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Ice cream cake was in abundance for the ice cream social to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation at the Cold Stone Creamery in Plymouth. The cake was developed by an 11-year-old Boston girl.

Creamery raises money for children's foundation

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Angie Muscat and her son Matthew were in downtown Plymouth Monday so Matthew could practice his parking skills. When they were through, the mother-and-son team stopped in at Cold Stone Creamery "just to have an ice cream."

What they got, however — along with dozens of other Cold Stone Creamery customers — was a chance to help other children.

The ice cream shop, located in the Mayflower Centre in downtown Plymouth, was taking part

Cold Stone helps warm hearts



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Angie Muscat of Plymouth and her son Matthew, make a donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation and receive a piece of ice cream cake during an ice cream social benefit at Cold Stone Creamery in Plymouth.

in a fund-raiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which is currently celebrating its 25th anniversary granting wishes of children with life threatening medical conditions.

Customers at the ice cream social were treated to a slice of the Make-A-Wish ice cream cake, developed by an 11-year-old girl named Micah from the Boston area.

"It's a good charity," said Angie Muscat. "It's an excellent opportunity to contribute to helping a child get his wish."

The fund-raiser took place at

Cold Stone locations around the country, including the store in Plymouth. The Plymouth location has actually been donating a percentage of its proceeds all month to Make-A-Wish.

No actual count was taken, but Cold Stone manager Tonya Huffman estimated "a couple of hundred" people came through the doors.

It went extremely well, Huffman said. "Cold Stone Creamery needs to be a part of the community, and that's the best way to give something back."

While Make-A-Wish

Foundation officials set no official goal for the fund-raiser, and totals may not be available for a couple of months, the foundation is ecstatic about how the evening went.

"By all accounts, it went incredibly well," foundation spokesman Matt Shunabarger said. "There was a lot of attention to it this year, people came out and supported it and the stores were very busy. All in all it was very successful."

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Township moves to balance '05 budget

Cash infusion from fund balance helps offset loss of tax, building revenues

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

With revenues declining and costs rising — particularly "people" costs mostly associated with health care — the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees Tuesday was forced to use more than half a million dollars from its fund balance to steady the general fund.

Township trustees voted 6-1 to amend the 2004-05 general fund budget with more than \$574,000 from its fund balance, the township's "savings" account. Trustee Charles Curmi was the lone dissenter after hearing Supervisor Richard Reaume and Treasurer Ron Edwards describe the breakdown in the general fund budget.

"(Budget numbers) are real bad," Edwards said after the meeting. "Revenue has become stagnant, and health care has run rampant on us, like it has

PLEASE SEE BUDGET, A6

Investigators searching for cause in fatal Ross Street fire

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A 48-year-old Plymouth woman died from apparent smoke inhalation, the result of a fire inside her Ross Street home Wednesday evening.

Police say Barbara Friedman was found in the living room of her ranch home, located at 690 Ross Street, about 8:30 p.m. after Officer Kevin Chumney noticed smoke coming from the home.

"Prior to the fire, officers

responded to two 9-1-1 calls concerning domestic problems, said Police Chief Wayne Carroll. "The victim wouldn't answer the door and they left. A short time later, Officer Chumney noticed smoke coming from the home. He found

the victim unconscious on the living room floor. Friedman was transported to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, where she was pronounced dead.

Fire Chief Randy Maycock said the fire was contained to

the basement.

"As a result of the newer windows keeping the house airtight, it appears there wasn't enough oxygen to sustain the fire," Maycock said. "Most of the damage resulted from heat and smoke."

The cause of the fire wasn't immediately known by investigators at the scene.

"The cause of the fire is under investigation, but at this time it appears it was accidental," Carroll said.

City eyes water, trash rate hike

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It could soon cost Plymouth residents more to water the lawn and dump weekly trash, as the city commission is expected to increase water rates and fees for trash bags Monday night.

According to Finance Director Mark Christiansen, a typical residential water customer — one who uses 18,000 gallons per quarter — will pay a net rate increase of \$6.66 every three months, or \$26.64 per year.

"There is no proposed change in the 'readiness-to-

serve' charge, which is a flat rate (\$11.66) to all customers," Christiansen said. "The proposed rate increase anticipates an accumulation of an additional \$100,000 in cash reserves to an expected year-end level of \$600,000."

Christiansen said the city's auditor recommended the water and sewer fund — which is used for water and sewer maintenance and improvements — should operate with reserves equivalent to one-half the annual revenues of the system, which currently are \$3.5 million. However, to reach \$1.75 million in reserves, Christiansen

said water rates would have to increase a total of nearly 20 percent.

In reality, Detroit Water and Sewer gave Plymouth a 5.1 percent decrease in water usage rates, and a 0.6 percent decrease in sewer rates.

Commissioner Anthony Guillom said he would rather pass that savings along to residents.

"I'm hard-pressed to say that Detroit is giving us a break this year, but we're going to give city residents an increase," Guillom said. "If Detroit gives us a big

PLEASE SEE HIKE, A6

Petitions trickle in as deadline nears for November city commission election

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A newcomer, a familiar name and three incumbents are in the running so far to fill four seats on the Plymouth City Commission in the November general election.

Three incumbents — Mayor Stella Greene and Commissioners Ron Loiselle and Phil Pursell — have taken out petitions to seek re-election. Deadline for filing is May 10.



Pobur

Former Commissioner Colleen Pobur, who was terminated after serving two four-year terms, will seek re-election after being away from the commission the past couple of years.

And, Gerald Sabatini, who has served on the city Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission, said

he'll make a run for one of the city's top political positions.

"There are some critical issues that need some serious attention," said Sabatini, 52. "There's the Sheldon Road underpass, the costs related to the solid waste bag tag program, the loss of state revenue sharing. The state keeps reducing revenue sharing, but have we done all we can?"

Pobur said she believes "things have been going real

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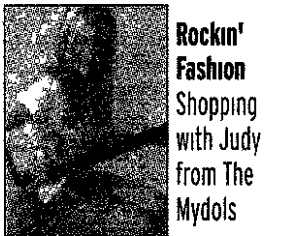
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Coming Sunday on the PINK page



Rockin' Fashion Shopping with Judy from The Mydols

Color Guard tryouts

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Color Guard — the flag spinning, rifle-toting, saber-slashing arm of the award-winning P-CEP Marching Band — is preparing for its fall season.

The Plymouth High School Cafeteria will be the site for workshops from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on May 2-5 and May 9. Auditions will be held Tuesday, May 10, at the same location and time.

All current P-CEP students as well as incoming freshmen are invited to participate. Contact Jennifer Leseth at pembguard@aol.com or (734) 582-5666 for more information.

Food drive

The National Association of Letter Carriers and the Plymouth Salvation Army host a food drive Saturday, May 14, to benefit children with no lunch program and seniors who need assistance during the summer months.

Donors can leave their donations of non-perishables by their mailboxes, and mail carriers will pick them up while delivering mail May 14. Food can also be dropped off at both Plymouth post office locations — on Beck in the township and Penman in the city — before May 14.

While the food drive is actually a national event, the Plymouth mail carrier and Plymouth Salvation Army will team up to keep food in the Plymouth-Canton-Northville area served by the Salvation

Army. Last year's donation collected more than 23,700 pounds of food in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 453-5336.

Variety show

The Salem Rockettes Variety Show takes place at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 29-30, in the Gloria Logan Auditorium at Salem High School.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from any Rockette for \$5, or for \$6 at the door.

Fife & Drum

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps performs in a benefit aimed at supporting the corps from 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at Panera Bread in downtown Plymouth.

Panera Bread will donate a percentage of its proceeds from the evening to the Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps, which will play music through the evening.

Panera Bread is located in the Mayflower Centre at the corner of Main and Ann Arbor Trail.

Perennial exchange

Garden Club Park neighborhood friends will get together for a perennial exchange and coffee from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, May 14, at Garden Club Park, corner of Sutherland and Forest in Plymouth.

Attendees can bring what they have to share, or come even without anything to share.

For more information, call Melissa Henderson, (734) 455-4227.

Crafters needed

Crafters needed for the 19th annual Delta Kappa Gamma-West Middle School juried show Saturday, Oct. 15. The show will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. Call Jan at (734) 844-1707 or e-mail to the-ways@comcast.net.

Fibromyalgia workshop

Dr. Alex Tomko, director of Michigan Specific Chiropractic in Plymouth, gives a free workshop on the cause of Fibromyalgia, along with tips on what foods to avoid, what toxic metal contributes to Fibromyalgia, what mineral is deficient in Fibromyalgia sufferers and natural ways to live a better life.

The workshop is free and will be held at the Plymouth Library at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3. For more information, call (734) 416-2442.

Dog jog

The Michigan Humane Society gets its annual dose of Plymouth generosity when the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth presents its annual Plymouth Dog Jog at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 14, originating from Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Participants can help by getting pledges from family members, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Registration fee is \$25 if post-marked by May 1, \$30 the day of the event.



Essay excellence

Han Zhu (left), a Canton High School senior, Plymouth High School junior Kelly Buttermore (right) and Salem High School junior Kimberly Eyring were the top three winners in the 2005 Plymouth-Canton Civitan Essay Contest. Writing on 'Creativity: Necessity or Luxury' Zhu won the \$500 scholarship. Buttermore got \$300 and Eyring earned \$200. To the far right is Kathy Turnquist, Plymouth-Canton Civitan Club president.

Contests are conducted in three age groups for both males and females, along with prizes for Best Costume, Longest Tail and Best Look-Alike. Grand prizes will go to joggers with the three highest pledge amounts. All joggers/walkers get a T-shirt.

Registration starts at noon, with the walk starting at 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Michigan Humane Society and the Kiwanis Club of Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-4782.

Pom/dance tryouts

The Salem High School Rockette pom/dance team

holds tryouts for 2005-06 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. during the week of May 16-21 in the Salem High School gym.

A mandatory parent-student meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, in the Salem High School cafeteria. Tryout packets can be picked up in the Salem High School general office.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of Plymouth-Northville, meets for a sandwich luncheon at noon Monday, May 16, at Mill Race Village in Northville.

The program will include a tour of Mill Race Village. For more information, call (734) 420-2775.

Flyboy salute

The Plymouth Historical Museum and the Yankee Air Force Museum will host a celebration at 5 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Plymouth Historical Museum. The celebration will include a USO Canteen, music from the 30s and 40s including Big Band and Swing, a raffle of many auction items including a flight experience on a B-17 and a B-25.

The fund-raiser will help raise awareness of the importance of collecting and documenting the heritage of the World War II veterans and their experiences after last summer's fire which destroyed many of the Yankee Air Force Museum's important artifacts and rare memorabilia.

Tickets for the event are \$25 for the general public, \$30 for members of the PHM or the Yankee Air Force Museum. For more information or tickets, call (734) 455-8940.

Other events in celebration of VE Day include Meet the Flyboys of WWII, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, where local men, including pilot and aviator Jack Lousma, will meet with visitors and students to share first-hand the history of VE Day and the importance of aviation during the war and the advances of flight which lead to the development of NASA.

District hands out layoffs to 9 teachers

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Teresa Weaver, wrapping up her first year in Plymouth-Canton Schools, said teaching third grade at Farrand Elementary has been a great experience.

"I love teaching third grade. The kids really love to come to school, they're eager to learn and they're a bit more mature by third grade," said Weaver, 25. "It's something new every day, influencing someone's life in so many ways and being a

role model for kids." However, for Weaver and eight of her Plymouth-Canton Schools colleagues, this year's experiences could result in the unemployment line after being given pink slips by the Board of Education Tuesday night.

"People told me to expect it as a new teacher," said Weaver. "I really like it at Farrand. The staff and families are great — it's been nothing but a positive experience — and, the principal (Ann Kuhn) has been very supportive. I'm trying to stay posi-

tive." Considering the school district recorded an increase of 497 students this year and is planning for an influx of pupils next year, Superintendent Jim Ryan said the need for layoff notices was a bit of a surprise.

