is \$100 which includes 18 holes of golf with cart, a T-shirt, a snack at the turn and a steak dinner following the golf. The outing is a four-person scramble which includes longest drive and closest-to-the-pin contests and a "skins" game. To register, send a check made payable to Plymouth High School Athletics to Plymouth High School, 8400 North Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187.

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For more information on the event, call Deborah Tollison, (734) 981-2802, or Chris Wolfe, (734) 453-8332.

**BOWLING FOR MAYBURY**

Bowlers can help rebuild Maybury Farm by joining other bowlers Sunday, Aug 15, at the Novi Bowl. Tax-deductible donations are \$125 for a Lane Sponsor (up to six people per lane) or \$25 per bowler.

This includes two games and (for Lane sponsors) their family name displayed on the lane. There will also be give-aways and a Family Auction. Anyone who would like to participate as a bowler or donate to the auction can contact the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200.

**YOUTH ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS**

The Celebration Youth Orchestra holds auditions for the 2004-2005 school year on Saturday, Sept 11. Auditions will take place at Evola Music, 7170 North Haggerty Road in Canton.

Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass and percussion students ages 12 and older with at least three years of instruction. Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan. Auditions must be scheduled in advance.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

Rehearsals and performances will take place at the new Village Theatre at Cherry Hill in Canton. In fall 2004 the CYO will have two ensembles, the Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students and the Celebration Strings.

The CYO is dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire.

Students should prepare a piece of their choice and a scale representative of their ability. To schedule an audition or for more information please contact the Plymouth



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# Gone to the dogs

## Canine haven provides day care for clients

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Judging by early returns, Nancy Janoch was barking up the right tree when she opened Happy Hound dog day care in Plymouth

After moving to Plymouth from Cleveland, where she'd sold a thriving pet-sitting business, Janoch noticed a plethora of canine couples — owners walking their dogs — particularly in downtown's Kellogg Park

She'd spent six years in the pet-sitting business, and missed the daily contact with the dogs. So Janoch, who moved to Plymouth when her partner, chemist Jim

Thompson, was transferred for work, decided to grab life by the leash

"I worked for my sister part-time for awhile, but I couldn't stand being away from the dogs," said Janoch, who opened Happy Hounds Aug. 3. "I walked into a dog day care place in Farmington and said, 'You need some help, don't you?'"

The idea is simple: Provide a place owners can house their pets during the day for whatever reason. Janoch has about a dozen clients at the moment, most of whom drop their dogs

off while they're working

The time varies — some do two days a week, others three, while one comes just on the day the cleaning lady is in his master's house. While they're at Happy Hounds, the dogs



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**Business:** Happy Hounds Dog Day Care  
**Address:** 673 S. Main  
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**Web site:** www.happyhounds-daycare.com  
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Dogs are the only creatures on Earth that give you unconditional love and continuous pleasure

— Nancy Janoch

learn a little bit of obedience, but mostly they just play like a child day care, but for dogs," Janoch said. "I love to watch doggie behavior. Watching them here is different from watching them in their own homes."

It's exactly like a child day care, but for dogs," Janoch said. "I love to watch doggie behavior. Watching them here is different from watching them in their own homes." The benefits, according to Janoch, are plentiful. Exercise for the dogs, a way to ease separation anxiety, dogs often feel when their owners leave them at home (which is why many dogs chew things,

according to Janoch), and peace of mind for the owners.

"The dogs can give you that look, make you feel guilty, just like kids," said Janoch, who spent more than 20 years in corporate management. "This is a win-win for everybody. Their parents know they're happy, the dogs feel good about it and I feel good about it."

Janoch said she had some 100 inquiries before Happy Hounds even opened, and right now has some 60 enrollment forms outstanding. She figures the building at 673 S.



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Nancy Janoch, owner of Happy Hounds Dog Day Care in Plymouth, gets a doggie kiss from Bosco, a black Lab she is watching. Left is golden retriever Buddy.

Main in Plymouth, can hold about 25 dogs.

One of the dogs there now is Bosco, a rambunctious black Labrador puppy who goes to Happy Hounds a couple of times a week. Bosco's parents, Shelly and Dale Neeley, work some 50-60 hours a week, and getting Bosco out of the house is a great benefit to them.

It allows Bosco to get more exercise and learn how to be more social, Shelly Neeley said. "We're gone so much with work, this allows us a chance to have the puppy out of the house and learning how to interact with other animals and with human beings."

Janoch is working with trainers to begin basic obedience classes this fall, and she's getting ready for a grand opening set for Sunday.

She also conducts "Puppy Socials" for dogs 6 months old and younger as a way to get them used to people and to other puppies, making integrating with other animals easier.

Sunday's grand opening will be a Dog Lovers event featuring pet photographer Cindy



Nancy Janoch, owner of Happy Hound Doggie Day Care in Plymouth, plays ball with golden retriever Buddy, chocolate Lab Hampton, black Lab Bosco and an Airedale, Woodson.

Rogers, some one dozen vendors selling dog-related items, and a leash cutting ceremony featuring Plymouth Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Dwyer.

Janoch is hoping to build Happy Hounds to an average of some 20-25 dogs per day, and then has her eyes on franchise opportunities. But that's for down the road.

For now, she's focusing on the dogs at hand.

"Plymouth, Canton and Northville might be the dog capital of the state," Janoch said. "Dogs are the only creatures on Earth that give you unconditional love and continuous pleasure."

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### CPR

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reality was the premise of a public service announcement being taped by students involved in the Plymouth-Canton Schools Summer Academy at Discovery.

Jason Slaughter, a Pioneer Middle School teacher, helped all the students become certified in CPR.

"It teaches kids to become responsible citizens," Slaughter said. "By certifying them in CPR, it helps relate to core democratic values and being responsible. It gives the kids lots of confidence to learn such an important skill, and makes them feel like they have something to contribute to society."

Chris Kordick, 12, a West Middle School seventh-grader, is the student in the video giving CPR on the tennis court until Canton emergency teams arrived. Kordick said he liked the idea of learning CPR.

It's pretty cool, now we can save someone's life," Kordick said. "If you learn what to do, it keeps you relaxed during an emergency."

Jason Kaye, who has produced several PSA's with his seventh-graders at Pioneer Middle School, came up with the idea for the Summer Academy participants. Kaye has guided students in producing PSA's on eating disorders, shoplifting, cheating and bullying, which are viewed on Canton Community Television.

"It's hands-on for the kids, and helps the learning process become something tangible," Kaye said. They brainstormed on ideas for a scenario, worked on different shots and came up with a rough script to rehearse.

Alex Martinez, 11, of Belleville, likes the aspect of doing hands-on learning, such as CPR.

"With hands-on learning, kids don't get distracted as much because they're enjoying it in a fun way, even though it's educational," Martinez said. "It's important because a lot of kids in our society are dying because people don't know CPR. It's a life-saving skill."

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DEATHS

**A**  
Grace E. Ahlgrim of Redford Township, died Aug 7

**B**  
Gail A. Ballantyne Buerger, 68, of Rochester Hills, died Aug 6

**C**  
Howard F. Cohn, 46, died July 27  
James O. Cornetet, 75, of Granville Ohio, died Aug 8

**D**  
James S. Dunlop, 82, formerly of Rochester, died Aug 2

**E**  
Lucille W. Elliott, formerly of Birmingham, died June 13

**F**  
Kevin A. Flood, 77, died Aug 5, 2004

**H**  
Frances S. Hnot, 95, of Redford died Aug 3

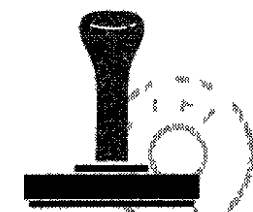
**J**  
Douglas Haig Jones, of Westland, died Aug 7

**K**  
Rosemary Kline, 75, died Aug 7

**L**  
Theresa D. Lachajewski, of Redford Township, died Aug 8

**M**  
Philip F. "Dick" Mudge, of Clarkston, died Aug 7

**O**  
Eythol L. Olson, 92, of Plymouth



For the Record appears in every edition of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Complete paid obituaries can be found inside today's At Home section in Passages on page C5

**P**  
Carolyn Kay Powell, of Waterford died Aug 8

**R**  
Jeanette May Ranoni, 84, of Canton, died Aug 7  
Helen Martha Reiman, 81, of Belleville, died Aug 9

**S**  
D. Marvel Steiger, 75, of Farmington Hills, died Aug 7  
Sue Sullivan, of Livonia, died Aug 7

**T**  
Richard J. Tache, 83, of Garden City, S.C., died Aug 5

**W**  
Marvin A. Wilson, 77, of Plymouth died July 28  
Robert E. Winkel Sr., 87, died June 19

# Agapé Christian welcomes new leader

## Principal brings 27 years of experience in Christian schools

BY DOUG JOHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

Agape Christian Academy's new principal comes to the job this August already knowing quite a lot about the school. Daniel Watkins coached there last year (girls soccer) and his wife joined the staff last year as band teacher. And he's just moving a bit south — last year he taught at Plymouth Christian. Before that he spent 21 years with Baptist Park School in Taylor.

A native of nearby Garden City, Watkins is from a family of educators. All three of his sons want to be teachers and his dad was a principal in Garden City Public Schools for years. All of his sons are enrolled at Liberty University, a Christian college in Virginia.

For Watkins, Agape offers discipline, solid academics, small class size, good relationships and, of course, Christian education.

"It boils down to this: Sure we lose a little because we are a small school. But we more than make up for it because everyone knows each other. Students develop a close relationship with their teachers," Watkins said.

His love of sports comes through quickly. Everyone here can be involved in sports, whereas

they might not be able to at a big school."

Watkins is a MHSAA registered official in basketball, volleyball, softball and baseball. He also likes to work the Gus Macker tourneys, the three-on-three outdoor hoops event popular with all ages.

He also has experience as a principal, athletic director, foreign language department head, and a teacher of math, science, history, Spanish, band, vocal music, and physical education.

He earned his bachelor's degree from Wheaton College and his masters at Eastern Michigan.

Agape Academy has about 300 students K through 12, and is starting its 22nd year. The companion church, Agape Family Worship Center, was founded 27 years ago.

For Watkins, his goals include keeping alive the traditions of a Christian school with a rigorous academic program. He especially hopes to focus on improving math this year.

"We expect to develop young men and women to live in a world that puts a lot of pressure on kids," Watkins said. "We need kids who can make good decisions. And we believe the spiritual side of school makes them well-grounded when they leave here."

Watkins is particularly proud of his high school seniors who almost all go on to college.

"We don't try to hide the fact that we are a college-prep school. At least 90 percent — sometimes 100 percent — go on to college."

"We use the same tests as the public schools: MEAP, ACT, SAT. It's important to see where we fit, and what areas we can shore up," Watkins said. "Students are serious about being here. Our varsity girls basketball team was all-state academic last year. We



MONICA FOUTS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dan Watkins, new principal at Agape Christian Academy, sits in his office Monday with paperwork and basketballs at his side. Watkins will coach basketball and soccer this upcoming school year.

## Academy wins accreditation

The International Christian Accrediting Association awarded Agape Academy accreditation in July. The five-year process was finished last year. ICAA is affiliated with Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla.

Also, the school is going through the North Central Association accreditation. "We expect to have this accreditation later this school year," Dan Watkins, Agape's new principal said.

Agape Academy, 45081 Geddes in Canton, is a Class D school of about 300 students in grades K-12. Classes start with orientation on Aug 27 and follow a schedule similar to public school. Students wear uniforms to school and most graduates go on to college.

There are at least two dozen openings at the school for this fall, depending on grade level. Current enrollees come from Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Westland and Belleville.

Some, but not all, of the racially and ethnically diverse students also attend the Agape church.

Church pastor is Rev. Mark Moore, son of the founders of the church and school, Bobbi and J. Earl Moore, now retired. The church is considered nondenominational, charismatic or "full gospel."

Recent academy grads have gone to the University of Michigan, West Point, Naval Academy, Kettering University, and Wayne State. Tuition varies from \$2800 a year in the lower grades to \$4500 in the upper grades. Traditional high school curriculum includes English, social studies, math, science, foreign language (Spanish or French), music, art and physical education. There are also accounting, keyboarding and computer classes, as well as Bible classes and a once a week student-led chapel meeting. The school also offers seven sports, and newspaper/yearbook and drama.

expect to have our first National Merit Scholar finalist this year."

Watkins is aware that the school's name can cause confusion.

"We were at a sports event and the other teams were asking what does 'Agape' mean. We explain it is Agape, the Greek word for selfless love, Christian love."

## ON STAGE

Here are the concert schedules for the Friday night and Wednesday afternoon concert series in Plymouth's Kellogg Park. Music in the Park is presented Wednesday afternoons at noon by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The Music in the Air series is presented Friday evenings by the Downtown Development

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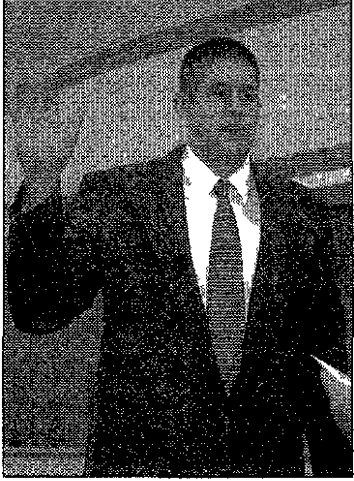
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Plymouth City Clerk Linda Langmesser (not pictured) swears in new police Officer Josh Carroll, at 6-foot-5 the department's tallest officer

## City police force hits new heights with latest cop

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth residents won't have a hard time finding the newest member of the city's police department. At 6-feet-5, Josh Carroll is by far the tallest member of the department.

Carroll was sworn in last week as the 17th member of the police department. "I've always wanted to be in law enforcement," said Carroll, 24, of Howell. "It's just something I always thought was unique, and a neat career to get into."

"It's rewarding and I get a sense of satisfaction out of it," he said. "At the end of the day, you can feel satisfied you helped somebody, or helped catch a thief."

Carroll, no relation to Police Chief Wayne Carroll, graduated with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University in 2003, and in December graduated from the police academy at Lansing Community College.

Carroll, who's been working part-time for the Howell police department, said he likes the concept of community policing in Plymouth.

"Plymouth is a nice community, and I like the fact it's a smaller department," he said.

"I like the idea of interacting with the community and patrolling the festivals."

Chief Wayne Carroll said it was clear from interviews that Carroll was the top candidate on the list.

"He'll be a good fit with the community policing policies we put forth," the chief said.

"We were impressed with his knowledge and maturity, his ethics, and his answers on complicated issues were straightforward."

"We look forward to having him on board," said Carroll.

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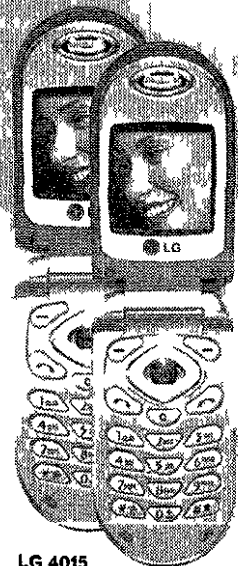
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## OUR VIEWS

# Time to finish charter work

Some 18 months ago, the Plymouth City Commission set up a committee to review the city charter and make recommendations that would bring it into the 21st century.

The committee recently turned in a 32-page report detailing what it thinks should be a complete overhaul. Now it's time for the commission to decide what to do with it.

There are a couple of options in figuring out how to handle the potential changes. Unfortunately, neither is a clear-cut winner.

They could opt to put a couple of the recommendations — for instance, the manner in which the mayor is elected and the section regarding municipal judges, which no longer exist — on the ballot. The downside: Not only would it take eons to get it done that way but, at a couple of thousand dollars a pop, it could get pretty expensive, and it's money the cash-strapped city doesn't really have.

Commissioners could also authorize a total rewrite of the charter, but state law requires a nine-member commission be elected in order to do that. Then there would be the cost of educating the public — legal notices, talking points, etc.

Getting current committee members to run for the new charter commission would be a big help, since they wouldn't have to reinvent the wheel. According to officials, most have signaled a willingness to continue to serve. They've already dedicated 18 months to this process, letting it slide now would send a horrible signal to them.

Commissioners are up against a deadline for getting the charter rewrite on the November general election ballot. Of course, they'd also be up against it in terms of educating the public.

Most of the changes are cosmetic, since state law in many cases has already superseded the city's charter. The most visible change could be giving voters a say in who's elected mayor, but there are other changes that are necessary.

But it isn't worth mortgaging anything else. If the issue can be placed on the November ballot, then commissioners should get it there. If not, tabling it until the next city election in 2006 might make more financial sense.

Commissioners who say doing the charter rewrite piecemeal will be too expensive are right. The city has already committed too much time, energy and resource to this to let it sit. It's time to get it done.

# At 10, Dream Cruise is still great time

The 10th anniversary of the Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise is — to risk using a cliché, although an appropriate one — just around the corner.

Officially, the Dream Cruise takes place Saturday, Aug. 21. The reality is that the cruise usually begins five days or so earlier, when a curious assortment of cars starts making an appearance on Woodward and lawn chairs spring up alongside the road like mushrooms after a rain storm.

Seldom has an event attained such instant popularity as the Dream Cruise. It began in 1995 when Nelson House dreamed up the event as a way to raise funds for a children's soccer field. Some 30,000 to 40,000 persons were expected to attend the first Dream Cruise. About 250,000 showed up.

Since then, the Dream Cruise has steadily grown. Today it stretches 16 miles from the Michigan State Fairgrounds to Pontiac, spanning seven communities. At least 1.5 million persons from around the world are expected at this year's Dream Cruise.

Indeed, it quickly went from being a local county event to a regional activity to a worldwide happening, drawing car enthusiasts from as far away as Australia.

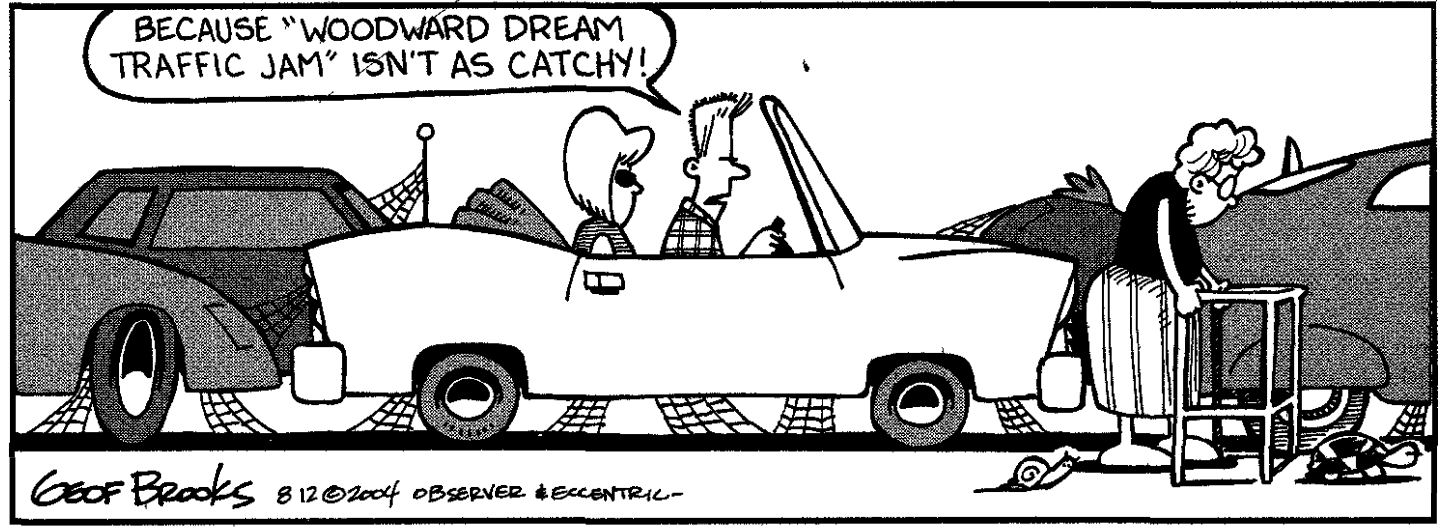
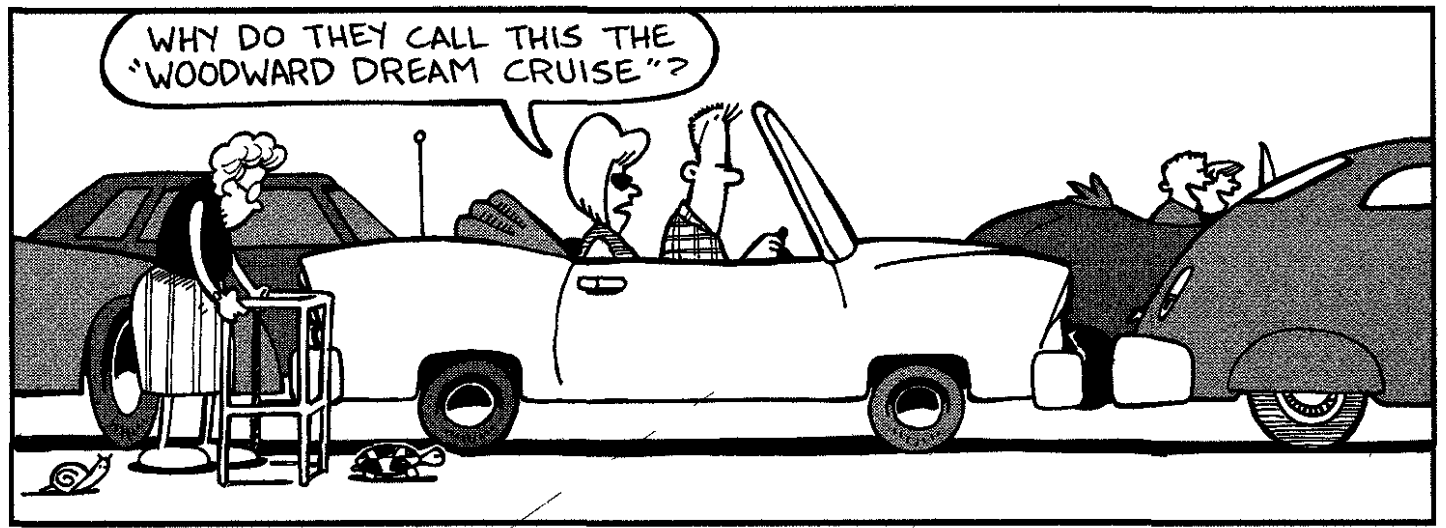
The Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise was built on nostalgia — memories of warm summer nights of the '50s and '60s when cruising was the thing to do. Teens competed to show off their rides and attract the opposite sex. It was cheap, flashy and fun.

These days, the Dream Cruise is a reminder of those more innocent days, long before al Qaeda, Iraq and even the World Trade Center itself.

Naturally, the event has drawn its share of criticism, ranging from being a local business killer to the world's worst traffic jam.

But, so what? The businesses do survive, and it really isn't all that inconvenient. In fact, there's an argument to be made that it should run farther down Woodward into Detroit or at least to Henry Ford's old Highland Park plant — the birthplace of the assembly line.

That may not be realistic now but, as it is, the Dream Cruise promises to be a great event for everyone. Go and have fun.



Geoff Brooks 8/12/2004 OBSERVER & ECCENTRIC

## LETTERS

### Election thanks

I would like to thank the Plymouth Township residents who took the time to vote Aug. 3. Unfortunately, these people only represented 25 percent of our electorate. Regrettably the majority of our residents have subjugated a precious right to an interested minority who have determined the direction of our township for the next four years.

I particularly would like to thank those 1,381 voters who cast their votes for me as their trustee. Your vote of confidence in my experience, abilities and accomplishments is deeply appreciated. I would also like to extend my gratitude to those many people who endorsed and supported by campaign. They included our leaders from government, homeowners associations, school newspapers and business communities.

Finally, a special recognition to the many Plymouth firefighters who also supported my candidacy. They are a special group that deserves our respect and gratitude. I would also extend the same respect and gratitude to our police officers.

It was a pleasure to meet so many residents in my door-to-door campaign. Although I will not be serving you as a trustee, learning more about some of your issues will be beneficial in my service to you as a planning commissioner.

Dennis Cebulski  
Plymouth

### Thanks to voters

I want to thank the residents who took time to vote, their participation showed a willingness to keep the township moving forward in a positive direction. Thank you to all previous supervisors and elected officials who have laid the foundation for what we have in Plymouth Township today. A special thanks to all the exceptional volunteers and supporters who helped with the campaign.

I plan to spend the next months working with current officials to gain valuable experience that will allow for a fast start in November. I look forward to serving you during the next four years as Plymouth Township Supervisor.

Richard Reaume  
Plymouth

### Let facts come out

I was interested to read that the attorney for the Robert VanBuren family, Mr. Ven Johnson, has already reached a conclusion that Plymouth Township officials are "lying" in regards to the investigation surrounding the shooting of VanBuren by Township officers.

Interesting because in the same article it clearly states the Michigan State Police and the township itself are still conducting their respective investigations. I can only surmise that Mr. Johnson is either clairvoyant himself or like the namesake of his law firm, possessed of a mouth that speaks before all the facts are in.

Perhaps what should be discussed right now is what we do know. 10 young children and the staff of the center are safe. Aside from that, let's let the state police and the prosecuting attorneys

office do their job. Because as Mr. Johnson apparently forgets, police officers have a presumption of innocence, as well!

Keith Stanton  
Former township resident  
Boca Raton, Fla.

### Apology owed

In response to the Aug. 1 article, "Fieger VanBuren just wanted to pray," I felt compelled to respond to the blatant attack launched against the fine members of our police force.

I must say that it was bound to happen sooner or later. Just when everything was looking great for Hot Spot Plymouth Township, Geoffrey Fieger and his traveling circus settles into town.

The officers that responded to this scene, by all respected accounts, encountered a dangerous, crazed individual who refused to obey their lawful commands. After physically struggling with VanBuren, the officers used other non-lethal weapons in their heroic attempt to place him into custody and to protect the innocent children and church employees.

During the struggle with the two officers, one of which suffered a broken hand, VanBuren reportedly grabbed one of their duty belts. This action by VanBuren clearly escalated the event and forced the officers to use deadly means to stop his violent attack and unlawful intrusion into the building. Allowing VanBuren to gain access to their weapons was not an option and I commend the bravery of the officers involved.

Robert VanBuren has been described as a kind, caring and sensitive individual. If true, he failed to display those qualities on the morning of his tragic death. He also failed to display them back in 1998, when he attempted to throw two Novi police officers into the path of moving traffic, or when he chased his own ghost down I-275, causing a multi-car pile up, followed by an attack on a state trooper in Livonia (*Observer*, July 29, "Police Man shot at day care had other confrontations").

Robert VanBuren had no business being on the property of the Church of the Nazarene, nor that of the local Burger King. A man as troubled as VanBuren should have been hospitalized for his safety and that of others. The sad truth is that thousands of individuals such as Robert VanBuren are walking the streets because of the deplorable condition of the state's mental health system and the misguided policy of state and federal politicians. Until this changes, these individuals will continue to have violent conflicts with police officers and Geoffrey Fieger will continue to grab headlines while defaming the brave men and women who protect us from them.

Geoffrey Fieger wants us to believe that deadly force can only be used against an armed individual. He also wants us to believe that Robert VanBuren was beat up by the "Church Lady," then finished off by the bullies in blue.

The sad truth is that Robert VanBuren was responsible for his own death, whether in his right mind or not. Another truth is that regardless of what

Fieger or any other warped, misguided individual may say to discredit our police officers, there are those citizens that respect them for the job that they do, and sleep better at night knowing that they dedicate themselves to their chosen profession.

Jeffrey Gelsinger  
Plymouth Township

### Too much Fieger

I'd like to voice my frustration at how the paper is covering the shooting at the Church of the Nazarene Daycare. Why are you giving Mr. Fieger so much attention?

He plays the media with whatever tactics he believes will capture people's attention. The average person should be able to see through this and know that we are fortunate to have a police force who can think on their feet, a police force that when put into a very tense situation where many toddlers' lives were at risk by having an individual out of control, acting so unpredictably so close, can make the incredibly difficult decision to use his gun to protect those innocent people.

This is what they're trained to do. I can't imagine how terrible those police officers feel having taken a life, however, I have to believe they made the best decision they could in an awful situation.

There are so many other ways this could have ended which could have involved harming those children. This Plymouth Township Police Department needs to know we're behind them and proud to have them protecting our children. They need to know that we appreciate them risking their lives just by going to work every day and that when things go wrong they are there to make the best decision on how to handle a difficult situation.

I question the newspaper's values for giving so much coverage to only one side of the story. Let's wait and hear what really happened from the police investigation that is ongoing. In the meantime, the police force needs to know that we are behind them and that Mr. Fieger doesn't fool us for one second.

Shelly Kahler  
Plymouth

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"I'm not telegraphing my punches to the prosecution, but the second trial will have some major differences than the first one. I have a strong belief we'll be successful that a jury will come back with a not guilty verdict."

— Azizul Islam's attorney, Michael Schwartz, on possible strategies in a second trial.

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## Flaws in Proposal A must be addressed before too long

Ten years ago last March, Michigan voters approved a new system of school funding that ever since has been known as Proposal A. Initially very popular, the measure is now showing signs of wear and tear.

The ideas behind Proposal A were sound. It was meant to reduce local school systems' dependence on local property taxes for financing. Instead, the state sales tax was raised from 4 percent to 6 percent to fund a per-pupil 'foundation grant' for public elementary and high schools. It also limited property taxes by restricting annual increases in owner-occupied home assessments to 5 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

This undoubtedly helped equalize per-pupil funding for most school districts, thereby eliminating — though not reducing — an inequity that has dogged Michigan schools for years (No longer did Kalkaska schools threaten to close for want of funds halfway through every school year). And in capping the rate of increase in local property taxes, Proposal A enabled the political community to claim (with some justice) that it had cut taxes. But two big problems were buried in the details of Proposal A that are now beginning to surface.

First, Michigan's better school districts, whose high per-pupil expenditures were exempted from the flat Proposal A formula, have discovered that their frozen incomes have been savaged over the years by cost inflation. The pitch used to sell Proposal A — that poor school districts would be improved and that good districts would not get hurt — now turns out to have been at least half wrong.

Second, homeowners are suddenly discovering they are locked in to their present houses because buying a new one exposes them to suddenly increased property taxes. In effect, Proposal A has resulted in a two-tier property tax system that benefits longtime homeowners and hurts new buyers.

Here's how it works, according to Jerry McKeon, formerly president of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Board of Realtors and now chief operating officer of Shore Mortgage. Proposal A doesn't cap increases in the state equalized value of real property (SEV), which is periodically reassessed to reflect market-driven increases in real estate values.

Once a homeowner sells a house, the local assessor brings the taxable property assessment back into line with the area's SEV, which creates a sudden increase in property taxes for the new owner.

That difference between the low rate of increase for capped property taxes and uncapped rapid increases in the market value of homes creates a sudden discontinuity when a home is sold. McKeon calls this a "pop up tax increase" and says it can be as much as double the taxes paid by a new homeowner.

That isn't all. Realtors tell me that lots of people who have owned their houses for years are reluctant to sell and buy a new home because they fear they'll get hit with high property taxes when they buy.

The problem becomes especially acute for seniors who may have been living in a large house, but who are now on a fixed income and wish to downsize. A new, smaller house may come with vastly increased property taxes they simply cannot afford.

These anecdotes are backed up by the well-respected Citizens Research Council, which reports that the average Michigan homeowner pays 78 percent of the taxes that a new homeowner would pay in the same community.

As a result, lots of longtime homeowners who might otherwise sell their homes and downsize into a smaller house are remodeling.

"This town is full of construction sites and Dumpsters, where people are remodeling their house rather than selling," said Ruth Clevers, an associate broker with Wear, Manuel, Snyder & Ranke, a well-known Birmingham brokerage firm. But no one lives forever, and the long-term macroeconomic risk is the gradual deterioration of the market for used homes, long a mainstay of the real estate business and of stable neighborhoods.

Moreover, a two-tiered property tax system — one rate for longtime home owners and a much higher one for new buyers — creates inequities. On many streets, some houses bear one property tax and others, newly sold, a much higher one.

According to Rob Compo, who heads government relations for the Michigan Association of Realtors, the industry is working with state Rep. Edward Gaffney, R-Grosse Pointe Farms, who has introduced a bill that would keep the Proposal A tax cap in place on a house when it is bought by someone who has been living in the same community for three years. But Compo told me there is no consensus within the industry about what to do about the deeper problems in Proposal A. "Opening Pandora's Box wholesale is bound to bring all kinds of trouble," he said.

There are, in fact, other problems with Proposal A. Better-off public schools in affluent areas are losing the ability to compete with private schools, for one thing. The entire system needs to be examined with a non-partisan jeweler's eye.

Readers with good memories may recall that gubernatorial candidate Jennifer Granholm took some flak two years ago for saying that Proposal A "needed tweaking." She was right. Proposal A did solve the big political problem of the 1980s, which was rapidly increasing property taxes. But Proposal A now has brought with it a series of problems that will dog the educational, political and tax system for years to come. The longer the fundamental flaws are left unaddressed, the harder the final reckoning may be.

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

## Technology helps business cash in on cultural change

Many U.S. corporations presently use Enterprise Resource Planning software, such as SAP, to manage their critical business data the same way consumers used microwave ovens in their early days of commercial use.

Until fears were dispelled and reliability proven, these "radar ranges" were merely expensive popcorn machines and warming devices. Full use of a microwave oven's possibilities only came about when consumers allayed their fears and started writing recipes and designing cookware to assist them with this new form of cooking.

Similarly, U.S. corporations fear ERP software packages, spending millions of dollars modifying the software logic to fit existing business practices. They fail to achieve the greatest benefits of these systems by not embracing the software logic as a catalyst for creating business practices that have more integrated, transparent and accountable steps — a recipe for improved cash flow.

ERP software has the capacity to manage all the business processes of a company within one package in the same way that software like Quicken can handle an entire household's transactions. Manufacturing and accounting data can be managed simultaneously with marketing and sales information, providing, in essence, one-stop shopping for critical business information.

This contrasts sharply with earlier practices that had each area of a company creating their own systems, limiting data sharing among various groups. SAP represents one type of ERP software that presently dominates the local business scene.

Quite a few companies need to purchase an ERP system like SAP in order to continue doing business with their customers. More and more companies like the automakers require electronic communication capability. Some businesses struggle to implement these systems, failing to realize they purchase not only software but a new way of doing business.

"We are the people actually running the business. Why do we have to beg for access to our own data? We want full access to the data tables now!" This e-mail note, sent by a director of finance to a director of the Informational Technology group, highlights one of the main fears of ERP — loss of control over corporate data.

The new ERP software systems, designed to provide instant data to all members of the organization upon demand, shift primary con-

trol of data to the software experts. The power shift occurs as ERP systems integrate data previously held in self-contained data bases within specific groups of the organization into one main data system. The Information Technology group assumes they have the lead role for data management because of their expert knowledge of the new software systems.

Control of any complex operation requires discipline, clearly defined roles and responsibilities, and rules. The complexity of this new software logic which integrates widely varying data into one system necessitates a clearly defined set of practices. Software dictating business practices ignites a second fear within the organization. Our business has processes unique from other industries. We bend steel to make products. How can you expect us to change the way we do business to satisfy a software package?

I received this e-mail note from a director of engineering. Having worked with the operation side of the business for 10 years, I initially agreed with this position. Only after looking closer at the requirements of SAP did I realize the "dictated software business practices" actually strengthen existing processes and add steps to focus business processes upon more fundamental concerns like cash flow.

Specifically, ERP programs strengthen business practices by requiring clear procedures, disciplined advanced planning for new programs and control points of key processes in order to support a system that demands the right information available at the right time.

Clarifying practices often leads to change. Redesigning practices ignites a corporate cultural change. Considering the intensity of emotions I have found around SAP, I would say many corporations using ERP systems are in the midst of a cultural corporate revolution.

In addition to power shifts and exposure of weak processes, the ERP systems require a new type of leadership that uses influence over power by earning trust across departments. Thinking in terms of how information flows across working units replaces the "my department only" vertical style of thinking. Managers without these skills often resist those who have them, creating another source of conflict in the revolution.

ERP systems like SAP bring with them cultural changes. These changes create less pain and confusion if a company understands what is happening and spends more time improving practices and less time blaming the software for its troubles. The rewards include improved cash flow and clearly defined control of the business.

Bob Romilian is senior manager of business operations for Visteon Corp. and a Plymouth resident.



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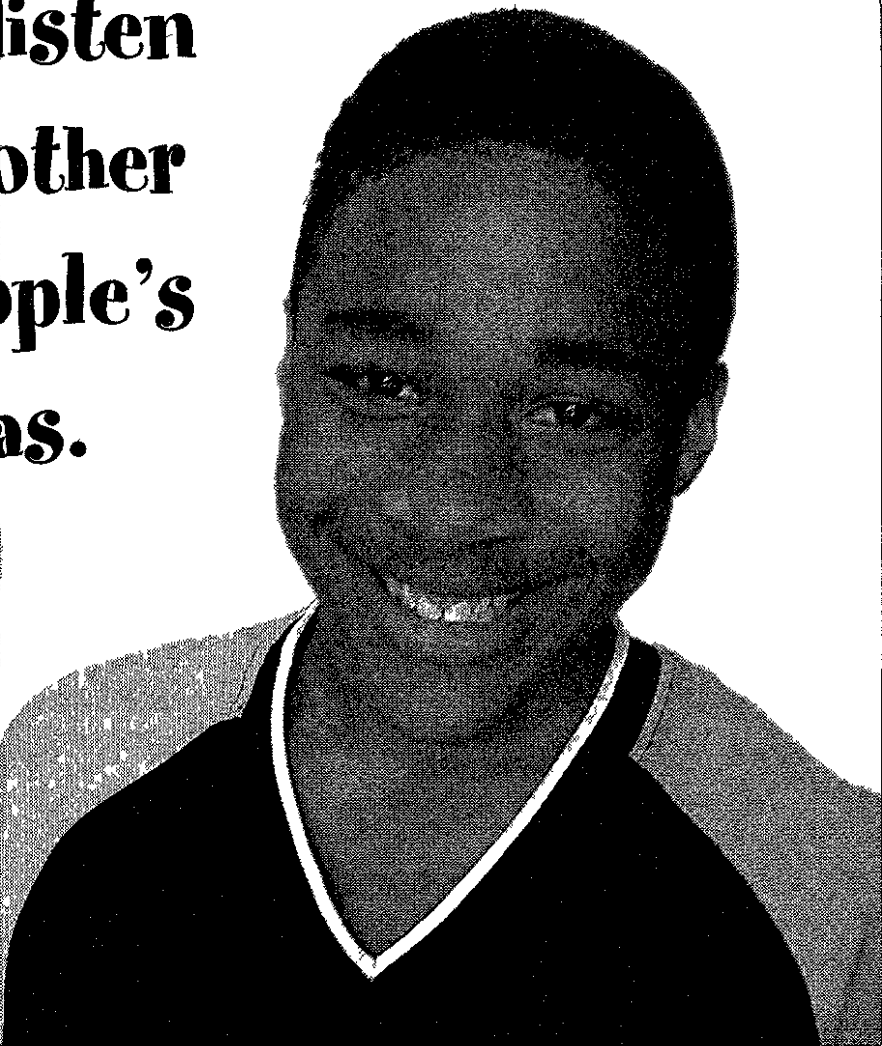
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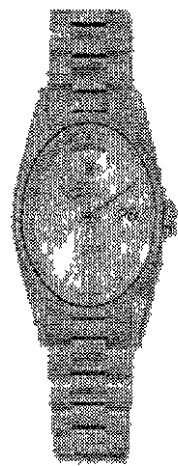
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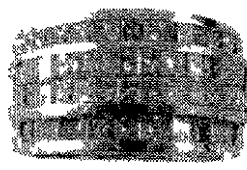
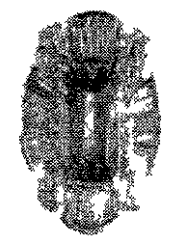
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# Musical features music written by local songwriter

Singer-songwriter Charlie Stout of Plymouth will be in the audience when "The Shakespeare Variations" are performed by the Brass Tacks Ensemble at the Kerrytown Concerthouse in Ann Arbor.

"My work is done," Stout said, referring to the original songs he and playwright James Ingagiola penned for a comedic parody of Shakespeare's tragedy, "Titus Andronicus." Stout also wrote a 1950s-style sitcom theme and engineered the sound design for another act in the show, which runs August 19-21 at 8 p.m.



Plymouth songwriter Charlie Stout wrote original songs with playwright James Ingagiola for "The Shakespeare Variations," to be performed by the Brass Tacks Ensemble at the Kerrytown Concerthouse in Ann Arbor Aug. 19-21.

Half of the musical duo 2Dig4, Stout turned his attention to the play immediately after the May release of their debut CD "Artifacts."

"As a musician, I can only work on publicity and distribution so much before I have to sit down and write something," Stout explained. "The new songs are different from my usual rock social commentary, and more reminiscent of Cole Porter's light hearted show tunes. I needed a couple of weeks of immersion."

This is Stout's second theatrical collaboration with James Ingagiola. Their first effort, a children's musical based on Jack and the Beanstalk, was performed by the Children's Theatre Network at elementary schools throughout southeastern and south-central Michigan last March through May and will return for the fall schedule.

## PROJECT

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new municipal complex. Bacall said developers are "talking to several national tenants," and he hopes the retail complex will be anchored by a supermarket.

"We haven't nailed that down yet, we're talking to several possibilities," Bacall said. A supermarket would be a great fit in that community." Original plans called for Farmer Jack to anchor the shopping complex, but township Department of Municipal Services chief James Anulewicz said Tuesday Farmer Jack officials had pulled out of the development.

Bacall said there are still details to work out — traffic lights, road improvements, etc — but he'd like to explore the possibility of getting started late this year.

"With everything involved, if you start right before winter starts, that wouldn't be a wise call," Bacall said. "We will push to see if this year is possible."

but it's more likely to start in the spring."

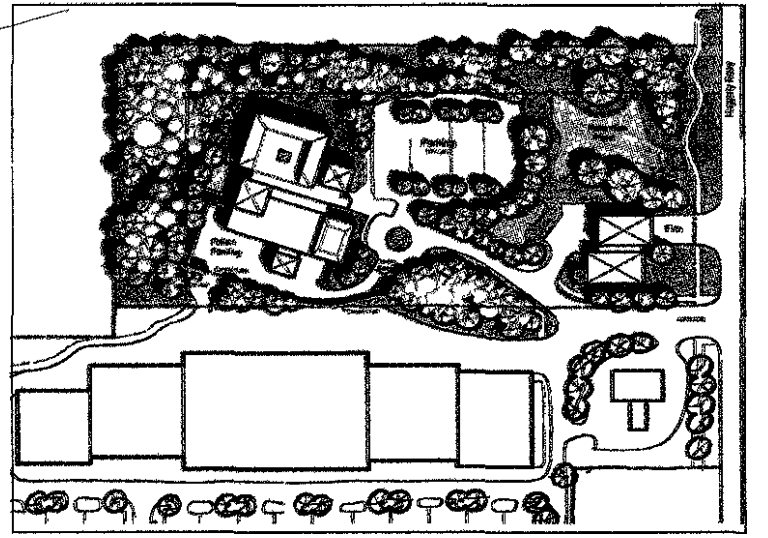
Meanwhile, officials from A3C, the architectural firm hired by the township to design the township hall, unveiled its preliminary schematic design to the public at an open hearing at township hall Tuesday night.

The plan calls for two buildings — a 13,600-square-foot fire station and a 38,000-square-foot building that will house the police department and administrative offices. The two-story building will also be the new home for the municipal services department staff, which will move from the DPW complex on Port Street.

The two parcels will share one entrance driveway along Haggerty. That driveway will be used by fire vehicles returning from emergency runs, the fire station will have its own exit onto Haggerty.

"This is a work in progress," A3C's Jason Rodriguez said. "We're at a mid- to late-point in the schematic design phase. We're taking the plan and starting to sculpt the site."

Parts of the complex will be two stories because setbacks



Preliminary site design for the nine-acre parcel that will house the new township hall complex.

and the requirement for retention ponds limits the ability to expand out on the site. That leaves "up."

"We can't build in the setback lines and there's the retention," Rodriguez said. "The site fills up pretty quickly."

According to Anulewicz, the former Bill Knapp's restaurant will not be part of the retail complex. The site has been

purchased by drug chain CVS, Anulewicz said.

"CVS has purchased it and has already been before the planning commission with site plan approval," Anulewicz said Tuesday.

"The (existing) building will be torn down, and a new one built to replace it."

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## BOND

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Among the improvements are new roofs, replacement of carpet and tile, parking lot upgrades, and other renovations to provide equity in programs and facilities at school buildings.

According to information from Patricia Brand, executive director of business services passage of the bond issue will cost the owner of a home valued at \$234,000 an additional \$47 annually in taxes.

School board member Barry Simescu, one of the 18 advocacy committee members, said this bond issue is "huge."

"Our facilities are getting old,

and when we are in a situation where we want students to choose Plymouth-Canton Schools we need to have good facilities," he said. "When they are falling apart and showing their wear, that's not the image we want to project."

Along with Noricks and Simescu, members of the bond advocacy committee include Kary Amin, Jill David, Adrienne Davis, George Dodson, Nancy Eggenberger, Steve Harper, Scott Lorenz, Judy Mardigian, Dan Phillips, Chuck Portelli, Kathy Powers, Mark Slavens, Clint Smiley, Marcy Staley, Sharon Streen and Jasmin Walker.