"It's interesting to lay off nine when you think you're going to add 23 because of enrollment, and who knows how many with the early severance incentive," said Ryan. "I just don't want to be over-staffed and not be able to place somebody."

Ryan said he's confident those given layoff notices will be back next year. Teachers with low seniority receiving pink slips include Tracy Sene, Central, Donna Pahl, Field, Lisa Seidel, Eriksson, Stacey Dixon, Bird, Jennifer Lipson, Discovery, Kristina Adams, West, Sergio Garcia, East, and Michael Sawchuk, Plymouth High School.

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Growth sends repair shop packing to new location

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Randy Ryan, born and raised in Plymouth, recently moved into a house in Westland

But his heart — and his business — are still right at home in Plymouth

Ryan, who attended Plymouth Canton High School, last month moved his small engine repair shop, Ryan's Small Engine Repair, out of the family garage and into a new 1,600-square-foot space on Joy Road across from Mettetal Airport

Ryan, who established the business at home in 2001, said the move was necessary because business was getting too good to stay where it was

"We outgrew the garage," said Ryan, who runs the place with his mom, Pam. "On any given day, we'd have two or three customers fighting to get in. And now we're selling parts so we had to take the next step."

The shop specializes in the repair of all lawn and snow equipment. In the last couple of years, Ryan has gone to trade school to become a certified auto mechanic. He's also completed training on Honda engines, and the store is a popular Tecumseh outlet.

Ryan provides customers with free estimates, and customers aren't required to dish out any up-front cash. If Ryan can't fix the problem, he doesn't charge the customer anything.

The shop's biggest business comes in the form of tune-ups, but Ryan can also do major overhauls of small engines. The shop has also added a lineup that includes



Randy Ryan, owner and technician of Ryan's Small Engine Repair in Plymouth, stands in his new workshop which is much bigger than the garage in which the business started

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owner Randy Ryan

batteries and a variety of accessories since moving into the new location.

"This location gives us large shop-room," said Ryan, who pointed out that a 50-job week isn't out of the ordinary.

It gave us the opportunity to expand and help our customers."

Ryan's uncle owns a gravel hauling business, so he's been around large trucks and small engines most of his life, he

said Pam Ryan's whole family lives in the area, so when the family was talking about opening a business, Plymouth seemed like the natural place.

"Why leave?" said Pam Ryan, who serves as the shop's parts manager. "I grew up in a family business. My dad owned a garbage business, my sister owns her own business. It's nice being together. We have tons of family here. Ryan also likes the fact it's a

two-person operation, with him serving as the primary mechanic, because it gives his customers the chance to deal directly with the person doing the work.

"All of my customers deal one-on-one with the owner," he said. "If there are questions or problems, they know who worked on it, and you get the right answers the first time."

This week's snowstorm notwithstanding, spring has arrived and Ryan said he expects business to pick up quickly.

"We're approaching the busy season," he said.

"People are thinking about spring cleanup, and realizing that lawn mower isn't working like maybe it did last summer."

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Gerald Hug of the Hug Center for Hearing in Plymouth talked with Joan McNally of Plymouth about his services at the 2004 Showcase Plymouth event. This year's showcase takes place from 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 4.

Scholarships among highlights of chamber's annual showcase event

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Fran Toney gets to do one of her favorite things when businesses from around the Plymouth community converge on St. John's Golf & Conference Center Wednesday.

Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, gets to give away some \$5,000 in college scholarships to local high school students for community service.

"I think it's one of the best things we do," Toney said. "These students don't get the scholarships for their academics, or their athletics. They get our scholarships strictly for giving back to their community."

The scholarships are just part of the May 4 event, hosted by the chamber and sponsored by Hines Park Lincoln Mercury.

The annual business expo is also a chance for some 70 local businesses to show off their wares, and an opportunity for local restaurants to win the Taste of Plymouth challenge. Eighteen restaurants will participate,

including Compari's, Hilton Garden Inn, Plymouth Crossing, Station 885, St. John's Golf & Conference Center, E.G. Nick's, Independence Village, Cold Stone Creamery, Herrmann's Olde Town Grille, Panera Bread, Fonte D'Amore, Steak & Ale, Laurel Manor, Bennigan's and Jet's, Mother's and Papa Romano's pizza.

Showcase Plymouth is also a chance for the chamber to recognize a group of people chamber officials say help make the community what it is. Volunteers from the community's various service clubs.

"The chamber and the Plymouth community are able to do the things we do because of the efforts of these selfless people," Toney said of volunteers.

"Showcase Plymouth is an excellent opportunity to recognize these wonderful people and all they do for the community." Tickets for the event are \$10 and are available at the door. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the event runs until 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

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Interact team qualifies for Globals

It takes a strong first- or second-place effort for teams competing in the Destination Imagination competition to reach the competition's highest heights — the Globals

The Plymouth Canton Interact team did exactly that, finishing second during the state finals held earlier this month at Central Michigan University. The West Middle School team finished fourth.

Destination Imagination is a non-profit organization that helps students develop unique and critical skills for everyday living. Creativity, problem solving and teamwork are achieved through the process of solving a long-term problem as well as preparing for a spontaneous hands-on problem presented to the team during the competition.

More than 300 teams took part in Destination Imagination, an extension of the students' school curricu-



Plymouth Canton Interact team members Meagan Bartlett and Dan Bowden from Salem High School, Kevin Burdette, Kari Lewis and Andrea Burdette from Canton High School, West Middle Schooler Kyle Burdette and Hannah Bartlett of Central Middle School competed in the state finals of the Destination Imagination competition at Central Michigan University.

lum which uses multiple intelligence strategies to reach and teach to all learning styles. According to team mom Roberta Burdette, the seven-member team is responsible for the solution to the problem the team decides to work with through brainstorming, collaboration and teamwork.

The Destination Imagination Global competition, scheduled for May 25-28 at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn., will feature teams from all 50 states, plus 20 other countries. It's the second straight year a team from Plymouth-Canton schools has qualified for Globals.

Shopping close to home, spending in NYC is all coming soon in Wayne County

MORE ROOM TO SHOP

Shoppers who frequent Marshall Fields at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi will soon have more space in which to shop.

The store announced plans to renovate and remodel, increasing the store by about 25 percent.

This will be one of the largest renovations at Marshall Fields in recent history, said Jennifer McNamara, public relations specialist. As part of the remodel, our Novi store will expand by 60,000 square feet.

According to McNamara, the three-level store, which opened in 1977, will be completely renovated and updated. Expect to see new flooring, lighting and fixtures inside, and a contemporary update to the store's exterior. According to Frank Guzzetta, president and chief executive officer, more means more.

Following the renovation, guests will find more spacious departments, expanded merchandise assortments, and several new brands to choose from, said Guzzetta. "We are committed to providing an exceptional shopping experience for our guests and the transformation of our Novi store is an illustration of that commitment."

Construction is slated to begin next year and conclude in 2007. Once complete, the store will total almost 300,000 square feet.

There are currently 62 Marshall Fields stores in eight states. More information can be found at fields.com.

MAKEOVER FOR MOM

Value City Department Store employees know what Moms like. They'd like a dream weekend and a makeover in New York City. If that sounds like a mother in your life, enter an essay contest and your most deserving mom might just win.

"Mothers are the backbone of our community, giving so much to their families throughout the year," said Michelle Levesque, marketing manager. "We are excited to

give children the chance to think about why they appreciate their moms, tell us how great they think their moms are and nominate them to win a fabulous dream-makeover.

In celebration of Mother's Day, May 8, Value City Department Stores are sponsoring The Weekend Makeover contest. One grand prize winner will receive:

- Airfare for two on U.S. Airways to New York City.
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SAT/SUN 12:00, 12:40, 2:15, 3:05, 4:30, 5:20, 7:00, 7:35, 9:15, 9:50
FR/SAT LS 11:30, 12:05

MELINDA AND MELINDA (PG-13)
SAT/SUN 11:15, 1:20, 3:20, 5:25, 7:40, 9:35
FR/SAT LS 11:45

THE INTERPRETER (PG-13)
SAT/SUN 11:00, 1:45, 4:20, 7:05, 9:45

SAHARA (PG-13)
SAT/SUN 11:25, 1:55, 4:25, 6:55, 9:25
FR/SAT LS 11:55

BEAUTY SHOP (PG-13)
9:05, FR/SAT LS 11:20

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SAT/SUN 11:05, 1:05, 3:15, 5:20

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Pezzat is a 1998 graduate of West Bloomfield High School of West Bloomfield, and joined the Marine Corps in January 1998. She is a 2002 graduate of U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md. with a bachelor's degree.

Navy graduate
Navy Seaman Apprentice

Joseph R. Tonna, son of Dawn M. Potter of Canton and Joseph F. Tonna of Westland, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training and was meritoriously promoted to his current rank at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Tonna completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

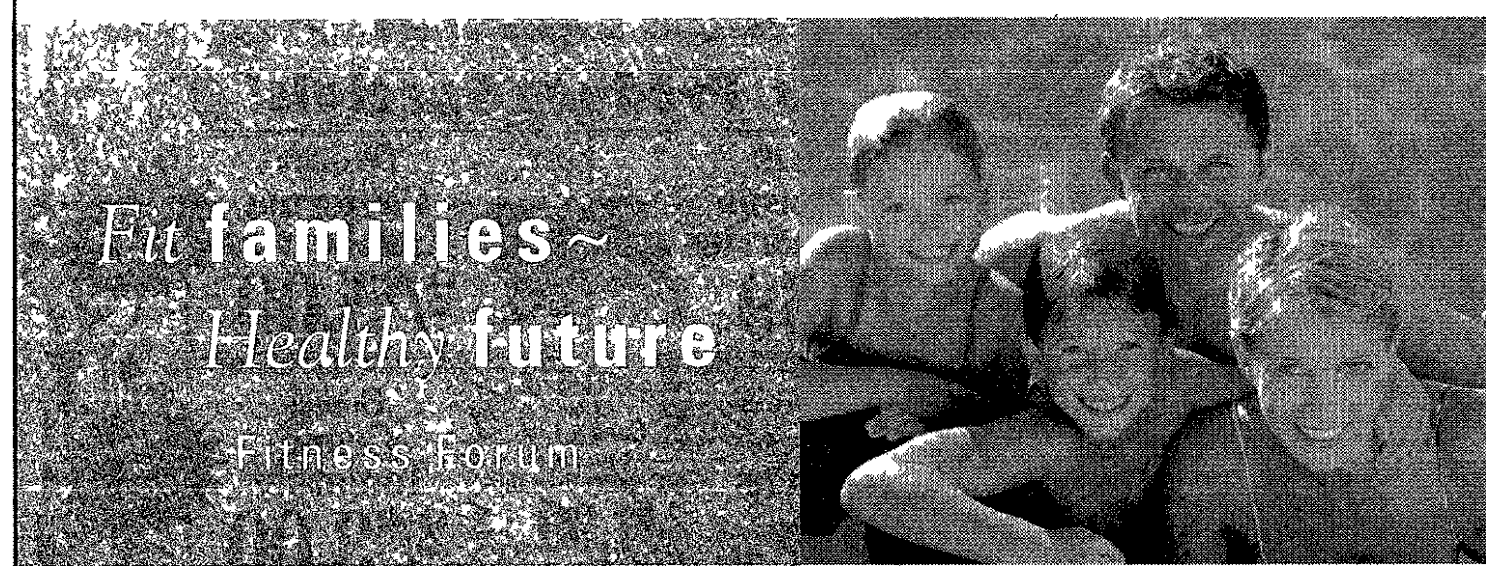
Tonna is a 2004 graduate of Canton High School in Canton.