The first meeting of the committee is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at the E.J. McClendon Educational Center.

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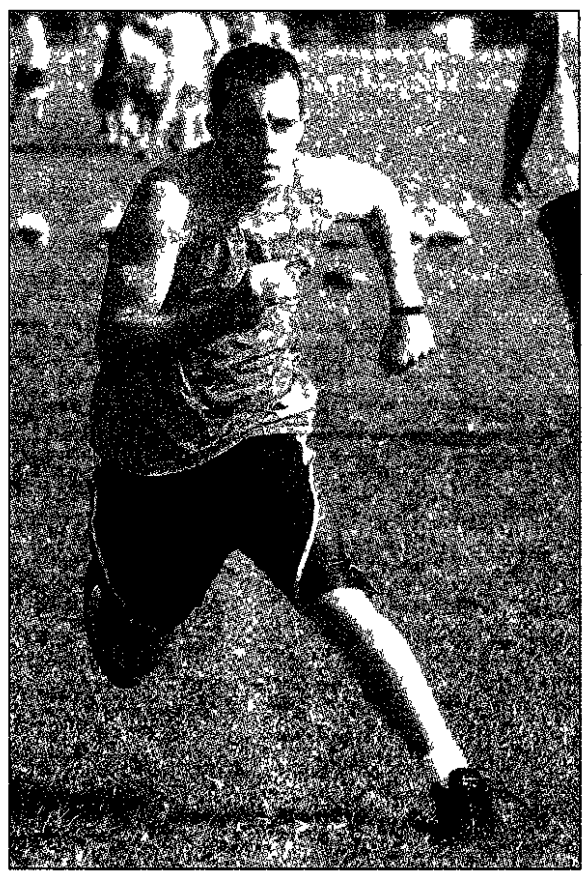
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Salem's strong safety Jeff Lake kept an eye on the ball during seven-on-seven drills at Monday's season-opening practice



Canton running back Chuck Schumacher works on cuts during Monday's practice



Jason LeDuc of the Plymouth High School Wildcats goes through offensive drills on opening day Monday

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## Sidelines

### Aces in the hole

■ As son Camron looked on, Plymouth resident Ray Nadell recorded the first hole-in-one of his golfing career Monday when he aced the 137-yard 17th hole at Idyl Wyld Golf Course in Livonia. Nadell used a nine iron on his memorable shot. He fired a 37 for nine holes.

■ Using a pitching wedge, Plymouth resident Jeffrey Siporin knocked his tee shot in the cup July 10 on the 105-yard seventh hole at the Strategic Fox.

■ Plymouth's Keith Stevens recorded a hole-in-one July 31 on the 105-yard 10th hole at the Strategic Fox. Stevens' feat was accomplished with a pitching wedge.

### Indians tryouts

Tryouts for the 2005 Michigan Indians 13-and-under travel baseball team will be held Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. at Don Massey Field in Plymouth.

The Indians are a premier travel team that has won several tournament titles. The team will play a 45-60 game schedule. For more information, contact Jim Gendron at [Gend5@aol.com](mailto:Gend5@aol.com).

### Hoop registration

The WWCBL/PCJBA, a recreation basketball league based in Plymouth, will hold a registration session for the upcoming season on Aug. 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dickinson Center in Livonia. The center is located at 18000 Newburgh Rd.

The league is open to all boys and girls who reside in western Wayne County and are entering grades third through eighth.

For more information, contact Al Flower at (734) 464-6830.

### Softball tryouts

Plymouth High softball coach Val Canfield is organizing a girls 16-and-under summer fast-pitch travel softball team that will compete beginning in 2005.

Tryouts for the team will be held Aug. 16-18 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Plymouth High varsity softball field.

For more information, contact Bev McManus at (734) 467-7756.

### Race results

Area racers took the checkered flag in several events over the weekend at Flat Rock and Toledo Speedways.

The biggest win came from Canton's Paul Hahn as he won the 25-lap Street Stock A main feature at Flat Rock Speedway on Saturday night.

Hahn took the lead on the ninth lap and extended his lead over the next 16 laps.

Canton's Justin Schroeder was 10th in the race while Westland's Steve Cronenwett was 16th.

## Hitting the ground running

Prep football teams hope August conditioning leads to October celebrating

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

If Monday's season-opening football practices for the three local high schools were condensed into a credit card commercial, the ad may go something like this:

New football cleats \$80  
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Those were just few of the costs paid by the more than 300 Canton, Salem and Plymouth high school varsity junior varsity and freshman football players who enjoyed — or for many endured — Monday's first conditioning

workout.

Full contact was prohibited until today, so the teams practiced in helmets, shorts and shirts the first three days this week.

Although Monday was the initial official practice for the Chiefs, Rocks and Wildcats, many players have regularly attended "unofficial" weight-lifting and conditioning meetings since the final whistle blew on the 2003 season last fall.

The 2004 season — which kicks off Aug. 27 — holds a mix of promise, potential and history for the three PCEP teams, which sweated through Monday's early morning practices in sunny mid-70s weather.

For the Chiefs, the gathering was the

first practice since they finished an 11-1 2003 season, the most successful in school history.

For the Rocks, it was the initial opportunity to wipe out the bitter memories of a forgettable 1-8 campaign that featured equal parts electrifying offense and demoralizing defense.

And for the Wildcats, the practice was historic, considering it was the first varsity practice in the school's three-year history.

### BUILDING WITH NUMBERS

The shoulder to shoulder line of sweat-drenched helmet-less football players stretched more than 50 yards

in front of seventh-year Canton coach Tim Baechler.

It was difficult to say what was more impressive — the length of the 55-player line, or the athleticism displayed by many of the players as they high-stepped through a 40-yard dash.

"We actually have double the number of players we had my first year here," Baechler said, comparing Monday's practice to his early rebuilding days. "My wife and I were just talking about the first two years when the team struggled, and how the program got to where it is now. It's a great example of why you never throw in the towel."

PLEASE SEE FOOTBALL, B2

## Stefan named Whalers' new assistant coach

Former Detroit Red Wings goalie Greg Stefan was promoted to assistant coach/director of player development by the Plymouth Whalers on Monday.

The move came in the wake of the resignation of Whalers assistant general manager/associate coach Alex Roberts, who opted to pursue a career in private business following three years with the team.

Todd Watson also was promoted to assistant general manager/assistant coach, announced Whalers President Mike Vellucci.

"I wish Alex the best in his new endeavors," said Vellucci, who also serves as the team's general manager and head coach. "Alex was an asset to the organization and he will be missed. I have said it numerous times what a great job Alex has done. I would not have been able to do my job of running the organization without the work he has accomplished."

Roberts joined the Whalers in 2001 after working as an assistant coach for the United States National Developmental Team Program in Ann Arbor for four seasons. Roberts played for the University of Michigan from 1986-90 before playing professionally. His coaching career commenced in 1996 with the Chicago Wolves of the International Hockey League before moving to the NDTP in Ann Arbor.

Stefan is in the midst of his second stint with Plymouth. After minding the net for the Red Wings from 1981-90, he joined the Whalers' coaching staff in 1993. After working for a time as a player agent, Stefan rejoined the team as an assistant in 2002.

Watson worked with Vellucci with the Detroit Compuware Ambassadors of the North American Hockey League as assistant general manager and assistant coach in 1996. He toiled as the general manager/head coach of the Ambassadors from 1999-2002.

Watson was promoted to assistant coach of the Whalers prior to the 2003-04 season.

"I've worked with Todd Watson for nearly 10 years, both in the North American Hockey League and now the Ontario Hockey League," said Vellucci. "He's a quality young coach who brings passion to the rink. Greg Stefan brings the same passion and enthusiasm to the rink, too. We're excited to have them both on board in expanded roles."

## Rams open strong in national tourney

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

"No complaints" was understandably the response from Michigan Rams manager Rick Berryman following a 2-0 start in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association 20-and-under national tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

The Rams, runners-up in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League, got a three-run homer from Nick Thurman and a solo shot from Livonia Stevenson graduate Brian Campbell (Central Michigan) in a 7-3 win Tuesday over New York at St. Michael Field.

On Monday, the Rams edged Maryland State, 3-2, in their tourney opener at Portage Field.

"The pitching has been excellent and we've gotten some timely hitting,"

said Berryman, whose team met defending AAABA champion Baltimore in Wednesday's winner's bracket.

Thurman, a former prep Mr. Baseball from Warren Mott, finished with four RBI, while Campbell scored three runs. Adam Schulz went 2-for-3, while center field pickup John Hester was 2-for-4 with a run scored.

Winning pitcher Corey Krug of Hillsdale College, a Redford native who played high school baseball at Southfield Christian, went the first seven innings to pick up the victory. The 6-foot-4, 225-pound right-hander struck out nine, walked one and allowed just five hits.

Paul Phillips went the next 1 1/2 innings in relief, allowing two runs on one hit. He struck out three and walked four.

Hester, who has signed with

Eastern Michigan after playing this spring at Mott Community College, made a clutch running grab in center field with two runners aboard during the fourth inning to preserve a scoreless deadlock. The Rams then scored two runs in the seventh and one in the eighth inning to pull out a one-run win over Maryland State.

Winning pitcher Ben Darga (University of Detroit Mercy) went eight strong innings, allowing just a pair of singles and three walks. He struck out five.

Schulz's two-run single in the seventh, scoring Ryan Heath and Dan Dobberowsky, tied the game after the two reached base on a walk and hit batsman, respectively.

In the eighth, Jon Weisman singled down the right field line for the game-winning RBI, scoring Thurman, who had doubled earlier.

## Four returning starters make Rocks optimistic

BY ED WRIGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Expectations surrounding the Salem girls basketball team are as high as the peak of an Ellen Canale jump shot.

And so they should be, considering four starters — including Canale — are returning for the Rocks, who won 15 games and the Western Lakes Activities Association title in 2003.

"I think we have a chance to be very, very good this season," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "We have four starters returning and we have a nice group of complementary players coming off the bench."

Along with Canale, returning starters are Alyssa Guerin, Kathryn Wheatley and Theresa Coppellie.

The Rocks had a busy summer, competing in the maximum number of off-season games allowed by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Their schedule took them throughout the Midwest and included tournaments in Chicago and Cleveland.

"We don't have a girl over 6 feet tall, but we have three that are 5-10, so we should be all right around the basket," Thomann said.

PLEASE SEE BASKETBALL, B2



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Canton's Molly Conlon focuses on the rim while shooting free throws at Tuesday morning's practice.

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**FOOTBALL**

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Although it's only mid-August, Baechler said he's encouraged by what he sees in this year's team.

I'm very excited, he said. We have five starters returning on both sides of the ball. The number one thing we're stressing to the kids this year is creating good habits, and the way you do that is by working hard and doing things over and over again.

Among the key returnees for the Chiefs this season will be seniors Jake Powers (linebacker/tight end), Chuck Schumacher (running back) and Julian Smith (running back/linebacker).

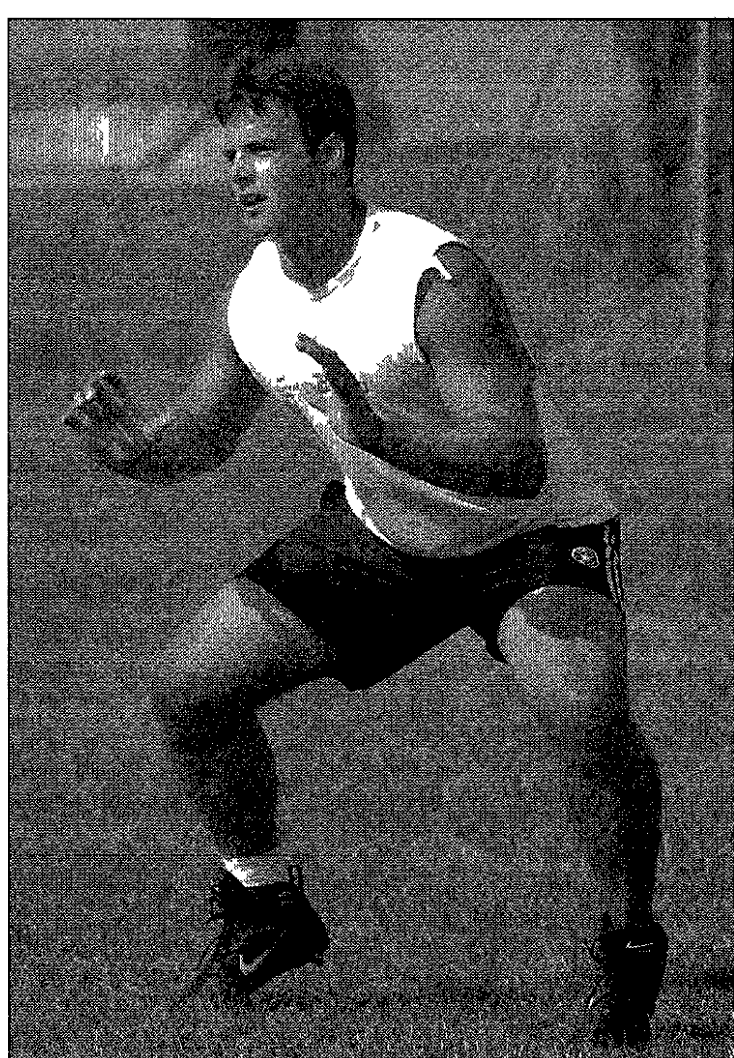
**NO CANADA**

For just the second time in the past several years, the Rocks did not pack up and move the first three days of their conditioning camp across the Ambassador Bridge to Windsor, Ontario.

There were a couple of factors for that decision, Rocks coach Bob Cummings said. "First of all, they're doing some construction work at the university we usually stay at, so we would have been restricted by what we could use. Secondly, with the \$150 pay-to-participate fee that takes effect this year, we thought the extra \$200 we would need from each player for the camp may have been too much to ask. I'm hoping we can get things worked out and go back there next year."

Cummings said the annual trips to Canada were helpful for more than just the physical benefits that were derived from the camp.

"Going to Canada was a great opportunity for the players to bond because they're together around the clock for three straight days," Cummings said. "It was a lot like what college football teams go through, living in a dorm for a few days. It put everyone in a great mind-set. Cummings said he is cautiously optimistic heading



Canton senior linebacker Jake Powers completes an agility exercise on the opening day of high school football practice Monday.

TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

into the 2004 season.

"We have a great group of core players coming back," he said. "The problem is we don't have a lot of depth, so if a few of our key players go down, we could be in trouble."

**FIRST STEPS**

Enthusiasm reigned at the Plymouth Wildcats' first official varsity football practice Monday afternoon on the sun-dried field just west of the school.

Case in point: a successful pursuit drill, which drew a loud reaction from most of the 39 varsity players and coaches when it was completed successfully.

"We really got an outstanding effort from the kids this summer," Plymouth assistant coach Ryan Bell said.

We have a great group of players and coaches who are committed to making this a successful program."

Bell said the team has its sights set a feat no other first-year Michigan varsity football team has accomplished.

"We've heard that the most wins ever by a first-year team is three, so our goal is to beat that," Bell said.

"It's going to be a challenge because we don't have seniors like the teams we'll be playing, but these kids are working hard and giving an extra effort."

Plymouth's junior varsity squad was formidable last year, finishing 8-0-1, so teams that look past the Wildcats because of their 'first-year' status may be in for a rude awakening.

**WaCo Wolves finish third in CABA World Series**

The 15-and-under WaCo Wolves ended its 2004 season with a 35-15 overall record along with a third-place finish in the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series in Chicago, Ill.

The Wolves went 6-3 in tournament play ousted in the undefeated pool play bracket by the Northwest (Wash.) Titans, 7-5, as Ohioans Wes Jones (Toledo St. John's) and Mark Strauss (Northview) paced the hitting attack.

Behind the hitting of Harder and Alex Cowart, the Wolves posted a 8-7 semifinal victory over Marysville (Wash.) Jamell Terry and Anthony Savone handled the pitching chores.

Andrew Pinkelman (Evergreen, Ohio) hit a pair of 400-foot homers and the Wolves scored 12 times in the first inning to mercy the 5-1 Mount Greenwood (Wis.) Brewers in a quarter-final matchup.

John Ballarin (Redford Catholic Central) was the winning pitcher.

In the first round of elimination play, the

Wolves beat St. Rita's (Chicago, Ill.), 6-2, behind the pitching of David White (Taylor) and the hitting of J.J. Pierce and Locklear.

The Wolves finished 3-1 in the preliminary round, opening the tournament with a 13-4 victory over Patterson Park (Ill.) as White threw four shutout innings. Savone scored three runs, while Tyler Locklear (Plymouth H.S.) and Billy Hardin (Redford CC) scored two apiece.

The Northwest Titans handed the Wolves their first defeat, 7-5.

The Wolves then rebounded with a 10-2 win over Oak Forest (Ill.) as Terry and Ballarin got the job done on the mound. Catcher Taylor Younce (Livonia Churchill) cut down two base stealers in the victory.

The Wolves then earned the second seed, rallying from an 6-0 deficit for an 8-7 triumph over the Chicago (Ill.) Force as Dan Harder and Tyler Loehr, both of Brighton, added some timely hitting off the bench. Strauss, the center fielder, scored two runs in the come-from-behind win.

**BASKETBALL**

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**CANTON**

In Bob Blohm's 38 years of coaching basketball, he hasn't had the opportunity to work with too many players with more talent and physical tools than senior center Katie Cezat, who is gearing up to start her fourth season at the varsity level.

The sky is the limit this season for Cezat, who averaged more than 20 points and 10 rebounds a game as a junior, and earned enough postseason accolades to fill the three-second lane.

"Katie played a lot of basketball this summer for our team and for the Motor City Blazers," Blohm said. "She's excelled at every level she's played at, so I'm looking forward to her senior season."

The Chiefs honed their skills this summer in several tournaments and camps.

"The girls have played a lot of ball together the past couple of months," Blohm said. "I've seen a lot of improvement in their game. They're going to have to continue to improve, though, because the league is going to be tough, plus we play a difficult non-league schedule."

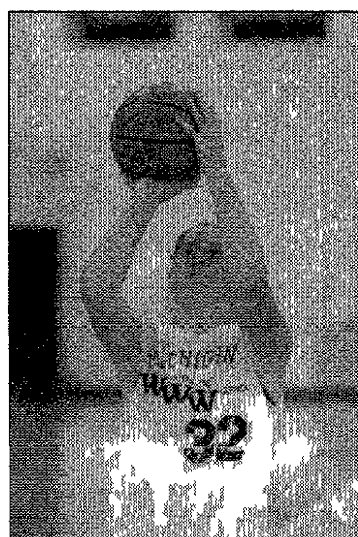
**PLYMOUTH**

As her team ran methodically through its motion offense Tuesday morning in the gleaming Plymouth High School gymnasium, Wildcats coach Richelle Reilly periodically halted the steady flow of picks, cuts and layups to offer tips to her humor-laden squad.



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Members of the Plymouth girls basketball team complete their end-of-practice sprints Tuesday morning.



Salem's Kathryn Wheatley works on her free throw shooting form during Tuesday morning's practice.

in progress, but judging by last year's 14-5 record (9-0 against junior varsity opponents and 5-5 against varsity teams), there's good reason to think they may eventually turn into a work of art.

"We're all looking forward to the challenge playing at the varsity level will bring," Reilly said as her team hustled through a series of post-practice sprints.

"Obviously, with no seniors, we aren't going to have the experience that our opponents have, but the only way you get that experience is by getting out there and playing."

Eight juniors and three sophomores fill the Wildcats' roster heading into their initial varsity campaign.

The team's fortunes will rest squarely on the shoulders of Jeanne Moise, Kim Olech, Colleen Flaherty and Janet Hanchette, all of whom have excelled on the court since their freshman season in 2002.

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# Pride-Stars cap off season with 42-7 mark

The Plymouth-Canton Pride-Stars 14-and-under girls softball team recently completed a season to remember, finishing with a 42-7 record and seventh-place standing in the 14U USSSA World Series in Orlando, Fla.

The team, which was coached by Rich Rohn, defeated squads from Ohio, Maryland, California, Florida and Tennessee on its way to a 6-2 mark in Orlando.

Sixty-three of the elite 14U teams in the country competed in the tournament.

A one-run loss to eventual champion Arkansas halted the Pride-Stars' title aspirations.

The Pride-Stars were the top-ranked team in the USSSA's Great Lakes Region during the regular season.



Pictured (from left, top row) are Melissa Butzow, Hilary Payne, Kim Klonowski, Kelly Behr, Claire Ostrowski, Mary Kate McWhirter (bottom row) Nicole Rago, Kim Beaudoin, Kait McKinley, Kate Staley and Melissa Plante.

# Athletes give new turf thumbs up

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

General Sports Turf Systems is already getting a thumbs-up, just ask the Livonia Franklin High football team.

"It's like dying and going to heaven," said Patriot assistant coach Armand Vigna. "You can practice with hashmarks and lines. It's amazing."

Two of the three synthetic surfaces, financed when \$2.1 million was left over from a previous bond issue project for new fieldhouses, are scheduled to go on parade this fall for all three Livonia Public High schools.

Franklin has already begun two-a-day practices on the new surface, while Churchill's is set to be up and running by the football team's first varsity scrimmage next Thursday. Meanwhile, Stevenson's field is slated to be completed by the second or third week in September.

The production process, called tufting, is composed of a polyethylene fiber with an infill product. It consists of a naturally occurring siliceous sedimentary mineral compound in blended mesh sizes of both sand and Ecofill (a cryogenic rubber from recycled tires).

The Franklin project, which included excavating, grading and packing before the Sports Turf was actually laid down, took approximately 90 days.

Once the turf was in place, the field was lined and specially-designed Patriot logo at midfield was painted.

"It's nice, I like it because it doesn't fall apart like grass," said Franklin senior offensive and defensive lineman Toby Zurenko. "It's softer, but you sometimes get scrapes or scratches. But it doesn't slow me down. You really can't tell the difference."

Quarterback Eric Pacifici, also a senior, has seen immediate benefits.

"It's great because it gives you a great in-game feel with the hashmarks, markers and goalposts," he said. "It seems

like the practice flows. You get in a game-type feel and it makes you feel more comfortable. You just get more done on turf."

"You get some scrapes, but you just deal with it and get used to it. When you're on (regular) grass, you get bit by bugs. On the turf you don't have to worry about bugs."

Both the Franklin varsity and JV football teams practice on the Sports Turf, while the freshman squad uses a patch of grass between the new high school fieldhouse and the McKinley Elementary School playground.

"The past two days we've actually had something to practice on, which is a lined field," Franklin varsity football coach Chris Kelbert said. "I know I haven't been as sore. It's real comfortable. You can just organize things better when it's centrally located."

The boys and girls JV and varsity soccer teams will also play all their games on Sports Turf at Claude Snary Field, but will continue to practice off-site at Emerson Middle School.

All three high schools will also enjoy synthetic baseball infields.

"What we can say now, with both our indoor and outdoor facilities, is that very few school districts in our state can compare with us," Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye said.

"At Franklin, it provides us with both a game and practice facility because we're landlocked. In the past it's been tough to practice when you have three football teams as well as two soccer teams."

Hammye also doesn't have to worry anymore about unplayable fields.

"Having a grass and a clay-base, the root system never developed," he said.

"It got muddy. We essentially were playing on a dirt field. There was no grass at all and the maintenance was futile. You could not do enough with the (grass) field and help it recover."

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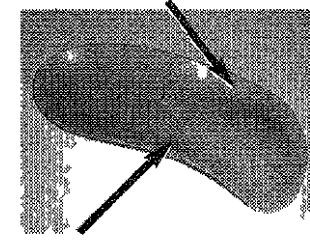
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Not only that, but a lot of bowhunters shy away from the woods during the first couple weeks of the season, especially in southern Michigan. They'll be out in force on opening day, but after the initial invasion a lot of hunters will spend more time at home than in the woods because the weather is often a little too warm and the bugs can be down right maddening.

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Bill Parker

by getting out before the crowds.

Two or three weeks into the season and many of the adult deer will have already keyed in on the increased human activity around them. They'll become increasingly skittish as the season progresses and when the pressure is too much they'll simply leave the area for the quieter confines of the surrounding, less-pressured, private lands.

Early bow season is the best time to hunt most public land in southern Michigan.

By the end of June the bucks

start moving around more and more. Hunters who scout during July, August and September stand the best chance of intercepting a buck early in the season, before the pressure alters their movements.

The key to public land bow hunting is to get out early and to get off the path. You won't find an overlooked hotspot unless you get off the trails and out of the areas everyone else is hunting. Learn where the heavy cover is and where the deer are feeding.

The months of August and especially September are prime scouting months. Start out scouting early, just like you would when hunting. Set up a blind — elevated or ground level — that affords a clear view in several directions.

Sit quietly and patiently, just like you would when hunting, and study the deer activity

around you.

When you feel it's time to get up and move around, do so quietly and carefully. Wear scent-control clothing like rubber gloves and boots. Try not to leave a clue of your presence.

Food sources will change as summer turns to fall and fall to winter, but you can bet your best bow that whatever food is available on Sept. 20 will still be available on Oct. 1.

Walk the perimeter of feeding areas and see where the trails come from and go to. Once you've patterned their feeding habits, backtrack the trails to locate bedding areas.

The Waterloo and Pinckney recreation areas. Located in northeastern Jackson and northwestern Washtenaw counties, these two, side-by-side recreation areas offer over 30,000 acres of huntable public land.

You'll find deer at both. The terrain is a little thicker at Pinckney, and that turns a lot of hunters off. It's tougher to hunt, but there are some nice areas of hardwood ridges that drop off into swampy lowlands.

The Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion offers over 4,000 acres of land and turns out numerous bucks every year. Like the others, Bald Mountain receives heavy hunter and hiker pressure.

There are some nice rolling hills in the northern portion of the park, broken up by swamps and pothole lakes. The best hunting here will be early, before the pressure gets turned up and the deer head for private land.

The Ortonville Recreation Area and the Metamora-Hadley Recreation Area are both located in southwestern Lapeer County. Surprisingly, then don't receive

half the hunting pressure. Bald Mountain receives, despite being less than 15 miles away.

Metamora is 8,000 acres in size and features a lot of upland hardwoods and oak ridges as well as some swampy lowlands.

The Ortonville Recreation Area is 5,000 acres in size and consists of mostly hardwoods and pothole lakes. The area around Horseshoe Lake has held a pretty good deer population in past years.

One final southern Michigan spot worth checking into is the Holly Recreation Area in northwestern Oakland County. Holly is 7,700 acres of wetlands and mixed uplands including an abundance of ridges littered with black and white oaks.

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In addition, any agents or employees of the County who represent otherwise should be reported to the Department of Management and Budget, Bella Marshall, Chief Financial Officer for Wayne County at (313) 224-0446 or Carla Sledge, Deputy Chief Financial Officer at (313) 224-0696.

We ask the vendor community to work with the County to respect our governmental processes and protect the County Treasury. As public officials, we treat the public trust with the utmost respect and guard the public treasury with the utmost caution.

**ROBERT A. FICANO**  
**WAYNE COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
Bella I. Marshall  
Chief Financial Officer

# Illness costs decathlete shot at Olympics

BY PAUL BEAUDRY  
STAFF WRITER

When the 2004 Olympic Games begin next week, Dave Stewart will be watching, like most of the world

But you'll have to forgive him if he turns away from the TV from time to time, especially when the men's decathlon is on

He'll look at the competitors as compadres, cheer them on and share their success

The 29-year-old will also wonder what would have happened if he hadn't been too sick to be at his peak on the biggest weekend of his life, if he had been able to take something to help him through the day, if things hadn't gone wrong for the wrong 48-hour stretch

"It's going to be bittersweet," said Stewart, a Livonia resident who teaches at Redford's Vandenberg Elementary and is one of Canada's top decathletes "You're excited for the guys you know and who can do well like (training partner and U.S. champion) Bryan Clay and (Livonia's) Paul Terek. I've very excited for them, but at the same time, it's hard to watch some other athletes who are less capable than you are"

The Sarma, Ontario, native was among the top three finishers every year he was at Eastern Michigan University as well as winning the Mid-American Conference indoor title, before his graduation in 2000

Stewart stayed with the decathlon and continued training, but in May 2003 blew out his left leg jumping — tearing his medial lateral meniscus and ACL. Instead of trying to continue advancing his training, he spent precious months rehabilitating his knee

"It's usually a 12-month process and went through a lot of pain, but I pushed that ahead of schedule," Stewart said "In February (2004), when I went to California to train, I couldn't do a side lunge



CHERYL TREWORTHY

Dave Stewart (right) competes in the 100-meter dash in the Mt. San Antonio College Relays in April against Livonia's Paul Terek (middle) and Ypsilanti native Chad Smith

on my knee, but in a couple of months was long jumping 23-8 and high jumping 6-6"

In February, Stewart took a leave of absence from Vandenberg and headed to California to train with Clay. He'd train for three weeks and head back to Michigan for a week with sponsors from Canada picking up the tab

Finally in May, he came back to Michigan one last time before his final push at qualifying and returned with his wife Stacy and daughter Kyra. But just before it was time to head up to the Canadian National Championships in Victoria, British Columbia, one of them got sick. Then the other. Then Stewart

"They tried to stay away, but how much of that can you do lying in an apartment?" Stewart said "I hadn't been sick all year — in fact Stacy gave me a bottle of Nyquil and Dayquil before I left and it went unused for five months

Here I am, burning up, throat closed, can't hear because my ears are plugged and I can't take anything because anything I could take would be banned and that

compounds the problem. When you are peaking for an event, everything is crystal clear. This is the exact opposite. It's the one bad thing about track. If a professional pitcher has a bad game, three days later he's on the mound. If you have a bad day in track, you have four years to sit and ponder"

And it proved not to be Stewart's weekend. In the first event, the 110-meter hurdles, he hit a hurdle and crashed

"I didn't even finish the race," Stewart said "Usually you hit four, five or six hurdles in a race and it's no big deal. But that hurdle had locked with the one in the next lane and it was like hitting a wall"

Stewart later found out that he could have protested the event, but by the time he discovered it, it was too late. Compounding the problem was the fact that his pole vault poles never made it from California to B.C.

By the end of the weekend, the man who had battled back from knee surgery, the man who had the 13th best score in Canadian history just two months before, missed out on

his dream

After leaving B.C., he headed back to California to watch the U.S. trials and cheer on Clay, Terek and some others

It was tough, Stewart said "You watch some of them do things and know you can do better than that and it eats at you — especially knowing that you are in the best shape of your life. You live it, eat it, breathe it and train with the best. It's kind of disappointing, but you bring away the best experience. Mentally, you can't let two days performance take away the last six months of work."

Stewart will still compete for a while. He has a chance to

compete for Canada's B team at the end of August in the Netherlands, as well as in the Decastar meet in Talence, France, with a shot at solid prize money

He'll still watch his training partner Clay — who is still trying to convince him to shoot for the 2008 games in Beijing — and his long-time friend and rival Terek

"I'm a little bit older than Paul, but we competed together when he was at Michigan State," Stewart said "I used to beat up on him, but he improved incredibly — especially since he went out West to train

"But that's a choice you

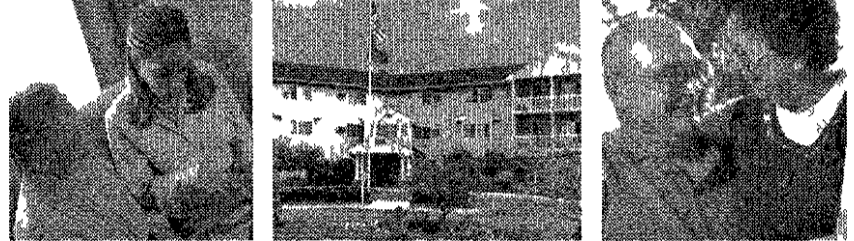
make — either go and train or make money and start a family. I went with family and work and it's kind of hard to sit around and watch people do what you know you can do. I used to beat Paul, but he has the dedication you need and he's done great things. You need to live out of a 400-square-foot apartment and drive a beatup Chevy Nova, have no bills and live to train

"If I did that the last four years, it would be a different story, especially when I see how much I've improved in the last six months"

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**This Monday, August 9th - 9 am-9 pm**  
**Tuesday, August 10th - 9 am-8 pm**  
**Wednesday, August 11th - 9 am-8 pm**  
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Tennyson Chevrolet will have 228 bank repos, lease returns, and other used vehicles for thousands below normal values and pass those savings on to their customers. "These have been acquired at incredible savings from banks (repos), factory auctions and other sources," Kit Tennyson (Owner of Tennyson Chevrolet) said. "Our creditors have asked us to sacrifice this inventory immediately — regardless of loss of profit. If that means selling these vehicles for near or below wholesale than that is what we will do."

Every bank repo and other pre-owned vehicle will be available for just \$29 plus a fee\* and then start making payments. "It's that simple," said Kit. "To make these bargains even easier we'll mark the payment right on the windshield. Just pick a car and pick a payment. You won't find a faster, easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type and price range or vehicle will be available, from luxury to

4x4's to basic transportation. "With pre-owned vehicles near an all time high, chances are we will have what you are looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Kit said. "We have flown in extra sales and financial staff from three states to ensure prompt, courteous, service and the best finance terms possible. Kit said, "We will have over \$5 million in financing available for this event, so chances are we can arrange financing for just about everyone who is employed, regardless of past history."

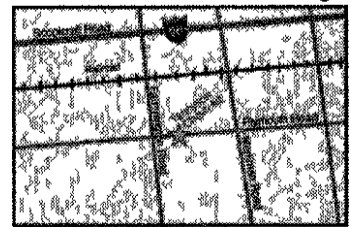
All trade-ins will be accepted with a minimum \$2,500 guarantee value and customers are encouraged to bring in their titles or payment book to expedite immediate delivery of these vehicles.

The opportunity bargain hunters have been waiting for is here, at Tennyson Chevrolet, Monday, August 9th thru Saturday, August 14th.

Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$29 and then start making the payments. Customers won't find a faster, easier way to save big money on a great used vehicle," Kit said.

After the Mega-Sale ends Saturday, August 14th at 4 pm we will send many of these vehicles to auction. Any questions can be directed to (734) 425-6500. Tennyson Chevrolet is located at 32570 Plymouth Road in Livonia and again the dates and times for this event are as follows:

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"We hope to see everyone there and ready to walk away with the deal of a lifetime," said Kit.

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**BRAVES TRYOUTS**

The Plymouth-Canton Braves will be holding open tryouts for their 2005 12-and-under travel baseball team on Aug 28 from 1 p m to 4 p m. The tryouts will be held at Pioneer Middle School, which is located on Ann Arbor Rd. in Plymouth, between Sheldon and Beck roads. For more information, call (734) 340-3435 or (734) 416-3317.

**PC PRIDE TRYOUTS**

Tryouts for the Plymouth-Canton Pride girls softball teams will be held at the Canton Softball Center on Aug 21 and 22 from 10 a m to 2 p m, and on Aug 24 from 6 p m to 8 p m. Players interested in trying out need to attend just one of the tryout sessions. The pride will have 10U, 12U, 14U and 16U. For more information, contact Rich Rohn at (734) 981-5989, or Dan Bressler at (734) 927-9757.

**WOLVES TRYOUTS**

The Michigan Wolves 13-and-under travel baseball team will be holding tryouts for the 2005 season in late August and early September. The Wolves will play 50-60 games, including league play and up to 10 tournaments both in and out of state. Players must turn 13 after Aug 1, 2004. For more information, call Tim Broughton at (734) 645-9033.

**WILDCAT GOLF OUTING**

A golf outing to benefit the Plymouth High School athletic

department will be held Sunday, Sept 19, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at the intersection of Ford and Napier roads. The event, a four-person scramble, will kick off with an 8 a m shotgun start. For \$100, participants will receive 18 holes of golf with a cart, a T-shirt, snack at the turn and a steak dinner following golf. There will be longest-drive, closest-to-the-pin and skins competitions available to the golfers. For more information, contact Plymouth Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

**GOLF INFO**

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

**COACHES WANTED**

Plymouth High School currently has coaching openings for the following athletic teams: girls cross country, boys cross country and girls/boys diving. Anyone interested in these positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700, or stop by the Plymouth athletic department, located at 8400 N Beck Road in Canton, to pick up an application.

**WATER EXERCISE, CHALLENGE**

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation will hold its River

Challenge classes at 6 p m Wednesdays and 8 a m Saturdays, along with its Deep Water Exercise classes 10 a m Tuesdays and Fridays at the Community Center Aquatics pool. The River Challenge class is a 50-minute class. Webbed water gloves will be provided, however, you must wear your own water shoes to each class. The Deep Water Exercise class will provide effective resistance to strengthen and tone the upper and lower body, as well as an abdomen workout to achieve greater flexibility. It is also therapy for sports injuries. Swim ability is not necessary. Water jogging belts are available, or you can bring your own. You must wear your own water shoes to each class. For more information, or to register, call (734) 466-2925 or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

**VOLLEYBALL CAMP**

The fifth annual Community Volleyball Camp will be held Tuesday through Thursday at the St. John's Golf Center on Five Mile Rd., east of Sheldon. The camp runs from 5-7 p m each day and is for girls in fifth through eighth grades. The camp is also run by certified AAU and CYO volleyball coaches and has a \$75 fee. For more information, please call Kim Price at (734) 635-7498.

**PLAYERS WANTED**

Waza FC is looking for players for an U10 and U13 girls soccer team. For more information, call Colleen Debolski at (248) 477-1252 or e-mail wazaclubmanager@hotmail.com.

**JOHN GLENN REUNION**

Westland John Glenn will stage a football reunion for all former players and coaches, Friday and Saturday, Oct 1-2. A schedule of events includes meeting at half-time for the football homecoming game (Oct 1), as well as an informal dinner (Oct 2) at the Wayne-Ford Civic League Hall. The cost for the weekend is \$20 per player (includes awards, hall rental, refreshments, and picture CD of the reunion). For more information, e-mail Mark Jennings at mjennings@twimrr.com.

**MU X-COUNTRY**

Madonna University will offer cross country as a varsity sport for men and women, beginning with the 2005-06 school year. The programs will begin play and compete for championships in both the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference and National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics in that

season. The sport will bring the number of varsity programs the school offers to 11. No coach has been named yet and the school will begin its search for one immediately. Athletic director Bryan Rizzo is beginning the search for a head coach for both teams. Resumes and cover letters can be sent to his attention at 36600 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia, MI, 48150.

**GOLF: THE MUSICAL**

Meadow Brook Theatre is offering a chance to watch golf and play golf. *Golf The Musical*, an off-Broadway play will appear at the theatre from Aug 25-Sept 19, in its only Michigan performance. The play features 18 songs and is perfect for the golfer or golf widow. The golfer will like the fact that by ordering tickets now, they will be entitled to golf Oakland University's private Katke-Cousins Golf Course. For more information, call the Meadow Brook Theatre's box office at (248) 377-3300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com.

**STEVENSON GRID REUNION**

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

game against Livonia Churchill. For more information, call coach Tim Gabel at (734) 744-2660 or e-mail tgabel@livonia.k12.mi.us. You can also visit http://shs40.freewebspace.com.

**LIVONIA GOLF PRACTICE**

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation is offering golf practice from 9 a m to noon each Wednesday this summer at the Community Recreation Center, located at Hubbard and Five Mile roads. An annual pass or daily fee is required in addition to the \$6 bucket fee. For information, call (734) 466-2900.

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

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (FY 2003 CDBG "CAPER") PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The above named document for the Canton Community Development Block Grant Program is available for inspection at the Community Services Division office, 44237 Michigan Avenue, Canton, Michigan 48188. 734 394 5194. Ex 5194 during regular office hours. The document describes the performance of the CDBG program July 1 2003 June 30, 2004. Comments will be accepted on the CAPER for a period of 30 days beginning August 12 2004. Comments received during the public comment period or during the public hearing to be scheduled at a later date will be forwarded to the Department of HUD and will become an addendum to the aforementioned document. Publish August 12 2004. Terry Bennett Clerk

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON COMBINED NOTIFICATION FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS**

On or about August 30 2004 the above named Municipality will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93 383) for the following projects located in the Charter Township of Canton:

- PROJECT Human Services Center Construction 50430 School House Road FY 2004 CDBG \$275 000 "Continuing Relevance"
- PROJECT Housing Rehabilitation FY 2004 \$9,400 "Continuing Relevance"
- PROJECT Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency FY 2004 \$1 500 "New"
- PROJECT Lots Purchase (Marlowe), \$40 000 (approx) FY 2003 \$8 600 FY 2002 \$31 400
- DETERMINATION It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the Charter Township of Canton has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91 190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare such a statement are as follows: Human Services Center Construction and Lots Purchase (Marlowe) are environmentally assessed under 24 CFR 58.36. Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency is categorically excluded under 24 CFR 58.35(a)(3)(i). An Environmental Review Record has been made by the Charter Township of Canton which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file with the Charter Township of Canton and is available for public examination and copying (for a fee) upon request at the office of the Community Services Division, 44237 Michigan Avenue, Canton, Michigan 48188 1699 (734) 394 5194 Extension 5194 between the hours of 9 00 a m and 4 30 p m Monday through Friday. No further environmental review of the projects is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds. All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Community Services Division at the above described address. Such written comments must be received on or before August 12 2004. All such comments so received will be considered and the Municipality will not request the release of federal funds or take administrative action on the projects before the date specified in the preceding sentence.
- CERTIFICATION The Charter Township of Canton will undertake the project with Community Development Block Grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1974. The Charter Township of Canton is certifying to HUD that the Charter Township of Canton and Thomas J Yack in his capacity of Township Supervisor consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the Charter Township of Canton may use the Block Grant Funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the Applicant or (b) that the Applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision finding or step applicable to the project in an environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to HUD at McNamara Federal Building 17th Floor, 477 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48226. Objections to the release of funds on the basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after September 14 2004 will be considered by HUD. THOMAS J YACK Supervisor TERRY BENNETT Clerk Publish August 12 2004

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

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

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

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S. Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3 00 p m August 26TH 2004 for the following:

**REAR YARD SEWER EASEMENT MACHINE**

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

TERRY G BENNETT CLERK

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

CONSIDERATION OF CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE FOR RT DETROIT FRANCHISE LLC (d/b/a Ruby Tuesday)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to Liquor License Ordinance Chapter 6 Section 6 32 of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday August 24 2004 at the Summit on the Park 46000 Summit Parkway at 7 00 p m for the following purpose:

To hear and take testimony to consider and recommend an action to the Michigan Liquor License Commission of the request of RT Detroit Franchise LLC for issuance of a Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales to be located in the Premier Center on the north side of Michigan Avenue west of Canton Center Road, Canton, Wayne County, Michigan 48188.

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

Terry G Bennett Clerk

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**A-1 International Homecare, Inc. 42217 E. Ann Arbor Rd. Plymouth, Michigan 48170**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations will conduct an unannounced survey of this organization's home health program to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether and the conditions under which accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives at the time of the survey. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

Office of Quality Monitoring  
Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations  
One Renaissance Boulevard  
Oakbrook Terrace IL 60181  
800 994 6610

The Joint Commission will acknowledge such requests and will inform the organization of the request for an interview.

This notice is posted in compliance with the Joint Commission's requirements and may not be removed before the survey is completed.

A 1 International Homecare Inc  
42217 E Ann Arbor Rd  
Plymouth Michigan 48170  
Date Posted August 6 2004

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**STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDINANCE NO: C-2004-02**

**AMENDMENT TO FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 51 1250 OF CHAPTER 51 FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO A MINOR ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR REGULATION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALE OR FURNISHINGS PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OR SEVERABILITY PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE

**THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS**

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO THE CODE**

Chapter 51 Section 51 1250 is hereby amended to read as follows:

**51 1250 Alcoholic Beverages, Sale or Furnishing to a Minor**

A It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly sell or furnish alcoholic liquor to a person who is less than 21 years of age or fail to make diligent inquiry as to whether the person is less than 21 years of age. In an action for the violation of this section, proof that the defendant or the defendant's agent or employee demanded and was shown, before furnishing alcoholic liquor to a person under 21 years of age, a motor vehicle operator's license or a registration certificate issued by the Federal Service or other bona fide documentary evidence of the age and identity of that person shall be a defense.

B If a violation of this subsection is the result of an undercover operation in which the minor received alcoholic liquor under the direction of the State Police, the Commission or a local police agency as part of an enforcement action, the retail licensee's clerk, agent or employee is responsible for a Civil Infraction and may be ordered to pay a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

C A person found to be in violation of this Section, except as specified in subsection B, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days or both in the discretion of the court.

**SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY**

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provision not been included in this Ordinance.

**SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES**

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

**SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

All rights and duties which have matured, penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5. PUBLICATION**

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

**SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance as amended shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

**CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth at its regular meeting called and held on the 13th day of July, 2004, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

MARILYN MASSENGILL Clerk

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Daryl Toby principal, AguaFina Gardens & Imports in Sylvan Lake



Meditation and Chinese gardens provide places to view nature

## SACRED space

Meditation gardens offer grounds for thought

BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

Meditation gardens, with elements that make the site specially peaceful, are havens of tranquility, places to relax in stressful times.

"There's certainly an interest in creating a space in the interior or exterior that is an escape or release from every day," said Daryl Toby, principal, AguaFina Gardens & Imports in Sylvan Lake.

"The people we've done gardens for have been in high-stress jobs. They like the idea of a quiet space," said Andy Cole of All Sorts Spiritual Garden Design, a business in England.

"We all everywhere have stressful lives these days. You want to relax and unwind."

### BRING IN NATURE

Chinese gardens have principles similar to those of meditation gardens.

"The idea is to duplicate nature," said Fran Knorr of Beverly Hills, who has taught a class on Chinese gardens through the Michigan School of Gardening.

An ancient Chinese myth says that mountains are the skeleton of the earth's body and rivers are the arteries, she said.

To replicate this in a garden, rocks can represent

mountains, for example.

A meditation garden must be "relaxing to the eye and have an air of calm," according to the Web site of All Sorts Spiritual Garden Design.

Seating in this garden isn't enclosed in a pergola or archway, so energy can be free flowing.

Low rustling grasses or bubbling water can provide the subtle sounds that are basic features of a meditation garden, the Web site says. The sounds help in the meditation process by giving your conscious mind something on which to focus while you are trying to relax.

PLEASE SEE GARDENS, C3

## Accents

### Sticky subject

James and Morris Carey of AP Weekly

Features offer better ways to glue a small, fine crack and a big, large surface.

Got a long, fine crack in a piece of wood that you want to glue? To avoid having to spread it farther apart to get glue into the crack (and thus risk having it split even more), just pull

unwaxed dental floss through a dab of glue, then through the crack to transfer the glue.

When enough is in place, clamp it and let it dry.

To evenly apply glue to large surfaces, cut a piece of 1-inch diameter foam pipe insulation and slip it onto a 4-inch paint roller frame.

Then roll it on smoothly and evenly where needed. When you're through, simply toss the insulation.

With no muss, no fuss, and little expense, you too can be the undisputed king or queen of glue.

### Anniversary

Mia Mahalo, southeast Michigan's only exclusively eco-friendly store, will celebrate its one-year anniversary 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 19, with a party featuring refreshments, fall product previews, special pricing, samples and representatives of some of the finest products the store carries.

Lori Broesamle opened the store at 407 S. Washington in Royal Oak last year.

Mia Mahalo's product line provides alternatives to standard mattresses, cleaning products and even carpets.

The store carries specialty items unique to Michigan and many parts of the Midwest.

Among the offerings are home furnishings, food, body care and aromatherapy items, organic diapers and clothing, glassware made from recycled wine bottles, lamps and wine bottle holders made from chopsticks, and Ghery-inspired cardboard chairs.

Mia Mahalo also presents guest speakers and educational seminars on a wide variety of subjects, including sustainable living, menopause, immunizations, Darkfield, various yoga disciplines, and holistic topics.

Recently, Broesamle partnered with Ford Motor Co. to do a window installation of the new Ford Hybrid and to honor Ford's commitment to "Greening" with projects such as the Rouge Plant.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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## MARKET PLACE

### Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace on the front of At Home? We'd like to feature it! Send a photo or slide of the piece along with information to Ken Abramczyk, At Home editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

### Artistic drive

Margie Guyot of Farmington Hills specializes in oil paintings of collector and classic cars. "Reflections and natural looking, real world backgrounds are what I find exciting," she said. Shown here is one of Guyot's oil paintings from this year, At the Car Show No. 1. The artist had a one-person show at The Scarab Club in January. She is featured in an exhibit at the Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine at Fourth Street in Rochester, now to Sept. 25. Visit [www.margieguyot.com](http://www.margieguyot.com)



### Clear Vision

The Vision is a stylish new concept in bird cages from the Rolf C. Hagen (USA) Corp. With transparent "bay windows" at its corners, the Vision has fewer metal bars than traditional cages. This gives bird lovers a better chance to enjoy a natural view of their pets. The distinctive, elegant shape of the Vision, along with its pastel color palettes (including banana, blue lilac and lime green), will enhance the decor of any room. Wood, terra-cotta, stainless steel and frosted glass components coordinate with popular home design trends. A matching stand features storage space for a bird's supplies. The Vision is available at leading pet stores everywhere. For more information, visit [www.hagen.com](http://www.hagen.com)



# Set goals to accomplish more

I am so ambitious about planning things, but I never seem to accomplish much. I feel disorganized because I manage my time inefficiently. Help!



**Domestic Planner**

Diana Koenig

Set goals. Successful people set goals and work toward accomplishing their goals. There are different types of goals, long-term goals, short-term goals, personal goals, work goals, constant goals, and temporary goals.

Write a list of your goals. Research shows that people who write down their goals are more likely to reach them. If you have difficulty getting organized each day, take a few minutes the night before to write a list of what you hope to accomplish the next day. Visualize the start of the next day. This will help you to be ready. Check things off as you complete them. This will give you a sense of accomplishment and keep you motivated.

Everyone has different goals. It is important when setting goals to measure them against your standards and expectations, not other people's. Some people need a working surface totally clear of clutter before they can prepare dinner or pay bills. Others function just fine with piles of papers pushed to the side. I work best with the surface totally clear. Therefore my goal would be different from those who function fine with clutter around them.

## BE REALISTIC

Your goals need to be realistic. Think about what bothers you the most. Are you always late to appointments, meetings, or other engagements? Are you frustrated because you constantly misplace items? Does your kitchen floor always seem to be dirty? If these things bother you, set realistic goals based on problem areas in your life.

Work patiently and slowly toward reaching your organizational goals. You were not born organized so you must train yourself in this area. Crash diets and cramming for exams are not very successful. Master one goal before moving on to the next.

Setting goals may involve change in your life. Start with the one thing you want to change the most.

Write down what needs to be changed, how your life would be improved by the change, a plan to implement the change, and a list of actions to make the change. Focus on an area that frustrates you the most. Once you have successfully made a change in one area, repeat the process with another area of your life.

- What area of your life needs to be changed? Example: I am frequently late for appointments.
- How would your life be improved by making this change? Example: I would not be embarrassed by showing up late for appointments.
- What plan would you use to implement the change? Example: Set the timer to ring at the appropriate time to leave.
- What action will be taken to implement the change?

Example: I have a dental appointment on Monday morning at 8:30 a.m. It takes 15 minutes to drive to the dentist's office. I need to set the timer to ring at 8:05 a.m. so that I can prepare to leave the house 10 minutes early. It is important to allow extra time in case something unexpected occurs.

When something becomes routine or you become proficient in an area, you no longer need to write it down.

I have a goal to maintain a clean, clutter-free home. One way I reach my goal is to routinely clean each week. This is the day I thoroughly clean. I do not schedule lunch, golf, errands or shopping on this particular day. With rare exceptions, I consistently accomplish this goal.

I no longer have to write this down.

Goals help you accomplish what you want to do. To fulfill goals you must specify dates and times.

You will want to make two separate lists: Constant goals and temporary goals. A constant goal might be to drive carpool every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. This goal rarely changes. Remembering to wrap a shower gift for a friend would be a temporary goal. Upon completion, the need for the goal goes away.

**Today's Refrigerator Bulletin:** "Make changes according to your needs!"

Send your questions and success stories to **Diana Koenig**, PO 1702, Manchester, MO 63011. Email: dianakoenig@hotmail.com or www.domesticplanner.com

# Appliance basics remain the same

The world we live in today has a great demand on our time. Any product which makes life easier and quicker is always a hit in the marketplace.



**Appliance Doctor**

Joe Gagnon

How much different we are today compared to 1850 is questionable because that's the year the first patent was issued for a dishwashing machine. In 1880, Josephine Cochrane built a dishwashing machine and established the Crescent Washing Machine Co.

No doubt this commercial dishwashing machine was a big hit in lumber camps across America where meals were served in large numbers. In 1926 the Hobart Corporation purchased Josephine's company which later became Kitchen Aid and more recently, Whirlpool.

In 1909, the Walker brothers in Syracuse, N.Y., applied for a patent for the first household style dishwasher which was filled by hand and operated by a pulley-and-belt system.

The homeowner of that day also needed a gasoline engine to engage the belt for operation.

The dishwasher cost \$20 and you might assume that it saved that much for women who, in those days, may have used that much hand lotion to overcome the effects of hand washing.

Advancements brought the moveable or portable dishwasher into the market in 1935 and produced by the

Westinghouse Co.

Here it is 2004 and you might ask yourself what the big difference is between the model of yesteryear and today. It is still a square tub with spray arms swishing the water around inside and uses the same basic principles issued by the great inventors of 100 years ago. You might say that there is no way that you would want an old product in your kitchen, but think of the several companies who are now rebuilding old antique appliances.

They can't rebuild enough of them because some of the wealthier homeowners are spending thousands of dollars to give their kitchen a unique look.

I like to question the selling points that manufacturers bring out in their advertising budgets of millions of dollars. Let's take the interior which is made of stainless steel. It certainly will cost more than porcelain or plastic tubs, but how much cleaner do the dishes come out?

I understand that some homeowners like to open the dishwasher door to show visitors what it's like inside. After a while, that becomes old hat and it's not a show-off feature anymore.

You might like the feature which shows food plates covered with food, which supposedly don't need a rinse before they go into the dishwasher. (Someone once told me of the dishwasher which you could put in a cake on a plate and the grinding impeller would chew it up and send it down the drain.)

Consumers watch this stuff, they believe it and they go out and buy the product.

The next thing you know is the service technician visits the

home and charges \$150 for removing the turkey carcass you forgot to rinse off the plate. The impellers are all jammed and broken, and you're mad at the manufacturer who gave you the impression you didn't have to rinse the dishes.

The issue of inside space is always a big claim but if we stop and think about it, we are always stuffing the dishes in there until we can't put anymore in. The majority of us will stuff the thing after the 12 family members who enjoyed dinner have gone home.

You've just cleaned the kitchen counter and you don't want to do two loads of dishes. It's one area of our habits where we like to finish the job the first time.

If I could talk to the manufacturers of dishwashers in this country and abroad I would ask them for certain things.

Sell me a dishwasher that is quiet so that I can talk on the phone while it is operating.

Guarantee that it will wash and rinse the dishes in a safe manner.

Give me a warranty that shows you believe in your own product that I just purchased. Make it basic like they did back in the old days and give me a life span that is more than 12 years.

Lake Josephine Cochrane would say, "My name is on the product and everytime I meet someone who has purchased one I want to hold my head up with pride."

Give me quality that I expect.

**Joe Gagnon** can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.

## HOME CALENDAR

**Veterinary open house**  
To celebrate its fifth anniversary, Troy Veterinary Hospital will host an open house 1-4 p.m. Saturday Aug. 14. Troy Veterinary Hospital is at 3705 Rochester Road, one-half mile north of Big Beaver Road. Call (248) 689-4520. The open house will include pets for adoption from Oakland Animal

Control free health care and behavioral advice from hospital staff, free food and beverages for pets and people, free balloon animals, samples and gifts, free raffles and free photos with Clifford the Dog. Troy Veterinary Hospital is also presenting two contests. Winners will receive family memberships to the Detroit Zoo.

For the Pet Portrait Contest, children ages 12 and under may submit an original colored drawing of their pet to the hospital on or before 1:30 p.m. Saturday. The art work must have the child's name, age, phone number and address attached. Prizes will be awarded at 2 p.m. for each age group: 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. The artist must be present to win.

For the Pet and Person Look Alike Contest, just show up at the open house with your pet. Judging will take place at 2:30 p.m. The pet and the person must be present to win.

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Does your decor need a splash of color or panache? Have you fallen in love with a special fabric or trim but don't know how to use it? A versatile envelope pillow is the answer. Learn how to make one in Envelope Pillow, a class meeting Thursdays Aug. 12-26 at Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak. Fee is \$60. Make your own pattern in class to suit your desires. The pillow can be almost any shape or size. Call (248) 541-0010. Email: ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com for registration and other information.

**Ultimate Show House**  
The Ultimate Show House, 615 Hanna in Birmingham, is open now through Sunday, Sept. 12. Visitors shuttle from The Somerset Collection, Coolidge and Big Beaver (16 Mile) Road in Troy. Hours are noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Shuttle hours from The Somerset Collection are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Tickets are \$10, available at the Concierge desk at The Somerset Collection North. A ticket purchase will also entitle you to an entry to win the master bedroom set at the Show House, valued at \$11,000 and a complimentary gift from Williams Sonoma Grande Cuisine or The Bombay Co. Other contributions enter participants into a raffle or a chance to putt on a professionally designed golf green. A miniature replica of the Show House

playhouse is on display in The Somerset Collection Grand Court. Make a donation and your child can be architect for the day, receiving an authentic architect tube filled with supplies to use the wildest imagination in drawing the room of your dream home. The artwork will be displayed at The Somerset Collection and their name will be entered into a Sept. 12 drawing for a miniature motorized Porsche or miniature motorized golf cart. Call The Somerset Collection at (248) 643-6360.

If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, or email kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net

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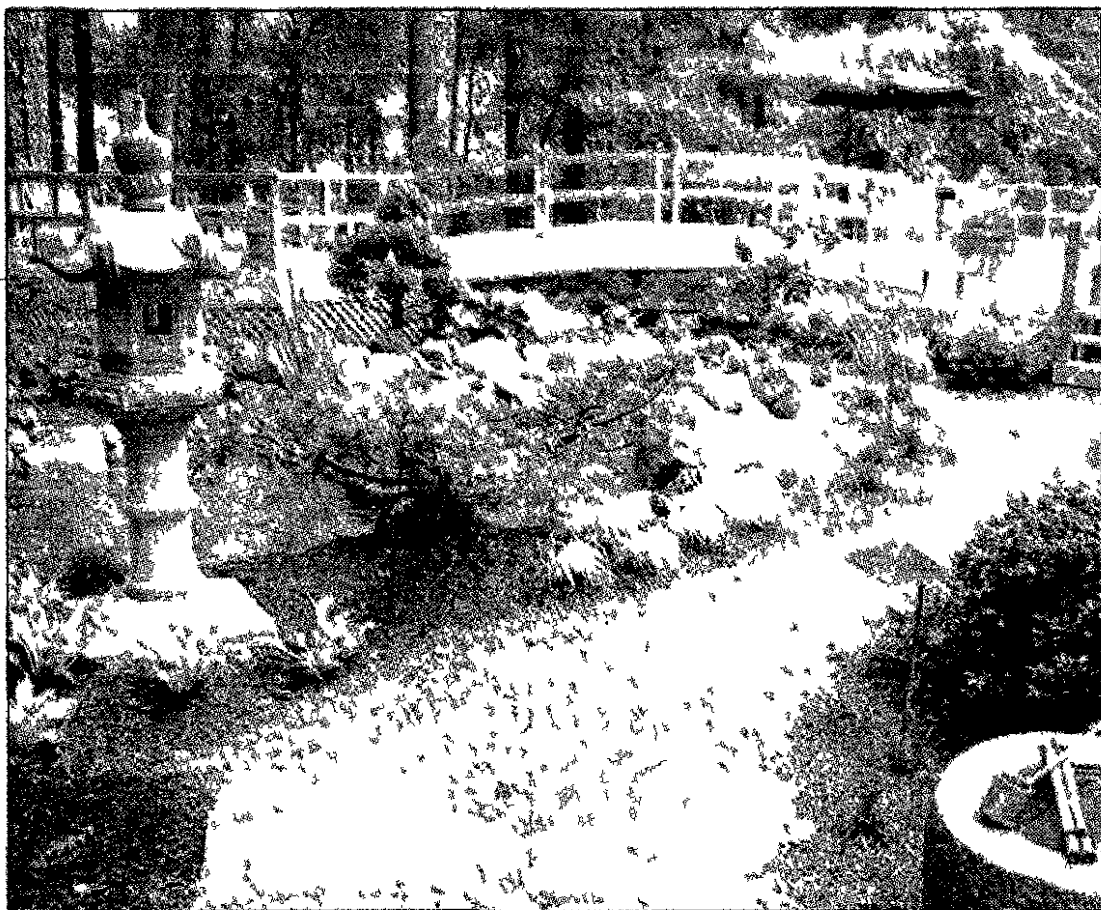


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**GARDENS**

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A labyrinth or pathway can also occupy the mind, Toby said. '(Just) a lawn won't do, he said.

Barson's Greenhouses in Westland offers such soothing garden features as chimes, and bowls called Fantasy Zone, Sky Zone or Mystery Zone that set on a table or frame and create fog from water.

Fantasy Zone includes built-in LED lights that change color. The Chinese garden includes 'borrowing.' This can involve building platforms from which to regard nature.

Much of the grace of traditional Chinese architectural theory and practice grew out of the practice of designing buildings so that they fit harmoniously in the landscape. Chen Lifang and Yu Shanglin wrote in their book, *The Garden Art of China*.

In water borrowing, a semi-circular bridge forms a round shape with its reflection in water. In China the round shape is a symbol of the moon

and perfection.

Plants have specific functions, according to All Sorts Spiritual Garden Design. For example, the birch cultivates spiritual vision, the willow helps in removing negative energies from the body.

Symbolism in the Chinese garden includes the peony (riches and honor), lotus (innocence and purity) and peach (long life).

Bamboo, pine and plum are the "three friends" - they don't wither in the winter, so they symbolize "the virtuous person whose fortitude and uprightness are best revealed in the time of trouble when the going is rough," according to Knorr.

Twelve key ornamentals in the Chinese garden are:

- spring flowering - dark-purple cymbidium, Polyanthus narcissus, tree peony and Japanese apricot
- summer flowering - Chinese pink, gladiolus and China rose
- autumn flowering - Chinese water lily
- winter flowering - net-veined camellia, wintersweet Chinese chrysanthemum and snow azalea.

**NUANCES**

Nuances can add meditative features to a garden.

Toby said that when he was in Japan, he noticed stepping stones in a garden were slightly elevated. It was explained that such stones helped the meditation process, a visitor would concentrate on the steps, freeing his or her mind from everything else.

A pathway made of Indonesian stone, which would have a clinking sound when walked upon, and plants with a lemon scent are examples of other meditative nuances to a garden.

People are making benches out of our antique pavers, where you can feel the patina, Toby said.

Tracery at windows and plant forms is another meditative addition. You look through different spaces in the tracery, seeing a different view each time. Knorr said.

The whole garden doesn't have to be a meditation garden, she said.

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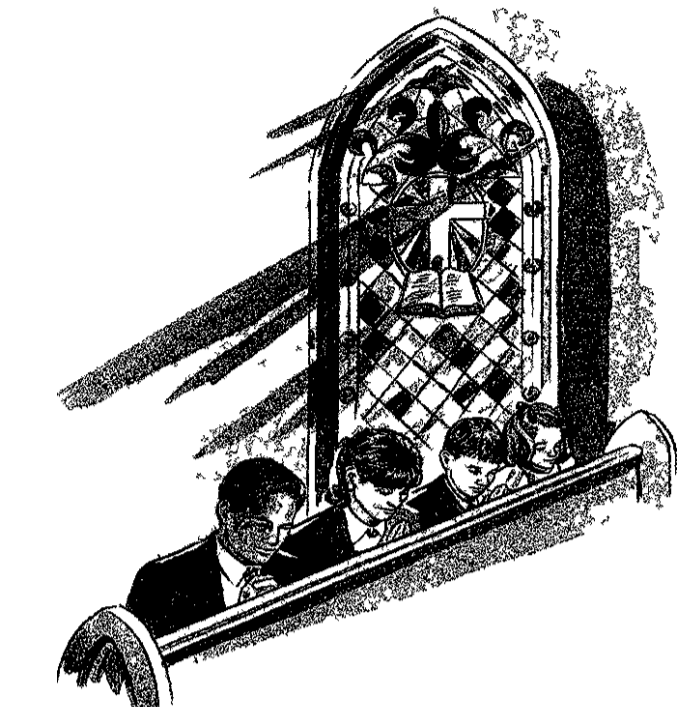
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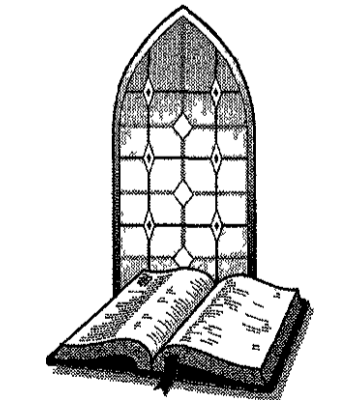
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**The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.** RSV Proverbs 12:15

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

## AUGUST

**Garage Sale**  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday Saturday Aug 12-14 at St. James Presbyterian Church 25350 W Six Mile Redford For more information call (313) 534-7730

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

**Souful Sundown**  
A Contemporary Lutheran Worship Experience 5:30 p.m. (coffee at 5 p.m.) Saturday Aug 14 at Grace Church 46001 Warren Rd. Canton Call (734) 414-7422 Come just as you are Everyone is welcome

**Rummage Sale**  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Aug 14 There will be door prizes food and beverages computers a large selection of books and religious books left handed golf clubs furniture baby items toys clothing new CDs new long sleeve T-shirts new local cultural books at Emmanuel Lutheran Church 23425 Lahser north of Nine Mile Southfield All proceeds will be used to help people in need through Lutheran Social Services and ELCA Domestic and Global Hunger Programs For information call (248) 357-1848

**Stem cell research**  
What is stem cell research? What are the major differences between embryonic stem cells and adult stem cells? What are the pros and cons for both? What are the ethical questions dilemmas and challenges that this research presents to us as U.S. citizens and as Christians? Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church (4175 Farmington Road Livonia just north of I-96) presents a series of lectures by Dr. Kyle Hollman 9:45-10:45 a.m. on Sunday August 15 22 and 29 Dr. Hollman a research scientist in bio medical engineering will present background information and current results His wife Linda director of Outreach at Christ Our Savior Lutheran will present and lead the discussion concerning this topic

**Service in the Park**  
Live music is the highlight of an outdoor church service when the congregation of Heart of the Hills Church celebrates 10:30 a.m. Sunday Aug 15 under the Kiwanis Pavilion in Rochester Municipal Park Everyone in the community is invited to attend this special event which will take place rain or shine A picnic lunch with games follows the service Bring your picnic baskets and blankets and join in the fun Located on Orion Road at Silver Bell in Rochester Heart of the Hills Church is a contemporary interdenominational church which uses relevant humorous preaching and present day music to minister to its congregation For more information visit www.heartofthehills.com or call (248) 652-7774

**Cranbrook Carillon Series**  
The series continues each Sunday at 4 p.m. through Aug 15 at Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church Road one block west of Lone Pine and Cranbrook roads Bloomfield Hills No charge The public is welcome For information call (248) 644-5210

**Carillon Series**  
Begins at 10 a.m. and noon Sunday Aug 15 at Kirk in the Hills 1340 W Long Lake Road Bloomfield Hills Call (248) 626-2515

**Blood drive**  
The American Red Cross holds a blood drive 7:30 p.m. Monday Aug 16 at Merriman Road Baptist Church 2055

Merriman two blocks south of Ford Garden City To schedule an appointment call Pam at (734) 844-7099

**Wednesday Evening Prayer**  
7 p.m. Wednesday Aug 18 and every Wednesday after This is not a structured service but an open time of praying silently and aloud together as well as responding to personal requests at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 West 11 Mile Farmington Hills Call (248) 476-8860

**Divorce Recovery Workshop**  
A workshop for those going through divorce contemplating divorce or divorced for any length of time to help you heal and grow 7-9 p.m. Thursday Aug 19 to Sept 30 at First Presbyterian Church Northville New facilitators and some new speakers For more information call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org

**Gospel concert**  
Gospel musicians George and Kathleen Abbas from Colorado perform 5 p.m. Sunday Aug 22 at Community Baptist Church 28237 Warren Rd. Garden City The Abbas music features a variety of vocal and instrumental renditions using piano keyboard trumpets and acoustic guitar to present Scripture and praise songs and Scripture and poetry recitations Please come and bring a friend

**Family movie evening**  
7-9 p.m. Wednesday Aug 25 The Fourth Wise Man the fictional story of a man who missed out on joining the original three wise men on their journey to see the newborn Jesus The fourth wise man spends his life in search of Jesus only to find and serve Jesus in the most astonishing ways in the Msgr. Alex Burnett Activity Center at St. Aidan Parish 17500 Farmington between Six and Seven Mile roads Livonia Brief discussion follows Popcorn and beverages provided Call (734) 425-5950

**Open House**  
McKinley Cooperative Preschool 10 a.m. to noon Saturday Aug 28 at Good Shepherd Reformed Church 6500 north Wayne at Hunter Westland Children are welcome Call (734) 729-7222

**Picnic at the Park**  
5-8 p.m. Sunday Aug 29 classic cars beginning at 4 p.m. music by Pix N Sticks the Musicality Sweet Adeline's Quartet and Nardin Park's Carillon Choir moon walk clowns face painting on the front lawn of Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 West 11 Mile Farmington Hills Rain or shine Ice cream hot dogs soda and popcorn will be available for a small fee Call (248) 476-8860

**Registration opens**  
St. Edith School is accepting registration forms to fill openings available in kindergarten first and sixth through eighth grades at 15089 Newburgh Livonia For more information call the school office at (734) 464-1250

**Elementary school registration**  
For grades K-8 at St. Mary Catholic School 34516 Michigan Avenue three blocks east of Wayne Road Wayne Schools includes state of the art net worked computer lab/progressive K-8 computer program all day academically directed kindergarten curriculum hot lunch program local bus transportation and latchkey Call (734) 721-1240

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

**Sports Camp**  
Begins with a Bible study followed by instruction in various sporting activities and participation by children age 4 through sixth grade 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Sept 8 at Harvest Ministries Church 23233 Drake Farmington Hills Call Bob Trejo

for information (248) 478-1511

## UPCOMING

**Blast from the Past**  
10:30 a.m. Monday Sept 6 Covenant Community Church hosts a picnic with lots of food followed by activities and games from the 19th century for all ages at Capitol Park Redford The public is invited

**Rummage Sale**  
Presale 6-8 p.m. Wednesday Sept 8 (\$2) and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday Sept 9 and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday Sept 11 at Orchard Lake Community Church Presbyterian 5171 Commerce Road between Orchard Lake Road and Hiller

**Fall Flea Market**  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Sept 11 in the parking lot at St. Matthew's Church 30900 Six Mile Livonia A portion of the proceeds go to support missions Anyone interested in a space to sell their items or more information call Margaret Northey at (248) 476-0908

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**  
A weekend experience for married couples to improve their communication skills learn the value of intimacy and renew their love for each other will take place Friday-Sunday Sept 10-12 Oct 15-17 and Nov 19-21 at St. John's Family Life Center 44011 Five Mile Plymouth There is a \$50 registration fee For more information or to register call (248) 528-2512 or (810) 286-5524 or visit the Web site at www.rc.net/detroit/wmme

**Pastor to Pastor series**  
11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept 16 join other pastors for a complimentary luncheon and live CNN satellite presentation of the Emotionally Healthy Pastor hosted by HB London at William Tyndale College 35700 West 12 Mile at Drake Farmington Hills RSVP by Sept 13 Call (248) 553-7200

**Grief support programs**  
At Hope Lutheran Church 3640 Madison at Carlisle Dearborn Families are encouraged to attend together as age specific groups are offered within one convenient location All are welcome Adult six week series begins 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday Sept 21 Seven week series for ages 5-12 begins 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday Sept 14 (parents and guardians attend the first evening to learn more about the program various activities and projects are offered by a licensed professional) Six week series for ages 13-17 begins 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday Sept 21 To register call Hope Lutheran Funeral Home (313) 561-6163

**Noah's Ark Christian Preschool**  
Strong academic program in a fun loving Christian environment at First United Methodist Church 3 Town Square Wayne Call (734) 595-6002 Students are taught phonics Bible verse sign language numbers and letter recognition craft and songs Morning and afternoon sessions available for fall 2004-2005 Cost is \$30 a week for three day program \$20 a week for two days

**Biblical Message Preparation**  
Women's Ministry Program presents a program 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday Sept 25 with featured speaker Rosalie de Rosset at William Tyndale College 35700 West 12 Mile at Drake Farmington Hills Cost is \$50 includes lunch For more information call Lynn Karidis at (248) 553-7200 ext 511

**Fall Boutique**  
Saturday Oct 23 at St. Robert Bellarmine (St. Jude Circle) West Chicago and Inkster roads Redford Table rental is \$25 Call Nancy at (313) 937-1741 or Joan at (313) 937-1670

**School registrations**  
Hosanna Taber Lutheran School (9600 Leverage Redford) is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2004-2005 school year After school care available 3-6 p.m. For more information call (313) 937-2233

**Registration time**  
Our Lady of Good Counsel is now taking registrations for the 2004-05 school year in the K-8 program Call Principal Kay Reilly or secretary Terri O'Connor for information at (734) 453-3053

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

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

**Welcome to the church**  
Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you already baptized Catholic and have been away from the church? Now is the time to inquire about coming into the church or returning to the community of believers Call Our Lady of Sorrows at (248) 615-5574 for more information

## ONGOING

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## ALLEN R. INGLES

77, of Spring Hill, FL, passed away June 24 2004, 2004 at Oak Hill Hospital He was born in Highland Park, MI Before moving to FL he lived in Birmingham MI He worked in management for Bell Telephone Co and was a member of Christ Church Cranbrook He is survived by his daughter Carol Cook, of Howell and two sisters Winifred Ellison and Arline Deloy, both of California as well as many nieces and nephews A memorial service will be held at Christ Church Cranbrook on August 14 2004 at 10:00 a.m.

## CAROLYN KAY POWELL

Of Waterford passed away on August 8 2004 The Memorial Service will be held Thursday August 12 2004 at 2pm at the Union Lake Chapel of Elton Black & Son Funeral Home 1233 Union Lake Rd. White Lake Memorial visitation on Wednesday from 2:00-8:00 pm and on Thursday morning from 1:00 pm until the time service Cremation has taken place

## D MARVEL STEIGER

Age 75 of Farmington Hills passed away at her home on Saturday August 7th 2004 Marvel is survived by her children Maria, Marla (Ward) Reid (Ellen) Grandchildren Coral (Daniel) Nathan and Joshua great grandsons Alden and Drake sisters Dee, Bettie (John) and Bobbi and several nieces and nephews She was preceded in death by her daughter, Linda (Don) Marvel worked as a Circulation Manager for the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers for 25 years before retiring in 1993 She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Hill & Dale Garden Club Ikebana International the Metro Detroit Hosts Society and the Farmington Community Arts Council She served in various capacities in each of these organizations and will be missed by her many friends and family A memorial service will be held on Sunday August 15 at 2:00pm at the home of Reid and Ellen Steiger (248) 865-7756 In lieu of flowers charitable contributions can be sent in her honor to any of the organizations mentioned above Visit <http://marvel.booleonline.com> for a pictorial memorial

## EYTHOLL OLSON

Age 92 of Plymouth, died August 7 2004 She was born May 2 1912 in Van Wert, Ohio She came to the Plymouth community in 1923 She was a school bus driver with the Plymouth schools for 22 years She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church She is survived by her children Miriam (Ken) Fresh of Livonia and Daniel B. Olson of California her grandchildren Krista (Philip) Socie of Plymouth, Scott Fresh of Livonia, Teri (Clifford) Burrows of Centerline, Michelle Olson of California, Annelis, Olson of California, and David Olson of California her great-grandson Eric Olson her sisters, Harriet Bowman, Louise (Hank) Elinger and Erma (Ray) Furman and her brother Leroy Halliwell She is preceded in death by her husband, Fannie Funeral services were held Tuesday at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home Plymouth Memorials may be made to the Calvary Baptist Church Missions

## JAMES O CORNETET

Age 75 of Granville, Ohio Sunday August 8 2004, Licking County Memorial Hospital Newark Ohio Survived by wife June children James Peter (Linda) of Great Falls, Montana Lorra Diane (David) Meissner of Seattle Washington, Christopher Edwin Cornetet of Beverly Hills Michigan Grandsons Jeffrey Scott and Christopher J. Member Columbus Lodge #30 F & A M Aladdin Temple Shrine, 32 degree Masons, Valley of Columbus Graduate of North High School Founder of Executive Consulting Services consultants to small business Veteran U.S. Army aviator and fisherman Funeral service 4:00 p.m. Thursday, August 12 2004 at RUTHERFORD-CORBIN FUNERAL HOME WORTHINGTON CHAPEL where friends may call one hour prior to service Burial in Michigan Contributions may be made to The Capital Area Humane Society

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## Sunday Summer Worship

Continues Sundays at 9:30 a.m. through Sept 5 Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Antioch Lutheran Church 33360 W 13 Mile at Farmington Road Farmington Hills A contemporary Praise Forth service takes place

every fourth Sunday Visitors always welcome

Antioch Lutheran Preschool starts its 2004-2005 program year for 3 and 4 year olds on Sept 13 Spaces still available for new enrollees Call (248) 626-7906

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## Prayer group

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

## Messages

Obituaries Memorials Remembrances

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## ROGER G OLSON

August 6 2004 age 48 beloved husband of Gail dear father of Sarah Rogers-Benjamin and Teresa Son of Loretta predeceased by father Bill Olson Three sisters, Kathy Sarten (Richard) Karen Parsons and Becky Domoff (Michael) Services were held from Keehn Funeral Home Brighton

## ROSEMARY KLINE

August 7 2004 Age 75 Beloved wife of the late Dominic Sr. Loving mother of Elizabeth (Robert) Haisen, Dominic Jr. (Gail) Thomas (Irene) John (Stacie) Mark (Peggy) Paul, Matthew (Kathleen) Mary (Richard) Frobes, Jeffrey (Lorene) and Michael (Susan) Proud grandmother of 23 After raising her family, she earned degrees from both Madonna University and the University of Michigan She later worked for Methodist Children's Home for many years She actively volunteered for Angela Hospice Stephen Ministries and St. Edith's Parish Mass will be celebrated Saturday August 14 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Edith Church 15089 Newburgh Road Livonia Michigan Interment at White Chapel Cemetery Troy Michigan Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road Livonia Michigan 48154



## WILLIAM LOOMIS COGSDILL

Age 91 Born in Mitchell South Dakota Mr. Cogsdill died at Town Commons Assisted Living in Howell on Tuesday August 10th under Avalon Hospice Care He was the Beloved Husband of the late Lillian for 63 years Loving Father of Joan (Milton) Johnson James (Ellen) Cogsdill and Larry (Melody) Cogsdill Dear Grandfather of ten and Great Grandfather of three Mr. Cogsdill retired from Detroit Edison Co after 37 years as an Electrical Engineer He is a U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII and a member of the Electrical Engineering Society, IEEE He is a graduate of Michigan State University Funeral Services are Friday August 13th at 1pm (In-State at 12:30pm) at St. John Lutheran Church 23225 Grill Road Farmington (Between Grand River & Freedom Roads) Visitation is Thursday August 12th from 3-9pm at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Avenue, Farmington (1 block W of Farmington Road)

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## Deadlines

Friday 6 PM for Sunday

Wednesday Noon for Thursday

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# GarageTek joins in Garage Safety Week

## Web site created to help prevent injuries

GarageTek and the Home Safety Council teamed up for the first-ever National Garage Safety Week, which was Aug 2-8

A special Web site, www.garagesafetyinfo, created by both organizations, was launched July 24

The site is designed to make it easy to create and maintain a safe garage and will feature a 'garage safety checklist' for visitors to download

GarageTek franchisees across the country participated in Garage Safety Week by distributing new *Garage Safety* brochures and tips

Chain saws held up by a single small nail, bundles of tools carefully balanced over cars, hazardous chemicals stored next to each other and unapproved heating units are just some of the incredible storage

**'There are 65 million garages in America and all too often it becomes the storage place of last resort, making it perhaps the most dangerous room in the American home.'**

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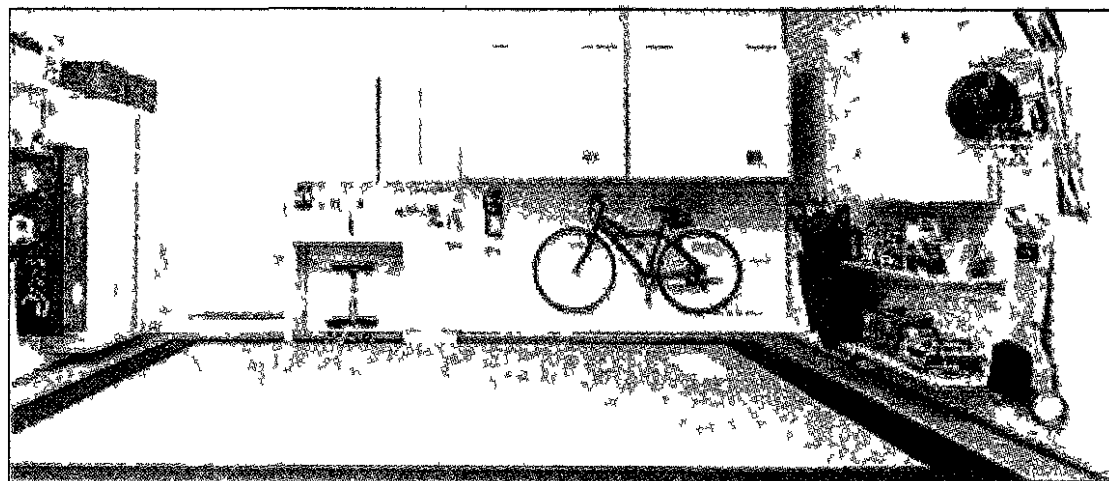
"Thousands of Americans are injured in their own garages every year and 23 percent of home fires begin in the garage," said Meri K Appy, president of the Home Safety Council, a nonprofit organization in Washington, D.C., that

raises consumer awareness of home hazards

GarageTek has shown us that a home without a safe garage is not a safe home period

There are 65 million garages in America and all too often it becomes the storage place of last resort, making it perhaps the most dangerous room in the American home said Don Eizen, owner of the Michigan GarageTek franchise in Commerce Township "We're delighted to be partners with the Home Safety Council in alerting America to the dangers of the messy garage - and helping Americans get their garages clean, organized and most of all safe"

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The Home Safety Council is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to helping prevent the nearly 21 million medical visits that occur on average each year from unintentional injuries in the home

Through national programs and partners across America,

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- 11 Never leave cars running inside a closed or open garage to prevent CO poisoning
- 12 Store gasoline in small quantities only and in a proper, tightly sealed container labeled 'gasoline'
- 13 Don't keep gasoline in a garage with an appliance that contains a pilot light
- 14 Mount a fire extinguisher and stocked first aid kit in the garage, and make sure every family member knows where they are and how to use them
- 15 Store pool chemicals according to the manufacturers' directions to prevent combustion
- 16 Don't overload outlets. Make sure the electrical ratings on extension cords have been checked to ensure they are carrying no more than their proper loads
- 17 Lock electrical supply boxes to prevent children from opening them
- 18 Clean the garage of dust, webs and trash, which can interfere with the electrical system
- 19 Properly secure shelving units to the wall. Make sure they aren't overloaded, and store heavier items closest to the ground
- 20 Keep a sturdy stepstool within easy reach to aid in reaching items stored high up

GARDEN CALENDAR

**Fall bloomers**  
Telly's Greenhouse & Garden Center 3301 John R in Troy will present a program Fall Blooming Annuals 10 a.m. Saturday Aug 14. Hundreds of late blooming perennials and annuals are available to keep your garden looking great until the early days of winter. Learn which plants to use where to help you keep your garden in bloom 10 months of the year. Call (248) 689-8735 for information.

**Iris sale**  
The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan will have its annual Iris Plant Sale 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday Aug 14 at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center 3500 Marais (three blocks east of Crooks and three blocks north of 13 Mile). Admission is free. The public may attend. Many types of bearded irises will be for sale. Come early for the best selection. For more information call Ann at (248) 280-0848 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

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

**Rose propagation**  
Roger and Nancy Lindley owners of Great Lakes Roses will present a Rose

Propagation Workshop 1 p.m. Saturday Aug 14 (repeated Aug 21). In this popular hands on workshop conducted by Nancy Lindley participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings. Reservations are requested. The \$25 material fee will be collected at the door. Bring your own pruners. The program will last about 1 1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. Bring a hat if it's sunny. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter (Belleville) Roads in Sumpter Township just south of Belleville. Its roses are also available at the Northville Farmers Market Great Lakes Roses is open only Fridays and Saturdays now to Aug 25 but its phone is answered 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day. It will be open five days a week beginning Aug 28. For information about Great Lakes Roses visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

**Grasses, lawns**  
The Michigan School of Gardening offers a variety of classes at 29429 Six Mile in Livonia just west of Middlebelt in the Milo Shopping Plaza and at Goldner Walsh Nursery 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac north of Square Lake Road and east of Telegraph. Register early. Seating is limited. Some classes have pre-requisites. For more information call (248) 4 GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. The schedule includes Ornamental Grasses and Alternative Lawns Tuesdays Aug 24 31 in Pontiac (fee is \$69).

**Naturescaping**  
The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) will sponsor a free program Naturescaping for the Rouge River Restoring Biodiversity to Our Home Landscapes 6:30-8:15 p.m. Wednesday Aug 25 at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center 3325 Franklin Road. Bill Schneider owner of WildType Native Plant Nursery will help home gardeners understand the process and principles for planting and maintaining woodland and prairie gardens. To register call Karen Bever weekdays at (248) 288-5150.

Choose the best back-to-school gear

What with all the rain and cool weather, it seems like summer never really got started—and now it's nearly over.

Yes, the new school year is just around the corner, and that means it's time to go shopping—computer shopping, my favorite kind.

Notebooks (nobody calls them laptops anymore) are all but essential on college campuses, though they make a lot of sense for high schoolers as well. When you're an on-the-go student (is there any other kind?), nothing beats a PC that's portable.

I'm partial to the Averatec 3200 (www.averatec.com), which reverses the current trend of packing in so many features (most of them unnecessary for students) that the notebook weighs almost as much as a desktop. Instead, the 3200 has a 12.1-inch screen (students can

always connect an external monitor if they need a larger display), measures just one inch thick, and weighs a mere 4.2 pounds.

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This notebook has two other features I consider indispensable: a DVD/CD-RW drive for watching movies and burning backup CDs, and a built-in Wi-Fi radio (of the 802.11g variety, if you want to get technical) for wireless Internet access.

There are three models in the 3200 series. I recommend the AV3225HS, which includes 512MB of RAM (the entry-level model has just 256MB—not quite enough) and currently sells for \$996, shipping included, on www.Buy.com.

Most impressive of all, Avertec offers live toll-free phone support that's available 24/7. That means if the machine suddenly won't boot and there's a term paper due the next day, help is immediately at hand.

Of course, every computer

needs a printer to go with it. Unless your student has a specific need to print in color, don't fall into the trap of buying an inkjet.

Text pages (i.e., school papers) tend to look blotchy unless printed on special paper, and replacement ink cartridges can cost a fortune. I suggest a laser printer instead. You can get the Samsung ML-1740 (www.samsungusa.com) for just \$149.99, and if you hurry, there's a \$50 rebate.

No student can be expected to handle the rigors of school without music.

Apples new \$299 iPod has all the cachet, but you can save cash by opting for another portable player.

The Dell DJ 20, for instance, which holds just as much music as the 20GB iPod, is currently selling for \$223 shipped (www.dell.com).

I'm partial to the DJ 20 because it has significantly better battery life than the iPod and supports music downloads from more than just one service (the iPod works only with Apple's iTunes store).

Finally, don't forget a PDA for keeping track of homework assignments, test dates, study groups, and so on.

I've made no secret of my preference for Palm's PDAs (www.palmone.com), and I think the Tungsten E is an absolutely splendid model.

It has plenty of memory, a gorgeous color screen, an MP3 player, an expansion slot, and a sexy design—all for \$199.

Now hit the books and ace those classes!

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Readers who have questions for Broida can e-mail him at rickbroida@excite.com.

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- Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe, 8036 N Wayne Road (between Warren and Joy roads), in Westland
- Holiday Market, 1203 S. Main St. (three blocks north of 10 Mile), Royal Oak

Be sure to read Taste, which offers a perfect menu of stories for end of summer food, drinks and desserts

Still to come in Fabulous Food & Drink is

■ Aug. 19 - "Fruits and Vegetables of the Season" Read about how to select the best, how to store for the short term and can or freeze summer's bounty Check out some great recipes for cold soups and salads, side dishes and main meals

■ Aug. 26 - "Drinks and Desserts" Tempting desserts share the spotlight with information about beverages including wine, beer, coffee and even water

■ Sept. 2 - "Good Food to Go" It's back to school and back to busy families Check out Taste for tips on quick meals for parties and potlucks Where to buy good, healthy prepared meals to go and how to pack a healthy school lunch

In addition, look for a special story each week on "Made in Michigan," food, wine and other culinary products that are grown or made in Michigan



Salmon fillets are placed on a cedar plank then seasoned

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## The THRILL of the GRILL

Sear flavors of the flame onto your table

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK • STAFF WRITER



Maple glazed salmon on a cedar plank is seasoned with dill and pepper before grilling

Three out of every four U.S. households own a barbecue grill. In 2000 more than 66 million people fired up their grills. Most own gas grills (61 percent), but nearly half (48 percent) own charcoal grills.

Those statistics from the Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association reveal that we love grilling - firing up the gas or charcoal, checking the heat, then searing our favorite meats and roasting our homegrown vegetables.

Cooking with fire has appealed to men and women for thousands of years, according to Peggy deParry, director of meal solutions and developer of cooking classes at Busch's, which has stores in Farmington Hills, Livonia and Plymouth.

"We've always been building fires and gathering around it in circles," deParry said. "It's very social, it's fun, it's all done outdoors and it's a celebration."

Grilling is always good for conversation, like debating whether coal works better than gas.

### COALS VERSUS GAS

Gas grills heat up quicker than coal, but charcoal imparts a more distinctive flavor than gas, even though flavors on gas grills can be infused through marinades and smoking pellets, deParry said.