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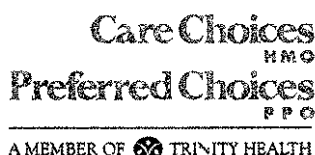
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BUDGET

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on everyone.
 Tuesday's budget amendment leaves the township's fund balance at some \$2.4 million, according to Edwards. Much of that is earmarked for the new township hall project, although it won't have to be used for that project if the existing township hall property is sold. Township officials expect to get close to \$3 million for the current property. "It's going down," Edwards said of the fund balance. "The state has cut revenue, building (revenues) have been down, and they used to support other

departments in the past." According to figures presented by Reaume at Tuesday's meeting, revenues are down a net of \$278,500 from where they were projected to be when the board passed its budget in October. The bulk of that money, according to Reaume, comes in the form of revenue expected in property taxes and a projected loss of some \$100,000 in federal grant money. State-shared revenue is down some \$40,000 and fines and forfeitures the township recoups from 35th District Court are down about \$50,000, Reaume said. Edwards singled out Tower Automotive, which recently filed for Chapter 11 bankrupt-

cy protection in New York, a move that could cost Plymouth Township about \$100,000 in revenue, he said. The biggest change on the expense side is a \$250,000 bump in expenses for public safety. Nearly all of that, Reaume said, is attributable to "people" costs such as health care and retirement benefits spelled out in the new contract with firefighters. "We've got the addition of an emergency manager (in the fire department) and the return to duty of two firefighters," Reaume said. Much of the expenses are due to changes in benefit plans and health care. Curmi questioned why

township officials didn't anticipate such things when the budget was being put together, and called the budget amendment a huge miss. "Times are tough, and money is tight," Curmi said. "I was surprised we didn't anticipate more closely these costs. We're taking away more fund balance, by a long shot. That's a big chunk to take out of our savings." It means things are getting tighter, Curmi added. Revenues are not keeping up with expenditures. It's a pretty easy equation. bkadrich@oe.homecomm.net (734) 459-2700

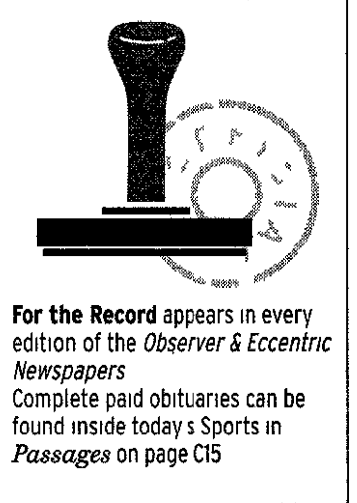
FOR THE RECORD

DEATHS

- B**
Helen Sophia Butler, of Clarkston, died April 22
- F**
Blanche (Cullen) Flaherty, 99, died April 10
- H**
Joy L. Hargreaves (Livecchi), 46 of Commerce formerly of Rochester, died April 21
- J**
Lawrence A. Johnson 100, died April 24
- K**
William C. Knudson, 87 of Rochester Hills died April 22
- M**
Ann McCubbery 98 of Canton, died April 20
Duncan McPherson 78 died April 25
- R**
Mary Helen Riddle 79 died April 22
- S**
Linda Catherine Schmittroth, 55, of Southfield, died April 24
- V**
Marvin H. Voight 78 of Lathrup Village, died April 21

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs during the period between April 20-26:
 ■ Tuesday, April 26 – Residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Shadywood and on Haggerty
 ■ Monday, April 25 – Residential rescue runs on Northview on Powell and on Red Maple Court, industrial rescue runs on Halyard, vehicle accident with wash-down at N Territorial and Beck
 ■ Sunday, April 24 – Vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon, on westbound M-14 between Sheldon and Beck and on Hines south of Northville Road residential rescue runs on Ann Arbor Trail on Tension on Grant and on Parkview, rescue run on N Territorial
 ■ Saturday, April 23 – Residential rescue runs on Shadywood on Greenview on Coolidge and on Pinewood vehicle accidents on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon and on



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southbound I-275 at M-14, rescue run on westbound M-14 at Beck, rescue runs to public buildings/schools on Ann Arbor Road
 ■ Friday, April 22 – Residential rescue runs on Academy, on Jenner, on Ann Arbor Trail, on Sheridan, on Newport and on Coolidge, vehicle accidents on southbound I-275 at M-14, on northbound I-275 at M-14 and on Beck Road east of the exit from M-14, downed wires on Maple
 ■ Thursday, April 21 – Industrial rescue runs on Sheldon and on Plymouth Road residential rescue runs on Franklin, on Roosevelt and on Mill commercial rescue run on Mill, rescue run to a public building/school on Ann Arbor Road
 ■ Wednesday April 20 – Commercial rescue run on N Territorial

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HIKE

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increase. "I'm comfortable with raising rates that high."
 Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Dwyer said he'd rather see the increase in the range of 3 percent, but agreed a rate hike is necessary to pay for water system repairs, including water main breaks which can cost \$100,000 to fix. "When a resident's water main breaks at midnight and the crews are out fixing it, they appreciate having water the

next day," he said. Last year, commissioners approved a 10.6 percent increase in water rates. Meanwhile, commissioners are expected to increase fees for trash bag tags, and set the fee for the new 32-gallon trash containers which will be delivered to households the week of June 13. City Manager Paul Sincock said the cost of bag tags will go up 30 cents, to \$1.80 per bag. He said the new container will cost \$1.85 per week. Residents will have the choice of opting out of the new container pro-

gram and continue using trash bags. Commissioner Ron Loiselle said he would have rather had the solid waste millage rate increased, rather than an increase in the cost of bag tags. "Residents are paying more, whether it's a user fee or a tax," Loiselle said. "I would rather pay more in tax and get an itemized deduction on my federal income tax return." However, other commissioners were against the idea of raising taxes. Marty Angell said he usually sets out two trash bags a week

in front of his Penniman Avenue home. Angell is hoping he'll be able to dump all his trash each week into the new container, saving him money. "That way, I won't have to worry about going out to purchase the bag tags," he said. "That's a big inconvenience." As for the proposed increase in water rates, "I don't like it, the rates are already too expensive," he said. If approved, the new rates will take effect July 1. tbruscato@oe.homecomm.net (734) 459-2700

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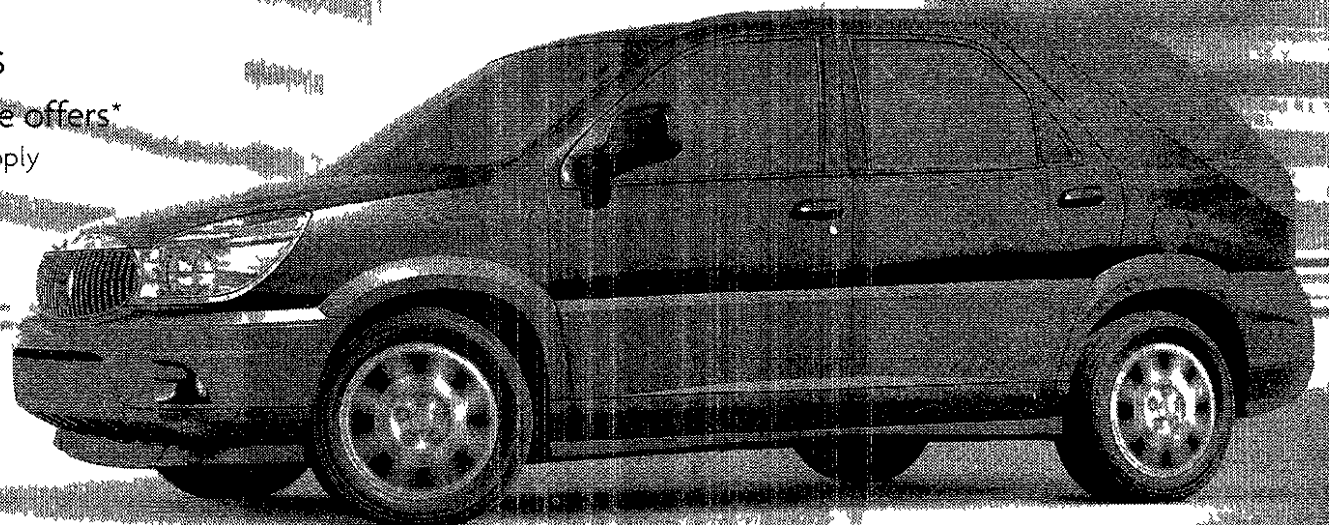
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No decision yet on when to seek parks tax renewal

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

This much is certain - a renewal request of the 2001 Wayne County parks tax is on the horizon. What is less certain is when exactly voters will have to choose 'yes' or 'no' in the ballot box.

The 1/4 mill parks tax, which generates \$10.2 million and costs \$18.75 annually for a county resident living in a \$150,000 home, expires the end of 2005. Voters first approved the parks tax in 1996, renewed it in 2000 and will decide whether to renew it a second time either this year or in 2006.

The tax was originally intended to make improvements in three areas - Fort Wayne and Chandler Park,

both in Detroit, and Elizabeth Park in Trenton. Since 1996, an \$8 million water park was built on the Chandler Park site, and improvements were made to Fort Wayne and in Elizabeth Park.

Assistant Wayne County Executive Alan Helmkamp said that the original ballot language with the specific sites must remain intact if voters are asked to renew a tax.

"There has been some discussion that (voters) would prefer for there to be some kind of spending formula," Helmkamp said of the tax but the county cannot put that language on the ballot.

This doesn't mean that the needs of Wayne County's 43 communities will be over-

looked. We've been very sensitive that there is some equality in how the money is distributed, Helmkamp said. "We just can't put that on the ballot." Individual communities may be able to take some initiative in getting some of the money.

We'd like to let local communities present proposals to us, Helmkamp said. For example, if Livonia wanted help with setting up a dog park, it could draft a proposal and send it to Wayne County. Helmkamp said that it's uncertain when the tax proposal might go before voters, since many communities don't have a primary election scheduled this year. New election laws state that counties have to administer local and school elections and that elections can only be held during specific months.

50/50 TAX

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said he opposed a county wide parks

tax. Yack said he would prefer a 50/50 tax. This means that 50 percent of tax revenues should go back to communities providing the tax revenue, based on valuation.

"I have nothing against the city of Detroit," Yack said. "But why should county taxpayers send money to the city of Detroit so that Wayne County can fix up their parks? Don't collect tax money in Canton and send it to some other community."

The Conference of Western Wayne is expected to address the parks tax at its next meeting May 13.

Canton has received \$400,000 from the county for use at the theater in Cherry Hill Village. More recently Canton received \$200,000 for a therapeutic transportation program. In this program, special needs residents living in Canton, Livonia, Plymouth Township, Plymouth, Westland, Wayne, Northville and Northville Township will be able to go to ball games and other events. Canton is

coordinating the program. Garden City received \$100,000 to improve its municipal pool and \$110,000 in restroom improvements have been made at Hines Park, which winds through Plymouth Township, Westland and Livonia along with other metro Detroit communities. Lola Valley Park in Redford has also had some improvements.

The county has also used grants for park improvements. A \$124,000 federal grant helped Nankin Mills set up a bicycle and skate rental facility that is expected to open this summer.

In 2002, Westland received \$300,000 from Wayne County to help build a skate park at the Bailey Recreation Center site. Westland provided \$160,000, which was raised by fund-raisers, donations and other grassroots efforts.

Westland Parks & Recreation Director Bob Kosowski said the skate park has been nothing but a positive thing. "We've been able to give kids a home of their own," Kosowski said of the facility. "These kids love this place."

Kosowski said he would support renewing the parks tax. "I think it's been nothing but a plus," he said.

Wayne County Parks & Recreation Director Beverly Watts said she supported using a formula-based approach to distributing



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Larry Narkun 11, of Marshall Middle School comes off the volcano at the Westland's Concrete Jungle. County funds helped pay for the skatepark.

money to communities. "I'd like to see that in my community," she said. "If I had my way, it would be a per-capita amount based on valuation."

She also said she supported having communities send proposals requesting money to the county.

Something new this year is a youth advisory board, which will act as a liaison between the county's youth and with the county's parks and recreation department. The goal is to determine what kind of recreational events would attract more youth. The advisory board is still under discussion, but expected to be in place this summer.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. C-05-03

REGULATION OF NUISANCE ANIMALS ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR REGULATION OF NUISANCE ANIMALS; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS, PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITION OF RELEASING NUISANCE ANIMALS IN THE TOWNSHIP; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, PROVIDING FOR REPEAL, SEVERABILITY, PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.
This section provides that the purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the release of nuisance animals into the Township.