"The purist prefers to use charcoal for grilling," deParry said. "There is a whole ritual about choosing the best charcoal, laying the fire and lighting it and moving food around from hotter to cooler cooking areas."

Richard Przesmycki, owner of

Joy View Meat Market in Redford, and Will Sari, an employee at Byrd's Meats in Livonia, both prefer gas over coals for a simple reason. "It's easier," Przesmycki said. "That's why."

Przesmycki grills usually twice a week and on Sundays.

When using coals, check how much food you will be cooking. Up to four portions of meat, fish or vegetables with a short cooking time will require about three or four cups of charcoal. More

PLEASE SEE GRILL, D2

## Just about any food sizzles with smoky wood flavors

You would think we just discovered America.

Yes, many of us men often boast about cooking techniques with testosterone-laced bravado and machismo, clenching a favorite beverage in one hand, a spatula in the other, you would think we were Christopher Columbus (OK, Leif Ericson), while standing guard over the barbecue or smoke pit.

Me hunter. You gatherer. We eat.

We've cooked with fire and



Kitchen Kapers

Ken Abramczyk

wood for a millennia, and still grunt when we embark on a culinary adventure.

### ANCIENT METHODS

Smoking dates back cen-

tures, according to the *Encyclopedia of Food and Culture*, especially for highly perishable fish. Archeological evidence suggests that 9th century Poles smoked large quantities of fish. Medieval Europeans had tremendous demands for fish due to religious observances on meatless days, so salmon and herring were salted and smoked. Pork was popular, as it was slaughtered in the fall, then smoked to preserve it for winter. Charqui, which are strips of

dried meat in South America, has entered into today's English language as jerky, a snack made from beef or turkey.

There's a reason why this method has lasted so long - smoked food tastes great.

Flavored woods used in smoking are tremendous. They add heartiness to any meat or vegetable dish.

One of the reasons both hot smoking and cold smoking methods are used so frequently today, from the kitchens of

the top-notch restaurants here to the small smokehouses in the Upper Peninsula, is that it adds gusto to foods, especially meats and fish. With smoking, a backyard chef's imagination runs through the wilderness with the sleekness of a cougar and the creativity of Monet in creating a great fruit salsa or barbecue sauce to accent or balance the dish. (Who needs BAM! when you have BOOM!?)

Hot smoking is smoking the food in a cooking chamber

with a temperature from 120° to 180° F, which creates a strong smoky flavor, but also requires finishing the food in a kitchen oven. Cold smoking employs the use of a fire box, in which the smoke is cooled, and the food smokes in a temperature range of 70-90° F. The food isn't cooked all that much, and it dries the food with a more milder smoky flavor than the "hot" method. The second method is used on

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**GRILL**

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than that amount of food, or grilling for longer than 20 minutes, will need six cups of charcoal.

"If grilling longer than 30 minutes, add a few fresh coals every 45 minutes as the coals burn down," deParry said. Coals are ready when they have a red glow in the center and an even layer of white ash on the top.

**MARINADES**

Cooks should marinate seafood for one hour or less, boneless chicken breasts up to two hours, lean pork up to four hours and beef can marinate for 24 hours or more, depending on the cut, according to Busch's.

"Marinate in a non-reactive container, such as glass, ceramic or even a sealed bag," said deParry. "Food may pick up a bad taste from aluminum or other metals. Use a shallow bowl so the marinade covers as much of the food as possible and turn the food at least once an hour."

Let food marinate refrigerated, not at room temperature, to avoid contracting harmful bacteria. Do not use leftover marinade as a sauce, unless it has been boiled for at least five minutes to destroy bacteria that may have been picked up from the raw meat or fish, deParry said.

A spray mister is great for applying thin marinades and bastes to food being grilled, deParry said.

Brining foods in saltwater is ideal for grilling and smoking. It adds flavor and reduces cooking time.

Brining takes extra planning. Depending on the size of the cut, it can take 24 hours or more. If you are brining whole poultry, you'll want an additional six to 12 hours between the brining and the cooking. Add one cup of kosher salt (no iodine or additives) to one gallon of water.

DeParry recommends adding, if you'd like, other great flavors to the brine including dark brown sugar (equal to the salt), crushed

peppercorns, quartered onions, bay leaves, lemon juice and vinegar.

**COOKING**

Grill 4 to 6 inches from your source of heat. Some recipes need high heat, others medium or low heat.

Grilling isn't the same as barbecuing, which is slow cooking over low heat and more suitable for less tender foods, deParry said.

Beef tenderloin, porterhouse, New York strip and rib eye steak should be cooked over high heat, said deParry. "Fish, boneless skinned chicken, lamb, pork chops or vegetables should be cooked over high to medium-high heat. Bone-in chicken thighs and legs should be cooked over medium heat. Ribs and large cuts require longer cooking times and should be cooked over medium-low indirect heat."

Sari said Delmonico and New York strip are popular cuts, and his personal favorite is the porterhouse. "It's part New York strip and part beef tenderloin, so you get the best of both worlds," Sari said. "The bone gives it more flavor."

The steaks should be 1-inch thick, Sari said. "If they are thinner, they cook faster and run the risk of drying out faster," he said.

Przesmycki enjoys T-bone steaks and Delmonicos, along with grilled kielbasa, both smoked and fresh, and Italian sausage. Steaks that are cut 1 1/4-inch thick are best for grilling, he said. "All they need is a little salt and pepper," Przesmycki said.

For indirect heat, push the coals away from the center of the grill pan in a ring, then set a drip pan below where the food will sit on the grill rack. Cover the grill, and add coals every 45 minutes or as the coal burns down.

A two-level fire (high and medium high) helps when cooking different foods. If grilling fajitas, you can sear the steak over the high heat, and cook the vegetables over medium high heat.

Laura Romito, culinary education director at Holiday Market in Royal Oak and graduate of the culinary arts

program at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, likes to preheat the grill so she can hold her hand about 4 inches over the grill for no more than five seconds. She also cleans the grill before and after each use by using an old towel dipped in a neutral oil (canola, corn or vegetable). That towel is rubbed on the grill to remove old foods stuck to the cooking grates.

If possible, create a two-temperature grilling surface, one hot and one cooler, so that the food can be seared on the hotter side, and finished on the cooler side, Romito said. Romito likes to use a temperature of medium hot on the hot side, and medium low for the low side.

"And please don't use the aluminum foil. If you're using foil, you're not really grilling - you're steaming. Grilling means direct contact with the grill grates." (And that will mean losing a few vegetables that fall through the grate, Romito added.)

When grilling vegetables, you can use the traditional peppers, onions, mushrooms, corn and zucchini, but don't forget asparagus, eggplant and even broccoli.

Mix green, red and white peppercorns with fresh garlic, kosher salt and dried herbs, such as rosemary, thyme, oregano and lemon zest (the outside peel of the lemon).

"The trick is not how thick (to cut vegetables), but to cut them evenly so they are the same size," Romito said.

**IT'S ALL DONE**

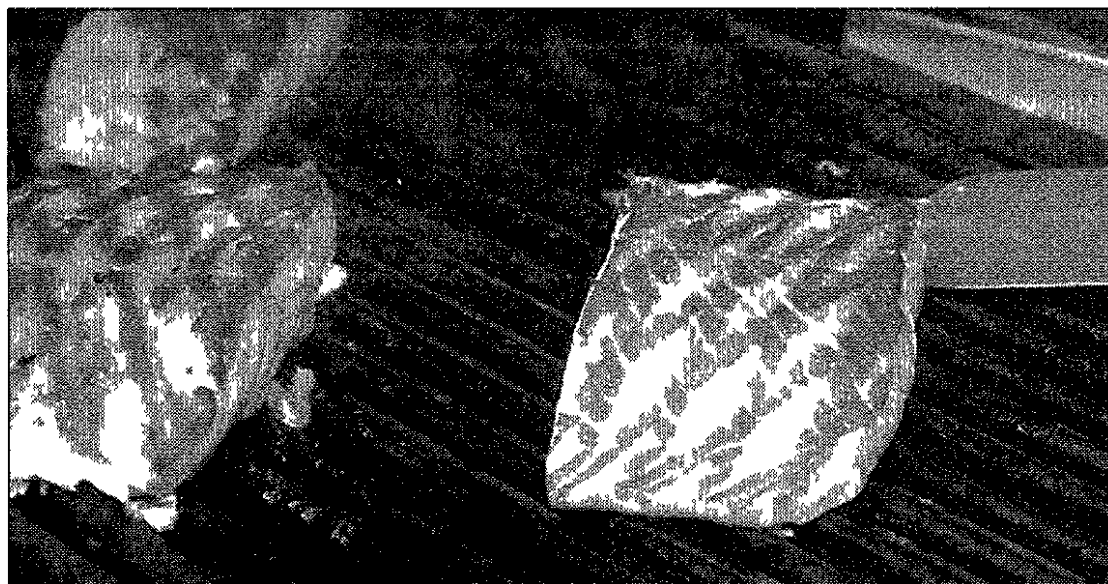
As a general rule, fish is cooked when it is opaque. Pork, lamb and steak are cooked when the center shows the meat to be cooked to your taste (though pork should be cooked thoroughly and the temperature checked).

Chicken must be grilled until the meat closest to the bone is white.

If you don't grill that often, it's a good idea to use an instant-read thermometer to check for doneness.

Then you'll be cooking with gas. (Or coals, if you so prefer.)

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Salmon is outstanding on the grill

**Best fish to grill**

Here are the best fish for the grill, according to Peggy deParry, director of meal solutions and developer of cooking classes at Busch's, which has stores in Farmington Hills, Livonia and Plymouth.

"Salmon is a fabulous fish for the grill," deParry said. "It is nice and meaty."

"Halibut is wonderful," she said. "Tuna and swordfish steaks also are great on the grill."

Avoid lighter, flakier fish,

such as a sole, unless you have a grill basket.

"Think of fish like steaks," deParry said. "If they are cut like steaks, they'll be great for the grill." (And don't forget the cedar planks for great taste and great presentation, she added.)

When buying fish, shoppers should look for firm flesh on fillets or steaks, and a clear white or red color, depending on the species.

"You also want even coloring, you don't want a mot-

tled look," deParry said. "It should have a moist appearance and a fresh smell, and when you bring it home, you should rinse it under cold water before refrigerating it."

When buying whole fish, look for moist and shiny skin with firmly attached scales. "It should be a bright color, and nothing dull," she said. Eyes should be crystal clear and not sunken into the skin, she added. The fish should smell fresh.

**Ready, Set, Grill!**

Boneless, skinless chicken breasts, salmon fillets and T-bone steaks are regulars on the backyard grill but they can be a challenge to the novice. Here are some practically instant ways to cook these favorites without burning and/or drying them out.

**Chicken breasts:** Wash the meat and dry with paper towels. Marinate chicken for 30 minutes or coat in a dry rub. Spray or rub oil on the grill and heat to a high temperature. Sear both sides of the meat on an open grill to seal in moisture. Close the grill to create an oven-like environment that helps cook the meat through. Cook inch-thick chicken breasts about 6-8 minutes per side. Let poultry rest 3-4 minutes before serving.

**Salmon:** Brush the salmon with olive oil or marmite in an oil-based sauce. Prepare grill to high heat and grill salmon, uncovered, about

five minutes per side. Baste both sides during grilling with additional olive oil. Allow to rest 3-4 minutes before serving.

**T-Bones:** Sprinkle meat with garlic salt and pepper or a dry herb rub. Heat grill to high and sear both sides of the steak - about two minutes per side. If you prefer medium-cooked steaks, reduce heat to medium (or move to a cooler part of the fire) which ensures even cooking. If the temperature is too high, steaks can become overcooked on the outside before the interior reaches the desired doneness. Grill uncovered 7-8 minutes per side, or until internal temperature reaches 145° F for medium rare. Use long-handled tongs for turning, not a fork, which will pierce the beef and cause a loss of flavorful juices. Allow to rest five minutes before serving.

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**2:00PM OBEDIENCE DEMONSTRATION WITH J&J CUSTOM K9**

**2:30PM MICHIGAN ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE**



**GRILLED PLANKED SALMON WITH MAPLE GLAZE**

1 cup pure maple syrup  
2 tablespoons peeled minced fresh ginger  
4 tablespoons fresh lemon juice  
3 tablespoons soy sauce  
2 teaspoons chopped shallots  
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper  
Untreated cedar or alder plank soaked in water one hour then drained  
Greens from one bunch of well washed leeks (scallion greens may be substituted)  
2 1/2 to 3 pound center cut salmon fillet with attached skin

In a small, heavy saucepan simmer maple syrup, ginger, 3 tablespoons lemon juice and soy sauce. Reduce to 1 cup (about 30 minutes total) and let cool. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Meanwhile, prepare grill to medium heat. Lightly oil plank and heat on grill eight minutes or until hot.

Arrange leek greens in one layer on plank. Place salmon, skin side down, on leek greens, and brush with 1/2 cup of the maple sauce and sprinkle shallots over the glaze. (Keep remaining sauce separate from sauce brushed onto fish.) Season salmon with salt and pepper and grill, covered, until just cooked through, about 15-25 minutes, internal temperature of 135-140°.

Cut salmon crosswise into six pieces. On each of six plates arrange salmon on leek greens. Drizzle with remaining warm sauce and lemon juice and serve.

Yields four to six servings

Recipes from Peggy deParry of Busch's

**PORTOBELLO MUSHROOM BURGERS WITH BASIL-MUSTARD SAUCE**

1 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 cup chopped fresh basil  
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard  
1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice  
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper  
1/4 cup extra virgin olive oil  
1 tablespoon minced garlic  
6 large (4 1/2 inch diameter) portobello mushrooms stems removed and washed  
6 sandwich rolls split  
6 romaine lettuce leaves  
6 tomato slices

Mix mayonnaise, basil, mustard and lemon juice in a small bowl. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Whisk olive oil and garlic in another bowl.

Prepare grill to medium-high heat or preheat broiler. Brush mushroom caps on both sides with garlic oil. Season with salt and pepper. Grill mushrooms until tender and golden brown, about six to eight minutes per side or broil, four-five minutes per side. Transfer to a platter and cover with foil to keep warm. Grill cut side of hamburger buns until golden, about two minutes, or toast lightly under the broiler.

Top the bottom half of each roll with a mushroom, a lettuce leaf and a tomato slice. Spoon some basil-mustard sauce over tomato and top with the other half of the bun. Pass remaining basil-mustard sauce separately.

Yields six burgers

Recipe courtesy of Busch's

**ORANGE-GLAZED GRILLED PINEAPPLE**

1/2 cup honey  
1 tablespoon orange zest  
1/2 cup fresh orange juice  
1 large ripe pineapple  
1/4 cup fresh mint

Whisk honey, zest and juice together in a large baking dish. Peel pineapple and cut crosswise into six rounds. Remove core and discard.

Add pineapple to dish and turn to coat. Cover with plastic wrap and let stand at room temperature one-two hours, turning once.

Prepare gas or charcoal grill to medium heat. Remove pineapple from marinade, reserve marinade. Grill until golden brown, about three minutes on each side.

Transfer to a serving dish. Pour reserved marinade over and sprinkle with mint. Serve warm or chilled.

Yield: Four-six servings

Recipe courtesy of Busch's

**OLD-FASHIONED CORN PUDDING**

This moist, creamy pudding is the ultimate comfort food.

Perfect served with sliced ham or fried chicken. Masa harina is flour made from masa, corn kernels soaked in lime water, dried and ground. It is most commonly used to make tortillas.

4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter  
3 eggs  
1/4 cup masa harina (or all purpose flour)  
1 1/4 cups heavy cream  
1 small can (8 1/2 ounces) creamed corn  
1 teaspoon kosher salt  
1 1/2 cups fresh or thawed frozen corn kernels  
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground pepper

Preheat the oven to 375° F

Place the butter in a 1-1/2 quart casserole. Heat in the oven to melt.

In a small bowl, beat the eggs until foamy.

Sift the masa harina into a large bowl and stir in the cream until thickened. Add the beaten eggs, followed by the creamed corn, salt, corn kernels and pepper, stirring thoroughly after each addition.

Pour the mixture into the buttered casserole and stir to incorporate the butter. Bake for 10 minutes then stir. Bake another 10 minutes and stir. Then bake an additional 30 minutes without stirring. Serve hot from the oven.

Lighten Up: Use condensed milk instead of the cream.

Meal Solutions Tip: This savory casserole can be adapted to suit many menus. Add diced red bell pepper and green chilies for a Southwest twist. Or, add crumbled cooked bacon and top with shredded Cheddar during the last 10 minutes of baking and serve as a brunch dish.

Yield: six to eight servings

Recipe courtesy of Busch's

**FLANK STEAK FAJITAS**

Long marinating and quick cooking are the keys to tender flank steak.

2 1/2 cups beef stock  
2-3 canned chipotle chili peppers  
4 cloves garlic  
3 teaspoons ground cumin  
2 pounds flank steak  
kosher salt  
1 large sweet onion cut into thick slices  
2-3 assorted colored sweet bell peppers (left whole)  
1 package large flour tortillas (18 ounce 9 inch)  
1 cup salsa  
1 cup guacamole  
1 cup sour cream  
shredded lettuce as needed  
freshly chopped cilantro optional  
shredded Mexican cheese as needed

Puree the beef stock, chipotle peppers, garlic and cumin together. Add salt to taste. Place the steak in a large dish. Marinate beef 8-16 hours refrigerated, turning occasionally.

Heat your grill to high. Season marinated beef with salt.

Cook the steak about five minutes on each side. Char the peppers and onions alongside of the steak.

Allow the steak to rest 10 minutes before slicing. Thinly slice the meat diagonally against the grain. Remove seeds and membranes from peppers and slice.

Meanwhile, warm the tortillas on the grill. Place beef, peppers, onions and tortillas on platters. Set out on table with bowls of salsa, guacamole, sour cream, lettuce and cilantro and allow guests to assemble their own fajitas.

Yields 10 fajitas

Recipe courtesy of Busch's

**WENDY'S GRILLED ROMAINE ENVELOPES**

A lovely side dish or appetizer for a not-so-typical Italian dinner. Pitted olives, pesto and lemon zest would also be good in these envelopes. Delicious served with grilled chicken, fish or meat.

8-12 romaine leaves  
8-12 small fresh mozzarella balls  
8-12 basil leaves  
4 sun-dried tomatoes packed in oil, thinly sliced  
extra virgin olive oil as needed

Blanch romaine leaves in boiling, salted water for 10 seconds, then shock with ice water. Pat dry and reserve.

Meanwhile, prepare grill to high heat. Take each romaine leaf and cut a "V" out of the stem side of each leaf. In the center, place a chunk of mozzarella, a basil leaf and two or three slices of sun-dried tomato. Fold each leaf up like a small envelope to create a compressed packet. Brush liberally with olive oil.

Place each packet on the hot grill, cooking each side for one-to two minutes or until the cheese is melted and the outside of the packet has grill marks.

Serve immediately. Yields four to six servings.

Recipe courtesy of Busch's

**CILANTRO-GRILLED SHRIMP WITH ASIAN SLAW**

1 head napa cabbage shredded (about six cups)  
4 tablespoons light oil such as canola or vegetable divided  
3 tablespoons freshly squeezed lime juice plus additional lime wedges for garnish  
2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds (black white or a combination)  
kosher salt and freshly ground pepper  
2 cups loosely packed cilantro leaves  
soy sauce and crushed red pepper flakes  
3/2 peeled and deveined medium shrimp (about one pound)

Heat grill to high. In a large bowl, toss the cabbage with 2 tablespoons of the canola oil, 2 tablespoons of the lime juice and sesame seeds. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

In a blender or processor puree cilantro with 2 tablespoons water and 2 tablespoons oil and remaining 1 tablespoon lime juice until smooth. Add soy sauce and pepper flakes to taste - a small amount goes a long way.

Thread the shrimp onto eight skewers. Place in a shallow dish, toss with 1/4 cup of the cilantro puree. Grill until opaque, about two-three minutes per side.

Serve the skewered shrimp on a bed of napa slaw. Lightly drizzle remaining cilantro sauce over shrimp, garnish with lime wedges and serve.

Recipe courtesy of Busch's



Peppers, onions, mushrooms and zucchini generally make the cut to the grill, but don't forget corn on the cob and asparagus.

**Grill tips**

■ To keep bamboo or wooden skewers from burning, soak them in water for several hours before using.

■ A squirt of nonstick cooking spray can ease the pain of scrubbing barbecue grills, casseroles, roasting and broiler pans. (Always spray on when the grill is still cold.)

■ To smoke food on the grill, first sear and cook it halfway, then remove from grill, and add damp non-resinous branches to the fire. Replace food on the grill and cover it with a dome-shaped lid. The dome will capture the smoke and flavor the food. Smoker boxes are the latest grilling tool to infuse grilled foods with the smoky essence of mesquite, rosemary, cinnamon and cloves.

■ Throw some vegetables on the grill when grilling your meat or fish. They'll go well with everything else on the menu and keep you out of the kitchen.

■ Vegetables too often come off the outdoor grill blackened on the outside and raw in the middle. Try microwaving heavier vegetables such as zucchini, peppers, eggplant and onions first (about 2-3 minutes), then brush with olive oil and grill until tender. Throw some peppers or onions on the grill to char while you wait for the coals to ashen.

■ When grilling a tapered piece of meat, fish or poultry, place the thinnest end away from the fire so the food will cook evenly. Thread shrimp onto skewers lengthwise so they won't curl as they grill. They're also less likely to fall into the fire.

■ A grill's grate can be unforgiving to certain foods. Grilling baskets solve the problem of fish and vegetables that stick or fall through the grates. The baskets snap shut so rather than flip the food itself, you just flip the basket.

■ After you've used a grill and it's still hot, scrape off food bits with a metal bristle brush to keep the food from hardening and charring next time you grill.

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# 'Made in Michigan' sauces line the shelves

BY MIKE MURPHY  
CORRESPONDENT

Got a recipe for a sauce, a marinade or a rub that's so delicious you can't keep it to yourself, your friends and your neighbors?

Be it a formula for a barbecue sauce with an unforgettable zing or a saucy topping for a pasta dish, you could be the kind of homegrown chef with a product specialty grocers and their customers want. Nestled among the Open Pit



and Prego sauces on the shelves at stores, there's a healthy helping of made-in-

Michigan products that grocers are happy to keep in stock.

I think Michigan products are comparable in price as far as gourmet foods go, said Justin Jaymes, grocery manager at Papa Joes. "And Michigan has a lot to offer."

A waltz through the aisles and the meat counters of these specialty supermarkets will reveal a bounty of Michigan-made products, including Farmington Hills-based Bobbie Que's finishing sauce, meat rubs produced by the

Detroit Spice Co., and northern Michigan marinades furnished by the Leelanau Country Inn.

Pete's BBQ and dipping sauces originated in a Shelby Township kitchen and Brownwood Farms Michigan Cherry BBQ sauces and chutneys come out of Williamsburg.

If shoppers have a taste for a Michigan-made pasta sauce, they can pick up a jar of Vi's Amogues Siciliano Sauce, located in Harrison Township, or go

for a taste of one of the many Elena's products, produced in Auburn Hills.

People actually ask for Michigan products, said Larry Wyatt, grocery manager at Hiller's Plymouth location. "They sell very well, and there's certainly a demand."

Elena Houlihan, the half-Irish and half-Italian owner of Elena's, started her business in the late 1980s with a recipe for apple sauce that was derived from a family tradition. "I had a lot of aunts who cooked and

canned, so I cooked a lot," said Houlihan, who ended a career in marketing for Eastman-Kodak when she started her business. "When I started the business I knew I could cook, but I didn't know if I could cook for thousands of people."

Houlihan said she made the switch to pasta sauce in 1990 after she realized that producing apple sauce was not cost-effective for a small business. Her company now ships its 130 products all over the world.

For Houlihan, the key to her success is in marketing. "Marketing is 90 percent of a product's success," said Houlihan. "Getting it on the shelves is one thing, but getting it off the shelves is really another hurdle."

Putting in appearances in the stores to demonstrate a product is very important to a local product's success, according to Bobbie Que's creator Bobbie Patterson, who introduced his product last October.

He has been demonstrating the four flavors of his sauce every weekend in one area grocery store or another since April, and he said that local media has been a big help, too. Bobbie Que's sauces are now in 18 area grocery stores and Patterson, who taught culinary arts in the Detroit Public Schools until he started his own business last year, has bigger plans.

"We're starting to get a lot of exposure," Patterson said. "And based on the reaction we're getting, we know that this sauce has national potential."

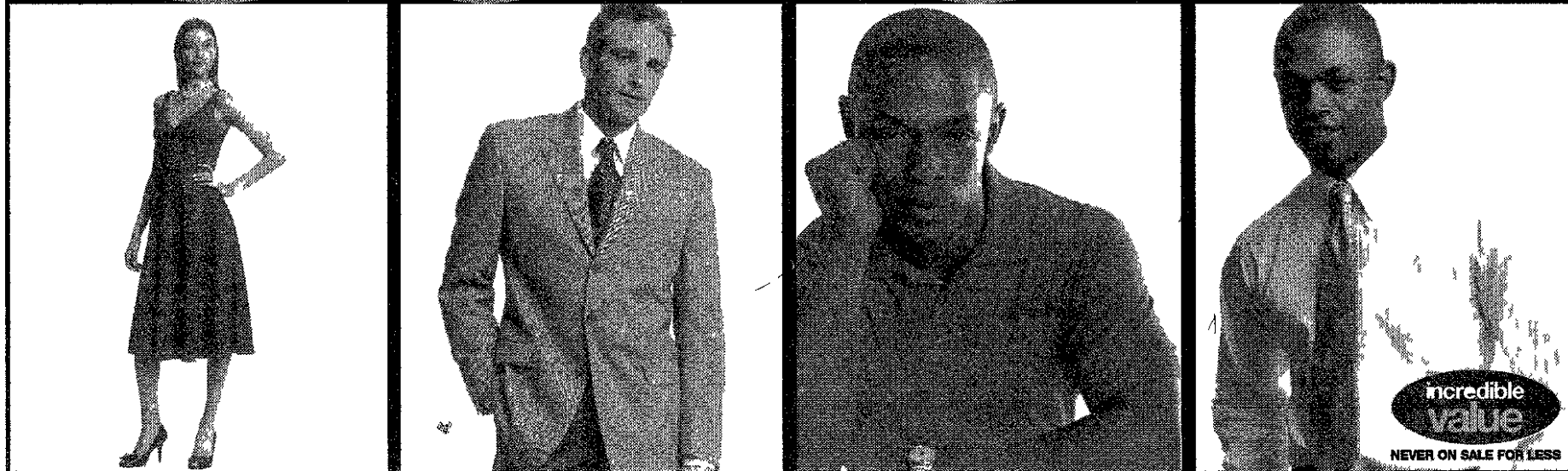
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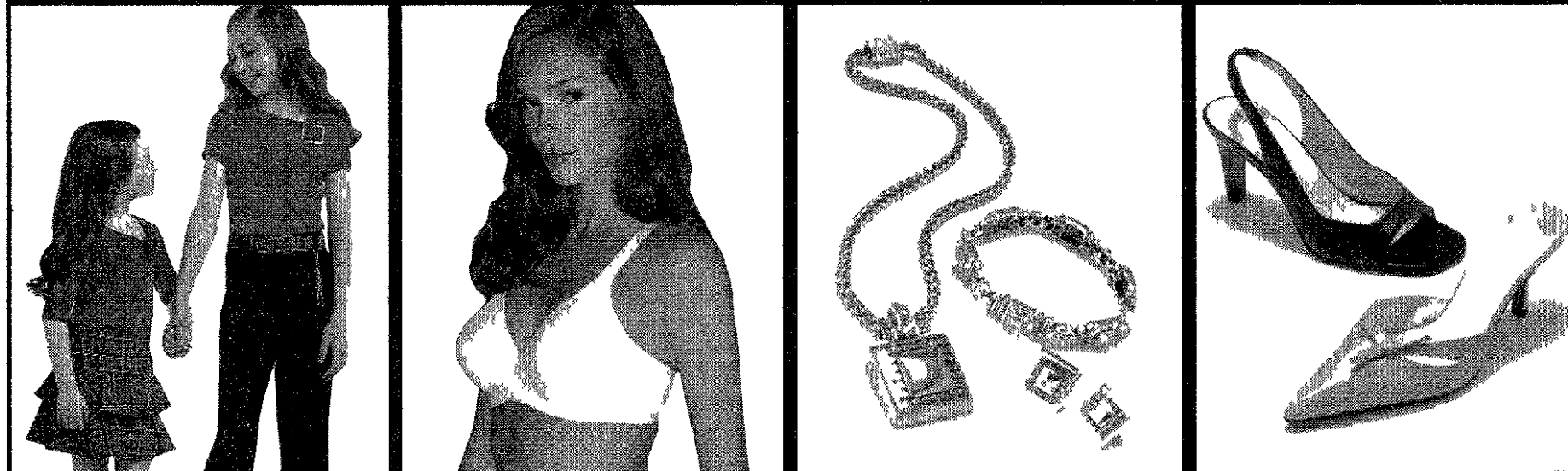


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  - Bobbie Que's Finishing Sauce, Farmington Hills

## Onions are bloomin'

(NAPSI) - Onions are in full bloom this spring and summer. So, don't limit your grilling to just the entree. This easy, delicious and beautiful side dish will add a fresh twist to your next meal.

- GRILLED ONION BLOOM**
- 1 2/2 to 3/2-inch yellow onion
  - 1/2 to 1 tablespoon butter
  - 1/2 to 1 teaspoon dried thyme or oregano
  - 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon dried rosemary crumbled

Cut 1/2-inch off the top of onion, peel. Cut onion into 12-16 vertical wedges, leaving root base intact. Set onion on 12 by 10-inch foil sheet. Top onion with butter, thyme or oregano and rosemary. Add salt and pepper if desired. Wrap foil around onion, pinching edges together tightly. Place foil packages on rack over medium heat in barbecue grill and grill for 25-35 minutes or until juicy and tender. Makes 1 onion.

Courtesy of the National Onion Association

# Negociant is not a dirty word

Four essential elements are required to make premium quality wines and sell them: selecting top-quality grapes, succeeding at state-of-the-art wine-making, aging under best possible conditions and carrying out savvy brand imaging in an increasingly competitive international market.

It's not easy to accomplish this in the Burgundy region of France. During the French Revolution, the church and the monks were expelled, and the Napoleonic Code overruled the eldest child's right of heritage to the entirety of an estate, thus dividing Burgundy into smaller and smaller parcels of land due to the laws of equal inheritance for each child.

Such parcelization makes it difficult for many small vintners to single-handedly reach the highest degree of perfection for the four elements of success. Thus the need for negociants who buy wines from small growers, blend, bottle and market them under the negociant's brand. Domane Laboure-Roi, dating its founding to 1832, but since 1973, directed by owners Louis and Armand Cottin does that and as a negociant-eleveur, a whole lot more.

## DIRTY WORD

To some, negociant is a dirty word. They point to the excellence of small Burgundy domaines (often very high-priced wines) and shudder at the word negociant.

Over the years, the brothers Cottin have risen to the third-



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largest source of Burgundy wines from 100 appellations with total annual sales of \$54 million. Exports now account for 80 percent of Laboure-Roi's entire wine production.

Not all the wines are negociant selections. The Cottins own Domane Rene Manuel in Meursault, which includes Clos des Bouches Cheres, a premier cru. To make their white wines, the brothers built a large winery in Nuits-St-Georges. In January 2004, they bought Nicolas Potel, a negociant firm and its stock of Burgundies from vintage 2002.

## ENSURING QUALITY

In a former time, the name Burgundy nearly guaranteed quality. It was the region where one could be assured of top-flight chardonnay and pinot noir. About a decade ago, things went south as growers got lazy and regions in California and elsewhere began producing some outstanding examples, many using earth-friendly and organic vineyard practices. Burgundy lost market share.

The Cottins began talking to Burgundy growers. They asked them to limit chemical sprays, to cut yields, use temperature control during fermentation and offered bonuses for grapes

or wines with high flavor levels. To make growers aware of stiff global competition, the Cottins conducted tastings of wines from other French regions and other countries (particularly Australia and California).

Expansion of the company to the Languedoc-Roussillon (Pays d'Oc) region of France is intended to bring consumers quality varietally labeled wines at reasonable prices. Additionally, third brother Philippe owns the Bordeaux firm Dubos Freres & Cie, offering some value wines from that region.

## PROOF IN THE GLASS

Lean and mineral, 2002 Laboure-Roi Vallon d'Or Pouilly Fuisse (\$18) is a sophisticated and pleasant departure from California-style chardonnay.

With pinot noir, the second fastest-growing varietal wine in the U.S. behind syrah, the 2001 Laboure-Roi Les Anglers Pinot Noir Vin de Pays de L'Aude (\$10) offers serious value for the money.

2002 Laboure-Roi Vin de Pays d'Oc (\$7) is a steal as a chardonnay designed to pair with seafood.

The following wines make excellent choices to pair with grilled foods.

2001 Laboure-Roi Merlot Vin de Pays d'Oc (\$7) is stylish for the price.

2001 Laboure-Roi Cabernet Sauvignon Vin de Pays d'Oc (\$7) is a French version of America's favorite red wine.

In late summer or early autumn 2004, Dubos Freres, will make 2000 Bordeaux wines, from high-quality but lesser-known chateaux, available in the Michigan market at terrific prices. Watch Wine Picks weekly because we'll let you know when wines from this highly touted vintage have landed.

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foods intended to be eaten raw, like salmon.

## VARIATIONS ON A THEME

When you smoke, you can choose from alder, mesquite, hickory, apple, cherry and maple woods.

Alder: Popular in the Pacific Northwest, it's a favorite of sportsmen and sportswomen. It's good for all game, poultry and seafood.

Apple: Great for turkey and poultry, salmon and pike. (It probably works well on whitefish, but I've never tried it.)

Cherry: Delicious for salmon and pork. (Last week a certain Taste editor cooked a nice sockeye with lemon and dill quite wonderfully, and then the following night, the same wood was used on pork chops with an orange-chili salsa.)

Hickory: Smokes deliciously pork ribs, chicken, halibut, salmon and beef jerky.

Maple: Again, fish and poultry.

Mesquite: Just about anything, including beef, pork, chicken, turkey, duckling, mussels and shrimp, among anything else your heart (or stomach) desires.

Cedar makes for excellent

flavor on trout, but I use the plank right on the grill, a method best described as "cooking with smoke." Just soak the plank for 30 minutes, brush lightly with oil, place on grill with salmon or trout, then top with lemon and/or onions, a little Dijon mustard, dill and vinegar (white wine or balsamic) and you've got a treat. Make sure wood is not Wolmanized or untreated though most of the big box stores (Lowe's, Home Depot) sell cedar that is untreated. Better check first to make sure. Or you can be safer yet and just buy a cedar plank from your local market and follow the instructions.

Vegetables (especially peppers, onions and mushrooms) cook wonderfully over any of these woods, though again you may prefer the cooking with smoke method on these items.

Whether you're searing a steak with a chili-peppercorn rub over mesquite, slowly roasting a garlicky and rosemary-coated chicken over apple or sweetening peppers and onions over hot coals of hickory, the flavors are varied, and tremendous.

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# Go fish with these recipes

This recipe is also delicious using salmon steaks. Most people prefer tuna steaks served rare to medium-rare, so take care not to overcook your fish. Add a 1 teaspoon of grated ginger and/or a teaspoon or more of prepared wasabi to the butter for an added flavor kick.

### GRILLED ASIAN TUNA WITH ORANGE BUTTER

- Yield 4 servings
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons dark sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 4 tuna steaks 6-8 ounces each
- 6 tablespoons (3/4 stick) unsalted butter room temperature
- Zest and juice from one orange plus orange wedges for garnish
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley or cilantro

Whisk the soy sauce, sesame oil and honey until emulsified. Marinate the tuna, turning occasionally, in the soy mixture for an hour at room temperature or up to 4 hours refrigerated.

Meanwhile, prepare grill or preheat broiler.

In a small bowl with an electric mixer, beat the butter with the orange zest until very soft. Beating constantly, slowly add the orange juice. Stir in the parsley or cilantro and set aside.

Oil grill grate or broiler pan. Remove tuna from marinade and grill or broil 3-4 minutes on each side or to desired degree of doneness. Dot with a little of the orange-butter while grilling. For the best flavor, tuna should be red or pink in the center.

Remove the steaks from the grill and serve topped with remaining orange butter and garnished with orange wedges.

This is a great way to add a savory twist to your favorite bottled barbecue sauce. Try to select a sauce that doesn't go overboard on the hickory flavor. This recipe is also delicious with chicken or pork.

### ORANGE-BASIL BARBECUED SWORDFISH

- Yield 4 servings
- 1 large navel orange peeled
- 8-10 large fresh basil leaves
- 1/4-1/2 cups of your favorite barbecue sauce
- 4 swordfish steaks 6-8 ounces each

Cut the orange into pieces and place in a food processor or blender. Add the fresh basil and

Barbecue plays a critical role in the American culinary scene. Barbecue (or cookout) often refers to a summer gathering of friends and family taking place at someone's home or at a local park.

Barbecue is generally thought to have been derived from barbacoa, which first appeared in Gonzalo Fernandez de Oviedo's 1526 book *De La Historia General y Natural de Las Indias*, according to the *Encyclopedia of Food and Culture*. Later writings of Thomas Jefferson and George Washington included references to barbecue.

Barbecue generally refers to the slow cooking of foods with more smoke than fire, over temperatures that range between 175-300°F. Sauces vary by region - some South Carolinians may use mustard as a base, some North Carolinians and Kentucky residents may use something that tastes closer to Worcestershire sauce. But vinegar and red pepper flakes is popular throughout the southeast.

Pork is popular throughout the South, while Texans prefer beef brisket. Barbecue is often used incorrectly in referring to any meat, regardless of how it is cooked, that is slathered in barbecue sauce.

Eric Rupert, corporate chef of Subzero Freezer Co. and Wolf Appliance in Madison, Wis., likes both charcoal and gas grills.

"There are times I go for charcoal - when I'm going to smoke, when I want to use wood, but when I want speed, efficiency and clean precision, I use a barbecue grill or a Char-Broiler (an indoor grill)."

Rupert looks at barbecuing as slow cooking, while grilling usually means foods like steaks and hamburgers.

Rupert has these tips for checking the grill's heat:

- two seconds (hot - ideal for cooking flank steak, shrimp, scallops)
- three or four seconds (medium hot - ideal for cooking steaks, burgers, chops, fish, veggies, fruit)
- five to six seconds (medium - ideal for grill roasting)
- seven seconds (medium low - ideal for barbecuing)

pulse to a puree. Add 1 1/2 cups of the barbecue sauce and pulse to incorporate. Add additional sauce to taste.

Place fish in a nonreactive dish or resealable plastic bag. Reserve 1/2 cup of the sauce and spoon remainder evenly over fish. Let swordfish marinate 1 hour refrigerated.

Prepare grill or preheat broiler.

Remove the swordfish from the marinade and scrape off excess. Oil grill or broiler pan. Grill or broil the fish about 3 minutes on each side. Move fish to a cooler part of the grill or lower broiler pan and baste with the reserved barbecue sauce. Cook until fish is opaque at the center, about 2 additional minutes on each side.

This is a refreshing dinner on a hot summer day. You'll be surprised how delicious the combination of fresh salmon and mint is!

### GRILLED SALMON WITH MINT VINAIGRETTE

- Yield About 4 servings
- 1 1/2 pound salmon fillet or 4 steaks 6-8 ounces each
- 5 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil

- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
- 1 teaspoon honey
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon diced red onion
- Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper
- 1/2 cup grape tomatoes sliced in half for garnish
- Lime wedges for garnish

Prepare grill or preheat broiler.

Brush salmon with 2 tablespoons of the olive oil. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon of the chopped mint evenly over salmon. Press to adhere.

Whisk together the remaining 3 tablespoons oil and 2 tablespoons mint and combine with honey, vinegar, parsley, onion and tomatoes. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Grill salmon over medium heat or broil until cooked to desired doneness about 4 minutes on each side. For best flavor salmon should be pink at the center. Remember that fish will continue to cook after it is removed from the grill. Spoon vinaigrette over salmon and garnish with lime wedges.

Recipes from Peggy deParry of Busch's.

### HERE'S A LIST OF GRILL TOOLS YOU SHOULD HAVE ON HAND:

- A clean hot grill
- A backup gas tank for gas grills
- A stiff grill brush with metal bristles
- An old towel, rolled into a tight cylinder tied together with butcher's twine (dip towel in neutral oil and use to grill)
- A spray bottle full of clean water for flare-ups
- Two to four tongs (use one to place and turn raw meats on grill and another to remove meat from grill)
- A bucket with a bleach and water mix for utensils
- An Instant-Read thermometer
- Information courtesy of Holiday Market

# S'mores Galore!

(NAPSI)-No matter how you stack them, s'mores continue to be an American favorite. The ooey-goey treats (made by stacking and melting marshmallow and chocolate on graham crackers) have found their way from summertime campfires to backyard barbecues, trendy restaurants and household kitchens across the country.

If you're a s'more connoisseur, the experts recommend the following tips for making your favorite treat even better.

### MIX IT UP

Different ingredients can put a new twist on s'mores. For instance, try flavored graham crackers or use chocolate chip, peanut butter or sugar cookies in place of the graham crackers all together. Marshmallows also

come in flavors, such as toasted coconut and chocolate.

For a more intense chocolate flavor, try using ingredients such as dark candy bars (traditionalists can stick with milk chocolate). In addition, peanut butter can be spread on the chocolate bar before heating, or you can add a slice of banana or some maraschino cherries for a new flavor.

### IN THE BACKYARD

Try firing up the grill and breaking out the s'mores at your next outdoor function. Just stack the ingredients (cracker, chocolate, marshmallow, cracker), cover with foil and heat for four to six minutes.

### IN THE KITCHEN

You don't have to be out-

side to enjoy s'mores. You can heat the treats in your broiler, or try this recipe for making s'mores in the microwave.

### INDOOR S'MORES

- 2 graham crackers broken into halves
- 2 marshmallows
- 1 Hershey's Milk Chocolate Bar (1.55 oz.) broken into pieces

Place one graham cracker half on paper towel top with chocolate bar half and marshmallow. Microwave at HIGH 10 to 15 seconds or just until marshmallow begins to puff. Immediately top with second graham cracker half. Press together gently. Repeat for each serving. Serve immediately. 2 servings.

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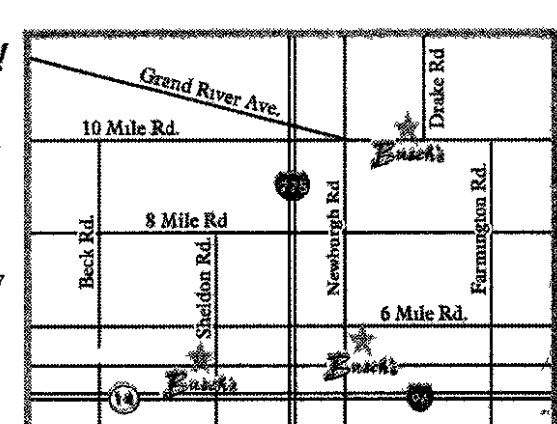
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## Fractional ownership limits your control

I read an advertisement for fractional ownership of a condominium. The developer suggests that residences are being sold at a price "far less than one would pay for full ownership." Do you have any comments on that?

While the statement on this face appears to be true, what is not being said is that the fractional interest that you are buying times the purchase price would normally be greatly in excess of the sale price, if you purchased the unit outright. It is a great marketing tool for developers who are selling high end product, which allows a homeowner to purchase a fractional share recognizing, however, that their ownership interest is limited and they do not have complete control, obviously, of the way in which the condo association is operated. Generally speaking that is left in the hands of the developer, which sometimes is subject to abuse. You are best advised to consult with an experienced real estate person who is not affiliated with the developer as well as a knowledgeable condo lawyer to review the condominium documents.

My condo still has a provision in its bylaws prohibiting residents with children from occupying units on the third and fourth floors even though we are not a senior citizen community. The board says that they know about the Fair Housing Laws and won't enforce this bylaw provision against anyone. Do you see any problem with this?

I am reasonably confident that the United States Department of Justice will seek to bring legal action against your association for violation of the familial status prohibitions in the Fair Housing Act. Indeed, the fact that the provisions are still in the bylaws may be deemed a violation of the Fair Housing Act regardless of whether the association seeks to enforce it as its existence has a chilling effect on persons with children who wish to reside at the condominium. I would strongly recommend that you have these documents reviewed by legal counsel and amended as soon as is reasonably possible.

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## Agents give evening open houses a try

BY KEELY SCHRAMM  
STAFF WRITER

Sunday - 1-4 p.m. That's the traditional time for open houses, but some real estate companies are hosting "Twilight Tours" to reach more potential customers.

In July, Real Estate One, Max Broock Realtors and Johnstone & Johnstone Realtors, part of the Real Estate One family of companies, began offering evening open houses in July on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m.

It's been going very well for Michael DeForrest, a Realtor with Max Broock Realtors in Birmingham. He hosted an evening open house on Thursday, Aug. 5, at a home on Lakeside Drive with panoramic views of Quarton Lake in Birmingham.

"This home is new construction," he said. "It shows beautiful at night. It's in a great neighborhood. Not everyone is available on Sunday to look at houses."

Sure, a lot of people look at homes on the Internet, but they don't buy them.

"People still want to touch it, feel it, walk through the house," said DeForrest. "An open house is a way for the Realtor to acquire new customers and helps the seller know their house is getting exposure."

Neighbors will drop by open houses because they've never been invited in by the homeowner and are curious, or because they're thinking about selling and are looking for a real estate agent.

I've been with Real Estate One for 14 years and I've got ten 10 listings at open houses said DeForrest.

An open house is a good way to attract potential buyers, but the seller has to do their home work.

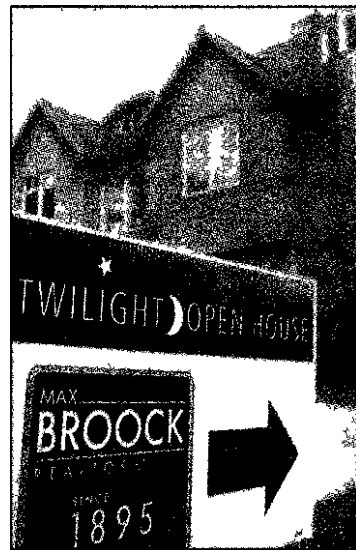
"You want to make it look like no one lives there even though someone does," said DeForrest. "The yard, flowers must be impeccable. The flower beds must be weeded and the lawn mowed and green."

Clean the windows, get rid of those cobwebs near the front door, freshen the paint if it needs it. Does the carpet need to be cleaned? Do hardwood floors need to be redone? Is your house fresh and clean?

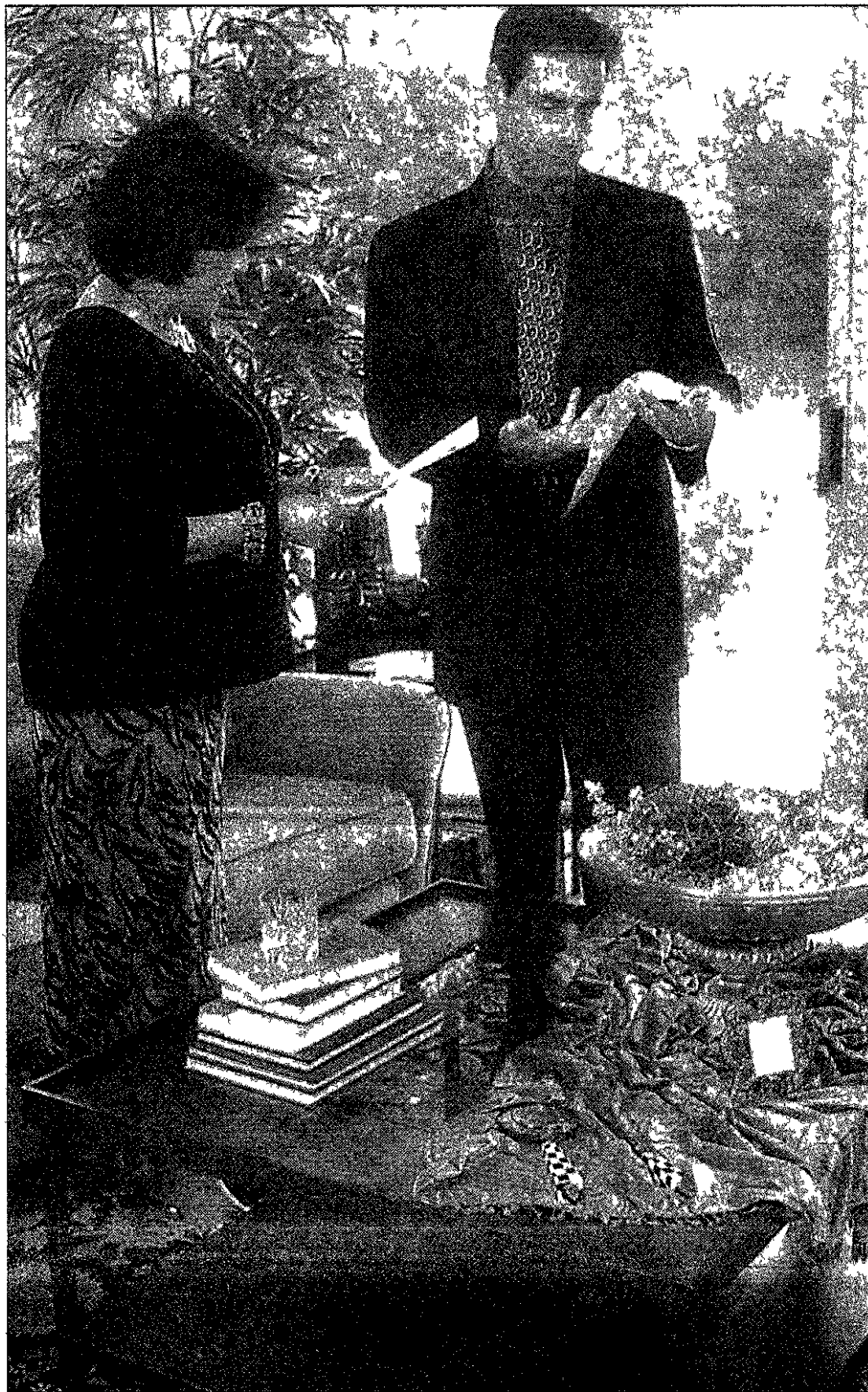
### CREATE A GOOD IMPRESSION

First impressions are important. "Look at your home through the buyer's eye," recommends DeForrest. "Would you buy this house?"

Dirty dishes in the sink are a



Evening open houses are showing up on the local real estate scene.



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Michael DeForrest, a Realtor with Max Broock Realtors, reviews notes with fellow Realtor Darlene Diavanni during an open house in Birmingham.

definite turnoff.

Anu Gandhi, an associate broker at the Real Estate One West Bloomfield/Farmington Hills office, held an open house 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 6, at a home on Sutters Lane in Bloomfield.

"This was my first one," she said. "It's something different we are trying out."

Gandhi puts lots of balloons outside the house, and signs on nearby roads to attract potential customers.

Inside the house I'll have cookies for them," she said. "It helps us get to know each other, and they'll spend more time instead of just going in and out."

Like DeForrest, Gandhi, a 25-year real estate veteran, says the house has to be absolutely neat and clean.

Sometimes she'll do a mailing to let neighbors know she's hosting an open house.

"Neighbors like to know what the price is in case they're thinking of selling," she said. "And sometimes they know somebody who is looking for a house in the neighborhood."

Sunday, she says, is still the

best day for holding open houses, 2-5 p.m. is her best time. Saturday open houses haven't been successful.

K.C. Mueller, an associate broker for Remerica Hometown Realtors in Plymouth, holds open houses on Sunday and hopes for weather that's "not totally wonderful."

### VARIETY OF FACTORS

A really nice sunny day can be just as bad as hail. People would rather do other things than look at houses. Sports can also affect the success of an open house. When there's a great game on, the wives might look at houses without their husbands, but some prefer to wait until they're available.

Mueller likes open houses because she can point things out that are important to prospective buyers and see their reaction. "The Internet gives you an idea, but it does not tell the whole story," she said.

Cindi Kozlowski, a Realtor at the Real Estate One Dearborn/Dearborn Heights office, has had a pretty good

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response from her Thursday evening open houses.

"We've had people coming through who said they liked the opportunity because they're busy on weekends," she said. "Sellers are enjoying the evening open houses too."

Real Estate One's "Twilight Tours" program ends today, but Kozlowski said she'd like to continue offering it to her sellers as an option.

"I find a lot of people don't work on Sunday," she said. "For me, Sunday is a family day, but I made some adjustments when I became a Realtor."

Kozlowski holds most of her open houses 2-4 p.m. Sunday.

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Mortgage Bits

Timothy Phillips



## Be creative in marketing your home

Many of us thought that by now the real estate market's favor would have swung from buyers to sellers, but that does not appear to be the case. With summer coming to a close, some would argue that a solid homebuyer in today's flat real estate market is the commodity of choice.

Nervous sellers and builders sometimes consider lowering their asking prices in an effort to broaden their market, but such actions may merely improve the scenario for buyers who are already actively shopping. It takes a slightly different tack to actually create new buyers, or to pull them out of the proverbial woodwork.

Because funding a down payment is an issue for many borrowers, advertising that down payment assistance is available should make more sellers' phones ring. (You can get details on such programs at [www.PhillipsHQ.com](http://www.PhillipsHQ.com).) Along those lines, offering to cover buyers' closing costs will lend favor to one seller over another.

For years, automotive marketers have successfully convinced buyers they can afford the monthly payments for their new purchase. Home builders and sellers can go from smart to savvy by befriending a mortgage expert who can help them engineer attractive financing programs to help them do the same. Being able to tell borrowers how potentially small their monthly payments would be for a new home could convert lookers into buyers.

Occasionally, home sellers may not want or need all the money from their home sale immediately. This situation presents wonderful opportunities for both the buyers and the sellers. Creative sellers can sell their home for full price or better by allowing their buyers to purchase the homes using a "seller second." In this case, the buyers actually purchase the property using money from two sources - the bank and the seller. The mortgage company finances most of the purchase (usually about 80 percent) and the seller will finance most of or all of the remainder.

By using these or other simple and creative financing methods and tips, builders and sellers alike can get a distinct marketing advantage. Most will benefit financially by creating ways to actually help prospective buyers find ways to purchase their new home.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. You may access his *Health Academy* archives at [www.PhillipsHQ.com](http://www.PhillipsHQ.com) or phone him toll free at (866) 369-4516. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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# Cemetery relocation to fight sprawl

A small church in Pennsylvania facing large-scale sprawl and a busy suburban intersection has decided the only way to ensure its survival is to move - and to bring its dead with it.

Cemetery moves are relatively commonplace, especially in areas undergoing

rapid development. To make way for public works and private construction projects, long-forgotten graves and remains are often relocated.

In this case, however, the removal of more than 250 bodies is voluntary.

The 212-member Montgomery Square

United Methodist Church has felt the pressures of suburban sprawl on their two-acre church grounds most strongly in the past 10 years, as Montgomeryville has gradually transformed from a rural crossroads to a full-fledged suburban city.

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of March 29-April 2 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds.

Office listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton		Livonia		Redford		Plymouth	
7745 Admiralty	\$244,000	501 Brandt	\$105,000	49761 Ann Arbor W	\$295,000	14976 Sumner	\$84,000
47655 Adirondack	\$100,000	2967 Brown	\$143,000	898 Arthur	\$115,000	26305 W Seven Mile	\$68,000
178 Alexandria	\$520,000	812 Cardwell	\$140,000	9082 Ball	\$197,000	19172 Wakenden	\$89,000
2124 Arcadia	\$195,000	647 Deering	\$158,000	11667 Chandler	\$383,000	19763 Wakenden	\$28,000
44036 Ardmore	\$176,000	31746 Donnelly	\$149,000	12033 Chandler	\$352,000	9383 Winston	\$146,000
42985 Arlington	\$212,000	6672 Fairchild	\$162,000	49680 Cooke	\$650,000	15397 Woodbine	\$161,000
5701 Barr	\$255,000	31473 Kathryn	\$145,000	44425 Governor Bradford	\$288,000		
2398 Berwick	\$210,000	6073 Lathers	\$140,000	9073 Hackberry	\$245,000	1882 Ackley	\$73,000
44981 Brunswick	\$275,000	28505 Maplewood	\$132,000	623 Herald	\$165,000	34026 Algonquin	\$129,000
790 Cherry Grove	\$243,000	844 Middlebelt	\$122,000	40135 Newport	\$130,000	34244 Algonquin	\$159,000
1439 Colonade	\$465,000	31254 Rosslyn	\$136,000	9885 Normandy	\$320,000	35870 Avondale	\$123,000
182 Country Club	\$395,000	29666 Windsor	\$130,000	9202 Oakcliff	\$219,000	396 Barchester	\$168,000
43764 Cranford	\$225,000			600 Pacific	\$230,000	33407 Bentley	\$76,000
40686 Deer Creek	\$85,000			325 Parkview	\$174,000	1657 Berkshire	\$162,000
1137 Dundee	\$241,000			1222 Penman	\$450,000	38211 Carolon	\$100,000
219 Edington	\$210,000			571 S Mill	\$500,000	38298 Carolon	\$128,000
1454 Emerald Pines	\$85,000			46730 Southview	\$430,000	220 Carson	\$195,000
1688 Emerald Pines	\$85,000			8940 Tavistock	\$193,000	305 Carson	\$201,000
40331 Finley	\$250,000			9980 Tennyson	\$320,000	7299 Cavell	\$110,000
39856 Fox Valley	\$198,000			46630 W Normandy	\$351,000	6780 Central Cty	\$162,000
49825 Geddes	\$219,000			12525 Wendover	\$360,000	33148 Ch of	\$157,000
46656 Glenarry	\$420,000					7401 Cochise	\$172,000
50299 Hancock	\$579,000					37454 Colon al	\$123,000
3512 Herby	\$335,000					166 Fischer	\$21,000
1586 Heron	\$202,000					32152 Gessee	\$91,000
39910 Hillary	\$146,000					31468 Glen	\$122,000
4188 Hunters W	\$153,000					35621 Glen	\$93,000
4281 Hunters W	\$163,000					2021 Golfview	\$220,000
46670 Inverness	\$394,000					2053 Golfview	\$236,000
42354 Jennings	\$233,000					7809 Hugh	\$174,000
46976 Larchmont	\$307,000					7919 Hugh	\$164,000
2106 Lone Wolf	\$213,000					30437 Lonnie	\$134,000
41281 Maplewood	\$212,000					30841 Lonnie	\$133,000
42136 Marissa	\$308,000					36323 Manila	\$113,000
50219 Monroe	\$233,000					386 Marigold	\$151,000
1324 N Morton Taylor	\$251,000					428 Marigold	\$148,000
44302 N Umland	\$198,000					434 Marigold	\$136,000
46803 Newton	\$169,000					32560 Merritt	\$157,000
43501 Oakbrook	\$225,000					32756 M ssaukee	\$87,000
3978 Palace	\$225,000					7345 N Hawthorne	\$151,000
6813 Poppleton	\$400,000					413 N Parent	\$125,000
1502 Rand	\$200,000					30760 Nelson	\$241,000
3330 S Canton Center	\$415,000					38301 Overbrook	\$273,000
675 Sandalwood	\$370,000					35514 Palmer	\$128,000
4350 Sherwood	\$297,000					6310 Pembroke	\$240,000
41013 Southwind	\$127,000					7718 Princeton	\$145,000
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**Bellevue** - Better than new! 3 BR 2.5 BA colonial on a beautifully landscaped lot. Sprinklers bsmt 2.5 car garage 2 story foyer Mud room upgraded kit kohler basin deck MBR w/cathedral ceiling & walk in closet MBA w/garden tub & separate shower \$279,900 (525QL)



**Canton** - Carrage Hills 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial. Gas fireplace in family room w/gorgeous oak mantle & marble surround. Newer roof most new windows all newer appliances stay bsmt 2 car garage walk to private park tennis courts & school \$229,900 (46MON)



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**Farmington Hills** - Possible development opportunity. More than 2.5 acres spittable 1.5 bath home in an area of more expensive homes. 2 car garage FP C/A. Many recent updates include kitchen cabinets carpet furnace & roof \$279,900 (60TWE)



**Farmington Hills** - Quality & perfection thru out! 4 BR home in Green Valley 3.5 BAs sprinklers 2 car garage security alarm F/P walkout bsmt recently finished has bar area & full bath 2 story great room & large kitchen have a rare pond view \$424,900 (75BIF)



**Genoa** - Better than new 3 BR 2 BA detached cordo ranch home. Appliances stay sprinklers garage bsmt C/A 10 ft ceilings & lots of windows make this home bright & airy! Excellent condition! \$267,000 Call Nancy Kennelly @ 734 421 1002 (NK44NEW)



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**Livonia** - Charming 3 BR 1.5 BA cape cod on half acre 2 car garage w/220 new vinyl siding newer windows water heater & C/A Eat in kitchen Jacuzzi tub & glass block windows in main bath fenced in yard with deck \$154,900 Call Dana McKay @ 734 751 5555 (DM54WEY)



**Waterford** - Shows like a model! 2 BR 2 BA condo. Garage FP sprinklers C/A appliances stay snack bar in kitchen 6 panel doors Hunter Douglas blinds/valances spindle railings covered balcony \$169,900 (31AMB)

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# Excess humidity leads to mold problem

(NUI) - Everyone's heard about the effect mold and mildew can have on a home, or more importantly, a homeowner's pocketbook. But, you say, how bad can it really be?

In 2002, insurers paid \$2.5 billion in mold-related claims under homeowner policies, up \$1.3 billion from the year before.

Moisture can damage carpets, wood flooring, furnishings, drywall and interior woodwork causing mold, mildew and rot. Negative effects of excess moisture can cause a property to significantly decrease in value, not to mention that the presence of mold can make selling a home extremely difficult.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ranks poor indoor air quality among the top five environmental risks to public health.

Excess home humidity promotes harmful household particles, including bacteria, viruses, fungi and mites - all of which are associated with asthma, allergies and other sinus problems.

While some believe air conditioning units can help dehumidify a home, experts agree they cannot get the job done effectively or efficiently.



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**PRESERVES OF FIELDS CREEK** 1,700 sq ft end unit w/upgrades. Lge eat in kit w/bay 1st flr mstr ste w/iplc & full bath. FFL, major bonus upstairs w/huge BR, WIC, full bath. Skylight in loft area w/let another room. Full bsmt side entry gr. This gorgeous home is a must see! \$247,900 (P27PRE)



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Homebuyer seminars

■ **Re/Max** 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Aug 17 and 7:30 p.m. Tuesday Sept 14 by Rosemary Firestone at First Michigan Title Six Mile Road at 1 275 in Livonia Learn about all aspects of buying a home at any price Call (734) 420 9600 for reservations or e mail info@firestone.team.com

■ **Ryder Mortgage, Inc.** 7:30 p.m. Thursday Aug 19 at the Livonia Recreation Center 15100 Hubbard Learn the home buying process benefits of preapproval and home warranties qualify for down payment assistance programs Limited seating call (866) 471 0085 for reservations

Business management seminar

Where Did My Cash Go? 8:10-10:30 a.m. Tuesday Aug 17 Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan

headquarters 30375 Northwestern Highway Suite 100 Farmington Hills Learn the effects of maximizing current liabilities and minimizing assets and how operations link to cash flow Cost \$20 BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members \$45 non members and guests includes continental breakfast Call (248) 862 1033

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At Fox Hills 8768 North Territorial Plymouth 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday Aug 18 Registration fees including 18 holes of golf (spikeless course) cart continental breakfast refreshments dinner and golf competition \$140 call (248) 862 1033 West Oakland County Golf Classic presented by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan

Summer cruise

On the Detroit River 6:15 p.m. Thursday Aug 19 Diamond Jacks River Tours at the Stroh's Place

Dock 300 River Place in Detroit The boat will return to the dock at 9 p.m. Networking event presented by the Apartment Association of Michigan's Property Management Council Cost \$35 for PMC members \$40 guests Parking \$4 call (248) 862 1004

Development site tour

At Walden Woods in Van Buren Township 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday Aug 24 Board the bus at the Novi Expo Center South lot west of Novi Road south of I 96 at 10 a.m. View homes built by the Windmill Group and Winnick Home Builders and Developers An overview of the development will be presented by Stuart Michaelson BIA and Windmill Group Presented Hosted by the Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan The cost is \$20 for BIA members and \$45 for guests To register call (248) 862 1033

# Mortgage rates fall

BY JEANNINE AVERSA  
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Rates on 30-year mortgages dipped below the 6 percent level, good news for people wanting to buy a home

Freddie Mac, in its weekly nationwide survey, said that rates on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages fell to 5.99 percent for the week ending Thursday, Aug. 5. That's down from the average rate of 6.08 percent. Rates on benchmark 30-year mortgages were last below the 6 percent mark the week ending July 22.

Rates on 30-year mortgages hit a high this year of 6.34 percent the week of May 13. Since then, they have slowly drifted downward, reflecting in part a cooling in economic activity in June.

June was a weak month for the nation as a whole," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac's chief economist. Consequently, the upward pressure on interest rates

eased allowing mortgages to return to earlier, lower levels.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, appearing before Congress last month, called the economic slowdown in June a soft patch. Greenspan, however, expressed confidence the economy would pick up speed in the months ahead.

Rates on 15-year, fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option for refinancing, also declined this week to 5.40 percent, from 5.49 percent last week. For one-year adjustable rate mortgages, rates fell to 4.08 percent, compared with 4.17 percent the previous week.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year mortgages carried an average 0.7 point fee. Fifteen year and one-year ARMs each carried an average fee of 0.6 point. A year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages averaged 6.14 percent with 15-year mortgages at 5.44 percent.

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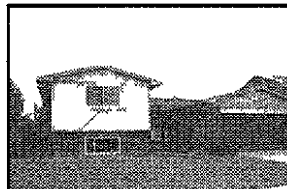


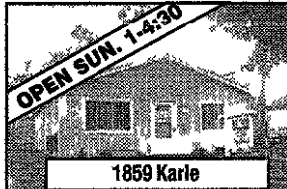







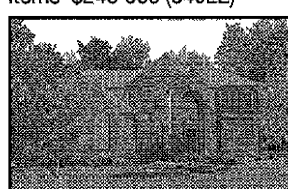
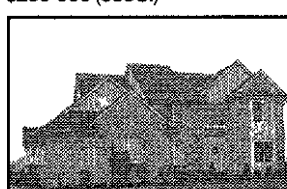
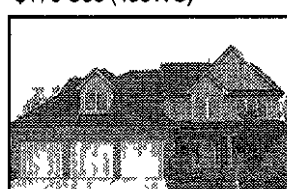


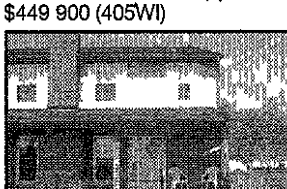




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<b>BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED</b> Spacious floor plan with 4 bedrooms 1.5 baths New oak kitchen with hardwood floor remodeled baths new windows 6 panel doors carpeting paint and furnace Formal living & dining plus a family room w/fireplace A must see \$219 900 (205BR)	<b>ROOM FOR EVERYONE!</b> Great home with 4 oversized bedrooms formal living and dining room combo plus a family room with fireplace Private study with closet for extra storage 1st floor laundry newer roof windows furnace and paint \$287 000 (572CO)	<b>IMPECCABLE</b> Gorgeous Holly ranch with 3 bedrooms 2 baths and 1400 sq ft Built in 97 and still looks brand new Ceramic tile entry and baths Private study with custom mantle all newer appliances stay beautifully done landscaping and a brand new deck \$194 900 (339HI)	<b>WONDERFUL</b> 3 bedroom home and everything has been done in the past few years Updated kitchen and bath resingled roof windows siding doors carpet and more Nice fenced yard Come see for yourself! \$114 900 (859KA)	<b>GORGEOUS CANTON QUAD</b> Extensive wood floors vinyl windows very open & spacious Main bath w/new ceramic & jetted garden tub FR w/fireplace doorwall to deck & patio w/yard that backs to a commons Finished LL w/glass block newer big ticket items \$249 900 (840LE)	<b>DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH</b> Absolutely gorgeous brick ranch featuring new plush carpeting & plantation blinds new central air system and brazilian cherry floor nice kitchen w/appliances & new light fixtures throughout Nicely lighted & landscaped yard with patio Very nice! \$239 900 (635SI)	<b>CONDO CLOSE TO TOWN</b> Light maple mission style cabinetry kitchen breakfast bar plantation shutters courtyard patio decor accents living room fireplace flanked by windows a short stroll to downtown festivities plus 2 bedrooms and 2.5 baths \$179 900 (433WC)
						
<b>ZUKEY LAKE FRONT</b> Why go up North when you can enjoy this home year round? Finished walkout basement with full bath raised deck 2 car garage 2 bedrooms & 2 baths Spectacular view of Zukey Lake \$369 900 (047GI)	<b>PRISTINE HILLTOP RANCH</b> 1.68 acres in Plymouth Township inviting foyer w/ceramic tile sunken living room w/bay window updated kitchen w/ large nook & hardwood floors family room w/fireplace finished daylight basement w/ hot tub and Pella windows \$679 900 (648AN)	<b>PRICED BELOW APPRAISAL</b> Feature rich Northville colonial 4 bd/2.5 baths huge kitchen with & oversized island butler's pantry and abundant cabinet space Two story family room w/fireplace luxury master and more Take the virtual tour you won't be disappointed \$449 900 (405WI)	<b>LUXURY ON THE COURSE</b> 4600 sq ft plus a walkout daylight basement Treed rear yard w/creek on 8th hole of golf course community 5 bds 4.5 baths & Conservatory Den Pet & smoke free! Neutral décor 3 car garage upgrades & options galore \$920 000 (003TO)	<b>SIMPLY THE BEST</b> Looking for luxury? They don't come any better than this stunning Pulte Belmont adorned with tasteful décor and upscale features on a premium lot 4 beds/4.2 baths and expert landscaping \$519 900 (702MA)	<b>HIDDEN TREASURE</b> Tucked away in a quiet little sub in the heart of Canton Great room with soaring ceilings spacious flowing floor plan formal dining and a den Professionally finished basement with wet bar and rec room 3 large bedrooms and 3.5 baths \$364 900 (269SA)	<b>NOVI 2002 BUILT COLONIAL</b> 4 bedroom 3.5 bath colonial with 3375 sq ft located deep in Churchill Crossing Sub Full basement w/egress window neutral decor throughout ceramic and hardwood floors huge kitchen with large island 3 car garage and much more \$499 900 (473CA)
						
<b>MAPLES OF NOVI</b> Sharp 3 bedroom 2.5 bath condo offering ceramic & hardwood floors crown moldings vaulted ceilings fireplace cedar deck partially finished basement w/workout room & plumbed for a bath plus an attached 2 car garage \$237 500 (363CO)	<b>TASTEFULLY UPDATED</b> Just move in and enjoy this 4 bedroom Canton Colonial Newer Anderson windows newer furnace H2O heater roof flooring and paint Updated kitchen & baths Fenced yard with private patio & deck garage & shed \$239 900 (175DU)	<b>NOVI'S COUNTRY PLACE</b> Sharp end unit Large LR w/FP DR spacious eat in kitchen with doorwall to fenced patio Large master with private bath WIC Large basement 1 car garage and updated windows Pool Clubhouse Tennis and Ballfield \$152 900 (348GL)	<b>SHARP AND UPDATED</b> Sharp 2 bedroom 1 bath condo with Canton Schools Everything has been updated Pergo floors tile in the entryway and bath carpet in the bedrooms windows moldings and an oak kitchen with tile backsplash Totally maintenance free living \$113 900 (403SA)	<b>HALF ACRE TREED &amp; FENCED LOT</b> Located in an area of upscale homes Many updates including updated kitchen w/maple cabinetry newer appliances & windows Remodeled second floor with cathedral ceilings new paint carpet windows & loft Really nice! \$194 900 (610PU)	<b>SUNFLOWER VILLAGE</b> One of Canton's most sought after subs backing to a commons with panoramic views 3 bedrooms 2 baths and new neutral carpeting throughout Ceramic floors oak kitchen newer windows and many extras \$268 000 (770WE)	<b>NORTHVILLE COUNTRY SETTING</b> Quiet setting within walking distance to downtown Northville Ranch with 3 bedrooms 1 bath Updates include roof furnace ac copper plumbing carpet electrical paint and well & septic Immediate occupancy \$159 900 (120FR)



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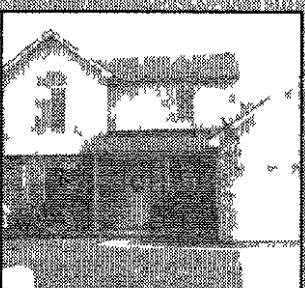
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Attractive 3 bedroom Colonial on 3/4 acre Desirable quiet family neighborhood Easy commute to all express ways Large familyroom with fireplace Large bedrooms and master bath 10 X 16 back Warranted (OESLY96BAL) 888 870 9131



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Wow! Fabulous Lot & Beautiful Home the Best Comb'n on Lg Mstr Ste W/ vaulted Ceilng & P vate Bath & Wic Island Kitchen Is Open To Nice Size Fam Rm W/lp Breakfast Nook Has Doorwall Ove lookng Brck Paver Patio (OEN39RIV) 888 870 9123



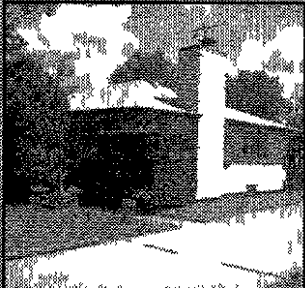
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Wow! They don't come any sharper 4 bedroom 1 1/2 bath quad level Completely remodeled kitchen Spacious FR w/natural fireplace LR w/vaulted ceiling Newer front door Andersen wndws Prvcy fence (OEP07HAN) 888 870 9127



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Updates To This 3br 2ba Brck Ranch include Ktchen Cabins All Windows Inc bay & Doorwal 1998 Pergo Flooring In Dining Rm 1998 Furnace & Humid'fer 1999 A/c 200 Carpeting In Famly Rm 2002 Tear off Roof 02 (OEN88GLO) 888 870 9123



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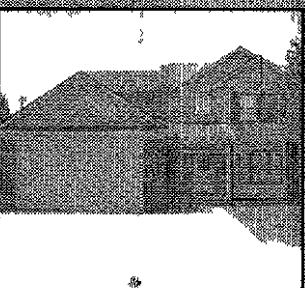
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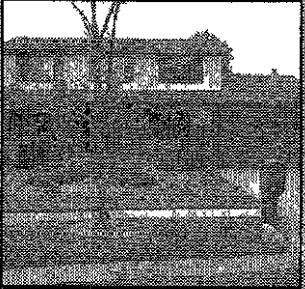
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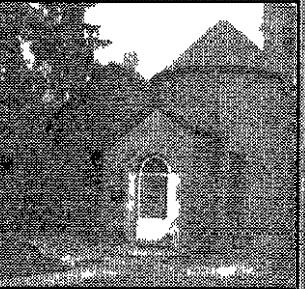
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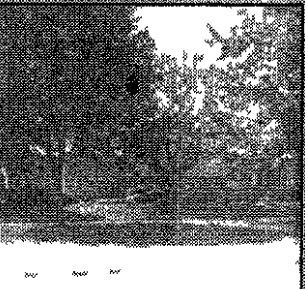
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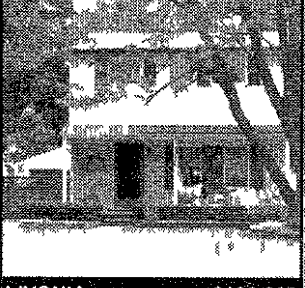
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Solid 3 Bedroom 1 1/2 Bath (main Floor) Brick Ranch In Popular mer Lynn Farms Sub A l Large Rooms Lg Kitchen W/lots Of Counters & Cabinets FR W/nat Frpl Hdwd Floors T/O Copper Plumbing 2 Car Att Garage (OEL81PER) 888 870 9105



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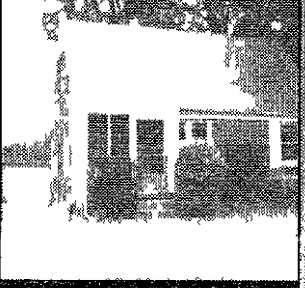
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Livonia s Triangle Sub One Of The City's Nicest In This Price Range Offers This Done To The 9 s Tr level Kt W/oak Cabs granite Counters Pella & Anderson Wndws 6 Pane Doors T o Newer Furnace & Roof (OEL55ANN) 888 870 9105



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Excellent 3 BR B ck & A um Trm Bungalow W/enclosed Porch Updates Inc Newer Roof Copper Plumbing Vny Windows Bath Furnace C/A HWH Garage Door w Auto DO & More Par Fin Bsm't 1 1/2 Car Garage 1 Yr Hw (OEL78CAV) 888 870 9105



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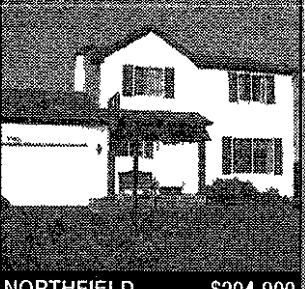
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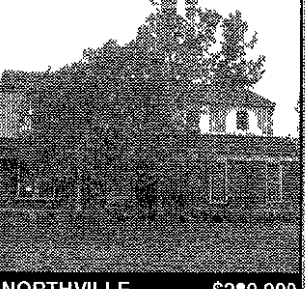
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25 000 000 signing bonus to buyer by 09/30/04 Too many features to list 3583 sq ft 5 beds 3 1/2 baths finished walkout that leads to ground pool heated poolhouse and hot tub 3 1/6 acres 2 outbu dings (OESLY40DOU) 888 870 9 31



**NORTHFIELD \$414,900**  
Beautiful solid brick ranch on over 5 acres Handcrafted cabinets hard wood flooring great room with vaulted ceilings and brck wal fire place 6 panel doors trac lightng finish walk out (OESLY85AIN) 888 870 9131



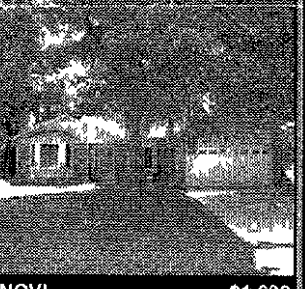
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Super home! Ove 1700 sq ft plus finished basement Two fu and 2 half baths family room w/rep ace spaceous kitchen master bath deck and xtra wide drive Move right n! (OESLY40WIL) 888 870 9131



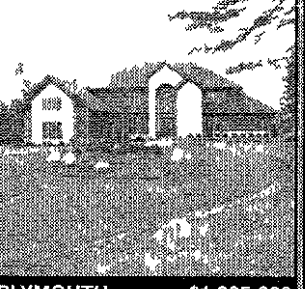
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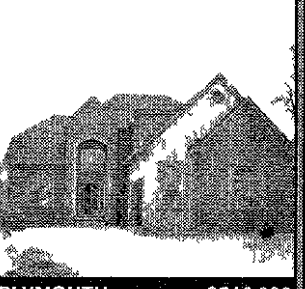
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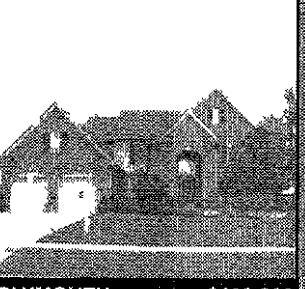
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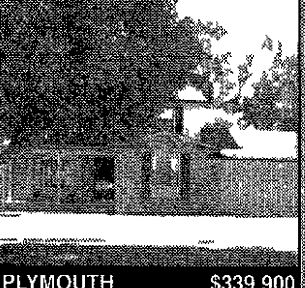
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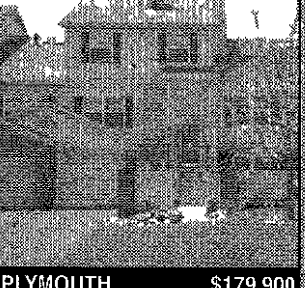
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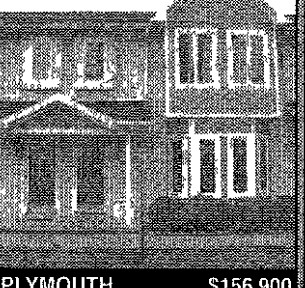
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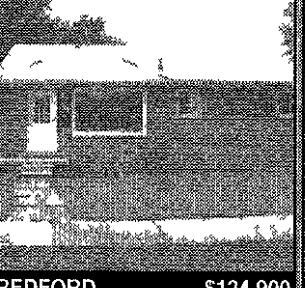
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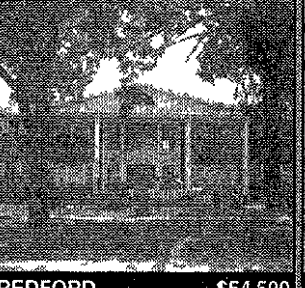
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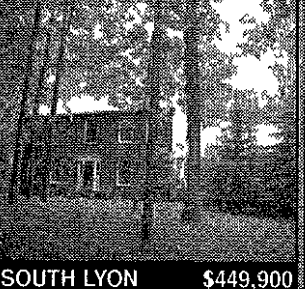
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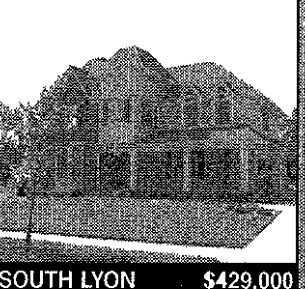
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First Flr End Unit clean w/many Updates Re Finished Hwt T/O Kit Fully Updated W/counter Top Of imported Tile From Italy sink Dishwasher F oong Lg LR W/dn Area Bath Updated Lg Landscaped Court (OEL01FIV) 888 870 9105



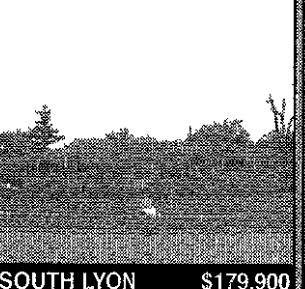
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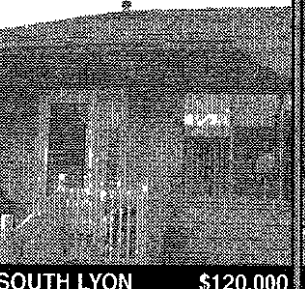
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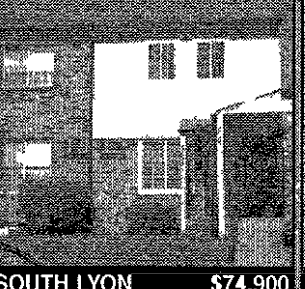
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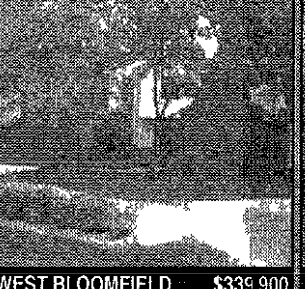
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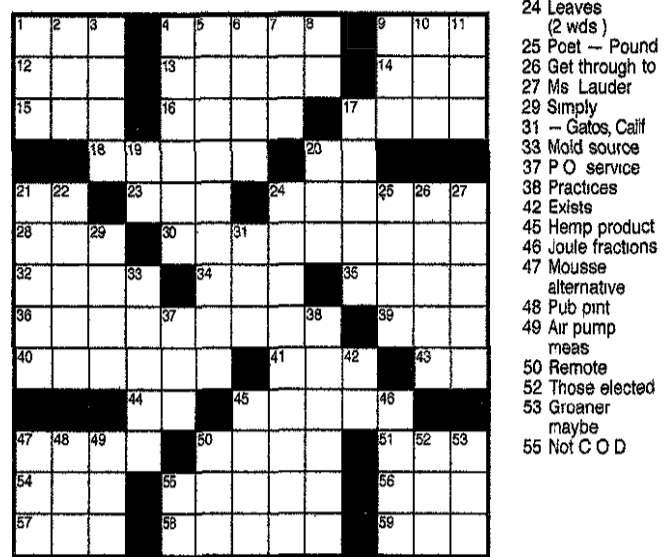
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**MACHINIST**  
Working knowledge of Bridgeport Milling machine G.D.T. and quality control documentation  
**FABRICATOR TECHNICIAN**  
Working knowledge of machining aluminum using precision cut off saw mill machine drilling tapping table saw and ability to assemble from layout drawings Please send resume to EAF Inc 41156 Cantel Ave Canton MI 48187 Fax 734 414 9830 E Mail sales@neeranged alumnumfab.com

**PERSONNEL CONSULTANT**  
Established firm seeks sales oriented person to recruit and place office support perma nent positions Unique job helping company and candi dates Call for info (248) 737 5860

**PLATERS**  
Looking for exp Platers Exe pay benefits retirement package Hiring bonus Fax resume 313 341 0315 or call Tues Thurs btwn 1-3 for appt 313 341 4791

**PLUMBER (licensed)** New work & service Must have truck & tools Call (313) 292 6600

**PLUMBER**  
Journeyman (male/female) or equivalent (734) 665 6433

**POWER WASHERS & DECK SEALERS**  
Needed 10 yrs exp pre Jerrid Valid driver's license & clean driving record required Call Pat at (248) 919 1151

**PRE SCHOOL TEACHER** for fall Certified teachers for Canton school Email resume to vinoman@comcast.net

**RAKER/ROLLER OPERATOR**  
Experience for Asphalt Paving Company Must have valid drivers license Health dental life insurance 401K and paid holidays Submit application in person at K & B Asphalt 734 722 5660

**RECEIVABLE/PAYABLES CLERK**  
Livonia industrial distribu tor has an immediate need for a Receivable/Payables Clerk Individual must be able to multi task in a fast paced environment Flexible hours Previous collection experience preferred Fax resume to Mr Mullins@ 734 261 2332

**RECEPTIONIST** Renewal By Anderson looking for a pro fessional energetic person Answering phones schedul ing appointments data entry In Wixom office 248 624 7000 ask for Stephanie

### Help Wanted-General 5000

**Restoration/Carpet Cleaning DO YOU NEED A JOB?**  
We need flexible reliable hard working people to fill 2 posi tions at local restoration/car pet cleaning firm Must have good driving record no exp required/Please fax letter of interest/resume to 248 280 2620 or apply in person 2611 Parmenter Blvd Royal Oak

### RETAIL SALES

**Heslop's**  
is looking for friendly outgoing individuals to sell and service our customers Permanent Full Time position available We offer \$8 hr to start Benefits 401k and beautiful merchandise at an employee discount Prior sales experience helpful Friendly smile required! Opportunity for advancement  
**Livonia Merri-Five Plaza 734-522-1850 Ask for Jenny**

**ROOFERS RESIDENTIAL**  
Good pay steady work 3 yrs min strong work ethic sub work avail 248 471 1605

**ROUTE DRIVER**  
Livonia vend ing company needs a dependable efficient route person Good physical condition & driving record required Will train excellent pay full benefits Fax resume 734 427 8370 or email servicefirm1@yahoo.com

**ROUTE DRIVER**  
Troy based vending company serving metro area \$450/wk to start commission after training Commis on 10% supplies truck and uniform Call weekdays 9am-12pm 248 577 4055

**ROUTE MANAGERS**  
Have a light truck? \$15+/hour Full time part time waste removal routes 734 637 3606

**SALES ASSOCIATE**  
needed for St Mary Mercy hospital gift shop Shifts vary but must be available some eves & weekends Call Shirley 734 655 2481

**Sports & Recreation Department Director**  
Includes supervising staff member care facility manage ment market ng and budget ing as well as coaching teaching and special events Must have degree in related fied Expe ence p efe ed Full time with benefits Send resume with salary requirements to Magidson 15110 W Ten Mile Rd Oak Park MI 48237 E mail Imagidson@codet.org or fax 248 967 4030 No phone calls please The JCC is an equal opportunity employer

**SPRAY TECHNICIAN**  
Wanted Person must be cert ified in 3A and have valid driv ers license with Chaffeur endorsement Possible year long employment To apply call (734) 422 9322 to schedule appointment or fax resume to Lakewood Landscaping 734 422 3541

**STONE FABRICATORS**  
Experienced wanted for Farmington Hills Granite shop Good pay and benefits Please contact Cheryl Baker 248 478 7722 to schedule an interview

**SUB FLOOR PREP PROFESSIONAL NEEDED**  
Part time with full time poten tial for right person Carpentry & flooring experience neces sary Job includes subfloor fastening carpet re stretching & floor noise detection/repair Attention to customer service is a must Tools provided Leave a message with qualifications at (248)345 4088

**TEACHER & TEACHER ASSISTANT** Sought by Farmington YMCA Full & part time positions available Call Marybeth at 248 553 1909

**TEACHER PRESCHOOL**  
The Village Early Learning Center is seeking a cert ified Preschool teacher full time 10am-6pm Located near 696/Southfield Rd Jennifer 248 567 0045

### Help Wanted-General 5000

**TEACHERS**  
Day and evening part time to begin 9/7/04 Medical First Responder Career Objectives Computer skills Office Pro Desktop Publishing Math and English Skills State of Michigan Secondary certifica tion required Mail or fax resume and certification to Rochester Adult Education 480 E Auburn Road Rochester Hills MI 48307 Fax (248) 726 5955

**TEACHERS/BUILDERS**  
Earn major \$\$\$ teaching part time this fall Home building home repair and builder licensing instructors needed Building or remodel ing experience a must! 800 482 0899

**TELEMARKETER**  
Friendly atmosphere 5 30 9 30PM Monday Friday Call 734 262 5500

**THE CHILDREN HOUR DAY CARE** New hiring Teachers & Teachers assistant Call Mon Fri before 6pm 734 459 9920

**The Employment Guide Career Expo**  
Co Sponsored by William Tyndale College Burton Manor in Livonia Wed August 18th 9am-3pm More info theemploymentguide.com

**TILE INSTALLERS**  
Bath and Kitchen Needed immediately! Exp only Start now! 248 890 9226

**TRUCK TIRE REPAIR SPECIALIST**  
Growing Heavy Haul Trucking Company Heavy Haul Trucking Company in need of an experienced Big Truck tire man Full Time Shift Opportunity Comprehensive Benefit and Bonus Program Great Atmosphere Great Oppor tunity for Growth Please Apply in person Between 8 a m and 5 p m to TLC Waste Dispos al 10100 Harrison Romulus MI 48174

**TYPE AT HOME DATA ENTRY WORK** \$425PT \$835FT per week No experience neces sary flexible computer required 1 800 460 2806