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.
This section provides for the definition of nuisance animals.

SECTION 3. PROHIBITION.
This section provides for the prohibition against the release of nuisance animals into the Township.

SECTION 4. PENALTY.
This section provides that any person or entity that violates any provision of this Ordinance may upon conviction be fined not more than Five Hundred (\$500.00) Dollars or imprisoned not more than Ninety (90) days or both in the discretion of the court.

SECTION 5. REPEAL.
This section provides that all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY.
This section provides that any unenforceable section can be severed from the rest of the Ordinance.

SECTION 7. SAVINGS CLAUSE.
This section provides that adoption of this Ordinance does not affect proceedings, prosecutions for violation of law penalties and matured rights and duties in effect before the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 8. PUBLICATION.
This section provides that the Clerk of the Charter Township of Plymouth shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE.
This section provides that this Ordinance as amended shall take full force and effect upon publication as required by law.

The above is a summary of proposed Ordinance No. C 2005 03 considered for first reading at the April 12 2005 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Plymouth. It will be submitted for second reading at the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on Tuesday May 10 2005. The Ordinance in full is available in the Clerk's Office for public perusal at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth MI 48170 during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday Phone No. 734 354-3224.

Marlyn Massengill CMC
Clerk Charter Township of Plymouth

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - April 19, 2005

A regular study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton held Tuesday April 19 2005 at 1150 Canton Center S. Canton Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack. Members Absent: Zarbo. Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Minghine, Director Conklin, Director Santomauro, Staff Absent: Director Durack. **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, seconded by McLaughlin to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all members present. **STUDY SESSION TOPIC** Item 1. **Draft of Proposed Canton Community Goals and Objectives**. Discussion on proposed goals for the next four (4) years. These have been initially reviewed and consolidated by the Directors. The additional information received will be incorporated and will be presented to the Board for final approval. **Adjourn** Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin at 8:34 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett Clerk.

Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton 1150 S. Canton Center Road Canton Michigan 48188 during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.cantonmi.org after Board Approval.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Plymouth Michigan will accept sealed bids up until 10:00 a.m. Thursday May 12 2005 for the sale of the following vehicles:

- 1991 GMC 2005 Sierra SL Pickup
- 1992 GMC Sonoma SL Pickup
- 1994 GMC 3500 SL Pickup w/Snow Plow
- 1996 Chevrolet Lumina
- 1999 Ford Crown Victoria Police Patrol Vehicle - White
- 1999 Ford Crown Victoria Police Patrol Vehicle - Black

The bid opening will be at 10:00 a.m. Thursday May 12 2005. Vehicles and equipment are being sold "AS IS" with no warranty either expressed or implied. Vehicles and equipment may be inspected at the Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer Plymouth MI between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

You may also download a copy of the documentation from the City's web site at <http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us>

The City of Plymouth reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part and to waive any irregularities.

Linda J. Langmesser CMC
City Clerk
City of Plymouth

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CITY OF PLYMOUTH
Notice of Election to the Electors
To be held on May 3, 2005
PLYMOUTH CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Wayne County, Michigan

Please Take Notice that the election of the Plymouth Canton Community School District and Schoolcraft Community College District will be held on **Tuesday, May 3, 2005 THE POLLS OPEN AT 7:00 AM AND CLOSE AT 8:00 PM**

At the **Plymouth/Canton Community School District** election there will be elected **one (1) member** to the Board of Education for a full term of **four (4) years** ending 2009.

The following persons have been nominated:
Emily L. Florence
Thomas J. P. Wysocki

Write in candidates must file an Application of Intent on or before **4:00 PM on Friday April 29 2005**

At the **Schoolcraft Community College District** election there will be elected **three (3) Trustee positions** for the College Board for the following terms: **One (1) four (4) year term** ending 2009 and **two (2) six (6) year terms** ending 2011.

The following persons have been nominated:
Philip N. Cascade (4 year term)
Gregory J. Stempien (6 year term)
Patricia L. Watson (6 year term)

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POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE MAY 3, 2005 ELECTION
CITY PRECINCT #1, #2 AND #4
Plymouth Cultural Center 525 Farmer Street Plymouth Michigan

PRECINCT #3
Central Middle School 650 West Church Street Plymouth Michigan

Linda J. Langmesser CMC
Plymouth City Clerk

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1997 Mazda Protege DX/LX	JM1BC1415V0140240
1985 Chevrolet Monte Carlo	1G1GZ37ZXR170227
1979 Mercury Monarch (Blue)	9E38L631569
1990 Ford Taurus GL (Brown)	1FACP5245L6152816
1994 Lincoln Continental	1LNLM974CR7611199
1994 Eagle Vision (Green)	2E3ED66F9RH157537
1995 Plymouth Acclaim (Silver)	1P3AA46K3SF569815
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SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM 2005

Bids must be submitted on forms furnished in the Specification Book in a sealed envelope endorsed with the name of the bidder and the date and time of bid opening.

Bid documents are available for pick up at the Engineering Department located on the 2nd floor of the Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S. Canton MI 48188. A non-refundable charge of thirty five dollars (\$35.00) will be charged with each bid packet. A 5% bid bond is required.

Bid documents are on file for review at Canton Township Engineering Reed Construction Data McGraw Hill Construction, CAM and the Construction News Service of Michigan.

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.

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NORTH POINTE SUBDIVISION ROAD REPAIRS SAD

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TERRY G. BENNETT CLERK

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ELECTION

FROM PAGE A1

well in the city," is "pleased with the way the commission has dealt with finances the past two years' and wants to become a part of the decision-making process again

"Plymouth is a mature community, with no significant ability to grow its tax base," said Pobur "The possibility of further cuts in state-shared revenues adds up to more difficult decisions in the future"

Loiselle, who has served on the commission for a total of 24 years, said his institutional knowledge will be important in dealing with projected budget shortfalls

"We have significant cuts that we'll have to be doing in the next three-five years," Loiselle said "We've cut municipal services down to bare bones, and we've cut administrative staff down

"The biggest part of the budget is police and fire, with over 50 percent of the budget," he added "If we have to cut hundreds of thousands of dollars, it's going to have to come from reduced fire and police If we don't get any relief in taxes, I think one of the issues we're looking at is combining the police department with the (Plymouth) township, or somebody else"

Pursell said joint agreements are a top priority for him, if re-elected

"We're headed in the right direction on joint agreements with other municipalities, whether they be Plymouth Township or Northville," Pursell said "Regionalization of local government, just because of the way funding is drying up, is the way to go

Greene, who said she was still 'contemplating, but leaning toward' running for re-election, pulled petitions this week

"Friends are pressing me to continue because they want to see the process we've started, with all these budget cuts, seen through," said Greene, who has been on the commission a total of 11 years

"Having gone through cuts the last two years, I'm convinced this city can get through anything

Commissioner Anthony Guilhom, who was elected two years ago, said he won't be seeking re-election

"Although I enjoy being a member of the commission, my family has made it clear to me that I need to spend more time there," said Guilhom "The amount of hours that I put in, as compared to what I anticipated, is significant, which is true for anybody that invests themselves It's been a good couple of years"

City Clerk Linda Langmesser said there will only be a primary in August if there are at least nine candidates for city commission, which is one more than double the number of seats on the ballot

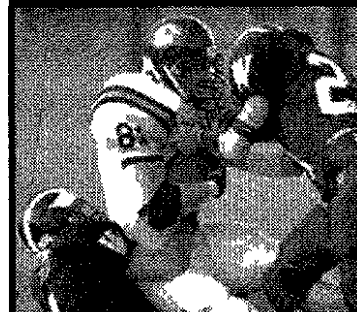
Petitions are also available for the nine seats on the charter review commission, which will have the responsibility of rewriting the city charter

Petitions for both commissions, which require 25 signatures, are due in Langmesser's office by 4 p.m. Tuesday, May 10

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Waltonwood honors student volunteers

Waltonwood Cherry Hill, a Canton senior retirement community, hosted a volunteer appreciation event on Sunday to celebrate a number of youth volunteers from Canton and Plymouth

The high school and middle school students volunteered their time at Waltonwood Cherry Hill during the course of this school year The students helped Waltonwood residents with various activities such as calling bingo for the seniors, hosting game show night and making crafts Many of the students volun-

teered as a requirement for school

However, after completing their requirements, many of them continued volunteering at Waltonwood because they had formed a bond with the residents

More than 20 volunteers and their families attended the event on Sunday Also in attendance were the residents of Waltonwood Cherry Hill In addition, Pat Van Dusen, Cantons volunteer events coordinator, was also recognized for all the work she does for the community

"These volunteers came in to provide a service earning community service hours But what they may not realize is that they accomplished a lot more than that They touched the lives and hearts of our residents" said Wendy Rowland, administrator at Waltonwood Cherry Hill

In addition to 144 one and two bedrooms units, Waltonwood Cherry Hill recently opened a licensed assisted living and memory care community located at 42600 Cherry Hill in Canton



These high school and middle school students from Canton and Plymouth were honored Sunday for volunteering at Waltonwood Cherry Hill, a Canton senior retirement community

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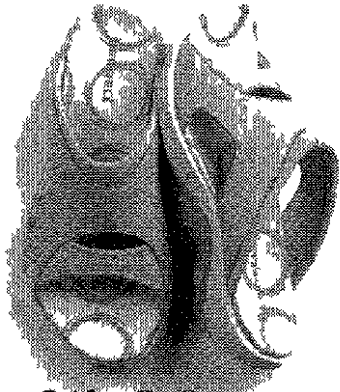
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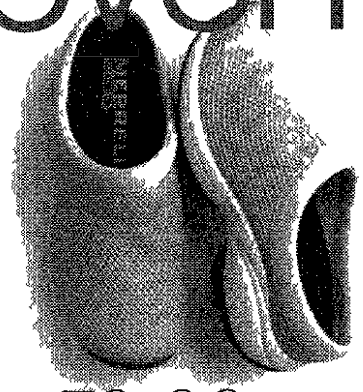
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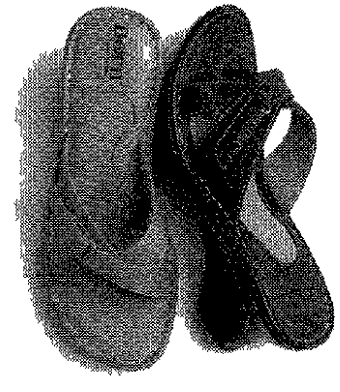
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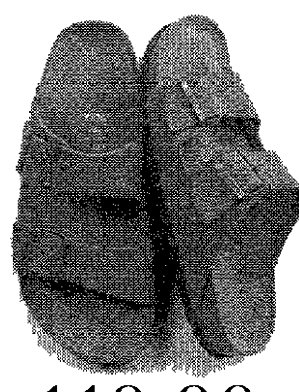
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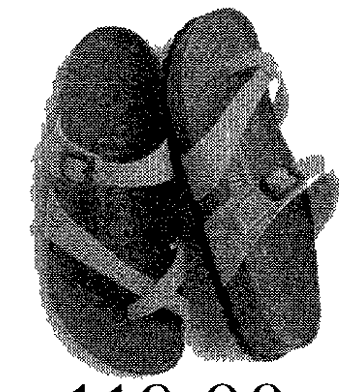
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NORTHERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Three Canton students and five from Plymouth were among the names when Northern Michigan University announced the Dean's List for the fall 2004 semester, qualifying with a grade-point average between 3.25 and 3.99.

Canton students included **Joe Kowal**, **Nicole Lang** and **Benjamin Wielechowski**.

Students from Plymouth included **Kathleen Nicastri**, **Conner James Hill**, **Russell Markwood**, **Andrew McCully** and **Sarah Slawski**.

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Twenty-four students from Canton and 25 students from Plymouth were among 4,680 students included on the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2004-05 academic year at Western Michigan University.