**UPHOLSTERY WORKROOM**  
looking for exp SEWER Call 734 453 6663

**Warehouse**  
The Equipment & Supply divison of Domino's P.zza Inc is looking for a hard working individual to work for our Livonia warehouse facility This person should have experience in ware house picking/packing and able to operate a forklift Work for a progressive company with great ben efits in a team oriented environment (EOE) Fax resume with cover letter and salary requirements to 734 482 0467 or mail to Dom no's Pizza Equipment & Supply Attn Scott Cowe 39000 Plymouth Rd Livonia MI 48150

**WINDOW CLEANER**  
\$10 15/hr after 90 days No exp required Must be energetic dependable & have reliable transportation 248 354 3350

**WINDOW CLEANERS**  
Hiring \$9 \$14 an hour No experience necessary Must have car Full time + part time (734) 331 2256

**Window Treatment Installer**  
Wanted! Exp contract drapery installer must have own van tools and insurance We install a variety of blinds shutters and drapery You must be able to install everything we sell Exp required excellent pay for professional work! Send resume and references to Jerry Erdman 23000 W Eight Mile Rd Southfield MI 48034

**LEGAL SECRETARY**  
Full time position depend able hard working detail oriented individual with good organizational skills to work in pleasant law office in Farmington Hills Salary commensurate with exp Call Tammy or Jim 248 737 5544 or fax resume to 248 737 3529

**MORTGAGE LOAN OFFICER**  
Seeking knowledgeable and productive Loan Officers 2 years mortgage experience required Great benefits & excellent support staff! Fax resume to 248 465 6006 or email to Kwerner@midtownfinancial.com

**OFFICE MANAGER**  
Immediate opening to coordi nate dynamic five person team for fast paced real estate office Salary based on experience/ skills Must have communica tion and computer skills be able to multi task and have the ability to work alone or as a team Reliable transportation to Northville office Full time/No benefits offered Please indicate salary desired and e mail OR fax resume Fax (248)344 0042 Email berkay@earthlink.net

**PORTERS NEEDED**  
Good driving record Send resume to Argus 12540 Beech Daly Rd Redford MI 48239 or Fax 313 937 7932

### Help Wanted-Computer/Info Systems 5010

**DFCU Financial**  
Michigan's largest Credit Union needs friendly upbeat service oriented individuals  
Now Hiring for all branch locations Will be trained in cash services product sales & member service Part Time hours Monday thru Saturday Sales exp required Next training session begins on Mon Sept 27 2004  
Applications accepted th rough Fri August 20 2004  
Apply in person at our DFCU Financial Branch Office Credit record in good standing required  
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**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE OPENING**  
For a small office in a medium sized manufacturing company in NE Detroit Multi tasked position covering A/P from purchasing though depart mental cost distribution Needs to be proficient in Microsoft Excel Word and familiarity with accounting software Accounting degree a plus Send resume and salary history to Global Titanium Inc 19300 Filer Detroit MI 48234 Fax 313 366 5305 or email to info@globaltitanium.com

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**  
Consulting firm in Livonia seeks a part time Admini strative Assistant Self motivated w/exc organizational skills Position incl multi tasking light bookkeeping & assisting co workers with a variety of jobs among other duties We will provide training to the right person Send resume to scott@acconsultng.com or fax (734) 591 2445

**CAR BILLER**  
Excellent pay & benefits Experience is required Send resume to Varsity Lincoln Mercury PO Box 633 Novi MI 48376 Or phone Ken v at 248 465 8223

**CLERICAL PERSON**  
Full & Part Time in Livonia Must have computer expe rience Between \$7.88 per hour E mail resume to frankg88@hotmail.com

**DATA ENTRY** Could Earn \$15/Hour and up! Medical Billing Training provided PC exp reqd Call 1 800 935 1311 ext 308

**LEGAL SECRETARY**  
Ligation experience required Exp rated Birmingham sw firm Excellent wages & benefits Send resume to Human Resources P.O. Box 1750 Birmingham MI 48012

**LEGAL ASSISTANT**  
For Troy firm Bankruptcy or collection exp Fax resume 248 528 5166

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Full time position depend able hard working detail oriented individual with good organizational skills to work in pleasant law office in Farmington Hills Salary commensurate with exp Call Tammy or Jim 248 737 5544 or fax resume to 248 737 3529

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Upscale Birmingham office specializing in aesthetic den tistry is seeking a certified dental assistant with exp in expanded duties Fax resume to 248 646 2658

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Busy dental practice is searching for an energetic person with chairside experience in a team oriented environment Please call (248) 548 1076

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Full time for a busy pedi atric dental office in Novi Need detail oriented friend ly outgoing person No eves Some Sats Benefits 248 478 3232

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Canton dental office seeks front desk/admin Multi task skills good with numbers data processing Minimum 1 yr experience Full/part time Competitive wages with bonus Fax resume to 734 981 0370 or call 734 981 5455 for Sue

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**RECEPTIONIST** Part time for busy doctor's office Will train Apply at 28080 Grand River #209 Farmington Hills

**RECEPTIONIST**  
Part time answer phones fil ing and correspondence Microsoft Word exp required Downtown Plymouth location Send resume to Receptionist P.O. Box 6391 Plymouth MI 48170

**RECEPTIONIST(S) NEEDED**  
for Downtown Plymouth Real Estate office \$10 \$15 per hour depending on experi ence Full or part time day evening & weekend shifts available Positive enthusias tic attitude required with strong people skills a must FAX resume with desired hours to (734) 459 1292

**RECEPTIONIST/ ASSISTANT**  
Garden City Real Estate office hiring reasonably local reli able receptionist who can be flexible Phone etiquette and STRONG computer skills required Serious applicants only Call 734 525 7900

**TRUCKING Safety Clerk**  
Local Contract Carrier is seek ing an experienced Safety Clerk The successful candi date will be knowledgeable in all state and federal regu lations pertaining to but not limited to driver logs driver qual ification accidents claims and basic safety procedures Only experienced candidates will be considered for this position We offer a competitive salary with a full benefit package to be considered for this posi tion please fax your resume to 313 581 6410 Attn Crissie

**FILE CLERK**  
for busy ophthalmology office Must be detail orien ted and self motivated 3 days a week Fax resume to 734 522 9636 or mail to Personnel Dept 32410 Five Mile Rd Ste 102 Livonia MI 48154

**FRONT DESK ASSISTANT**  
Plymouth office seeking mature dependable organ ized caring person with com puter and dental knowledge Part time 734 453 6360

**LAB ASSISTANT**  
Part time Experienced lab assistant wanted for busy firm in vanuportune and unylnalisk Call 248 476 2420 Or fax resume 248 476 7680

**MA or LPN**  
Wanted to teach clinical classes to medical student students in vocational school in the Ypsilanti/Ann Arbor area Subjects include cl nical procedures theory and anatomy and physiology Permanent part time posi tions available 10 15 hours per week Requires degree or certificate and three years related medical experience Call 734 434 7320 or fax resume to 734 434 8579

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
Exp p efer ed Will consi de new grad have two fu time positions open n Ann Arbor ex wages and bene fits offered No weekends/hol days Knowledge of computers looking for excellent organ iza tional and commun cat on skills Please fax resume to Attn Deb 734 985 4366

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
Part time for Farmington Podiatry office Computer skills helpful (248) 477 3301

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
Southfield G I office exp required in Multi tasking Please Call Ana 248 746 0010 ext 25

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
Teen Health Center needs a Certified Medical Assis tant with at least one year experience in an office setting Center offers pri mary care including OB to adolescents ages 12 12 and their children Full time with benefits Send resume to Clinic Manager 47 N Huron St Ypsilanti, MI 48197 Fax 734-484-3100

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT**  
with x ray experience needed Full time for Southfield office Mon Tues Wed Fri 12 day Sat Please fax resume 248 368 3425 No faxes on Thurs please

### Help Wanted-Dental 5040

**ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANT**  
Full or part time for growing multi location practice Dental exp required Ortho exp a plus Excellent pay & bene fits Call 248 735 3858 or Fax resume 248 735 3859

**RECEPTIONIST** West Bloom field pediatric dentistry Ener getic reliable personable team player 248 668 0022

**APPLY TODAY RN/LPN or MA**  
With exp needed for growing dermatology practice in Ann Arbor/Plymouth area Full/part time Flexible hrs Pay commensurate w/exp Exc benefits Fax resume 734 996 8767

**CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL NECESSITY PROCESSOR**  
Mitchell Home Medical has an immediate full time opportunity for the right person! Must possess 2 3 years of medical office exp including ICD 9 HCPC coding and medical terminology Salary commensurate to exp Excellent benefits offered including 401k Fax resume attn Ken @ 734 572 0261 or email to kbircmaier@mtchellhomeomedical.com

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Experienced please to join our exceptional Dental Team People skills & pas sion for dentistry Send resumes to P.O. Box 510255 Livonia MI 48151

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Seeking dependable dedicat ed team player eager to learn and face new challenges Dental exp preferred Full time 734-453-6360

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Full & part time Westland/Livon area 734 522 6470

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Experienced Part time Livonia office Fax 734 452 6017 or call 734 462 5985

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
For nice dental office in Livonia Prefer experienced call Chins 734 425 7688

**DENTAL ASSISTANT**  
Full time Livonia gene a practice (734) 522 6770

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Full time with a great person ally to join our dental family Experience preferred but not necessary 248 557 5756

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### Help Wanted-Medical 5060

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT/ RECEPTIONIST**  
Part time Minimum 1 yr expe rience Dearborn Hts area Call (313) 730 1591 or Fax resume (313) 730 1634

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST**  
Westland office Full/Part time Call 734 729 4343 or fax resume to 734 729-0222

**MEDICAL BILLER**  
Easy growing Medical Billing Company seeks experienced biller for immediate full-time position Must have 3+ years billing experience and be detail oriented Starting salary \$30,000+ with full benefits Please send resume to HR Manager - P.O. Box 1111 Novi, MI 48376-1111

**MEDICAL BILLER**  
Experience required Excellent benefits Competitive salary Friendly atmosphere Plymouth area Fax Maria S 734 453-6175

**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT SALES**  
Livonia company has immedi ate part time position avail able Knowledge of DME cov erage a plus Fax resume w/ salary req to 734 261 8849

**MEDICAL OFFICE ASSISTANT**  
Experienced organized de pendable multitasking individ ual to work 28+ hrs in Livonia Dermatology practice to fill receptionist/assistant position Fax resume to 734 542 8168

**MEDICAL POSITIONS**  
• 5 Physicians MD s/ DO s  
• 6 Licensed Physicians assistants  
• 7 Physical therapists  
• 3 Occupational therapists  
• 2 Podiatrists  
• 5 Nurse Practitioners  
• 5 Certified Clinical Nurse  
• 5 Certified Nurse Midwives (NO MEDICAL ASSISTANTS)  
Fax resume 313 863 8821 call 313 863 8809

**Medical Receptionist Full Time**  
1 2 years experience! Call 248-544-1316 Or Fax To 248 544 8742

**MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIST OR MLT** Part time doctor's office lab Fax hours call 484 442 1400 or 734 674 7784

**MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST**  
Contract work from home on own exp Fluent in fore gn accents 2 yrs exp Top dollar Call 248 213 1343

**PHYSICAL THERAPIST**  
Advanced rehabilitation clinic seeking full time motivated orthopedic or ented phys cal asst for our patient clinic located in Farmington Hills Benefits include yearly wage of \$70 000 00 health insurance paid vacation sick days and continued education For more detail call Michael at 248 442 2020 or fax your resume to 248 442 8100

**PLYMOUTH PHYSICAL THERAPY SPECIALISTS**  
In White Lake is seeking a dynamic and hardworking Physical Therapist in our Outpatient Orthopedic facility We offer a competitive salary & an excellent benefit package Send resume to Kris Sayles Plymouth Physical Therapy Specialists 9145 Highland Rd White Lake MI 48386 or call Kris at 248 698 1277 or fax resume to 248 698 2069

**RECEPTIONIST** Full time w/MA exp for Northville family prac tice Exc benefits Fax resume to Attn Kelly at 248 348 1170

**COOK**  
Even ngs Apply in person only after 2pm at Corsis Restaurant & Banquet Center 7 Mile between Inkster & Middlebelt Livonia

**COOK** Part time/ Full time Experienced Nights Apply Starting Gate Saloon 135 N Center St Northville

**COOKS**  
Part time Golf benefits Brae Burn Golf Course in Plymouth 734 453 1900

**COOKS EXPERIENCED**  
NOW HIRING! Full time day shift Top pay Apply within Rams Horn 7020 N Wayne Rd Westland 734 641 0510

### Help Wanted-Medical 5060

**RN or LPN**  
Healthcare Dialysis Immediate need for RN or LPN w/IV certificate to work in our LTC home dialysis program Qualified candidates will have a min of 3 years dialysis experience excellent communication skills both written and verbal and must be committed to providing top quality patient care Exp w/resume equipment a plus Part time position w/benefits please email your resume to noreen.traay@omnicare.com or fax to 347 759 1379

**RN S/FULL OR PART TIME**  
New pay scale for busy home care company Patients visits in Farmington Livonia Northville Plymouth Redford Experience not necessary Fax resume to 248 476 1011 or call Ken at 248 476 9091

**THERAPISTS PT/OT/PTA S**  
COTA S needed for outpa tient rehab and home care in area senior communities Full & Part time Ann Arbor/Ypsil Southfield Northville/Westland and Adrian Please fax resume to 734 324 2405 Attn Karl

**BAGEL MAKER**  
Farmington Will train Start \$8/hr Earn up to \$12/hr (586) 246 1646

**Bennigan's Grill and Tavern in Plymouth** For a limited time we are hiring for the following positions Host and servers Some experience helpful Please apply in person no phone calls please 40441 Ann Arbor Rd behind Don Massey Cadillac and Steak and Ale

**Breakfast Cook**  
Excellent exp cook a must **Dinner Host/Hostess** Top Pay/Health Ins/401K **Beverly Hills Grill** 31471 Southfield Road

**BUSSESS**  
Exp preferred Must be 16 or older Huron River Club Part time evenings Call 248 477 1000

**CASHIER**  
Full/pa t time ava able For West Bloomfield area Flex b e schedule (586) 751 8900

**COFFEE SHOP COMING SOON**  
Baristas pastry wanted Send resumes to PO Box 931 Farmington Hills MI 48336

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NOW HIRING! Full time day shift Top pay Apply within Rams Horn 7020 N Wayne Rd Westland 734 641 0510

**FOOD SERVICE COOKS & SERVERS**  
Contract Management Services Company has immediate openings for a full time cook and part time servers for a retreat center in the Bloomfield Hills area Must be able to work weekends Experience a plus Customer service oriented individuals need only to apply Please call 248 644 4983 ext 39 ask for Rhonda

**FOOD SERVICE SERVERS**  
Contract Management Services Company has immediate openings for part time servers for a religious retreat center in the Washington area Must be able to work weekends Exp a plus Customer service oriented individuals need only to apply Please call 248 651 0219

**FOOD SERVICE SERVERS**  
Contract Management Services Company has immediate openings for part time servers for a religious retreat center in the Detroit area Must be able to work weekends Exp a plus Customer service oriented individuals need only to apply Please call for Gabriella 313 535 9563

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(E15WES) 734-455-5600 \$154,000




**WESTLAND Move Right In!**  
Livonia Schools 2 bedroom 2 full ceram c bath condo backing to tranquil pond All appliances fireplace in living room Newer windows & doorwa Walking trails private pool & clubhouse

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**PLYMOUTH Move Right In!**  
Excellent location in Plymouth This 2 bedroom condo has newer carpet kitchen cabinets dining room flooring & windows in living room Large private basement & more

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**RIVER ROUGE Beautiful Family Colonial**  
4 BR 1.5 BA home w/2.5 garage large ceram c foyer most appliances included & swimming pool Three ceiling fans Newer roof & HWH Home warranty included

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**FARMINGTON HILLS Excellent Condo Value**  
Spacious 3 BR, 2.5 BA townhouse w/cathedral ceilings, brary FFL GR w/trpic MBR ste w/BA & 2 WIC's Full bsmt Recessed lights neutral decor tv and 3 skylights Backs to trees Low association fees too

(E67SIE) 248-349-5600 \$239,900




**DEARBORN HTS Living At Its Finest**  
Delightful brick ranch offers 3 bedrooms within walking distance of schools churches & ec center charm ng eat in kit 2.5 car garage w/opener

(E33MCK) 734 455 5600 \$119,900



**CANTON Popular Canton Condo**  
End unit spacious great room with cathedral ceilings & doorwall to copy deck All neutral decor 2 full baths newer carpet & carpet close to unit

(E58LIL) 734 455 5600 \$129,000



**TAYLOR Wonderful Updated Ranch**  
3 bedroom home w/2 car garage newer custom window treatments storm doors some carpet vinyl floor in kitchen roof on house & garage furnace CA & breaker box

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**MILFORD Lakeview Hillside Haven**  
4 BR 2 BA home w/lake privileges frpic wood stove n GR updated kitchen cabinets & counter deck & MBR overlook Sears Lake almost 3/4 acre wooded lot C close to downtown MI floor \$194,900

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Great Value Ground level unit with handicap access Clean & bright Extra large bathroom, neutral decor View of woods Lake privileges to Walled Lake Adult community 50 years

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**REDFORD Clean Redford Ranch**  
3 bed om home freshly painted neutral decor newer w ndows steel entry doo s & flooring Some app ances ceiling fans Nic floor plan Screened porch & a 1 year home warranty

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**REDFORD Stop The Car!**  
Great 3 bedroom 2 full bath bungalow on a double lot Many updates nclud ng roof w ndows kitchen & bath Fin shed basement & wood deck ove looking beautiful ya d

(E55CEN) 734-455 5600 \$139,999



**WESTLAND Fabulous Brick Ranch**  
Great 3 bedroom 2 full bath home on large lot Finished basement w th ott ca & bath 2.5 car garage w/opener & appliances

(E28JEA) 734 455 5600 \$169,999



**CANTON Better Than New**  
3 BR 2.5 BA colonial w/open floor plan Clean freshly painted home w/wood foye oak kit opens to FR w/rat 1 fireplace Large master w/WIC & private bath Upstairs open loft Neutral deco FFL & 2 car att gar Nice deck

(E51PAR) 248 349 5600 \$239,900



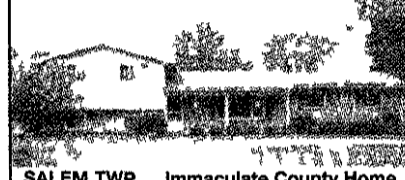
**MADISON HGTS Great Buy Brick Ranch**  
The large items are done roof furnace A/C & windows Wow What a fantastic kitchen all newer and shows beautiful & great family neighborhood

(E28SPO) 248 349 5600 \$153,000



**DEARBORN Great Value**  
Great location 3 bedroom 1.5 bath bungalow in s ght of neighborhood park Updated eat in kit w/bay window newer Barber cot fu n AC & bath Spacious wood deck + basement & garage

(E20CHE) 734 455 5600 \$142,900



**SALEM TWP Immaculate County Home**  
3 bedroom 2 bath tr level w/spacious light filled living area 2 car garage pole barn some app s family room w/ fireplace on approx 2.28 acres & updated

(E61GOT) 734 455 5600 \$345,900




**CANTON Edenbrooke Estates**  
Wonderful 3 bd m 1.5 bath colonial w/2 att gar part fin bsmt newer roof & vinyl w ndows CA pr vacy fence & deck Updated oak kit w island

(E27HYS) 734 455 5600 \$209,500




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Your hunt in the woods s over Come & see for yourself all that this stately tudor has to offer Loaded windows marble sills covered ce ngs crown mold ngs C as c look on a beautiful ct Your going to love it

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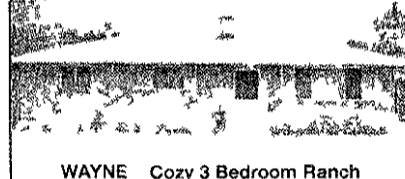
**LIVONIA Gorgeous Ranch**  
Great approx 1/2 acre lot w/beautiful views 3 BR 2.5 BA kit w/white bay cabinets 2 car att gar Basement marble floors loop shag carpet vaulted call ng MBR WIC sp inke s natural frpic footings for 4 seasons rm

(E84SUN) 248-349 5600 \$279,900




**PLYMOUTH So Sweet!**  
Clean & beautiful in a nita need House w beautiful yard 3 bed om finished basement garage updates & amenities B ght & cheerfu k tchan Ha d wood floors & all app ances

(E80SUN) 734 455 5600 \$247,900



**WAYNE Cozy 3 Bedroom Ranch**  
Walk ng dist to ea k & school Updated kit w ceram c tile floor Newer w ndows & a most a doo s

(E85HAR) 734-455 5600 \$129,900



**SALEM TWP Beautiful Country Home**  
5 bd m 2 fu & 2 1/2 baths 9th century w coo a on approx 2.9 acres Great master bd m frwdw h s count y kit & formal d n m Lg pole barn pond deck & gazebo A must see

(E66TER) 734 455-5600 \$579,000



**GREEN OAK Private Treed Setting**  
for this 4 BR 3.5 BA ranch n fantast c sub w/ east 1/2 ac e lot homes Fin shed lower level for n law str s or a teenage h de ave flow Florida room ove ooks the private woods

(E50RAV) 248-349 5600 \$349,900



**SOUTH LYON Beautiful Newer Ranch**  
Met cuo y ca ed fo home on large ct w th 3 BR MBR w/ful bath and WIC F or da oom cathedral ce ngs Huge kitchen w/water pur f cation system Access on L me K in Lake Bu t n 1999

(E89SUN) 248 349 5600 \$310,000



**LIVONIA Clean & Neat**  
Huge lot fenced yard big kitchen beautiful hardwood flooring basement w dry bar ext a parking space Home war anty

(E20SA) 734 455 5600 \$147,000



**WESTLAND Extremely Clean Condo**  
2 bedroom 2 bath ranch condo features fresh neutral paint & new carpet 04 open floor plan w th spaci ous great room with doorwall over ooking deck All appliances stay

(E68SHO) 734-455-5600 \$109,900



**GARDEN CITY Sharp Updated Bungalow**  
4 bedrooms newer roof windows ca pet kitchen bath and much more All appliances stay Huge open bedroom 1 plus Ca garage Large fenced yard Just move in

(E54MAP) 248 349 5600 \$144,900



**DEARBORN Welcome Home**  
Custom brick ranch offers 3 BR 1.5 BA w/open floor plan & freshly painted Updated oak kitchen newer carpet newer roof & windows Great house & ocaton Walk to schools parks D vna Child A must see

(E26ROB) 248 349 5600 \$182,500



**FARMINGTON HILLS Charming & Updated**  
Nice 2 BR starter home w/newer roof & windows Covered ce ngs & hardwood floors in LR Natural fireplace in FR Master suite w/uilt in shelves and storage 1 car attached garage Appliances included

(E20TUL) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



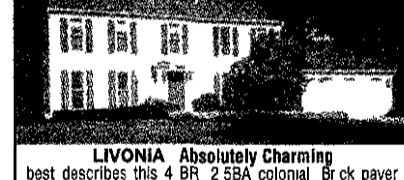
**TAYLOR Don't Miss This One!**  
Newer construct on condo opens to a 2 sto y foyer Beautiful gas fireplace master bed oom w/WIC & vaulted ceiling Features CA 2 car attached garage & carpeted basement

(E78COA) 734-455 5600 \$173,500




**CANTON So Many Updates!**  
Newer construct n foyer newer Barber carpet in LR stairs & bedrooms open floor plan newer vinyl windows s d ng & trim 02 wrap around deck master has bath fam y room w/rep ace & 2.5 car garage

(E16WIN) 734-455 5600 \$212,000



**LIVONIA Absolutely Charming**  
best describes this 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial Br ck paver walkway leads to th s meticulously maintained home Lush landscaping n a park lke setting Many upgrades Newer Anderson windows and vinyl shutters Hur y

(E97MAY) 248-349-5600 \$319,900



**NORTHVILLE Investors Alert!**  
Two apartment studio home Both units have a full bath with a complete kitchen Located in the historic district of beautiful Northville

(E15ROG) 248 349 5600 \$189,900



**NORTHVILLE Hard To Find Cape Condo**  
Go 1 course location Desirable 1st floor master ste 3 BR 2.5 BA full basement 2 car att gar upper loft FR over ooks 17 vaulted ceiling FFL Security system Beh nd is and for reduced traffic

(E56VIL) 248-349-5600 \$319,900



**PLYMOUTH Private Traded Interior Lot**  
In Ridgewood Hts Full front porch htded fl s n LR DR kit & lb kit new 03 w cor an counter & sink cherry cabs forma DR w/newer Andersen bay window FR w/replace 2 tiered deck bsmt & 2.5 car att gar

(E86WOO) 734 455 5600 \$369,900




**CANTON Hassle Free Living**  
Large 2 bedroom 1.5 bath townhouse w/attached garage finished basement master bedroom with 2 c osets (1 a WIC) ceramic tile & glass doors in ma n bath All this & 1 year home warranty

(E04BED) 734 455-5600 \$144,720



**LIVONIA Adorable Brick Home**  
3 BR ranch w/livon a school Updates include bay window & roof Home offers large lot and 2.5 car detached garage Fin shed basement close to schools park shopping and freeway

(E11MIN) 248 349 5600 \$158,500



**CANTON Spacious Condo**  
Very neat & clean 3 BR 2.5 BA 2 story unit Neutral decor throughout DR has doorwall leading to your large deck Partially fin bsmt w/rec room & additional rm for off ce or extra storage Lg kit w/bkfst nook

(E79SAR) 248 349 5600 \$205,900




**BELLEVILLE Yours To Build Equity**  
Investors dream Beautiful lot All treasures inside go with home 3 BR full basement Sold as is Walk to downtown in area of up to 200k homes Needs TLC Country fee ing Great opportunity

(E49WAB) 248-349 5600 \$119,900



**CANTON Canton Condo**  
Premium location w/view of pond from your deck 2 bedroom 2.5 bath fin shed basement w/extra room 1st floor laundry & all appliances stay

(E49HUN) 734 455 5600 \$167,000



**WYANDOTTE Super Location**  
Go gous views of downtown area steps away from B shop park & river Gas & water included n monthly fee Immed ate occupancy Super condo with assigned Lease opt on ava lable \$900,00/mo

(E20CHE) 734-455 5600 \$85,500



**NOVI Perfect Cape Cod**  
4 BR 2.5 BA cape cod 2 story GR w/trpic First floor master All neutral & newly painted T/O Newer hrdwd floors in k tchan hall and laundry room Three season sun room Shows like a Model

(E64MYS) 248-349-5600 \$409,900



**WEST BLOOMFIELD Spacious Ranch Condo**  
Gorgeous professionally decorated 3 BR 3 BA ranch condo nestled deep n sub Home boasts FFL master suite fin LL cathedral ceilings skylights & custom window treatments T tuated close to pool & tennis cts

(E67SHE) 248-349-5600 \$224,900



**FARMINGTON HILLS Private Paradise**  
Your own private drive + private setting! Over 2 acres w/tee s 4 BR brick ranch w/2.5 baths formal LR & DR + sunroom Fin bsmt w/FR 1/2 bath & tons of storage Heated garage Kitchen apps updated + roof Heavenly

(E45WES) 248-349-5600 \$399,900



**PLYMOUTH Ranch w/4 Seasons Room**  
Sunroom adds approx 200 sq ft to th s home w/many updates all apps fin bsmt w/ful bath nice andscap ng w workshop & shed fenced yard w th sm water feature & CA

(E48COR) 734 455 5600 \$198,500



**PLYMOUTH Great Starter**  
Or investment home 3 bedroom ranch w/updated kitchen & bath vaulted ceilings vinyl windows newer furnace fam ly room abundance of cupboards & closets A s ting on a t ead lot

(E20PAR) 734-455 5600 \$166,500



**NOVI You Want It, We've Got It**  
All the most wanted features open floor plan 1st floor master fireplace finished LL 4 BR 4BA FFL large deck and wooded ct & sidewalks Northville schools Fresh paint

(E88MYS) 248-349 5600 \$434,900



**CANTON Welcome Home**  
Absolute y gorgeous co n popular Meadow V llage sub 4 spacious BR's 2.5 BA's & gourmet kitchen Master suite w/walk in closet & ga dent tub Br ck patio 2 sto y entry Awesome a must see

(E37SHO) 248 349 5600 \$309,900



**LIVONIA Central Livonia Location**  
Located near city parks, family Y Bentley center & so much more 3 BR 1.5 BA colonal Huge FR w/trpic 2 doorwalls vinyl windows kt DR LR 2 car att gar basement & deep lot Hull Frost & Churchill schools

(E99YAL) 248-349 5600 \$225,900



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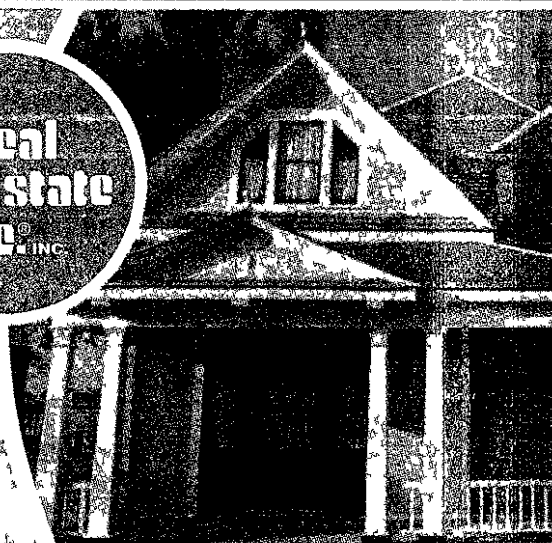


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**NORTHVILLE \$615,000**  
**VICTORIAN ELEGANCE DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE** Custom Built 1997 4 BRs 2 5 BAs Great floor plan Upgrades include 9FT ceilings crown moldings & wrap around porch Walk to town schools & cider mill 349 6200 (24088192)

248-348 6430



**NOVI \$444,900**  
**CHARMING CAPE COD TRULY DELIGHTFUL** Lovely home w/nice kit & brkfst area w/hardwood fir island Formal DR spacious GR 3 lg BRs + loft great mstr comfortable den and nice deck 349 6200 (24057679)

248 348-6430



**CANTON \$419,900**  
**TOTALLY AWESOME FLOOR PLAN!** Private location backs to woods! 4 BRs 2 5 BAs 1st flr mstr ste w/jetted tub separate shower & prnt drwy to brk paver patio Huge GR winding staircase & more! (R2433)

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**PLYMOUTH \$379,900**  
**IMPRESSIVE 4 BR 3 5 BA BRICK COLONIAL** Upgrades include huge kit w/maple cabs 9 ft ceilings great rm w/FP jack & Jill bath MBR w/cathedral ceilings walk in clst & bath w/separate shower (W51334)

734-591-9200



**CANTON \$342,900**  
**FALL IN LOVE 4 BR 2 5 BA Pulte colonial** is model quality. Backing to nice tree line Formal living dream kit w/oak cabs & island FR w/FP 2nd flr Indry 2 5 car gar Deck sprinklers (23B3768)

734-455 7000



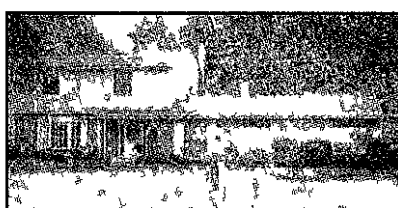
**LIVONIA \$310,000**  
**CUSTOM BUILT CAPE COD** Great rm w/cathedral ceiling gas FP 3 BRs 2 5 BAs 1st flr mstr w/jacuzzi tub & WIC Lg kit w/ceramic fir 1st flr Indry office & BR 2 5 car att gar Hm warranty (24089118)

734-591-9200



**LIVONIA \$309,375**  
**AESTHETIC & ELEGANT 4 BRs 2 5 BAs** approx 2000 SF colonial home Continuously upgraded w/the finest materials & concepts Ready to move into (23M37580)

734 455 7000



**NORTHVILLE \$308,500**  
**TONS OF UPDATES!** Gorgeous colonial that shows to perfection! Many updates incl floors hghts sinks blinds & panel doors painted neutral Nicely set on a lg tranquil lot 349 6200 (24075649)

248-348-6430



**SALEM \$275,000**  
**PRIVATE & PICTURESQUE COUNTRY SETTING** Well cared for 4 BR 2 5 bath colonial Lg kit full bath on 1st floor In need of some updating so bring your decorating ideas Over 2 acres of privacy! 349 6200 (24089069)

248-348-6430



**LIVONIA \$257,900**  
**WONDERFUL LIVONIA HOME!** Beaut fully appointed home w/hardwood firs in n cely updated kit fin bsmt w/full bath 1st flr Indry newer roof central air hwh & furnace Livon a schools! 349 6200 (24063614)

248-348 6430



**FARMINGTON \$239,000**  
**ABSOLUTELY STUNNING!** 3 BR 2 bath home was rebuilt in 1985 Soaring ceilings in huge GR w/natural FP drwl leading to deck & Indscpd yd 1st flr mstr gorgeous kit & more! (S33603)

734 591 9200



**NORTHVILLE \$233,500**  
**BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY LOT IN THE CITY!** Updates HWH furnace front porch Indscpd big deck privacy fence ext paint gar paint gar door r p ergo kit fir French door to deck pond & more! Nice bsmt w/bar (M15852)

734-591 9200



**DEARBORN \$214,900**  
**UPTO DATE & READY TO GO!** Remodeled oak cabs in kit glass blk in bsmt furn & a/c 2000 HWH 2002 Florida rm 10x10 newer paint & crpt hwdw firs (except kit) gar totally new in 99 (24093049)

734 591-9200



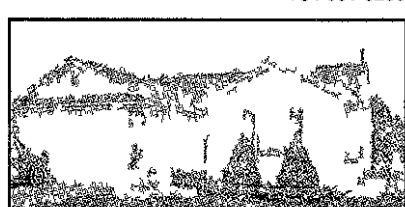
**ROYAL OAK \$200,000**  
**TOTALLY UPDATED NORTH ROYAL OAK RANCH!** Spacious 4 BR 1440 SF ranch siding to park! Ceramic baths hwdw in LR & 2 BRs! Newer furn roof & windows 2 car gar deck fenced yard Appliances stay! 349 6200 (24081663)

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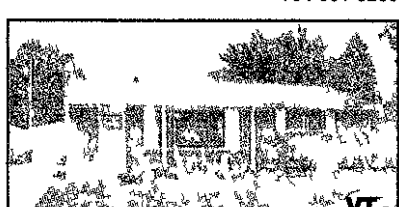
**CANTON \$196,500**  
**GREAT 3 BR, 2 BA BRICK RANCH** Backs to a commons area white kit cabinets Pergo flooring finished bsmt w/wet bar updates galore family rm w/fireplace Lg deck overlooks spacous yard 349 6200 (24091901)

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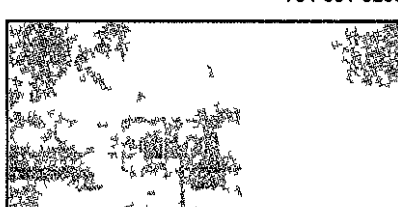
**WESTLAND \$194,900**  
**DESIRABLE MILLPOINTE SUB!** Ceramic foyer lg kitchen w/oak cabs vaulted ceilings skylights FP in LR 4th BR in full fin bsmt & ceramic shower & bath C/A deck 2 car garage (S200)

734 326 2000



**LIVONIA \$194,900**  
**WONDERFUL NW LIVONIA BRICK RANCH!** Immaculate and updated Spacious kit w/updated cabs & newer appl! Huge LR w/lg picture window Nice carpet & hwdw firs Fin bsmt w/bath Lg fenced yard Home warranty 349 6200 (24091575)

248 348-6430



**LIVONIA \$189,900**  
**WELL MAINTAINED BRICK RANCH!** 3 bedrooms Great location New roof and garage door Doorwall to patio off of family room with fireplace All appliances stay Nice landscaping with fenced yard (H9795)

734 591-9200



**CANTON \$184,900**  
**LOCATION! LOCATION!** Fenced yrd w/lg deck & grill for entertaining Corner of cul de sac & around the corner from Field Elementary School Open fir plan New windows installed soon (23H41552)

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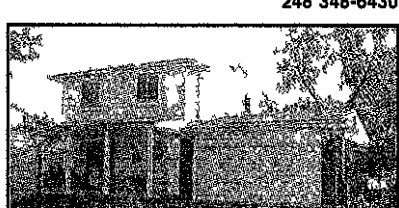
**WESTLAND \$179,900**  
**CURTIS WOODS COLONIAL** Beaut fully updated 3 BR 1 1/2 BA home w/1 400 SF New oak kitchen FR w/FP & new doorwall to patio New siding roof gutters electric copper plumbing (S127)

734-326 2000



**FARMINGTON HILLS \$179,900**  
**READY TO MOVE IN COLONIAL** with hwdw firs thru out New paint ceramic baths dining area w/drwl to nice deck newer wndws & HWH Some new appliances Fin bsmt w/rec rm & office area More! (P23045)

734-591-9200



**WESTLAND \$179,500**  
**EXTRA DEEP LOT 265 Ft deep** with room for everything 3 bedroom 2 story w/1 5 baths family room w/fireplace full basement att 2 car garage C/A pool patio & deck (S152)

734 326 2000



**WESTLAND \$173,900**  
**DESIRABLE SURRY HGTS SUB** Beautifully maintained home w/many updates new Florida RM 2003 roof siding cement & windows Kitchen leads to FR w/gas log fireplace 2 car garage (S142)

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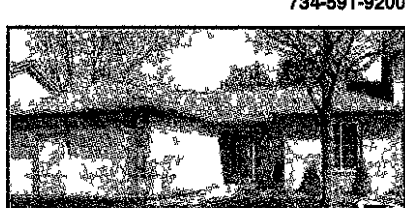
**NOVI \$172,900**  
**GREAT COMPLEX - GREAT END UNIT!** Clean & neutral mstr ste w/walk in closet bsmt & att garage Beautiful grounds w/take pool play area & large deck Pets permitted (23C22829)

734 455 7000



**GARDEN CITY \$164,900**  
**WOW! NEW CONSTRUCTION** Great established neighborhood matured trees & all the comforts you want in an area Great floor plan 1st flr Indry mstr w/full bath open eat in kitchen (A33511)

734 591 9200



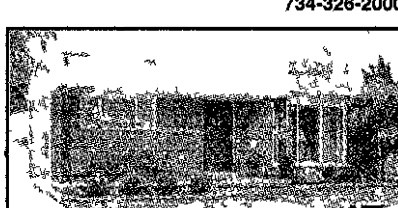
**WESTLAND \$164,900**  
**DESIRABLE RANCH CONDO - OPEN & AIRY** Ready for new owner new paint & carpeting Cute neutral color throughout 1st flr laundry all appliances stay Pergo fir in kit & entry Seller motivated! 348 6430 (24052798)

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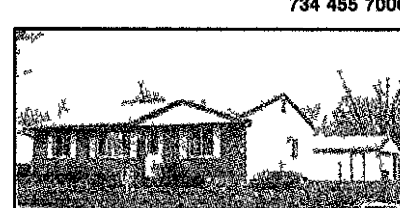
**DEARBORN HGTS \$157,500**  
**MOVE IN TIME FOR START OF SCHOOL!** 3 BR brick ranch with Crestwood schools Renovated throughout Kit & bath newer furnace & C/A beautifully fin bsmt w/bar 2 1/2 car garage (N846)

734-326 2000



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$155,900**  
**SHARP 3 BRs 1 5 BATHS** Nice Landscaping covered patio finished family room in basement 2 car garage A/C Fenced yard (R8531)

734-591-9200



**WESTLAND \$154,900**  
**AN ANSWER TO A DREAM** Is this 3 BR brick ranch in Westland Full bsmt & 2 car garage w/ opener all on a lg 77x120 lot Enjoy newer furnace windows carpeting roof shingles and C/A (P124)

734 326 2000



**REDFORD \$154,900**  
**HANDSOME REDFORD RANCH ON A TERRIFIC LOT** All brick cove ceilings hardwood floors family room attached two car garage central air full basement Truly a Feel Good home! 348 6430 (24079918)

248 348 6200



**REDFORD \$143,900**  
**VERY SHARP WELL KEPT BRICK BUNGALOW** Many updates wndws vinyl siding glass blk wndws roof driveway sidewalk & patio Remodeled BA updated elect beautiful wood trim crpt thru out/hwdw fir underneath (24084264)

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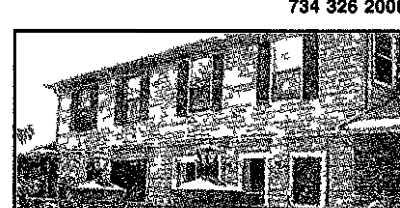
**WESTLAND \$137,700**  
**UPDATED 3 BR RANCH BACKING TO GOLF COURSE** Everthing s been updated in last 4 yrs! All newer eat in kit plus appls updated bath refin hwdw fir in LR & DR fenced dbl lot yd & patio Lg open rms & gar 349 6200 (06B1R2)

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**CANTON \$129,750**  
**THE WINDS** Clean townhouse in this low maintenance quiet well kept community! (23S41086)

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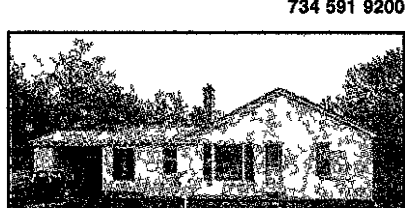
**CANTON \$126,999**  
**YES 2 BR 1 5 BA CONDO** New wndws drwall 15x14 deck WIC family room library bsmt (23N41012)

734-455-7000



**LIVONIA \$119,900**  
**TOTALLY UPDATED & SPARKLING CLEAN RANCH** You won't be disappointed move right in Updated kit BA roof elect all interior doors Trim mids front & side doors paint & crpt DR or 3rd BR w/drwall (D20203)

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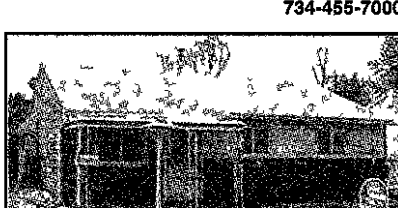
**LIVONIA \$110,000**  
**4 CAR UNBELIEVABLE GARAGE** Hundreds of uses industrial/residential Fully updated wood floors newly painted (23E29929)

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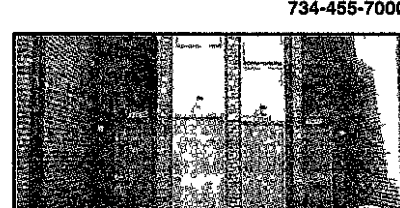
**WAYNE \$109,900**  
**HERE S A STARTER HOME FOR YOU** 2 BR vinyl sided ranch Lg kitchen doorwall to deck off master BR newer windows roof shingles & carpeting CA & garage Close to Civic Center (R344)

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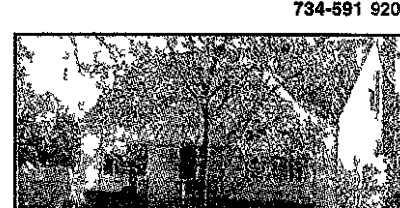
**WESTLAND \$99,900**  
**HOTTEST BUY TODAY!** This 2 or 3 BR aluminum ranch on a nice lot Clean w/lots of updates including furnace carpeting roof shingles C/A & vinyl windows Lg kit w/good table space (P324)

734-326-2000



**LIVONIA \$91,900**  
**SPACIOUS CONDO IN MINT CONDITION** Very clean & spacious 1 BR/1 bath condo w/lots of storage Enjoy the beautiful scenic pond view Eat in kit dining rm balcony full size laundry & more 349 6200 (24056983)

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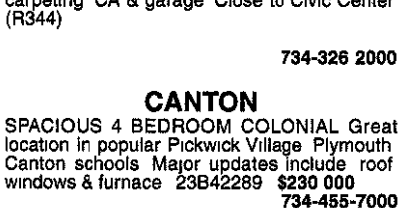
**DETROIT \$79,900**  
**ROOMY REDECORATED HOME** Freshly painted and carpeted Newer roof windows HWH driveway and more Above ground pool All appliances included Immediate occupancy One year home warranty (R635)

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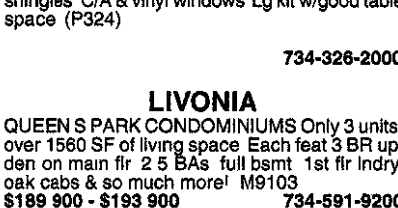
**BRIGHTON**  
**EXCEPTIONAL BRIGHTON LOCATION** Beautiful home on lg cul de sac Great rm w/ cath ceiling & gas fp 2nd flr loft 2 BRs & full BA 1st flr master ste Prof finished bsmt Many Upgrades 349 6200 25AIR2 \$258 000 248 348 6430

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**CANTON**  
**SPACIOUS 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL** Great location in popular Pickwick Village Plymouth Canton schools Major updates include roof windows & furnace 23B42289 \$230 000 734-455-7000

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**LIVONIA**  
**QUEEN S PARK CONDOMINIUMS** Only 3 units over 1560 SF of living space Each feat 3 BR up den on main flr 2 5 BAs full bsmt 1st flr Indry oak cabs & so much more! M9103 \$189 900 - \$193 900 734-591-9200

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**MILFORD**  
**2.5 ACRES MILFORD TWP W/2 BR RANCH** Must see 2 BR ranch LR FR and walkout bsmt w/FP sauna 0 5 bath shower workshop 2 car gar & 2 59 rolling treed acres! Call now 349-6200 24088375 \$179 900 248-348-6430

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**DEARBORN HEIGHTS**  
**3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH BRICK RANCH** You w ll enjoy this open & airy 3 bedroom 2 bath brick ranch Updates include kitchen both baths roof windows carpet fresh paint & more 24053654 \$154 900 734-591 9200

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## The 2004 Toyota Sequoia

Advertising Feature

### Thursday DriveTime



BY DALE BUSS

The last holdout -- in terms of major segments of the U.S. automotive market in which the Big Three were supposed to be able to protect themselves -- was behemoth SUVs and trucks. They had the experience in dealing with American consumers and a track record of delivering us rugged and dependable vehicles ranging from the Chevrolet Suburban to the Dodge Ram truck. No foreign company, Japanese or European, was going to be able both to understand that market as intrinsically as the Big Three could or to deliver vehicles that would compete with the long-established menu of American-made vehicles. Or, so the thinking went.

Now, so much for that thinking. Toyota nearly alone has practically vanquished the theory with the steady stream of impressive new, big products that it has brought out in the last few years, including trucks such as Tundra and SUVs including Highlander and Sequoia.

I just finished spending a week in a 2004 Sequoia, and I found it to offer a better overall driving and riding and using experience than major domestically designed rivals such as Ford Navigator, Chevrolet Suburban and GMC Yukon. It's a monster on the road but a nimble one. It offers all the room you could want for human or passenger cargo. And it does so in a way that inspires a certain confidence because it's a Toyota.

Sequoia isn't much to look at, but neither are any of the huge, box-like SUVs that are meant to carry a lot of people and stuff a long ways, sometimes, and safely. It's nearly the same size as a Ford Expedition and slightly larger than a Chevrolet Tahoe. Styling-wise, Sequoia takes its cues from the Toyota Tundra pickup, both of them are built at the same assembly plant in Princeton, Indiana. The window in the rear liftgate actually rolls down, a nifty feature reminiscent of the "woody" station wagons of a generation ago.



The 2004 Toyota Sequoia can comfortably hold eight people.

I'm not an off-roader, but others have noted that Sequoia's overhangs, particularly in the front, are short, which makes approach and departure angles good for off-roading. Of course, there's also the matter of the vehicle's 4.7-liter, dual overhead-cam 1-Force V-8 engine with 32 valves that makes Sequoia capable of enormous towing. The engine can generate 240 horsepower at 4800 rpm and 315 pound-feet of torque at 3400 rpm. Both Sequoia models offer rear-wheel-drive and four-wheel-drive configurations.

At 14 mpg in the city and only 17 on the highway, mileage is abysmal. But at 26.1 gallons, the huge fuel tank means you don't really have to worry much about running out of gasoline except for perhaps certain stretches of Death Valley. Getting in and out of the vehicle can be a real challenge. For older folks, I found that I actually needed to have a stool handy so that they could make the jump up to and then off of the running boards. Grab handles just inside the door frames help as well, but it's still an effort for the elderly and for little kids to get in and out.

But once you're inside Sequoia, the effort is worth it. There's a commanding view from every seat.

Available leather seats give the cabin more of the feel of Lexus, Toyota's luxury brand. The wonder of Toyota's attention to detail can be experienced with the big console in between the front seats, which is split into a variety of highly utilitarian compartments and cubbyholes.

Of course, what Sequoia has even more of is just plain room. There's nothing like a vehicle that can very comfortably hold eight people. The three-seat third row is basically unmatched in other vehicles. Though legroom is lesser than in the second row, the seat backs recline, and there's ample headroom. The entire third row also slides forward and backward eight inches to adjust for more legroom or more storage behind the seat. And the third row can be tumbled forward or removed completely depending on cargo needs.

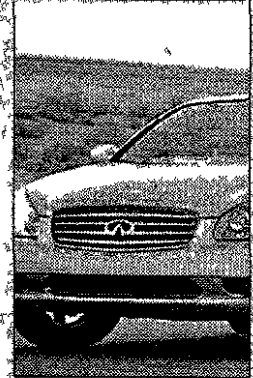
As far as cargo is concerned, Sequoia offers more cargo space in any of its configurations than any of its competitors, including Expedition, Tahoe and Nissan Pathfinder Armada. Sequoia is a worthy entrant in the big-SUV derby. It gives the Big Three something to worry about.

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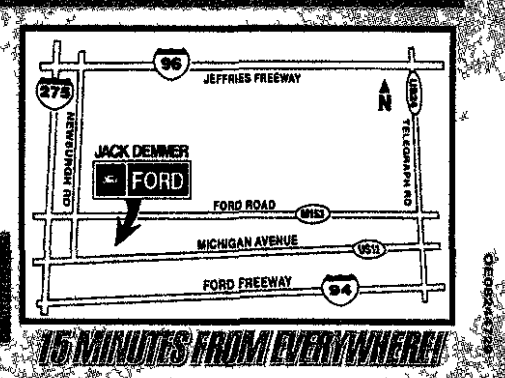
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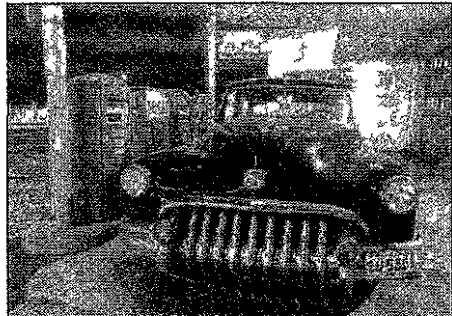
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## Cruising Woodward photo exhibit comes to Royal Oak

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

A Huntington Woods photographer has captured the story of the Woodward Dream Cruise on film for the past 10 years

Kevin Shea's exhibit, *Cruising Woodward*, is on display at House on Main Gallery in Royal Oak through Aug 31. The exhibit features 25 classic car and crowd shots over the last decade.



'Buick 8 Vinsetta Garage' looks like a painting, but it's not. Kevin Shea spent hours trying to capture this image on film at Vinsetta Garage on Woodward Avenue, a shop that specializes in classic car repair.

way to celebrate Detroit," House on Main owner Judy Weiner said.

Weiner said even though she's forced to close her doors on Dream Cruise day, she loves the event.

### CRUISING WOODWARD

#### A KEVIN SHEA PHOTO EXHIBIT

**Where:** House on Main Gallery 803 N Main St Royal Oak north of 11 Mile Road

**When:** Noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday Sunday through Tuesday Aug 31

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"My husband loves cars and I love the excitement," the antique dealer said.

Many of Shea's photos have a vintage feel. One of his popular photographs, a post-war Buick parked near an old gas pump at Vinsetta Garage, looks painted but Shea insists it's all film.

It took years to get that one shot, Shea said. "People used to ask if I colored it and now they ask if I retouched it digitally," Shea said. "I don't manipulate photos. I use longtime exposures and a tripod. I stood on the street at all hours of the day and night for that one shot."

Shea's photography career began in the 1970s as a



Photographer Kevin Shea captures the lively feeling of the Woodward Dream Cruise in this shot as an Elvis impersonator drives an eye-catching vehicle.

hobby, but now he calls it his "calling."

"(The cruise) day is long and usually really hot, but it's worth it and I love it," he said. "When I walk up and down the street, people stop and tell me stories."

*Cruising Woodward* is a work in progress for the artist.

His photos include classic car engines, crowd shots, hot rods - and even an Elvis impersonator driving his spruced-up ride.

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# Hot Ticket



(From left) Grinder members are Eli Ruhf, James B. Anders, Darren McCarty, Eric Miller and Billy Reedy

# Hot wing

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Darren McCarty's  
Grinder plays  
Woodward Dream  
Cruise

### TOTALLY SERIOUS

How's this for a Motor City event? Detroit Red Wing Darren McCarty performing with his rock band Grinder surrounded by two Hummers and six motorcycle choppers at the Woodward Dream Cruise

"We wanted to do something that really celebrates Detroit," McCarty said. Cars, hockey and rock n' roll. Is anything else needed to represent the city?"

There's more. To represent Detroit's friendship with Canada, the Windsor Border Stars pro soccer team will be there too. And since Michiganders crave sports, ESPN video games will be available for play.

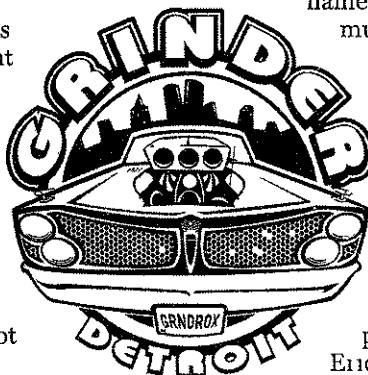
It all happens in the parking lot of the Blarney Stone Pub on Woodward Avenue in Berkley on Saturday, Aug. 21.

If you've never heard Grinder's pop rock music here's something you should know. It isn't just a celebrity band joking around.

I care a lot about this band, McCarty the lead vocalist said. I'm totally serious about it. I decided if I was going to do it, I wanted to be as good as I could.

Grinder's power-driven music is featured on a soon-to-be-released ESPN video game *NHL 2K5*. McCarty and the rest of the band admit his name helps them get gigs, and then their music speaks for itself. A lot of hockey fans come to see McCarty, but start grooving after just a few songs.

People are usually surprised and will tell us how much they liked the music, McCarty said. The rest of the Grinder guys are intensely serious about their music. All are lifelong musicians who've played in well-known Detroit bands. For example, bass player James Anders and drummer Eric Miller played in Walk on Water and Tangent Image. Guitarist Billy Reedy played in the Happy Deathmen and also Walk on Water. Guitarist Eli Ruhf also has Detroit music



### DARREN MCCARTY'S GRINDER & MORE

**When:** 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21

**Where:** The Blarney Stone Pub parking lot, 27253 Woodward Ave., one block north of 11 Mile Road, Berkley

**Admission:** Free

**Grinder's show highlights:** Detroit Hummer will display two Fox Racing limited edition Hummers. Gibson Guitar is making two guitars for the band. American Cycle Mart will feature six choppers. Members of the Windsor Border Stars pro soccer team will show off their skills and not yet released ESPN video games will be available for play.

**For more information:** Visit [www.grindertheband.com](http://www.grindertheband.com)

PLEASE SEE **GRINDER, E5**

# Big screen

# Tom Cruise devilishly good in 'Collateral'

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Tom Cruise is good, he's very, very good. But when he's bad, he's better. *Collateral* gives him his first chance to be truly, deeply evil. Not just cocky and

flawed, as he was so stunningly in *Magnolia*. Not just broken and lost, as he was in *Minority Report*.

As a hit man assigned to take out five federal witnesses over the course of a night, Cruise's Vincent is the devil in a gray tailored suit.

Gone are the self-satisfied smile, the complacent tics of extraordinary stardom. He has dropped his voice to a totally different register, and with his silver-streaked hair and facial scruff, he sometimes looks like a totally different person — namely William Petersen in 1986's *Manhunter*, an early film by Michael Mann, the director of *Collateral*.

Casting Cruise as the villain may sound like a gimmick, but it's the essential part of a film that — for its first two-thirds, at least — pulsates with unpredictability and suspense.

Like Mann's *Heat*, which was also set in Los Angeles, *Collateral* viscerally captures a certain urban dichotomy — the veneer of gauzy glamour covering the city's dangerous underbelly.

The sun is going down, smothering everything in a smoggy, orange haze. Cars lazily navigate the streets of downtown L.A. as The Roots' *The Seed 2.0* plays in the background. But something darker is going on underneath, and Mann understands and conveys those discordant rhythms.



FRANK CONNOR

## THE PLOT

Vincent arrives in town and trolls this terrain with the help of a conscientious, slightly nerdy taxi driver named Max (Jamie Foxx, the *Any Given Sunday* star, also playing against type).

He asks Max to drive him around all night to visit friends and business associates before his 6 a.m. flight the next day — but really, he hijacks the cab through a combination of charm and implied threat. Max is reluctant but says yes when Vincent fans a handful of cash before his eyes.

During their first stop, when a dead body falls on top of the cab from a fourth-floor window — the messy victim of Vincent's normally methodical handiwork — the stunned Max realizes the true nature of his passenger and gets dragged along for the ride.

Max can't predict where they're going, and neither can we. Their conversations in the cab between hits don't seem to be about much, but notice the way each of them changes subtly as the night goes on. The abrupt Vincent listens a bit more, the respectful Max gets more assertive — though he can't get away, and barely tries. The camera frames them as if they were sitting in each other's laps, giving the film a claustrophobic tension.

All the while they're being chased by LAPD detective Fanning, played by the always-solid Mark Ruffalo, who doesn't get nearly enough screen time. Jada

Vincent (Tom Cruise, top) lets Max (Jamie Foxx) know in no uncertain terms the price of double-crossing him in DreamWorks Pictures and Paramount Pictures' thriller 'Collateral.'

Pinkett Smith is typically lovely as a lawyer who rides in Max's cab at the movie's start and Javier Bardem makes a too-brief cameo as a drug cartel leader.

Then *Collateral* changes, too. It becomes laughably ridiculous. Starting with a shoot-out during a hit at a crowded Asian nightclub, the script from Stuart Beattie (co-writer of *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*) spirals frustratingly out of control.

Vincent somehow acquires the invincibility of the T-1000 in *Terminator 2*.

He's involved in a car crash but he crawls from the upside-down wreckage and, without the slightest hesitation, runs through the deserted downtown L.A. streets, gun in hand, hunting down his next victim.

Shooting him in the head also does little to deter him. And the film's final moments, which presumably were intended to be poignant, are instead unintentionally funny.

Everything that came beforehand, though, was so arresting that you'll want to forgive the film its final flaws.

*Collateral*, a DreamWorks Pictures and Paramount Pictures release, is rated R for violence and language. Running time: 120 minutes. Three stars out of four.

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# Big screen

## There's nothing charming about 'Little Black Book'

BY CHRISTY LEMIRE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Is it possible to make a romantic comedy in which every single character is despicable – we're talking bereft of even a shred of redeeming value – and still charm audiences?

Having sat through *Little Black Book*, the answer is a weary, disgruntled no.

Let us begin with our heroine, Stacy Holt (Brittany Murphy), who digs through her boyfriend's Palm Pilot and personal belongings when she begins to suspect he isn't being entirely truthful about his exes (Murphy plays the character in the shrill, self-conscious fashion that has become her unfortunate acting trademark in the past few years, following *Uptown Girls*, *Just Married* and *Spun*).

But wait – let's stop and take a moment to consider what an insanely flawed premise this is: Stacy is snooping on her boyfriend, Derek (Ron Livingston), a scout for the New Jersey Devils hockey team, because he's reluctant to discuss his past relationships with her. She could have talked with him about her insecurities, but instead chooses to violate his privacy.

And we're supposed to feel sympathy for this person?

### THE LOWDOWN

Fifty years ago on *I Love Lucy*, when Lucy pulled this kind of stunt with trusty Ethel by her side, it was funny because Lucille Ball was funny, she made the

character's doubts and vulnerability endearing. Here, it plays like psycho girl friend behavior.

Anyway, Stacy worships Diane Sawyer and aspires to work with the veteran newswoman but settles for a job as an assistant producer for aging daytime talk show host Kippie Kann (Kathy Bates) who's the Ricki Lake of Trenton. N.J. Program topics frequently include midgets and strippers because screenwriters Melissa Carter and Elisa Bell seem to think that satirizing lowest common denominator television is revelatory.

Everyone involved with the show is either a sycophant, a backstabber or both. Fellow producer Barb (Holly Hunter) becomes Stacy's friend but she encourages Stacy to contact Derek's exes – based on the information she obtained from his Palm Pilot – under the guise of inviting them onto the Kippie Kann show as guests.

She meets bulimic supermodel Lulu (Josie Maran), self-absorbed gynecologist Rachel (Rashida Jones) and Joyce (Julianne Nicholson), an up-and-coming chef whom Stacy ends up befriend- ing. (Casting Nicholson is one of the film's few saving graces: with her big, green eyes and freckled face, she has a fresh sweetness notably missing elsewhere.)

At the high point of Stacy's frantic manipulations – or low point, depending on your perspective – she smashes Derek's answering machine with a hockey stick to keep him from calling in to check his messages.

You will see the movie's twist coming from a mile away and its results are pro-

tracted and they only make everyone seem more unappealing.

It is possible to create both comedies and dramas in which nearly every character seems irreparably flawed. *Arrested Development* and *The Shield* come to mind and they're two of the best shows on television.

But these people are composed of complexities, glimmers of likeability and jus-

tifiable motivations – that make you want to watch them and root for them, even when they're misbehaving.

There's no such luck when searching the pages of *Little Black Book*.

*Little Black Book*, a Columbia Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for sexual content/humor and language. Running time: 105 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

## GRINDER

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experience, and McCarty takes vocal lessons.

It's important for Darren and for us to be more than the hockey band, even though we all love hockey, Reedy said.

He's really come far with the singing lessons. His learning curve is so fast, Miller said.

'We couldn't learn to skate as fast as he's improved his voice,' Ruhf said.

Grinder's music is pop rock.

In concert, the band plays covers of Iggy & The Stooges and The Clash, but most of the music is their own.

Anders and McCarty are the primary songwriters.

I kind of tell Jim what I want, McCarty said. 'Give him some licks and ideas and he follows it through. He's really talented.'

### THE START

Grinder began after the Wings won its first Stanley Cup in 1997. When Vladimir Konstantinov, Slava Fetisov and trainer Sergei Mnatsakanov were seriously hurt in a car crash, Grinder was formed to play on a tribute album to raise money for them.

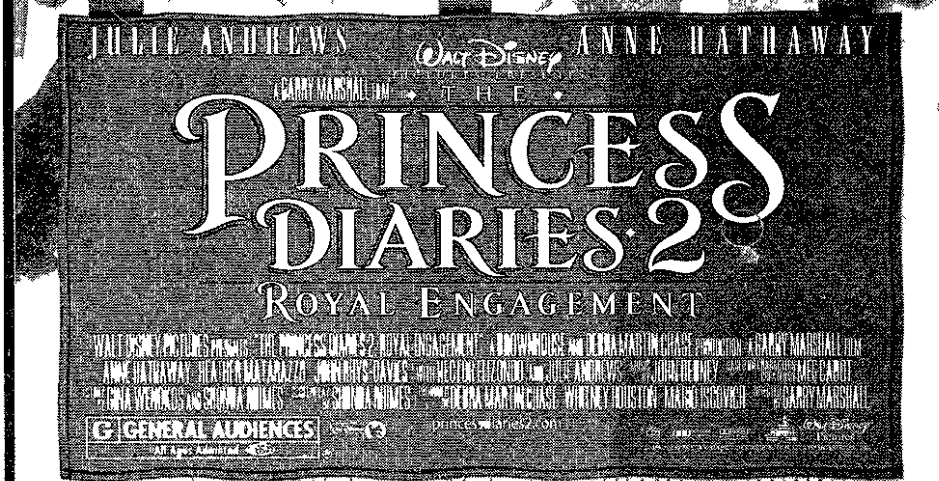
In the first year, the band played a few gigs. After the Wings won the Stanley Cup again in 2001, Grinder re-ignited. Obviously it's a summer band but it's already wrapping up a second CD.

It's even better than the first. McCarty said proudly, 'My favorite song is *Shooting Star*. It has a lot of energy.'

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## Small screen

# Car puts some muscle into classic 'Bullitt'

DAVID MACGREGOR  
CORRESPONDENT

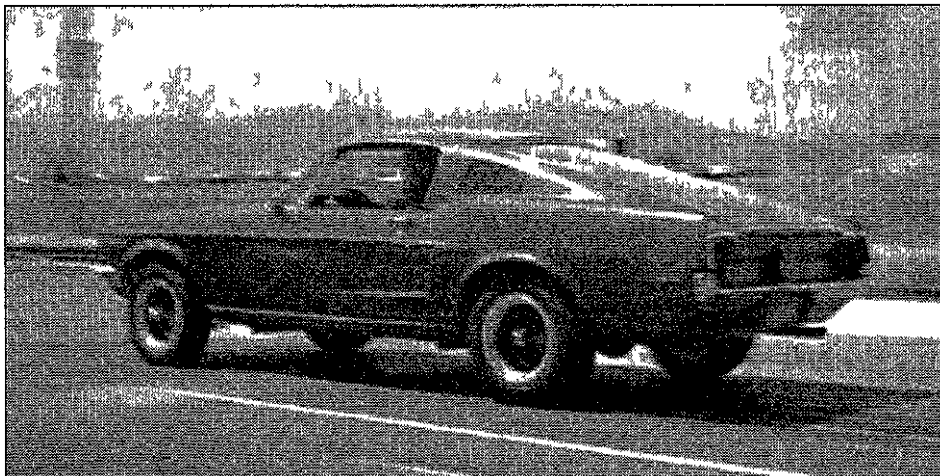
OK, let's cut to the chase here. What is the single best car chase movie ever made? *The Fast and the Furious* or *2 Fast 2 Furious*? *Gone in 60 Seconds* (either the 1974 or the 2000 version)? *The French Connection*? Or perhaps you're a fan of the Australian Outback chases in *The Road Warrior* or *Mad Max*?

All of those are fine choices and all of those contain some of the best car chase sequences ever filmed, but all of those must pay homage to what is still the best car chase movie of all time: *Bullitt*.

Released in 1968, *Bullitt* stars Steve McQueen as Frank Bullitt, in what is arguably the best film he ever made. He plays a San Francisco cop who is assigned to guard a Mafia informant, an apparently easy assignment that goes quickly and hideously wrong when a hitman shows up and puts a couple of bullets through both the informant and one of Bullitt's partners. Obviously, revenge is called for and the gritty, no-frills *Bullitt* is a man on a mission for the remainder of the film.

### REAL MUSCLE

Ah, but all that is just so much story and plot, and it isn't the story or plot that make this film memorable. What makes it memorable is Steve McQueen's performance, but perhaps even more importantly



Steve McQueen drives a classic American muscle car - a 1968 Ford Mustang GT 390 in 'Bullitt'

the performance of the classic American muscle car he drives - a 1968 Ford Mustang GT 390. This was no tricked-out Hollywood version of a car. This was the real deal, straight off the assembly line, with only minor modifications to the shocks and frame to help the car withstand the various jumps in the film. Not only can this car absolutely fly, it seems to quiver even when it's standing still.

McQueen did a lot of his own stunt driving in the film, and the centerpiece of the action is the chase sequence as Bullitt tracks down the hitmen. This is no easy task, because as fast as Bullitt's car is, the hitman is driving a 1968 Dodge Charger

440, yet another classic muscle car straight out of Detroit. They both careen around San Francisco like they own the city, tires smoking when they are on the pavement and spinning against the sky when yet another hill is cleared at high speed.

There have been many car chases in many films since this one, some good, some not so good. In many of Hollywood's recent efforts, the chases are spectacular, true enough, but they have a choreographed, staged feel to them. You can almost feel the army of special effects technicians just off camera as yet another car flips into the air or plows through yet another fruit stand. The chase in *Bullitt*, by contrast, has a raw, almost elemental feel. Flesh and bones inside glass and metal at high speed and that's it. If you do it right, you don't need anything more than that.

Finally, in the wonderful world of Hollywood, where any remake is a good remake, director Wolfgang Petersen and Warner Brothers are reportedly teaming up to produce a 21st century version of *Bullitt*. Oh, and that high-pitched squealing sound you hear? That's Steve McQueen spinning his tires in his grave.

David MacGregor is a film instructor at Wayne State University and screenwriter who lives in Livonia.

## New DVD releases

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Here are some new home-video releases:

- *The Princess Diaries* - With the sequel hitting theaters Friday, Anne Hathaway and Julie Andrews' modern fairy tale about an ugly-duckling teen turned princess gets a DVD makeover in a two-disc set. Many of the extras were included in a previous single-disc release, including commentary by director Garry Marshall and deleted scenes with his introductions, plus commentary from Andrews and Hathaway. New features include a segment examining the lives of real royalty and the obligatory sneak preview of the sequel. The set includes widescreen and full-screen versions. DVD set, \$29.99 (Disney).

- *13 Going on 30* - Jennifer Garner lets her inner child loose in a sappy but cute romance about an awkward 13-year

old who gets her wish and awakens as a 30-year-old - then sets out to fix the empty life her shallow adult self has created. The DVD has a huge range of deleted footage, much of it humdrum extended versions of finished scenes, and a featurette in which Garner and castmates discuss their own gawky teen moments. Director Gary Winick provides audio commentary, while the movie's producers combine for a second commentary track. DVD, \$28.95 (Columbia TriStar).

- *Hidalgo* - Viggo Mortensen and Omar Sharif star in a Western transplanted to the sands of the Middle East in the story of an American cowboy and his mustang competing in a 3,000-mile horse race across the Arabian desert. A mixed bag of action and cross-cultural conflict, this modest box office draw comes to DVD with scant extras. DVD, \$29.99 (Disney).

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# Ford goes more rock 'n' roll for Dream Cruise

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

Fast cars and rock n roll are set to take over downtown Birmingham during the Woodward Dream Cruise

Ford Motor Company, which annually hosts a bevy of activities during Cruise weekend, has teamed up with the Hard Rock Cafe and changed its offerings

All Ford activities except Mustang Alley, a display of cars in Ferndale, have been consolidated and relocated in and around Shain Park in downtown Birmingham. In prior years, Ford set up a Mustang Drive-in on Woodward in Berkeley, as well as activities at Cranbrook.

"Birmingham is definitely the heart of the cruise. It's always been the heart of the cruise," said Miles Johnson, Ford car public affairs manager. "Being there allows us to do a lot of cool things."

Ford's pre-Cruise charity party, slated Friday, Aug. 20, this year benefits the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and features an entertainment lineup that differs from Saturday's free shows.

Performing Friday night are music leg-

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**Admission:** Saturday events are free benefit tickets are \$175 call (248) 827-3015

ends Wilson Pickett, Bad Company's Paul Rogers and Morris Day & The Time. Saturday's lineup includes a Beatles cover band called The Beat Club, local band Twin Pigs and headliner The Randy Bachman Band.

But many activities run both Friday and

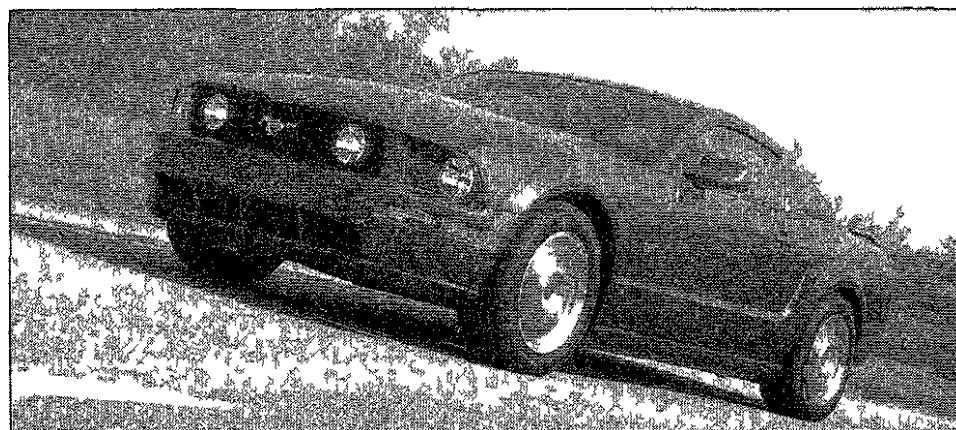


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Ford Motor Company debuts its 2005 Mustang GT at Ford Cruisin' Legends in downtown Birmingham during the Woodward Dream Cruise.

Saturday, including classic and concept car displays, the debut of Ford's redesigned 2005 Mustang GT and The Hard Rock Cafe's retrospective exhibit on rock 'n' roll.

"The theme is more rock n' roll and cars, plus we're celebrating different eras," said Johnson.

To reflect the change, Ford has renamed the event Ford Cruisin' Legends.

The hope is to offer "a bigger and better event," said Johnson, adding, "We still have a couple of things, a few surprises, that we're going to keep up our sleeves."

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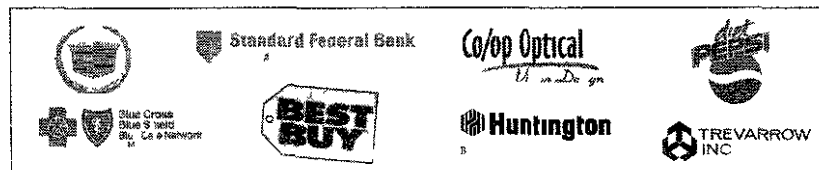
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## Table hopping

# Opa!

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
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Over the next weeks during the 2004 Olympic Games, thoughts will be in Greece

Hungry?

Hightail it to Royal Oak and Mykonos Café, which specializes in Greek dishes but has managed to successfully put something for everyone on its menu. Owners Dafni and Roy Rodriguez promise to have the TV tuned in to the Olympics, so you won't miss your favorite events.

In the former location of Cedar Garden that served Middle Eastern fare, the 60-seat Mykonos Café opened on May 15 this year. "We chose this spot for our first restaurant," Roy said, "because Royal Oak is alive with a diversity of people, shops and restaurants. It excited us and still does."

Roy's surname is not Greek so there's a story here. Roy's wife Dafni was born in Greece and emigrated to Wisconsin with her family.

She met U.S.-born Roy in junior high. In 1989, the couple moved to Clinton Township where they continue to reside.

Dafni's father owns three Greek restaurants in Wisconsin, near Madison. Greek food is in her blood. For 20 years, Roy has cooked principally in Greek restaurants. "I like to cook Greek dishes," said the fluent Greek-speaking Roy. "It's especially gratify-

## Get in a Greek mood at new Mykonos Café

ing when a diner recognizes that the dishes are authentic and says so."

### EYE OPENERS

An extensive three-egg omelet section on the breakfast menu already has three patron favorites. Spinach and Feta, Mykonos with gyro meat and feta cheese, and Kayana with tomatoes and feta cheese.

Seniors (62 and older) can order from six different two-egg omelets at a reduced price that includes coffee.

The Chicago-style Mykonos Skillet is also a favorite. Hashbrowns, cheese, green pepper, onion and mushrooms are topped with two eggs and served with toast.

Daily specials are the real deal at Mykonos, so named because Dafni wants diners "to feel Greek style, think Greek Islands and bring back memories if you've traveled to Greece."

### AUTHENTICALLY GREEK

Saganaki, served with pita bread (they don't even do this in Detroit's Greektown) and Tzatziki are favorite starters. A Gyro

Sandwich with meat shaved off a spindle (not meatloaf processed slices) and Roy's creamy lemon-rice soup create a satisfying lunch.

Gyro Dinner (\$9.95), served with choice of potato or rice, tomato slices, gyro sauce, raw onions and pita bread, has twice as much meat as a gyro sandwich. "This dinner is large enough for a couple to share," Dafni added.

Offered some days as a special, the Mykonos Greek Dinner Combo (\$14.95) includes a half portion of three items: Moussaka (thinly sliced eggplant and



Roy Rodriguez and his daughter Marie Rodriguez present the stuffed grape leaf and lamb kabob dinners.



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# Woodward's drive through history



## Cruisin' is one thing, the Dream Cruise is another

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

exists today, served as a sort of car parts market with buying and selling out of car trunks

"Most of the time, I think (the parts) were hot, said Width "That's my suspicion"

### HEART OF THE SCENE

Of course, the drive-in restaurants that speckled Woodward Avenue back then not only defined the physical parameters of the strip, but also provided the backdrop for the cruisin' social scene

Ted's Drive-in, which was located just south of Square Lake Road on Woodward, marked the northern outpost of the route The Totem Pole Drive-in - otherwise known as "The Pole" - demarcated the southern end just north of 10 Mile

In between, numerous other drive-ins served up not only good eats but more Take, for example, the current Spangas Coney Island location, just south of 14 Mile

In the '60s, it was the Mars Coffee Shop and Drive-in complete with live entertainment that patrons could watch from the comfort of

their vehicles and listen to courtesy of speaker phones according to an Oakland County planning study

But cruisin' wasn't about eating or live entertainment, it was an excuse for young people to get together and hang out It was a social vehicle and even car watching took a back seat to striking up a conversation

"It was a place to meet people, to meet girls, that was one of the driving factors," said Width, whose wife, Paulette, also cruised the strip

"People driving would be looking at other people driving Or people driving would be looking at who was in the drive-in," recalled Paulette "You went with the expectation that you would see someone that you knew"

In the Widths' case, cruisin' helped rekindle a romance that led to marriage The couple had dated and broken up when one fateful night they bumped into each other at the Totem Pole

I was sitting in my car, and she was sitting in her car,' Doug recalled Pretty soon we were sitting in the same car'

The rest, like cruisin' is history

### THE EVENT

**What:** 10th annual Woodward Dream Cruise

**When:** Saturday, Aug. 21

**Where:** 16-mile stretch of Woodward Avenue through nine cities between Pontiac and Ferndale

**Information:** For details, call (248) 288-4694 or visit [www.woodwarddreamcruise.org](http://www.woodwarddreamcruise.org)

### OTHER DRIVE-INS

■ **Bel-Aire Drive-in:** Near 14 Mile, sold an unusual item in the '50s - facos

■ **Mars Coffee Shop and Drive-in:** Near 14 Mile, showed live talent in the '60s.

■ **Maverick's Drive-in:** North of 13 Mile, in the '50s, was the Varsity Drive-in and later Richard's Drive-in

■ **M & M Drive-in:** Between 13 Mile and Normandy

■ **Dipsey Doodle Drive-in:** North of 10 Mile, later became the Hawaiian Eye, another drive-in attraction, demolished with 1-696 construction

Source Woodward Avenue Corridor Historic Resources Study

Slip on a leather Jump in the hot rod Drive There was nothing prefab about cruisin' Woodward Avenue in the '50s and '60s

Corporate sponsors were nowhere to be found, the eats were cheap, and except for a 50 cent burger and tank of gas, every ounce of the entertainment was scot-free

Sure the Woodward Dream Cruise, slated Saturday, Aug. 21, can easily be "done" free by local residents But the event, now in its 10th year, reflects not only a different time but also a different Woodward Avenue

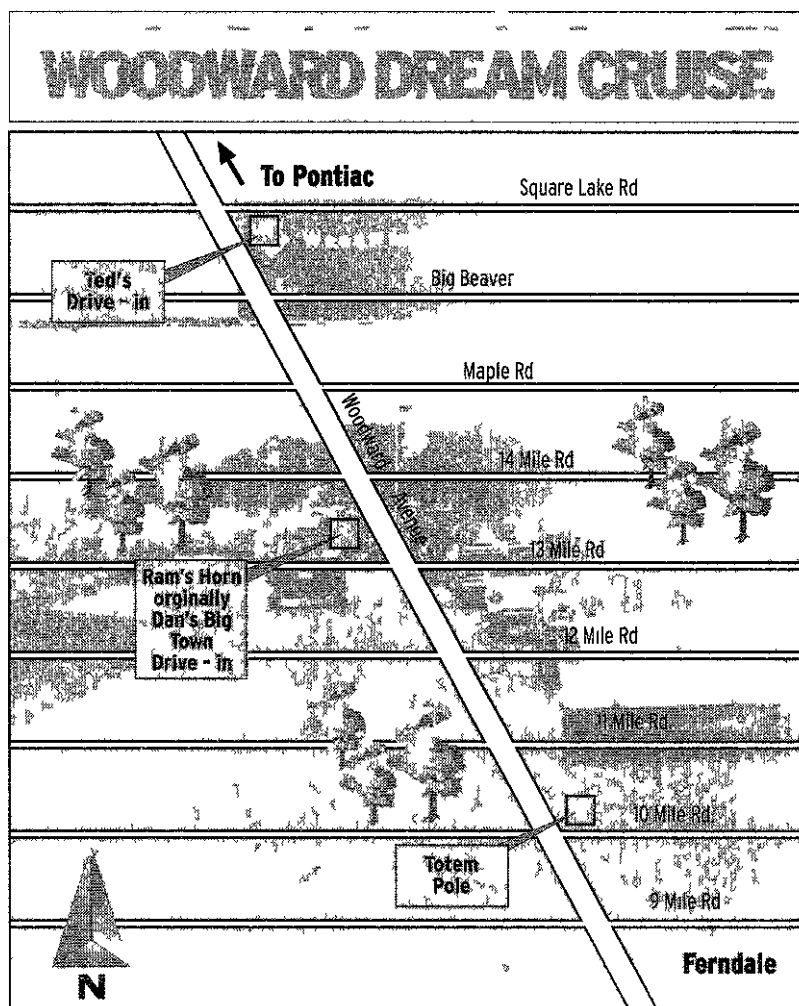
"Woodward was developed most of the way, but there were only one-story buildings and a whole slew of drive-ins," recalled Doug Width, a frequent 1950s cruiser who now lives in Bloomfield Township It was something more like the flavor of a little resort town That was the feeling Fairly simple

And the scene was fairly loose, too

Limited traffic lights - mostly at the mile roads - and a virtual absence of police on Woodward Avenue made the strip ideal for drag racing

"We raced up and down Woodward all the time," said Width Nobody ever bothered us Almost every light we would drag race Some racers even hit the 100-mile an-hour mark, he recalled

And, if you were looking for car parts, no need to head to the mechanics garage The Northwood shopping center parking lot at 13 Mile which still



## Exhibition

# Chrysler Museum shows off car company's changing identities

BY JENNA KLOECKNER  
STAFF WRITER

Eight decades ago, Walter P Chrysler had a vision.

He wanted to create an automobile that would embrace style, engineering excellence and affordability

Doing just that led to many significant classic, custom and concept vehicles that influenced the automobile industry worldwide.

And now, through Sept 19, you can see some of these cars at the Walter P Chrysler Museum in the first-ever all-Chrysler exhibition titled, *Inspired Chrysler Design: The Art of Driving*

"These cars have never been together before and it is not likely they will be gathered together again," said Barry Dressel, Walter P Chrysler Museum manager

Featuring historical automobile displays, embellished with Original Chrysler Design Office Artwork, the exhibition is "a quest for a changing identity and a quest for identity," Dressel said.

"We wanted to define what kind of cars Chrysler had been known for building in its first half century and show how the new cars wearing the Chrysler brand were a continuation of that tradition," he said.

### LINKING PAST & PRESENT

Dignified and elegant with delicately squared proportions and eye-catching chrome body side moldings and window surrounds, Chrysler's 2005 300c, displayed in the exhibition, is a good example of a continuing Chrysler tradition.

Dressel said the 300C is distinctive and fresh, but also recognizably a Chrysler based on what can be synthesized about past Chrysler designs

With a long hood, pronounced front grille and low roofline, the sleek 300C is a modern version of classic Chryslers, like the extravagant custom Imperials of the early '30s

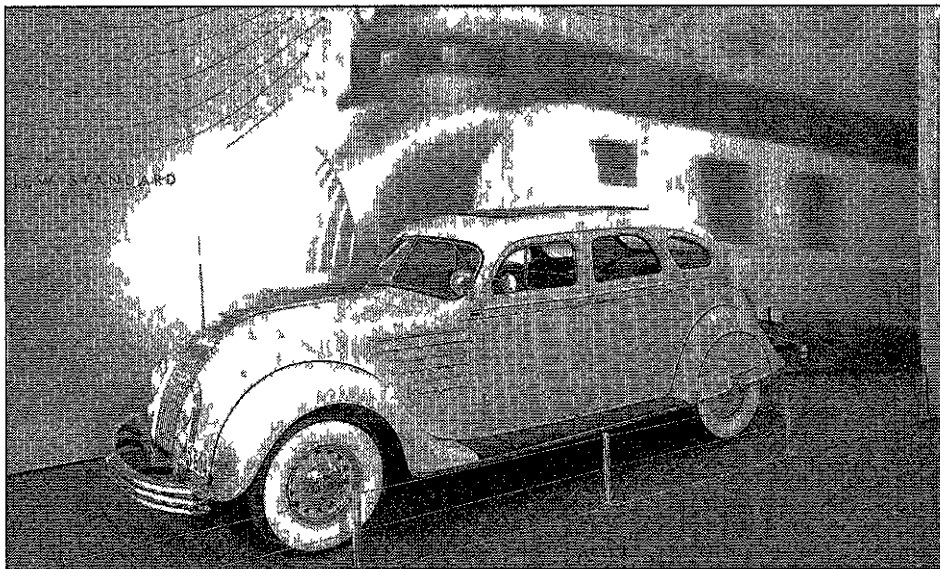
Walter P Chrysler's 1932 Chrysler Imperial Town Car, also displayed, is a prime example of a classic Chrysler

Reddish-maroon with a long hood, prominent vertical front grille, dual side-mounted spare tires, protruding headlights external chrome horns and a flashy hood ornament, his car symbolized glamour and prestige, like other Imperials of the time

### CHRYSLER CONCEPT

A far cry from the custom Imperials is the display that features one of Chrysler's most significant concept cars, the 1934 Chrysler Airflow Sedan

Compared to previous Chryslers, the Airflow, with a curved appearance, short hood rounded front grille and headlights incorporated into the car's body is more subtle in its appearance



The 1934 Chrysler Air Flow Sedan redefined the way automobiles were built

More aerodynamically efficient in comparison to past models, the Airflow brought the engine forward over the front axle, and the passenger compartment forward and down ahead of the rear axle, and had the first enclosed trunk.

Although it didn't fare well with buyers at the time, who were accustomed to the more

showy, glamorous Imperials, it had a substantial global impact on the development of future automobiles

"It was the first modern car," Dressel said. "It was the new formula for automobiles worldwide"

Also included in the educational exhibit are 20 or so other classic, custom and con-

### INSPIRED CHRYSLER DESIGN:

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**What:** All Chrysler exhibition featuring eight decades of Chrysler automobiles recognized for design and engineering excellence

**When:** Now through Sunday, Sept 19

**Where:** The Walter P Chrysler Museum on the DaimlerChrysler Headquarters campus, corner of Featherstone and Squirrel roads in Auburn Hills

**Admission:** \$6 adults, \$3 children (6-12) and senior citizens (62 and older)

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cept cars from private and museum collections, and Chrysler Design, spanning eight decades — from Walter P Chrysler's first car, the 1924 Chrysler Phaeton, to 2005's 300C

In essence, Dressel said, "The exhibit is an essay in car design using beautiful cars as lessons"



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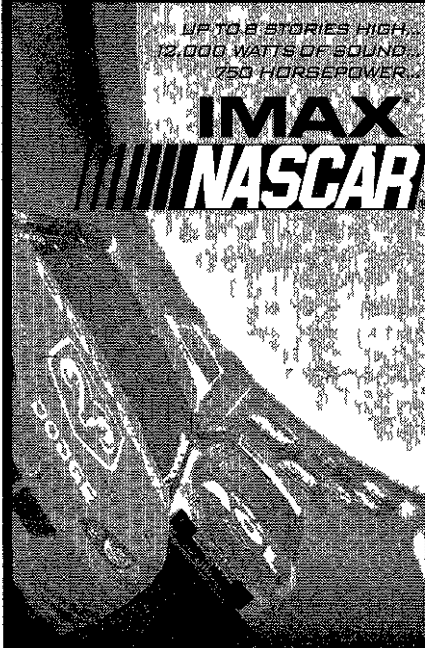
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Clockwise from top left, Lamb kabobs with onions, tomatoes, and green peppers are served with rice and red sauce; Lamb kabobs with onions, tomatoes, and green peppers served with rice and tomato sauce is one of the dishes served at Mykonos Café; the Moussaka Dinner, thinly sliced eggplant, potatoes, ground meat, and Kefalotiri cheese, topped with Bechamel sauce served with rice and red sauce.

potatoes, ground meat and Kefalotiri cheese topped with Bechamel sauce and served with rice and red sauce.) Pastichio (baked macaroni and ground meat topped with Bechamel and tomato sauces) and Spinach Pie. Add on two Stuffed Grape Leaves, soup or salad and dessert and you can't beat this feast. If it's not offered as a special, ask for it. Chef Roy is most accommodating.

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# Drinkology

## Who started the flavor revolution?

BY ELEANOR & RAY HEALD  
CORRESPONDENTS

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Perhaps they began the flavor revolution

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Fourth annual Hawaiian Luau today and Friday, 43034 Woodward Ave, north of Square Lake Road, Exit 75 off I-75 in Bloomfield Hills, call (248) 85 TROUT for more information Live music and dancing starting at 9 30 p m La Trinity plays today and The Don Juan Invitation on Friday

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The event kicks off 5 30-6 30 p m with a patron party at the new Coach Insignia on the 71st and 72nd floors of the GM Global Renaissance Center

At 6 p m, Taste of the Nation will open to general admission guests inside the Wintergarden and GM World In addition to the food and beverages, live music will contribute to the evening's festive ambiance

Patron tickets are \$250 per person, general admission is \$100 per person Call Unique Restaurant Corporation at (248) 646-0370 Ext. 200 or log on to www.uniquerestaurants.com for reservations and more information

## SHIELD'S

Shield's Restaurant in Troy wants your idea for the perfect sundae Submit your idea for the tastiest sundae in town through Friday, Aug 20 The winner will be chosen on Tuesday, Aug 24, by a panel of celebrity judges and will receive dinner for four

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# CRUISE

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## LOST IN THE EVOLUTION

It's tough to imagine those times with the drive-ins long gone and a slew of fast food chains and other national retailers open for business on Woodward Avenue. Except for the Hunter House, north of 15 Mile in Birmingham, and the Vinsetta Garage, near 11 Mile in Royal Oak, the physical remnants of the era have vanished.