Students from Canton were **Ashley Bacon** (undecided business major), daughter of

Martin and Lori Bacon, **Emily Chalifoux** (human resource management), Thomas and Martha Chalifoux, **Julie Dykstra** (textile and applied studies), Steven and Linda Dykstra, **Matthew Ealy** (finance, public law), Jeffery and Patricia Ealy, **Kevin Eder** (political science), **Melissa Foley** (psychology, sociology), **Stephane Johnson** (recreation), John and Mary Johnson, **Lauren Kazmierczak** (elementary group minors), **Kenda Konarske** (mathematics), Doug and Kelly Konarske, **Zdenka Konechy** (social work, psychology), Brian and Stanislava Stukel, **Monica Mar** (physical education-exercise science), William and Rosalind Mar, **Michelle Ormond** (English), **Caroline Perpich** (music education), George and Suzette Perpich, **Shavonne Petts** (art education), Richard and Terese Petts, **Nora Reilly** (management), Joseph and Allison Reilly, **Lynn Rodriguez** (accountancy), **Brian Rossow** (psychology, criminal justice),

Glen and Patricia Rossow, **Douglas Sample** (criminal justice), John and Carol Sample, **Kyle Tollison** (university curriculum), Jeffrey and Deborah Tollison, **Leanne Trainor** (nursing), Gerald and Maureen Trainor, **Marisa Violi** (elementary group minors), **Leon Walsh** (management), Leon and Cindy Walsh, **Laura Williams** (theater design/technical production), Dennis and Sara Williams.

Plymouth students were **Michelle Yaremchuk** (journalism), Mike and Sue Marie Yaremchuk, **Jessica Blaschke** (criminal justice), **Christopher Booth** (integrated supply matrix), **Paul Burton** (history), Douglas and Nancy Burton, **Jessica Anne Hala** (elementary group minors), **Brett John** (undecided business), Craig John, **Julie Johnson** (elementary group minors), Timothy and Jana Johnson, **Jessica Jones** (organizational communications), Gerald Jones and Lynda Lee Racey, **Stephen Kelly** (finance), Thomas and Linda Kelly, **Ern Kenzie** (phi-

losophy, psychology), **Ryan King** (undecided business), John and Denise King, **Jennifer Long** (nursing), Gregory and Susan Long, **Natalie McBain** (marketing), **Sherri Mealy** (graphic design), Andre and Marcia Mealy, **Andrew Mitchell** (music), Kenneth and Melinda Mitchell, **Megan Newhouse** (art education, Spanish), David Newhouse and Kathleen Correll, **Jeanne Nicholas** (theatre design/technical production), Charles and Deborah Nicholas, **Judy Oldfield** (religion, English), Jerome and LoisAnne Oldfield, **Sarah Remski** (undecided business), Steve and Theresa Remski, **James Sattler** (history), Robert and S. Sattler, **Natalie Shettleroe** (elementary group minors), **Jeffrey Squires** (aviation flight science), Douglas and Barbara Squires, **Scott Stukel** (sociology), Brian Stukel and Kathy Lockman, **Emily Walker** (journalism, political science), Frank and Kathleen Walker, **Anna Yehck** (pre-psychology), George and Julie Yehck.

SPRING ARBOR

Two Canton students and one from Plymouth were on the list when Spring Arbor University announced its Fall 2004 Dean's List.

Students from Canton included **Hannah** (junior in film studies) and **Jeremiah** (freshman in art) **Riddell**, children of Mark and Cindy Riddell.

Elizabeth Cox, a senior mathematics student and the daughter of William and Kathy Cox, made the list from Plymouth.

CORNERSTONE UNIVERSITY

Ashley Elizabeth Dean of Plymouth made the Dean's List at Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids.

Students whose grade-point averages are 3.5 or higher make the list.

SAINT FRANCIS UNIVERSITY

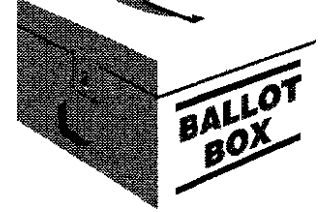
Anne Roosevelt of Plymouth made the Dean's List at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pa.

To make the list, students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Schoolcraft incumbents running unopposed

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM
STAFF WRITER

No one has stepped forward to challenge three Schoolcraft College trustees for open seats on the community colleges governing board.



Cascade



Stempien



Watson

Incumbents Patricia Watson, Gregory J. Stempien and Phillip Watson.

Cascade are all seeking re-election in the May 3 elections, where voters also will choose local school board trustees.

Residents living in Livonia, Garden City, Northville, Northville Township, Novi Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township and portions of Canton, Farmington Hills, Lyon

very gratifying job. I think we get a lot back for serving on the board."

Stempien, 64, of Northville works as an attorney for Stempien & Stempien in Northville and has been an attorney since 1970. His wife, Jeanne, is a Wayne Circuit judge. He has been on the board since 1998 and is running for his second term.

Incumbent Schoolcraft trustees are rarely defeated, Stempien said, speculating why no challengers came forward.

"I really like Schoolcraft," Stempien said. "I think it's a tremendous asset to the community. This community is really, really very fortunate to have Schoolcraft College."

Cascade, who is seeking to fill the remaining four years of a six-year term, could not be reached for comment.

Schoolcraft College Marketing Director Marty Heator said that Schoolcraft has been forced to be creative in gaining new students, saving money and raising money.

Schoolcraft has offered early retirements to save money, leased property to local businesses to generate revenue and has added a number of new programs to attract new students.

Baking and pastry making has been added to the popular culinary arts program, and a therapeutic massage certification program will be available for students beginning this fall.

Schoolcraft has been beating the pavement, too.

"We're doing more recruiting in the schools in the community," Heator said.

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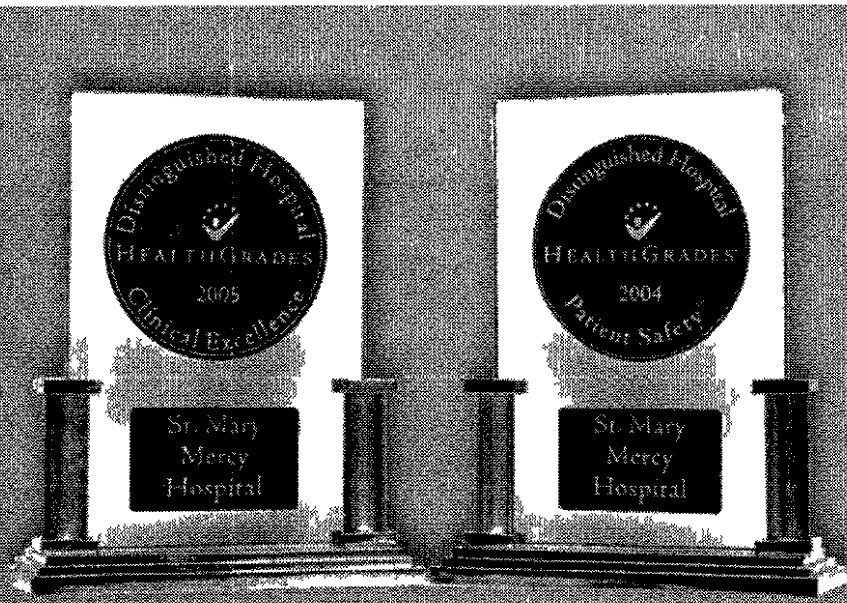
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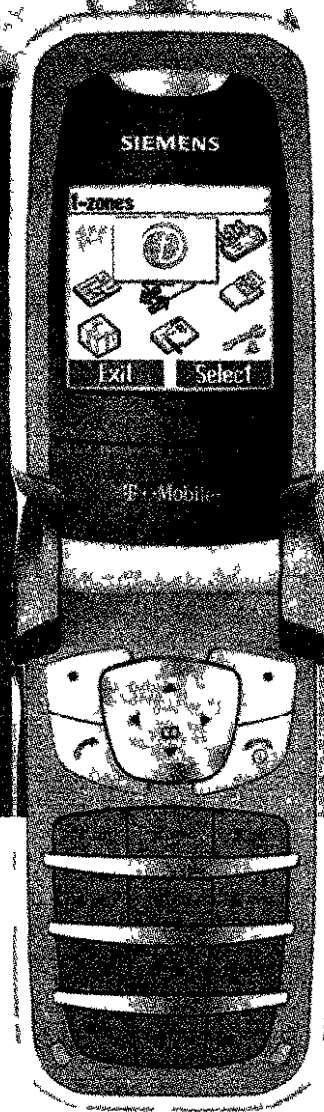
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OUR VIEWS

City needs big candidate pool

Where is Jerry Vorva when you need him? Until recently Vorva, a former Plymouth city commissioner and state representative, could be counted on to throw his name into the hat when it came time for city voters to elect new commissioners.

He hadn't had any success in his last few campaigns, but Vorva — a long-time resident and community activist — stepped up to the plate.

It's the kind of spirit the city could use right now. With a May 10 deadline coming up fast, only four people — incumbent Phil Pursell, Jerry Sabatini, incumbent Ron Loiselle and former commissioner Colleen Pobur — had publicly said they'd run for the four-year seats currently belonging to incumbents Pursell, Loiselle, Stella Greene and Anthony Guilhom.

Guilhom said he won't seek re-election and Pursell has already pulled his petitions. Greene, the current mayor, hasn't made a decision, but is leaning toward seeking re-election "to finish some of the things we've started."

There are any number of challenges facing the city, most of them stemming from the city's precarious financial position. There's the Sheldon Road underpass decision and upcoming contracts for fire and dispatch services with Plymouth Township. The city has infrastructure needs from water/sewer systems to road paving.

Perhaps the inclusion of three incumbents is cutting down on the potential list, prospective candidates figuring Pursell, Greene and Loiselle have spots locked up. However, while we believe the incumbents have by and large done a good job, we also hope their presence doesn't keep others from running.

With four seats open, it takes nine candidates to force a primary. We'd love to see that happen, although time is running short, because the odds of getting the right commissioners increase dramatically with the size of the draw from which they can be pulled.

It's a daunting time to be a city commissioner in Plymouth, and it's no time to have the city's best thinkers on the sideline. The commission needs to have seven serious minds, people who wish to do good for their city, on the dais. To accomplish that, there needs to be a deep pool of candidates from which voters can fish to find the best ones.

Increasing trash fee a sensible proposal

According to the Department of Environmental Quality, Michigan took in 6 million tons of trash from other states and Canada in 2004, an increase of 870,000 tons from 2003. Waste from other states and Canada represented 28 percent of all solid waste disposed of in Michigan landfills.

Wayne County is the dump site of choice for all of Toronto's solid waste.

House Democrats believe there is a way to stop this — sharply increase the tipping fee from the current 21 cents a ton to \$7.50.

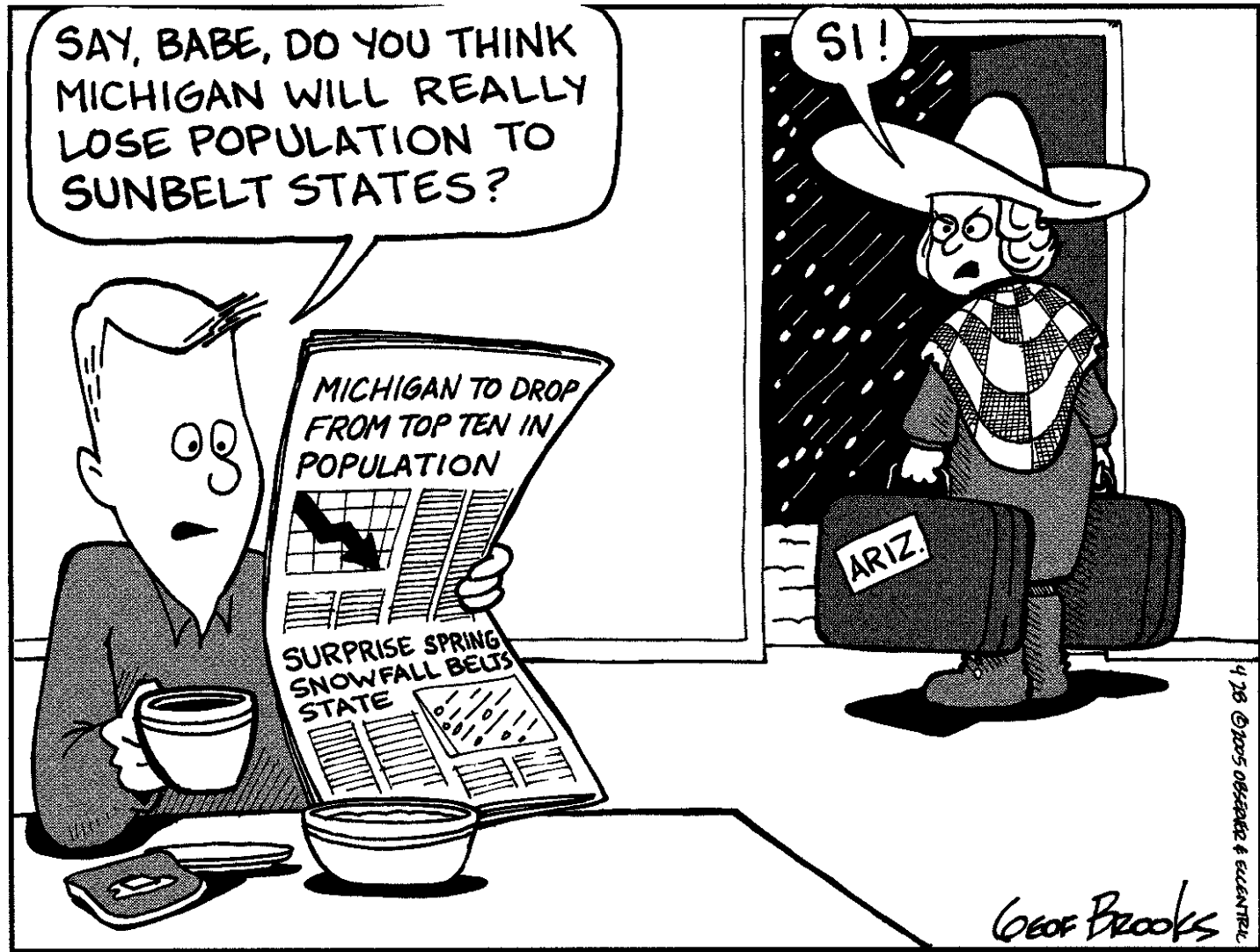
The increased fee is part of a package of bills dealing with the dumping issue that has been a controversy for several years. Democrats point to a Congressional report showing that Pennsylvania imported 1.5 million fewer tons in 2003 than in 2001 after imposing an additional \$5 a ton state fee, to \$7.25.

Democrats are also proposing tougher penalties for out-of-state jurisdictions that send toxic items such as car batteries and motor oil to Michigan landfills, a ban on landfill expansion, and tougher enforcement by increasing fines for transport and disposal violations.

Michigan's low tipping fee makes this an attractive place for other states and Ontario to dump their trash. Attempts by the state to limit foreign trash have been unsuccessful because the U.S. Constitution gives power over interstate trade to the Congress, not the individual states, and Congress hasn't been interested in taking sides on Michigan's behalf.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce and the Michigan Waste Industries Association are opposed to the Democratic plan. They argue that the fee would result in a tax on Michigan residents, as the fee would apply to in-state trash as well and they argue it also would harm the state's economy because of the added cost to businesses.

We believe after years of debate and several false steps toward dealing with a problem that affects the safety, health and infrastructure of the state that the Democrats offer a viable plan for putting Michigan on a more equitable footing with its Great Lakes neighbors. We believe the issues need to be fully aired and action needs to be taken.



LETTERS

Don't want to go

I am in second grade at Bird School. I live in Heather Hills. I don't want to go to Farrand. I love Bird School. I don't want to leave my friends. I won't be able to see my teachers that I had.

I want to get home before my dad gets home from work at 4:30 p.m. because the bus ride from Farrand will be very long, and we might have to wait for trains. If I have to move schools, I will miss Bird School.

Gracie Martin
Plymouth

Urges 'no' vote

The voters of Plymouth Township will have the opportunity May 3 to vote to increase their taxes.

As you are probably aware, the township of Plymouth has been pursuing the building of a new township hall. In the early planning stages, three-tenths of a mill was considered to finance the project. The project was sold to the people that it could be financed with the use of existing resources along with the sale of \$6 million in bonds and no new taxes would be required.

The township newsletter of Spring 2003 tells us the "township is financially sound in trying times." The fund balance had been increased almost a million dollars in 2000, 2001 and 2002. The Fall 2003 newsletter states the "proposal will not increase taxes."

Now taxpayers are told the township will be needing additional funds to maintain services. The \$12 million town hall project has expanded to \$13.1 million. Sounds like taxpayers are being asked to pay the millage after the horse has left the gate. Come to think of it, someone said they used to raise horses on the site of the new township hall.

On May 3, the voters of Plymouth Township will be asked to renew 1.6348 mills and to increase the levy by 0.3652 mills for a total package of 2 mills. The two rates are lumped together and voters will not have a choice to vote to continue the current levy and then vote on the increase.

Your choice is all or none. This additional 0.3652 millage, which is just over a 22-percent increase, will raise about \$700,000 in new money.

I urge Plymouth Township voters to reject this tax increase and let the township bring the proposal back to the voters in two parts. Let the voters have a choice. Don't be stampeded into an all-or-none vote May 3.

Richard Sharland
Plymouth Township

A great effort

If you weren't at Plymouth High School on Saturday, April 23rd, you missed an amazing event. The PCEP Soccer Boosters hosted a pancake breakfast to help raise funds for the 'Field of Dreams' project.

Kathy Drake
Salem soccer booster
Canton

Library access

I read your article in the *Plymouth Observer* about improvements to the Plymouth Library ("Library board eyes 3rd-floor expansion," April 21). It sounds as if they will be great.

I do want to mention the fact that disabled people must find it very difficult to enter the library. I have arthritis in my knees and cannot manage to walk up the steep and curving ramp that is next to the handicapped parking. Needless to say, I can't walk up the front steps, either.

Before this new library was renovated, I went almost weekly to the temporary library which was in a closed supermarket. I could park right outside the door and there were no steps to climb. I loved it. Since the renovation, I have been to the library only once and that trip proved to me that I couldn't walk on the ramp.

Also, once you enter the library, it seems like a long way to walk to actually get to the books. I have been so disappointed that I can no longer use this great facility.

Mary Ellen Sutherland
Westland

Part of history

Six years ago, my husband and I were looking for a hometown to settle down in. I remembered visiting Plymouth as a child and saying to my mother that someday I'd like to live in a town like Plymouth. As a child, I couldn't exactly

put my finger on what made Plymouth different than the suburb I grew up in. But, as an adult, I know why I felt this way and why my husband and I chose Plymouth as our hometown.

Plymouth is a community that is more than strip malls, chain stores, new housing developments and condos. It is a community that has a central place where neighbors meet and socialize, a community with small businesses, a community with historic buildings and houses and a community that (up until recently) preserves its history.

We have a chance now to preserve part of what makes Plymouth special, the Penn Theatre. The Friends of the Penn is working to make this happen and I fully support their mission.

The Penn is part of the history and character of my hometown. Not only is it part of Plymouth's history, however, but it should also be part of our future. I hope that I can bring my daughter to her first movie at the Penn.

Without the Penn Theatre, I worry that Plymouth will become one of those bland suburbs that we already have too many of in metro Detroit.

Julie Johnston
Plymouth

Stop feeding fat cats

Radical Republicans want absolute power to appoint Supreme Court justices that will favor corporate interests and the extreme right over the rest of us.

Although, last term Senate Democrats confirmed almost 95 percent of President Bush's judicial nominees, eliminating the filibuster is not about overcoming "obstructionism," it's about the desire for complete one-party control.

It's time for the corporatist, Christian Taliban right wing to stop its catering to fat cats and fringe groups.

Leon Juncaj
Farmington Hills

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"There's millions of dollars being spent on homeland security to protect us from terrorists ... These individuals present just as big a threat - maybe a bigger threat - to our society. Not only from a local standpoint, but from a national perspective, we have to do a better job of protecting our kids, rather than relying on the honesty of a sexual predator or pedophile."

— Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington, on why his department will take a pro-active approach to dealing with convicted sexual offenders.

Too many elections, votes wasted in current system

Well, they may not be able to balance the budget, attract new industry or fix the roads, but our politicians do know how to do one thing right: Draw the lines of their congressional or legislative districts so they are sure to get re-elected or, failing that, to assure that their party will continue to control the district.

Both parties have become amazingly skilled at gerrymandering. And more often than not, they are engaged in a silent conspiracy that assures that most Democratic districts will stay Democratic and most Republican districts will reliably vote GOP year after year.

This is the nasty secret that underlies why our political system has become both so intensely partisan and so rigidly unchanging over recent years. Michigan's John Dingell, who as the currently longest serving member of Congress should know, says that there are no more than 25 genuinely competitive congressional districts out of the 435 around the country.

Wayne County Probate Judge Milton Mack, one of the smarter people on the bench and a long time student of Michigan voting behavior, adds that just a handful of Michigan state legislative districts are competitive these days.

Why is this a problem? Simple. In districts that are drawn to favor one party over the other the important contest is not the general election. It's the primary, when a small minority of voters, usually a more strident group than the rest of us, picks their party's nominee, who then will waltz to certain victory in the November general election.

For Republicans, it's the passionate Right-to-Lifers and the religious/social conservatives who turn out and generally pick a candidate who is usually to the right of the majority of the party. For Democrats, it's their equally highly motivated ACLU members, union functionaries and tree huggers, aka environmentalists who tend to select nominees more liberal than most.

As respected veteran political columnist David Broder puts it: Each party now only plays to its hard-core supporters, and the pragmatic center goes unrepresented. With general elections then coming down to a choice between extremes it is any wonder partisan conflict has become so sharp? And with most voters more or less firmly in the middle of the road, is it any wonder many of us feel left out of the political process?

That's why there's been a lot of recent discussion about fiddling with election rules to make it easier for all of us to vote, or alternatively to change the way the redistricting process works. In Michigan state Rep. Christopher Ward (R-

Brighton) has introduced a bill that would allow voters with a photo ID to cast an absentee ballot at the local clerk's office, without having to give a reason anytime during the week before the election. (As it now works to get an absentee ballot you have to be older than 60 or declare you must be out of town on election day.) Ward says he has bipartisan support for his bill, although Gov. Jennifer Granholm and other Democrats object to requiring voters, some of whom may not work or drive, to produce an ID.

Elsewhere, people are talking about changing the way in which district lines are drawn. In Michigan they are drawn up by the majority party in the state Legislature to favor their side. About the only legal limitations are those that require all districts to be the same size (one man, one vote) and avoiding drawing lines that slice through normally recognized communities.

In California, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger wants to shift the line-drawing from the Legislature to a panel of retired judges. Maybe these are both good ideas. Especially appealing to me is the thought that drawing district lines is a task too important to be left to the politicians.

But the trouble is that neither strategy addresses the basic problem: Making it easier to vote absentee doesn't change the dynamic of each party playing to its hard-core supporters in primary elections. And retired judges, most of whom owed their seats on the bench to one party or another, are not immune to being almost as partisan as legislators.

Judge Mack has developed a fine 10-point Voters' Bill of Rights that neatly frames what a good voting system ought to do. Included are:

■ The right to have their vote count. Consider Republican voters in an overwhelmingly Democratic district. Does their vote count for much? No.

■ The right to vote in elections that matter. Consider Democratic voters in an overwhelmingly Republican district. Do November elections matter to them? Not in local races.

■ The right to vote in election districts that are fairly drawn. The key notion here is "fairly." In Judge Mack's mind, fair means not gerrymandered for partisan advantage.