'We've lost most of that on Woodward,' said Deborah Schutt, who cruised in the early '70s, the tail end of the phenomenon. Today she heads up Woodward Heritage, a nonprofit organization charged with sustaining the history of the road, which incidentally became the country's first paved concrete road in 1908.

She remembers Ted's, but also recalls watching the drive-ins transform from hamburger joints to full-scale restaurants.

While it's difficult to pinpoint why cruising died, Schutt has her theories. In addition to the drive-ins closing, the auto industry turned its attention from high performance to efficiency as the federal government issued new regulations. Automotive engineers and executives, most notably John DeLorean, stopped cruising the strip as a way to gauge consumer reaction to prototypes in favor of modern marketing techniques.

Many old-time cruisers say the police started clamping down on drag racing, particularly in the face of the drug culture.

Other potential factors include color television, the advent of shopping malls and population growth in Oakland County - from about 400,000 in 1950 to almost 1 million in 1970, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. And if these changes didn't kill cruising, surely the mid-'70s gas crisis and a shifting economy did.

## NEW TIMES FOR WOODWARD

This is just evolutionary, said Karen Thompson, marketing coordinator for Oakland County's Community and Economic Development Department.

One business closes and another comes in and takes its place, she said. Just like you see a Big Boy on Woodward that no longer is, it gets taken over by higher uses.

And the Dream Cruise, which draws close to 2 million attendees, each spending an estimated \$60 on snacks, T-shirts and a bevy of nostalgic items, can be viewed as one such higher use. Dozens of corporate sponsors, from the automakers to Hard Rock Cafe to Eaton Corporation, also set up shop along the 16-mile Dream Cruise route.

What's next: the packaging of Woodward Avenue as a tourist destination. In 2003, the road was designated a National Scenic Byway by the federal government, and more than \$1 million in

grants were set aside for development. Some of the money will be used to put up interpretative sign markers at historic locations along Woodward Avenue, said Heather Carmona, executive director of the Woodward Avenue Action Association.

A museum or welcome center for out-of-town visitors is also under consideration, according to Thompson. "A lot of people would love to be immersed in car culture, and I can't think of any better place," she said. "Tourism and destination development is a very large portion of this."

Meanwhile, real cruisers will return to the Woodward Avenue in their classic cars, the Widths in their black 1966

Mustang Shelby with gold stripes. But that's not to say the Dream Cruise is cruising.

"It's a reason to go out in a nice car. It's still a social event, but the main reason is nice cars. It's like going to a fair," Paulette said.

And driving along Woodward Avenue? That's different, too.

'In the '50s on Woodward, you always had the expectation that you might stumble on something, even if you were just making a trip to the dry cleaners,' she said. "Today, if you're going to the dry cleaners, you're just making a trip to the dry cleaners."

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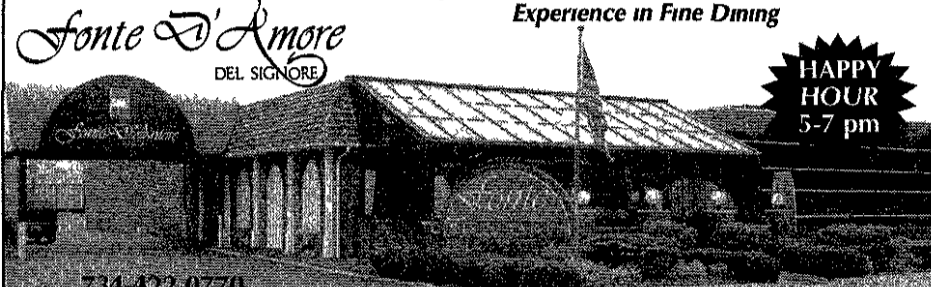
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## Are you game?

# Find your match at the Renaissance Festival

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

There's a new element to the 25th annual Michigan Renaissance Festival this year and it's all about love

The modern, precise world of speed dating will mix with the wild Renaissance period as festival lovers get the chance to date 20 people in one hour and see if anything clicks

Each date lasts four minutes

Matchlive.com is partnering with the festival to present Speedmatching on Aug 28 during the Wine, Romance & Song weekend

Singles can register online in the age group category of their choice. At the festival they'll get a few minutes at a picnic table with each "date." When the hour is over, dates can reconnect face-to-face or exchange e-mail addresses

"Or you will be able to go online the next day to see if any of the particular dates liked you," said Bernadette Musclow of the Renaissance Festival

There will be also be wooing, catcall contests, newlywed games and more

Thomas Miller of Southfield considers himself a professional wooer, but his payment is smiles from women rather than dollars

Every year the diehard Renaissance man strolls crowds as a guest and tries to woo whomever he can. Sometimes he gets on his knees to grab a woman's attention, or he'll give them a sexy catcall. But in true Renaissance style, he refers to each

### MICHIGAN RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL

**When:** 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday

Aug 14 to Sept 26

**Where:** 12500 Dixie Highway Holly off I 75 Exit 106 between Pontiac and Flint

**Tickets:** Regular price at the gate \$16.95 adults \$7.95 kids 5-12. No charge for kids 4 and under. Seasonal passes that include special admission and souvenirs \$64-\$120. Call (800) 601-4848 for details.

**For more festival information:**

[www.michrenfest.com](http://www.michrenfest.com)

To register for the Saturday Aug 28

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Even queens are wooed at the Michigan Renaissance Festival

woman as "my lady"

"I'll woo a wench or a queen, all women are worth the woo," Miller said with a laugh

He started attending the festival four years ago

"There's something about that time period that intrigues so many people: the laughter, the clothing, the debauchery," Miller said. "And it's just fun to charm the women and make them laugh, it's all innocent."

More than 250,000 people visit the festival each year. Musclow said the singles event should be successful as more people are growing weary of the bar scene to meet potential dates.

"In the past 90 days, there were 32,000 Detroit-area people listed as active users on Matchlive.com," Musclow said. "It shows people are looking for new ways to mingle."

### THE HITS

Musclow said many people come to the festival just for the vendors, but there are 190 this year. Others come for the Dead Bob Show, which has become a tradition. Dead Bob is a prankster-playing skeleton. One of the festival's newer biggest hits, the Washing Well Wench, will also return. The funny wench attracts large crowds who participate in the show. Their style? Imagine Lucy and Ethel getting raunchy during the Renaissance period.

Grape-stomping and pie-eating contests are also big events. And this year, more than 30 couples will tie the knot near the jousting field.

Musclow's advice to guests:

Come to the festival early in the season, she said. "As the season gets later the crowd gets bigger."

On stage

# Plays with power to provoke, that's the Shaw Festival

BY NICOLE STAFFORD  
STAFF WRITER

The works of playwright Bernard Shaw will always be the centerpiece of the Shaw Festival

But as the repertory theater company approaches its 50th year – 2004 marks the 43rd season – the festival is broadening its offerings to include more contemporary plays, as well as works by lesser-known playwrights

The festival runs through Dec 4 and takes place in the historic town of Niagara-on-the-Lake in Ontario, Canada

"I think of Bernard Shaw as the prevailing spirit of the place," said Jackie Maxwell, the festival's artistic director "He was by nature very provocative and subversive"

In other words, Maxwell selects works with the power to provoke audiences

This year's lineup features 12 plays, performed in repertoire The festival presents work written from 1856 to today

Among the offerings is the 1996 musical, *Floyd Collins* (through Oct 9), which was hailed by Stephen Sondheim at its New York premiere, *Rutherford and Son* (through Oct 9), written by lesser-known British playwright Citha Sowerby, and Terence Rattigan's 1948 farce, *Harlequinade* (through Sept 19)

This year's works by Shaw are *Man and Superman* (through Oct 9) and the classic *Pygmalion* (through Nov 27), which Maxwell directed

"I really wanted to tap into the energy of London of 1912 So it's very energetic and fluid, she said "I really try to capture that pre-age of innocence enthusi-

## NIAGARA STAGE

**What:** Shaw Festival 04 featuring 12 productions in repertoire

**When:** Festival closes Dec 4 majority of productions close in early October

**Where:** In the historic town of Niagara on the-Lake Ontario Canada

**Tickets:** Regular \$42 \$77 student matinee \$20 senior matinee \$30 call (800) 511 7429 or visit [www.shawfest.com](http://www.shawfest.com)



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Tara Rosling plays Eliza Doolittle in Bernard Shaw's ever popular 'Pygmalion' which runs through Nov 27 at the Shaw Festival

asm and electricity and take the story away from a stuffy, drawing room comedy"

A festival first is a work by American playwright Eugene O'Neill, *Ah, Wilderness!* (through Oct 8), a coming-of-age tale about a young man who clashes with his family

Maxwell said she plans to expand the Shaw's presentation of American, as well as Irish, playwrights in the future, adding, "There are many other areas that we have to examine"

While Shaw plays and other classics remain the most popular – sell-outs for Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest* (through Dec 4) caused organizers to add new shows – Maxwell encourages patrons to experiment

That what I'm always hopeful of, that people will come to see one piece and then venture in to see another"

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#### Noon- 10 p.m. Taste Fest-

Enjoy a sampling of downtown Rochester eateries featuring Andiamo Osteria, Brooklyn Pizza, Collage Fresh Mexican, Double Rainbow, Hungry Howie's,

Kruse & Muer on Main & Rochester Chop House, Mr Pita, Planet Pizza, Rochester Mills Beer Co, 227 Bistro  
**7- 10 p.m.** Bring your dancin' shoes and enjoy the *Jello Shots* as they perform classic rock favorites from the 60s, 70s and 80s

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#### 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Rockin Rods n' Rochester Classic Car Show

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## THEATER

### Meadow Brook Theatre

Is offering special access to one of Michigan's premier private golf courses in cooperation with Oakland University anyone purchasing tickets for Meadow Brook Theatre's production of *Golf The Musical* will be granted access to the Katke Cousins golf course which has only been open to the University community By ordering your tickets to *Golf The Musical* you and a guest are entitled to play this 23 year old country club condition course *Golf The Musical* is the off Broadway smash hit playing at Meadow Brook Theatre from Aug 25 through Sept 19 Call (248) 377 3300 to order your tickets and mention the Katke Cousins offer Tickets are as low as \$26 with senior student and group discounts available For more information visit [www.mbttheatre.com](http://www.mbttheatre.com)

### Gem Theatre

*Menopause The Musical* is now playing Call (313) 963 9800 for show times and information

### Treetown Performance Festival

*Dancing in the Summer* a showcase of modern dance works by independent choreographers Aug 12 15 curtain 8 p m Thursday Saturday 2 p m Sunday 120 E Huron Ann Arbor \$20 discount for students (734) 663 0681 [www.performancenetwork.org](http://www.performancenetwork.org)

## CHILDREN'S EVENTS

### Marquis Theatre

*Raggedy Ann and Andy* through Sept 26 curtain 10 30 a m Show dates are Thursday Friday Aug 12 13 Tuesday Friday Aug 17 20 11 a m Saturdays Aug 14 21 & 28 2 30 p m Saturday Sunday Sept 11 12 Sept 18 19 and Sept 25 26 \$7.50 please no children under age of 3 135 E Main St downtown Northville (248) 349 8110

### Fox Theatre

The Wiggles in concert 3 p m & 6 30 p m Tuesday Wednesday Aug 17 18 \$18 \$23 \$28 & \$33 (\$33 Hot Potato Seats include special gift bag with poster coloring book and crayons) Tickets at all Ticketmaster outlets or call (248) 433 1515 To purchase tickets online visit [www.OlympiaEntertainment.com](http://www.OlympiaEntertainment.com) or [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com) For information call (313) 471 6611

## COMMUNITY/DINNER THEATER

### Starlight Theater

*Seussical* presented by the Oakland Theatre Guild at Summit Place Mall 315 N Telegraph corner of Elizabeth Lake Road Waterford curtain 7 30 p m Friday 4 p m and 7 30 p m Saturday \$15 adults \$12 seniors \$10 children under 10 (248) 335 1788 [www.starlighttheater.net](http://www.starlighttheater.net)

### Broadway Onstage

*Cheating Cheaters* comedy by John Patrick 8 p m Friday Saturday 2 p m on select Sundays through Aug 21 21517 Kelly Road at Toepfer (8 1/2 Mile Road) Eastpointe \$15 (586) 771 6333



Children's favorite, Franklin the Turtle will bring Franklin's Class Concert to Meadow Brook Music Festival on Saturday Aug 14 for two shows at 2 p m and 7 p m Tickets 17.50 and \$10 pavilion and \$10 lawn available at the box office and all Ticketmaster locations To charge tickets call (248) 645 6666 For more information visit [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com)

### Genitti's Hole-in-The-Wall

*Lost at Sea* a pirate's tale interactive comedy dinner theater \$45 per person dinner/show through November Playtime Pirates children's lunch theater \$14.95 kids \$16.95 adults 11 30 a m lunch then show Saturdays through September 108 E Main St Northville (248) 349 0522 [www.genittis.com](http://www.genittis.com)

## AUDITIONS

### ConLen Productions

Auditioning for their fourth production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* to be performed at the end of this year Auditions on Aug 21 for a baritone and an African American bass for the roles of two kings and chorus members If you are interested call Connie Randall at (248) 478 8932 for an appointment Auditions to be held at 19539 Westmore St in Livonia after 3 p m

### Marquis Theatre

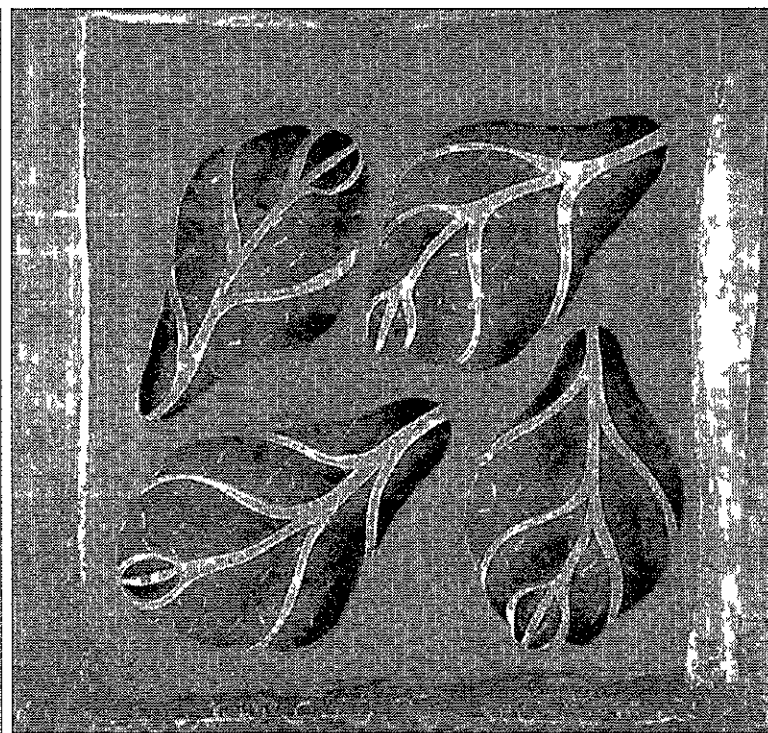
For *Halloween Madness* 2 p m Saturday Aug 21 135 E Main St downtown Northville For children 8 and older must sing Do Re Mi from Sound of Music accompanist provided Children must also be prepared to read a poem no longer than two minutes The poem does not have to be memorized (248) 349 8110

### Sara Smith Productions Youth Theatre

Will present *The Enchantment of Beauty & the Beast* at The Community House 380 S Bates St Birmingham Nov 6 7 The youth production is for ages 9 18 Auditions will be at The Community House 5 8 p m Friday Aug 27 5 8 p m 10 a m to 2 p m Saturday Aug 28 A one minute monologue (does not have to be memorized) a few bars of a favorite song with music (sheet music only) and a dance audition will be required (248) 644 5832

### Royal Oak Symphony Orchestra

Auditions for string players (violin viola cello double bass) French horns and percussion on 7 9 30 p m Wednesday Aug 25 at K mball High School 1500 Lexington Blvd Audit on requirements consist of the following A prepared solo piece of the candidate's select on which demonstrates the skill level of the musician This should be 3 to 5 minutes in length Two major and two minor



Layered paintings on wood with botanical cut-outs by Deborah Goldman, and pieces by five other artists, are featured in the 'Works in Series' at District Arts Gallery The show continues through Saturday, Aug 28 District Arts Gallery is in the Rail District, east of downtown Birmingham at the corner of Cole and Eton The gallery is open 11 a m to 5 p m Tuesday-Saturday, or by appointment

scales of the candidate's choice These should be 2 3 octaves depending of the skill level of the musician A sight reading selection representative of the skill level required by the orchestra To schedule an appointment time call Tedi at (248) 540 9819 or e mail [roco@royaloakorchestra.org](mailto:roco@royaloakorchestra.org)

### Celebration Youth Orchestra

Auditions for the 2004 2005 school year Saturday Sept 11 at Evola Music 7170 N Haggerty Canton Open to string students ages 9 and up with at least one year of instruction and wind bass and percussion students ages 12 and up with at least three years of instruction Prepare piece of your choice and a scale representative of your ability (734) 451 2112 or [www.celebrationYO@aol.com](http://www.celebrationYO@aol.com)

### Ars Nova

Auditions for singers for the 2004 2005 concert year Three concerts will be presented this year including a concert of music by Canadian composers The season will culminate with a festive Cabaret Concert in May Anyone that is dedicated to singing quality literature in a fast paced and demanding rehearsal is invited to audition Rehearsals are held in Royal Oak at First United Methodist Church on Sundays 7 9 p m Auditions will consist of vocalizing and a short sight reading excerpt Call (248) 414 7242 or e mail [arsnova@arsnova.com](mailto:arsnova@arsnova.com)

### Madrigal Chorale of Southfield

Auditions for all voice parts 5 p m Tuesday Aug 31 Southfield Lathrup High School 19301 W 12 Mile Road at Evergreen Southfield Be prepared to sing a brief solo sight read a piece of music call Marie (248) 352 9527 to arrange an audition time

## ART FAIRS/GALLERY RECEPTIONS

### Develop, Stop, Fix

At the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center 1516 S Cranbrook Road Birmingham features 25 photographic experimentation artworks by Linda Soberman's students Exhibit opens Aug 13 and continues to Sept 2 Opening reception 6 8 p m Friday Aug 13 (248) 644 0866 or [www.bbartcenter.org](http://www.bbartcenter.org)

### Social Gatherings

Paintings by Deborah Kashdan of Southfield Aug 17 to Sept 17 at the Living Room A Martini Bar 3249 W 12 Mile Road Berkley Opening reception 6 p m Tuesday Aug 17 Amici's pizza will be served cash bar

### Art Leaders Gallery

Presents *Renoir Pierre Auguste (1841 1919) Father of Impression* collection of 50 original works lithographs etchings and drypoints from 1890 1910 by Renoir and other master works by James Jacques Joseph Tissot Mary Cassatt Camille Pissarro and Paul Cezanne Aug 26 31 Reception with wine and hors d'oeuvres 6 9 p m Thursday Aug 26 RSVP by calling (888) 264 4887 The gallery is at 33030 Northwestern Highway at 14 Mile Road West Bloomfield [www.artleaders.com](http://www.artleaders.com)

### Livonia Wood Carvers

Annual wood carving show 11 a m to 5 p m Saturday Aug 21 Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall 19801 Farmington Road Livon a \$2 per person \$3 family

### Village Art Fair

The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans will present the second annual Village Art Fair at the Village of Rochester Hills on 10 a m to 8 p m Saturday Aug 28 and 10 a m to 6 p m Sunday Aug 29 (734) 662 3382 or visit [www.mchganguild.org](http://www.mchganguild.org)



### Expressions from Israel

The Jewish Community Center presents Expressions an exhibit of art from Israel's finest artists on display at the Eugene & Marcia Applebaum Jewish Community Campus 6600 W Maple Road in West Bloomfield 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday Thursday 17 p.m. Sunday Aug 15 20 (248) 432 5577

### Cass Cafe

Mixed media exhibition featuring Hugh Timlin & Rachel Timlin Aug 14 to Oct 30 Opening reception 7 10 p.m. Saturday 4620 Cass Ave two blocks south of Warren Wayne State University campus Detroit (313) 831 1400

### Ann Arbor Art Center

Will present photography collection and lecture by Monte Nagler 13 p.m. Saturday Sept 11 His work will be exhibited in the Gallery Shop 117 W Liberty downtown Ann Arbor throughout the month of September (734) 994 8004 Ext 118

## OUTDOOR CONCERTS

### DTE Energy

Bakenaked Ladies and Alanis Morissette 7 p.m. Thursday Friday The O'Jays The Whispers The Temptations and The Dells 7 30 p.m. Saturday Heart with Anne McCue 7 30 p.m. Monday Aug 16 Rod Stewart 8 p.m. Wednesday Aug 18 Kenny Loggins 7 30 p.m. Thursday Aug 19 (248) 377 0100 information tickets (248) 645 6666 www.palacenet.com

### Meadow Brook Music Festival

Nashville Star Tour featuring Brad Cotter 8 p.m. Friday Bob Marley Roots Reggae Festival 5 30 p.m. Wednesday Aug 18 Weird Al Yankovic 8 p.m. Thursday Aug 19 (248) 377 0100 information tickets (248) 645 6666 www.palacenet.com

### Jerome Duncan Ford Theater at Freedom Hill

George Benson & Will Downing 7 30 p.m. Friday LeAnn Rimes performs with Phil Vassar and Craig Morgan 7 30 p.m. Sunday (586) 268 5100 Ticketmaster (248) 645 6666 or visit www.free-domhill.net

### Heritage Park/Farmington Hills

Farmington Community Chorus performs 7 30 p.m. today A Fantastic Tribute to the Fab Four bring their Beatles music to a free performance 7 30 p.m. Wednesday Aug 18 in the amphitheater at Heritage Park 24915 Farmington Road between Ten and Eleven Mile in Farmington Hills

### Downtown Plymouth

Music in the Park noon Wednesday Aug 18 Elmo Thumm 7 p.m. Friday Bobby Lewis & The Cracker Jack Band Kellogg Park

### Wednesdays at Eight Concerts

Gratitude Steel Drum Band Aug 18 Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W 11 Mile Road Farmington Hills no charge

### Redford Concerts in the Park

Sun Messengers (R&B) 7 30 p.m. Tuesday Aug 17 The Missing Links (Big Band) Aug 24 Capitol Park

### Detroit Zoo

Wild Summer Nights concert series con



The original members of thrash-metal band Slayer (pictured here), reunited for the Ozzfest tour coming to DTE Energy Music Theatre 9 a.m. Tuesday, Aug 17 The 12-hour concert features the reunited Black Sabbath, Judas Priest, Slipknot and more Tickets, lawn \$43, pavilion \$70 Call Ticketmaster, (248) 645-6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com For more on Ozzfest visit www.ozzfest.com

tinues to Aug 25 no charge with zoo admission \$10 ages 13-61 \$8 50 seniors 62 and older and students 2-12 children under 2 free Intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue Royal Oak (248) 398 0900 or www.detroitzoo.org

### Royal Oak

Skylofts free jazz concerts featuring Detroit area musicians 5 30 8 30 p.m. Friday Aug 20 Fourth Street between Main and Center streets Midweek Summer Concert Series 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Aug 18 lawn of Royal Oak Public Library Troy Street just south of 11 Mile Road

### Waterford

Free concerts 7 p.m. Fridays through Aug 20 at Hess Hathaway Park 825 S Williams Lake Road Waterford Series concludes with Rick Matle and Buddy Shabazz Harris jazz (248) 623 9389

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Nadanta

Indian dance program Nataraj The Lord of Dance 3 p.m. and 7 30 p.m. Saturday Aug 14 Ford Community & Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Ave Dearborn \$15 \$25 \$45 (313) 943 2354 www.nadanta.org

### Cruising

Bring your classic cruiser to the Historic White Horse Inn parking lot on Dryden Road seven miles west of Rochester Road in Metamora every Thursday

beginning at 6 30 p.m. Enjoy other cruises outdoor BBQ and music in the park (810) 678 2150

### Michigan State Fair

Through Sunday Aug 22 open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Midway hours are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to midnight week ends Woodward Avenue at 8 Mile Road Detroit adults \$9 kids age 2-11 \$4 children under 2 free parking is \$5 all concerts are free after admission (313) 369 8250 or visit www.michigan.gov Caribbean International Festival Friday Sunday Hart Plaza downtown Detroit Carnival parade 11 a.m. Saturday authentic Caribbean foods entertainment and music www.myccco.com

### Downtown Rochester walking tour

Presented by the Rochester Hills Museum and Rochester Avon Historical Society 7 9 p.m. Thursday Aug 19 Tour for children and adults begins at the Rochester Mills Beer Company on Water Street Call (248) 656 4663 to make a reservation Admission \$5 per adult and \$3 per student and senior

## JAZZ/POP/ROCK/FOLK

### Matt Michaels

With Ron Kischuk trombone 7 30 11 p.m. Wednesday Aug 18 Ron's Fireside Inn 28937 Warren Garden City \$5 cover with dinner \$10 without dinner reservations recommended Barbara Ware vocals Aug 25 (734) 762 7756

### Magic Bag

Bump with Simplicity & Mike Moran and The Big Ones 8 p.m. Friday \$7 The Mega 80s 8 p.m. Saturday Aug 14 \$10 Tony Lucca 8 p.m. Tuesday Aug 17 22920 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 544 3030 www.themagicbag.com

### Live from the Living Room

J.B. Davies Joe Palmer 8 p.m. Friday Blue Note Cafe 7 North Saginaw Pontiac \$5 8 p.m. Friday Aug 13 Jim Bertin Michigamme Moonsquallors 8 p.m. Friday Aug 27 Smokewood featuring Al Grund and Barbara Barrett (248) 541 0765

### Dan Hazlett

Acoustic Avenue Concert Series 8 10 p.m. today The Coffee Beanery 22871 S Woodward Ave Ferndale www.danshazlett.com

### John Cowley & Sons Irish Pub & Restaurant

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### The Fureys

At the Gaelic League 2068 Michigan Ave Detroit 9 p.m. Tuesday Aug 17 \$15 advance \$17 door (313) 964 8700 or 7474

### Jimmy Thackery

Celebrates the release of a new Whiskey Store album live 8 p.m. Thursday Aug 19 at The Firefly 207 S Ashley Ann Arbor \$15 (734) 665 9090 or visit www.fireflyclub.com

### Diane Krall

At the Fox Theatre 8 p.m. Saturday Aug 21 Tickets (\$48 \$68 & \$88 with VIP seats available) call (248) 433 1515 or visit www.OlympiaEntertainment.com or www.Ticketmaster.com For additional information call (313) 471 6611

## COMEDY

### Joey's Comedy Club

Jim Hamm 9 p.m. Friday Saturday \$10 dinner show option available at Paisano's 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.joeyscomey.com or www.paisano1.com

### Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Ross Amicucci 8 p.m. & 10 30 p.m. Friday Saturday 314 E Liberty Ann Arbor (734) 996 9080

## MUSEUMS

### Preservation Wayne

Walking tours 10 a.m. Saturday of downtown Eastern Market Midtown Auto Heritage and the Cultural Center and 5 30 p.m. Tuesday after Work tours through Sept 30 (248) 582 8156 or www.preservationwayne.org

### Cranbrook Institute of Science

*Invention at Play* through Labor Day 39221 Woodward Ave Bloomfield Hills \$7 adults \$5 kids ages 2-12 and seniors children under 2 members free (248) 645 3200 or www.cranbrook.edu/institute

### Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History

*Without Sanctuary Lynching Photography in America* today through Feb 27 315 E Warren Detroit 9 30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday Saturday 1 5 p.m. Saturday www.maah.detroit.org

### Detroit Zoo

*Alligators Dragons in Paradise* new interactive exhibit in the Wildlife Interpretative Gallery through Sept 12 Wild Adventure Simulator showing Deep Sea The Ride a motion based film simulation that lets passengers experience what it's like to be beneath the ocean surface in a submarine tickets \$4 does not include zoo admission \$10 50 adults kids 13 and older \$8 50 seniors 62 and older and children 2-12 no charge for children under 2 Intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue Royal Oak (248) 398 0900 www.detroitzoo.org

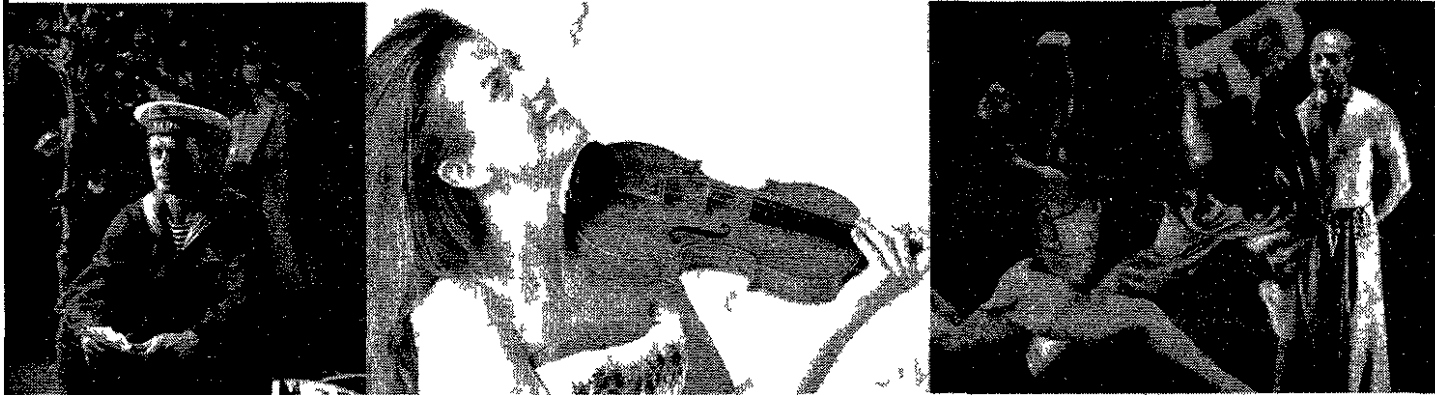
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## Tank of gas

# Harvest tour offers scenery, exercise, gourmet food

BY MICHAEL A. NORTON  
CORRESPONDENT

In the world of cycling, Emily Taphouse does not consider herself a particularly fierce competitor.

"I'm more of a stop and smell the roses person," says Taphouse, a school secretary in Traverse City. "My husband is the Lance Armstrong of the family. We don't often ride together — and when we do he's usually circling back for me all the time."

But husband and wife will be riding together on Sept. 19, along with more than 500 other cyclists participating in a noncompetitive event called the Leelanau Harvest Tour. Each fall, hundreds of riders flock to this corner of northern Michigan to enjoy the spectacular lakes, hills and forests of the Leelanau Peninsula — and to sample some of this region's equally impressive cuisine.

Long treasured for its scenery, which includes the breathtaking Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore and the picturesque port villages of Leland, Northport and Suttons Bay, Leelanau County is also known for its award-winning restaurants, wineries and food shops. The September Harvest Tour has become an increasingly popular way for cyclists to enjoy both these pleasures simultaneously.

### YOU WON'T BE HUNGRY

Gourmet style food stations featuring delicacies from such local providers as Cherry Republic, Stone House Bread and Kejaras Bridge are spaced out along the tour route, which meanders through the hills, woods, orchards and meadows of the peninsula in sections that range in length from 25 to 100 miles. Each food stop is located at one of the region's prime beauty spots, usually overlooking one of the peninsula's splendid glacial lakes.

Now in its 21st year, the Harvest Tour

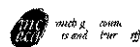
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## TOUR

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attracts cyclists from Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, and some from as far as Colorado and Texas. Cyclist Bob Otwell thinks it's the combination of mellow autumn scenery and good food that makes it such a popular event.

"People got tired of putting out the usual food - you know, water and a dry bagel - that they serve at a lot of these events," said Otwell. "Instead, they got the area's restaurants and suppliers to

donate good, locally made food, and that's how it's been ever since. By the time you've reach the end of the ride you haven't lost any weight, but you haven't gained any, either."

The tour begins and ends at the Glen Lake School in the hamlet of Burdickville, about 20 miles west of Traverse City, and participants can choose from a good mix of easy, intermediate and challenging routes. All the routes, however, include a not-to-be-missed climb to Inspiration Point - a Glen Lake lookout known among cyclists as "Perspiration Point."

It's a great time to be riding in

Leelanau, too," says Taphouse. "The air is usually a little cooler and the fall colors are just starting to appear here and there - and with that blue, blue water behind them it's really very beautiful."

Riders who have burned off all the calories from the various food stops can refuel yet again at the end of the tour, when volunteers put on a farewell meal of pasta and salad at the school. Funds raised by rider fees are donated to TART Trails, Inc., a local organization that builds and maintains several cycling, hiking and ski trails in the Traverse City area.

## LEELANAU HARVEST TOUR

Where Ride begins and ends at Glen Lake School east of Glen Lake, about 20 miles west of Traverse City. Choose from 25, 45, 65 or 100 mile routes. When Registration begins 7 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 19 at Glen Lake School. Cost: \$18 through Friday, Aug. 27; \$23 through Friday, Sept. 17; \$28 day of ride. Camping: Riders can camp at Glen Lake School for free. Extras: Free Cherry Capital Cycling Club ride 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 18 that starts at Glen Lake School. There are usually two groups riding 25 or 50 miles.

For information: Visit [www.traversetrails.org](http://www.traversetrails.org), call the Traverse City Convention & Visitors Bureau (800) TRAVERS or visit [www.mytraversecity.com](http://www.mytraversecity.com)

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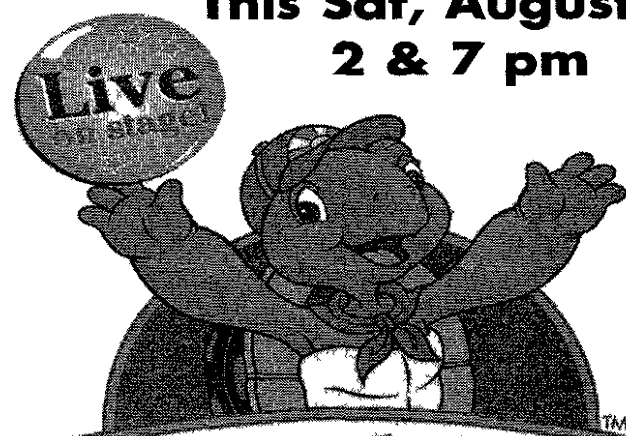
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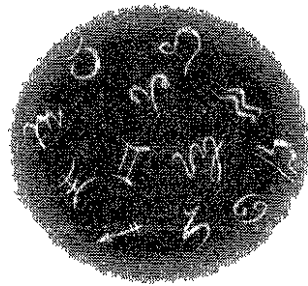
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# Horoscope



## Star Struck

(Aug 12 - Aug 14)

By Dennis Fairchild

### ARIES (March 21-April 20)

Don't get mad at me or the stars, but the more you try to go your own way this week, the more others will try to steer you in a different direction, so stop trying so hard. Ram, You need to accept that you can't always do as you please. (Hey, I warned you not to get mad at me.)

### TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You'll find it hard to keep your opinions to yourself as the week begins, especially when dealing with authority figures. Subtlety and civility are essential to achieve your aims at this time. If it all gets to be a bit much, you'll have to get tough and take a stand. Be bold, Bull!

### GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

Be grateful that others are finally coming clean about their motives, even if what you hear is not entirely to your liking. There has been far too much secrecy lately. Open up your mouth and mind and share any doubts rather than keep them to yourself. But do so with care.

### CANCER (June 22-July 23)

The world is divided into talkers and doers, and it seems that you're currently a talker. A financial matter needs some kind of action, so you should start performing now. There is much to be learned from the views of others. Pay attention to details, and the Big Picture will eventually emerge.

### LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

You're not one to throw in the towel or admit defeat, so give a project that isn't going too well a little while longer to work. You are now passing through uncharted territory, and only time will tell if you are heading in the right direction. Victory comes by persevering.

### VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

You are perfectly equipped to excel and succeed now, so why do you linger in the wings with personal doubts when you could enjoy center stage - or for that matter, be the director? The answer seems to have more to do with self-image and esteem than with external pressures. Snap out of it!

### LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Current cosmic trends suggest that your frustration and exhaustion over recent trips or projects will soon be swept away, and your energy and optimism will return. Don't swing from one extreme to the other, however. If you take silly risks now, you're asking for trouble. Pray, plot, play your hand, and be grand!

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

A battle of wits or tug of war is not yet won. Summon up your courage and fight for what you know to be right and just. Unfortunately, certain individuals will not concede just how loyal and long-suffering you have been. Congrats on planning to move ahead. Don't rush right now, OK?

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Others admire you for your ability to stay calm in the most trying of circumstances, and you will need every last ounce of self-control to remain aloof from disturbing developments at the work or home front with Mercury retrograde now. Don't blow your chances by blowing your top!

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

The things that amuse you may not entertain others in your immediate circle, so keep that in mind this week. Be careful what you say, even in jest, throughout this Friday the 13th's trials. Aim for fun and factual instead of frenzy. It's a raindrops falling on your parade time now.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

Water Bearers tend to go over the top during retrograde Mercury transits - like now - so try not to overreact if someone you do business with or have financial dealings with gives you a hard time this week. Chances are they're trying to find out how good your self-control is.

### PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

If people or circumstances have forced you to keep certain plans under wraps, it's almost time to bring them into the open. You've always wanted to prove how dynamic you can be - start slow and subtly now, and push hard after the 20th! Those who have doubted you will soon sing your praises.

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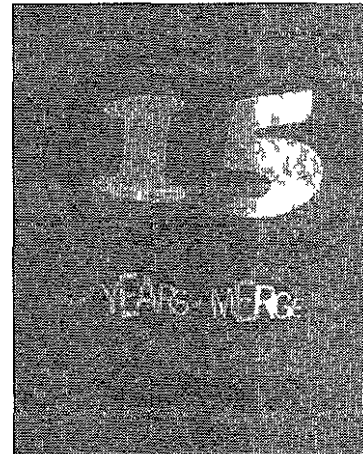
# Pure Picks

Selected from the realms of publicity propaganda, we present our top entertainment picks for the week. Filtered just for you.

## Local music

Reclusive songwriter **Ethan Daniel Davidson** will play a rare engagement Friday at Small's. Everyone compares the Times Beach artist to Woody Guthrie, which is accurate, and Guthrie is a huge influence, but he also is reminiscent of Willie Nelson and Ann Arbor-based song prophet Jim Roll. But I'm not going to be all this is the next Bob Dylan on him because that gets said about everyone, and rarely is it true. (Please see: Conor Oberst, Dan Bern, Beck, heck, even Jakob Dylan got called the second coming of Bob, and his band the Wallflowers was horrid.) Instead, Davidson stands on his own as one of the best under-discovered Americana singer-songwriters around.

Fellow Times Beach artist Audra Kubat and local alt-country misters Whiskey Tenor will open. Doors open at 8 p.m. Cover is \$5, 21 and up. Small's is located at 10339 Conant in Hamtramck. For more on Davidson, check out <http://www.ethandanieldavidson.com>.



## Album

The little ol' label out of North Carolina, **Merge Records**, is in its 15th year. Some of my favorite bands have been on this independent label through its history - everyone from Spoon to The Magnetic Fields to Superchunk to the band that always makes my top five, Neutral Milk Hotel. (Seriously, kids, if you haven't heard NMH's "In the Aeroplane over the Sea," you have basically never been alive.)

Over the years, as the press release states (you don't think I do any actual reporting for this column, do you?) the label has released over 230 recordings by over 75 artists. That's a lot.

To celebrate Merge, has released a three-disc set, *Old Enough to Know Better*. And lest they be greedy, proceeds from the CD benefit the Future of Music Coalition. Discs one and two are a retrospective of some of the best recordings on Merge. Included here are the likes of Polvo, The Clientele, The Ladybug Transistor, and all the bands I mentioned above. Disc one reminded me of the bratty pop band Guv'ner, which existed. Disc two has an excellent song by Bricks, the first band to ever put out a record on Merge.

But comprised of rare and previously unreleased tracks, the third disc is where the magic is. Tracks by Crooked Fingers, Destroyer, and Lambchop will light your pants on fire. And maybe, just maybe, it will introduce you to a great new band. What more could you ask from a compilation?

Merge is on the Web at <http://www.mergerecords.com>.

## Show

So I can't really write this column without mentioning where all the 19-year-olds in your life will be Sunday. You see, the **Vans Warped Tour** will set up eight stages at the Pontiac Silverdome, beckoning every hardcore and emo kid its way.

And who will these kids be listening to? Why, thank you for asking.

New Found Glory, Coheed & Cambria (btw, I just saw their CD at Target when did that happen?), Taking Back Sunday, Flogging Molly, Bad Religion, Yellowcard, International No. 9 Conspiracy (that's a weird band for this bill), Good Charlotte, and a gazillion more bands, including some local playas, will play.


The tour also includes the usual skatepark atmosphere and a bunch of tents and activism stuff. Cause they are more than just a traveling concert, yo. They be a traveling troubadour of good times. Tickets are \$29.50 for the all-day event and may be purchased through Ticketmaster outlets. Gates open at 11 a.m. For more on the event, including a complete listing of all the bands scheduled to play the Detroit date, check out <http://www.warpedtour.com>.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy. Tell her she writes like a 12-year-old (but when you do, make sure you are at least spelling correctly) or send information regarding local entertainment events to [stardy@oe.homecomm.net](mailto:stardy@oe.homecomm.net) or 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Information on local bands, films, clubs, restaurants, books, or other ideas to be featured in this column can be submitted. Or something.





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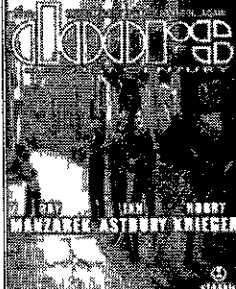
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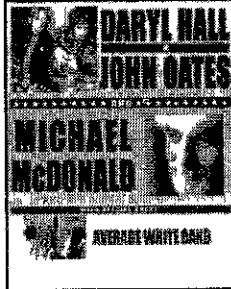
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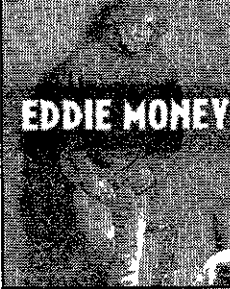
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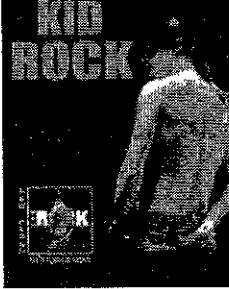
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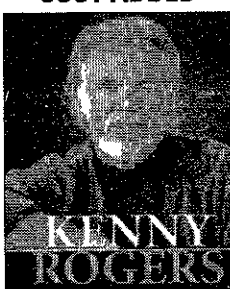
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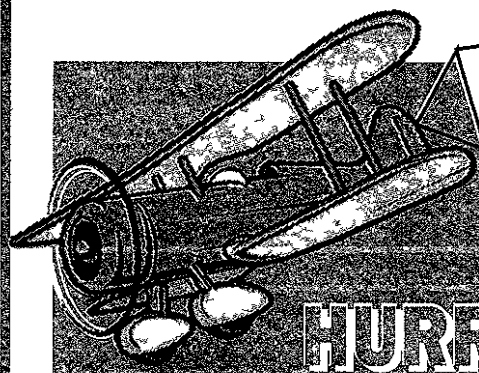
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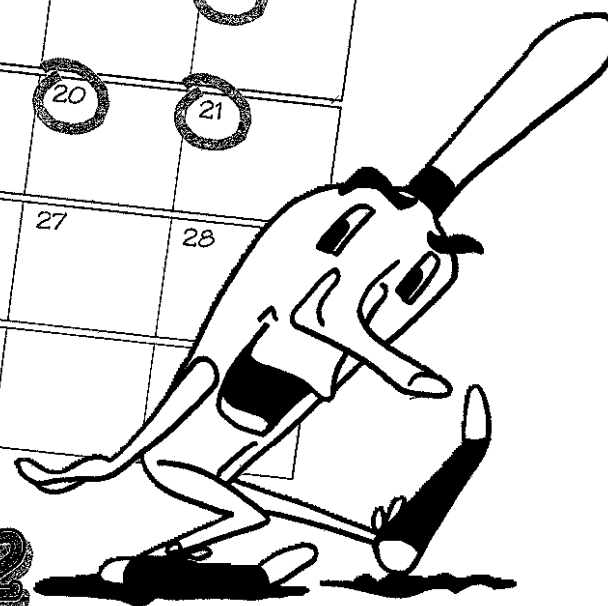
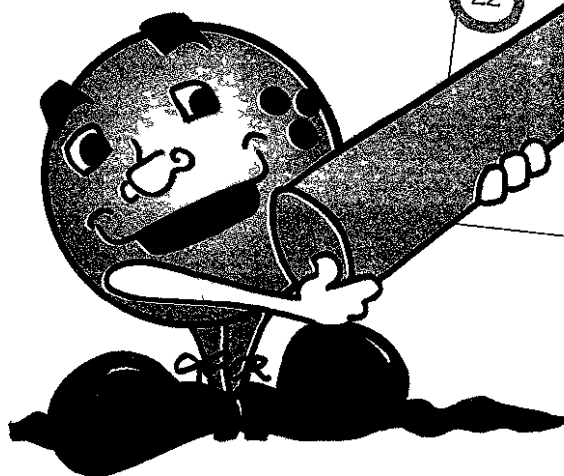
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