Judge Mack has succeeded in defining what a properly functioning democratic (with a small d) voting system ought to do. Plainly, the system we now have is failing these tests. Next week's column will describe a simple, common sense solution that could go a long way toward healing our steadily more dysfunctional political system.

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Phil Power

If you seek a fishing hole, look to the Clinton, Rouge

If you don't count that crazy weekend we just endured, it sure seems like winter retreated in an awful hurry this year. No complaints here, because I was definitely ready for it to go. And by the looks of the bustling golf courses and parks and the neighborhoods full of playing children, everyone else was ready for spring as well.

Certainly spring is one of the most lovely times of the year. The snow melts away, the birds begin to sing and the flowers take bloom.

For me, spring also means a new season to pull out the rod and reel, and begin the annual quest to outwit as many fish as possible. The traditional opener for trout fishing begins the last weekend of the April, a symbolic time many anglers like myself have thought about since the state's waters "hardened up" back in December and January.

Come that weekend, there will be a great pilgrimage of anglers, young and mostly old, from southeast Michigan, who will head up to the state's fabled trout waters. Streams like the Au Sable, Manistee, Pere Marquette and Jordan will again beckon familiar anglers with their ancient call. And that is to name just a few. We are fortunate to live in a state with thousands of miles of designated trout water.

In fact, our state offers so much to anglers of all stripes, whether you like to catch brook trout or walleye, bass or crappie, bluegill or pike. Instead of "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you," Michigan's motto could easily be "If you seek a fishing hole, look about you."

Unfortunately, few anglers choose to look close to home. You don't have to travel several hours up north to wet a line. In addition to the Detroit River, Lake Erie, Lake St. Clair and all the wonderful lakes in Oakland County, which certainly see their share of fishing pressure, there are two wonderful resources that are mostly overlooked. I refer to the Clinton and Rouge rivers, which traverse the Detroit area like little freshwater arteries in a suburban landscape.

Regrettably, when most people think of these two rivers, they associate them with pollution and degradation. Yet in the last two decades, the water quality of both rivers has improved considerably, even dramatically. Not only have local municipalities implemented a whole host of projects that have made a positive impact on both rivers, there have also been countless volunteers who have helped

pull generations of junk from their waters.

The Clinton watershed, in particular, offers some fine fishing. It still contains plenty of trout-holding tributaries, and there is an ongoing project to make the mainstream a trout fishery as well. The river is already known as a burgeoning fishery for steelhead, which are oversized rainbow trout prized by anglers as one of the best freshwater game fish. In fact, on Tuesday the state's Department of Natural Resources stocked the river in Shelby Township with thousands of hatchery-bred steelhead, just as it has for the last several years.

The Rouge River, on the other hand, still has a ways to go because of years of degradation. In fact, I can just hear some people chuckling at the notion of fishing the Rouge, which was once one of the most polluted rivers in the country. While the river certainly has its share of obstacles, there are sections of the watershed where fishing can be quite good.

My introduction to this fact took place a couple of summers ago when I was driving along Hines Drive and decided to stop and take a peek at the Middle Rouge. Surprisingly, the water looked inviting, and I just happened to have my fishing gear in the truck. I said, "What the heck, I'll give it a try." Lead a fisherman to water and, I promise, you won't have any problem getting him to fish.

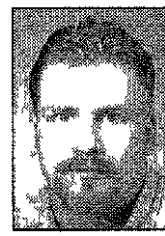
To my great surprise, I caught more fish that day than any angler should be privileged enough to catch in a couple of hours time. Nothing huge, but plenty of fighters, mostly smallmouth bass and rock bass.

The Clinton and Rouge are two of the most populated and accessible watersheds in the state. This water is in our back yards. Yet so many of us anglers will jump in a car and drive several hours to fish water that is oftentimes less productive. And believe it or not, both rivers, particularly the Clinton, offer some great scenery, and the type of peace and quiet that many associate with trout streams up north.

The more people that use these resources, the more pressure there will be to continue the cleanup that began less than a quarter century ago, which benefits everyone in the region, not just us anglers. Property values will increase, as will other recreational and educational opportunities. Obviously, it will also benefit the fish and other aquatic wildlife that call the rivers home.

And that's where us anglers come into the picture. Ah, I love spring.

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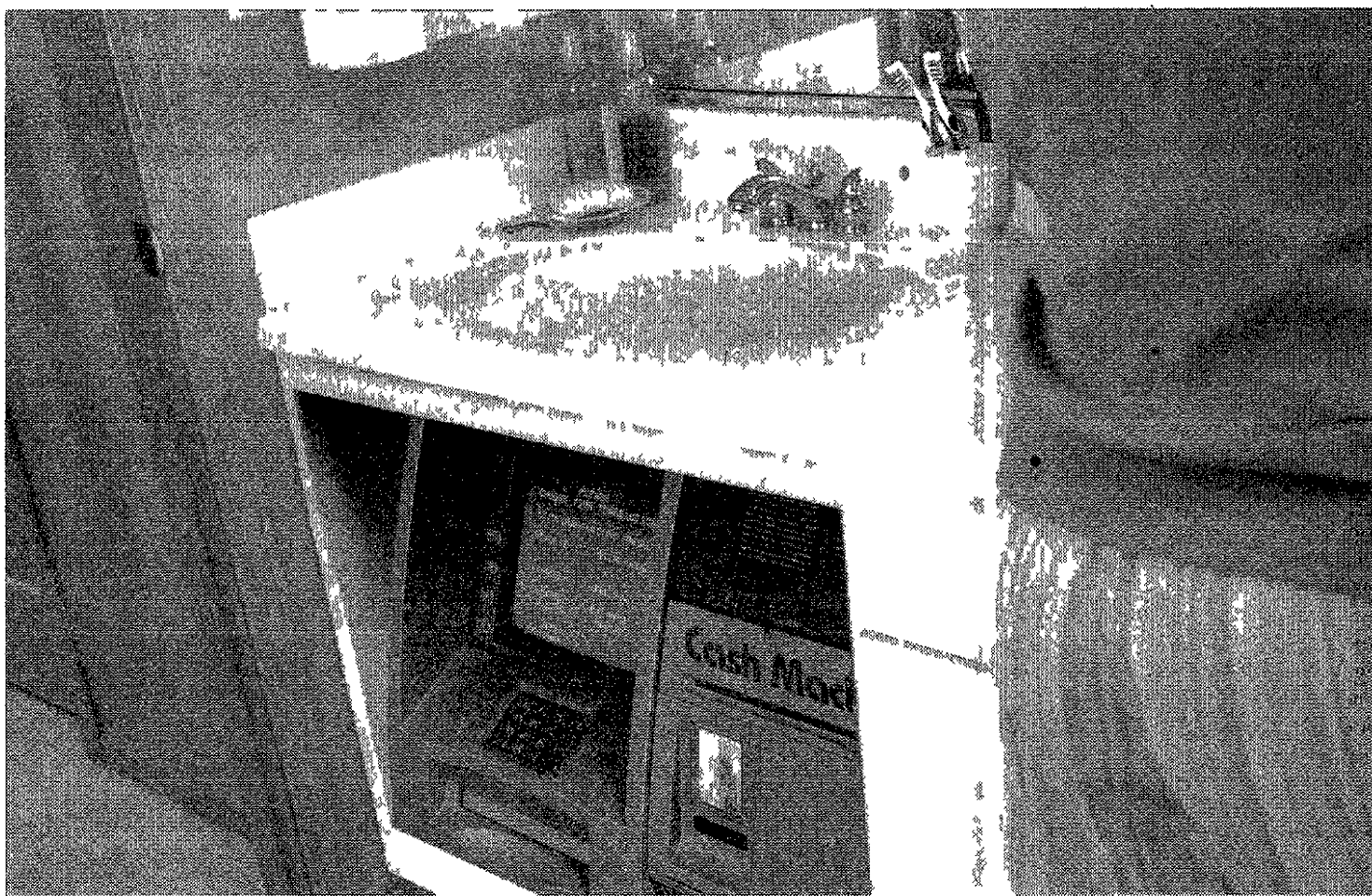
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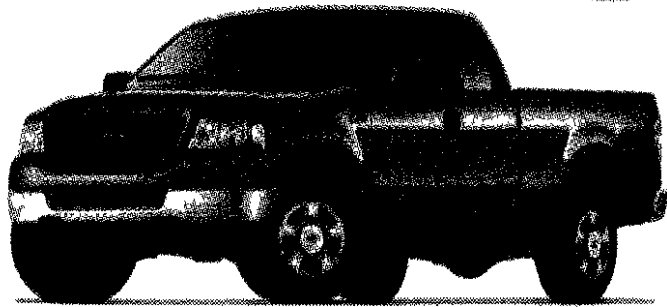
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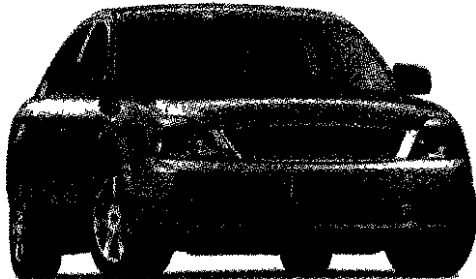
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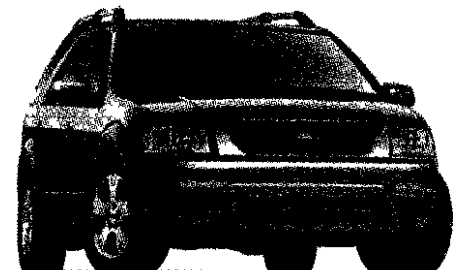


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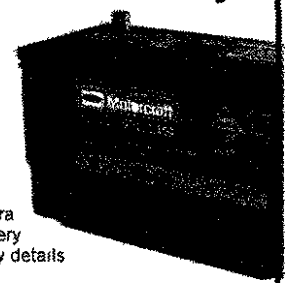


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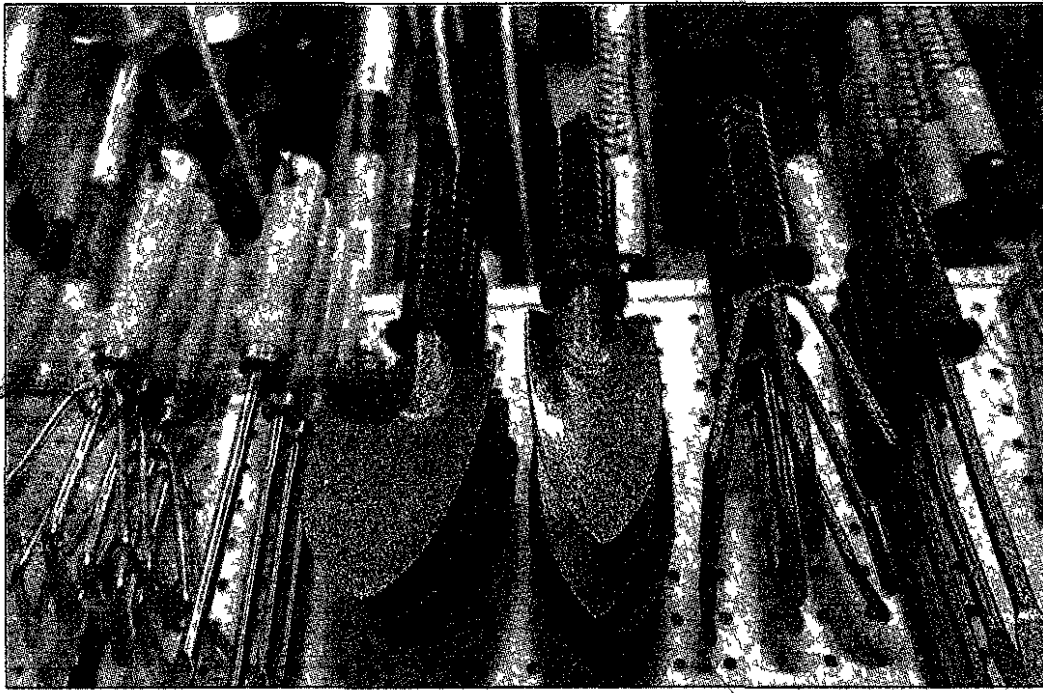
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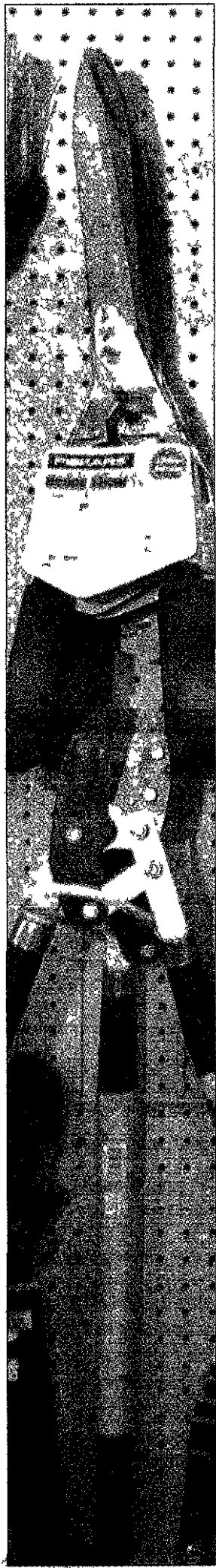


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Soon gardeners will be hitting the yard with trowels and other assorted hand tools to prepare the ground for planting



Pruners are available in different varieties

Yard friendly

Sharpen those pruners and rake that garden

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

OK so we survived another onslaught of snow. Never mind that it's almost May. It's Michigan, and instead of cursing those little flakes, think of it as more precipitation for the garden.

Right. Spring weather WILL arrive soon. Judging by the calendar, we're already halfway through it.

With May's arrival, it means it will be time to hit the ground running for gardening buffs. That may mean new tools for veteran gardeners and a crash course in equipment for gardening newcomers. And they now can look for tools that are not only essentials, but make life in the yard easier on their joints and muscles, too.

Ann Donawick is ready. Everyone should have a strong, long-handled shovel with a point that's very sharp for digging and cutting roots, said Donawick, former president of the Canton Garden Club and committee chairperson for the Canton Garden Walk on June 26. If you're a gardener, you should have a smaller based shovel for smaller based plants.

LIGHT AND EASY

Smaller tools are lighter and easier for many gardeners to use, according to Steve Zoumbars, garden center manager at Plymouth Nursery and Garden Center. "We have a smaller shovel and spade, and a selection of these tools here," Zoumbars said.

Then there's the Rumford Garden rake, a specialty tool with four different tools: a digger, a bow rake and a fork and cultivator. If you want to work on the lawn this spring, a thatching rake can help.

That's good to get the dead grass out and allow for your grass seed to grow, Zoumbars said. "A scoop rake has a rake head that can pick up piles. Rake heads are much larger now, to do larger



Shovels come in many useful designs

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PLEASE SEE YARD, B3

Accents

Going gnome

Plan to attend the Gnome Fest, a fun-filled festival celebrating the garden gnome at noon Sunday, May 15, at Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac.

The event is a fundraiser for the Belle Isle Conservatory. Tickets are \$10 per person. Reservations are required; call (248) 332-6430.

The festival will feature an extraordinary private collection of more than 50 vintage gnomes from around the world as they stop by Goldner Walsh on their world tour.

It will showcase some of the earlier known gnomes from Heissner, Greibel and Zeho that are from the first gnome museum in Germany.

A real, live gnome will give a lecture, Little Gnome Facts, including gnome origin and etymology, the story of the world's oldest gnome and other gnome lore.

A gnome scavenger hunt throughout 9.5 acres of Goldner Walsh's rolling hills and woods will take place. The gnome hunter with the most points will win a grand prize.

Warranty honored

English Gardens will honor a limited warranty on trees, shrubs and evergreens bought at Frank's Nursery.

Customers simply need to bring their original receipt and the plant, and they'll receive an English Gardens store credit for 50 percent off the plant's original purchase price.

This offer is valid for a limited time.

English Gardens operates five retail stores in metro Detroit, with its sixth scheduled to open today (April 28) in Ann Arbor. The stores are at 6370 Orchard Lake Road in West Bloomfield, 4901 Coolidge Highway in Royal Oak/Troy, 22650 Ford in Dearborn Heights, 44850 Garfield in Clinton Township and 22501 Kelly in Eastpointe. The Ann Arbor store is at 155 N. Maple in the Maple Village Shopping Center.

For the nearest English Gardens, call (800) 335-GROW or visit www.englishgardens.com.

Get set

The Ann Arbor Art Center's Gallery Shop will highlight place settings May 1-31.

From vibrant and colorful to elegant and simplistic, place setting pieces created by local and regional artists will be featured.

The place settings will consist of plates, bowls, mugs and more, with collections suitable for wedding gifts, anniversaries, birthdays or starting a brand-new set.

Gallery Shop hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, noon to 5:30 p.m. Sunday.

Stop by the Ann Arbor Art Center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor, call (734) 994-8004, Ext. 118, or visit www.annarborartcenter.org.

Tame your receipts with neat scanner and software

Like many people, I approach April 15 with feelings of dread and depart it utterly dejected.

So it was again this year when I realized that my bank statements, receipts, and other important tax-related documents were just as disastrously shoeboxed as ever.

And once again on April 16, I vowed to not repeat this vicious cycle, to make next year's tax season more organized, less stressful.

This time, I have a secret



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

weapon. It's called NeatReceipts (www.neatreceipts.com), and it combines an ultra-compact scanner with software that stores and manages receipts, tracks expenses, and generates reports.

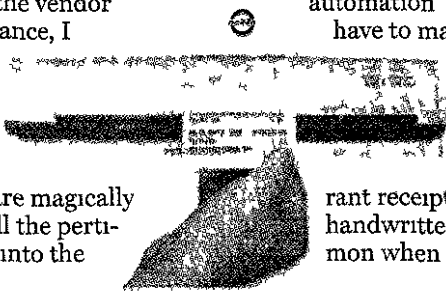
Sayonara, shoebox!

About the size of a three-hole punch, the scanner is designed strictly for paper documents, though it can also handle photos. Because it's a sheet-fed model, however, you can't use it on books and other bound documents.

Indeed, NeatReceipts is something of a one-trick pony—but it does its trick quite well. When you scan a receipt, the software automatically recognizes items like date, amount, payment method, expense type,

and even the vendor.

For instance, I scanned a receipt from a gas station, and the software magically plugged all the pertinent data into the



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Not every receipt produces this level of

automation. Sometimes you

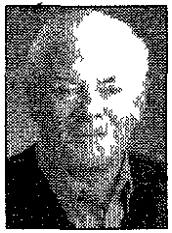
have to manually enter the name of the vendor. And the software has trouble with restaurant receipts that have handwritten totals (common when there's a tip involved).

In fact, handwritten receipts tend

PLEASE SEE SCANNER, B4

Moving washer can be challenge

People are already driving to their cottages and getting things ready for the summer season. At my place, 800 miles north of here, near the city of Timmins, Ont., they have already lost the ice on the lakes and rivers. This is almost two months ahead of time and I pray the fish are still running the river when I get there at the end of May.



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

Many of us move appliances and such to these far-off places and sometimes little thought is given to the proper transportation of certain products.

Take a washing machine for instance. When it's shipped from a factory, it's in a box and the inner drum is stabilized, so it doesn't jump around inside the outer casing. When the deliverers arrive at your home, they remove pins from the inner workings and underneath the machine and the washer is ready to operate.

Seldom will you be told that these parts are important, especially when moving the washer even when it is next door. Most homeowners will purchase a new washer, have it installed in their current home and take the older one up

north. If you don't stabilize that inner drum, you usually end up with problems when you haul it up to the summer place. A service call is expensive, no matter what part of the country you go to.

Here is what you need to do if you are transporting the washer. Open the washer lid and you will see space between the inner drum and outer casing. You can gently place thick cardboard and folded blankets in these spaces. Make sure they don't fall out of place and that the washer is transported in the normal stand up position.

When you reinstall the washer, pay attention to the two fill hoses on the back. One is for hot water and the other is for cold. On the metal casing in the back near the water inlet connections, you should see the letters C and H stamped on the metal. Make sure you attach the hoses to the proper hot or cold water line.

Level the washer by using a level and adjusting the feet to make it perfect. The leveling feet sometimes have a locking nut, which you must loosen, before you can move the leg. Always make sure you retighten that nut upon completion of leveling. Some washers have self-leveling rear legs where you lift up on the back end of the washer and when you gently let it fall back to the floor, the legs find their own level.

Installing the drain hose, which clamps onto a plastic fitting on the back of the washer, is simple. Make sure the drain

hose is located higher than the top water level in the washer, before it goes to the drain. If not, you will have a gravity drain effect and the washer will continue to fill with water while it is washing. If the drain hose rests over the side of a laundry tub, make sure it isn't submerged in standing water of the laundry tub during wash and rinse cycle. If this were the case, you could have water from the laundry tub coming back into the washer during operation.

If the drain hose fits into a standpipe, make sure it fits in there loosely. If not, you have siphon effect during the spin cycle, which draws water back up into the standpipe and into the washer.

Your washer is now ready to do its job and the final thing you should do is to watch it during the first complete cycle. You want to make sure there are no leaks just in case something came loose when you moved it.

Speaking of moving it there is still one concern. You were not strong enough to move it to the back of a vehicle without using a dolly of some sort.

Remember to shore up the inner tub before you put it on a dolly. Even a 45-degree angle of the inner tub can cause problems.

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.

Anesthetic concerns are similar to fear of flying

Like to fly? I know, flying has become a curse. Lines wrap around the terminal. Security seems to take forever and can be irritating. The very nature of air travel is to hurry up and wait. Still, there's something amazing about being just a few hours from Alaska, or Italy or even just St. Louis.



About Animals
Dr. Brad Davis

Some people fear flying so much they just can't experience it. I once read that if you took a commercial airline flight once a day every day, it would statistically be

20,000 years before you were involved in a major incident. Of course, sometimes things happen and statistics stop being interesting when you're the exception.

From a practical standpoint, however, flying is the safest form of travel. Still, some people will not fly because it's just too dangerous.

I hear the same thing when I talk to people about anesthetic. **PREP IS KEY**

When I recommend a surgical or dental procedure for their pet, people often look at me with an expression as though a huge spider has landed on my shoulder. They speak in terror about anesthetic, fearing their pet won't make it through. Some beg me to tell them that anesthetic is perfectly safe.

That I can't do. There's always some risk with anesthetic, just like with flying. If you do it right, however, the danger is greatly decreased.

When I'm sitting on a plane, feeling like a sardine and waiting for takeoff, I watch the baggage get loaded, and watch the

other planes taxi out, or the crews examine the planes for any problems. I like to believe the pilot looks for any problem to cancel the flight.

If you look for trouble, and can't find it, that's a lot better than if you merely made a basic check and said, "It's cool. Let's go."

With every anesthetic, I employ that concept. I look for reasons to cancel the procedure. Bloodwork done before surgery shows me if the kidneys and liver can handle the anesthetic. If exam reveals a heart murmur, we should do more workup before a procedure.

Do we do things differently to prepare a young animal for surgery than an older animal? No. Everyone should get the same level of care and concern. Every age should get every safeguard.

One of the reasons I feel comfortable flying would be the pilots are there with me. If someone in a control tower somewhere with a remote control joystick flew the plane, I would not feel so safe. The pilots on board, so the flight feels safer. With anesthetic, constant monitoring should be absolutely required. Machines can monitor heart rate, blood pressure, oxygen concentration, and whatever other value you'd like to know. Someone with a stethoscope on the heart every second the animal is under also makes things safer.

UP TO DATE

A few years ago, my staff went on a group trip to Key West. From Miami, they boarded a small plane for the final leg. Apparently, the plane danced and staggered in the air until they were all practically crying. Equipment makes a difference in how smoothly things go.

Same with anesthetic. Equipment must be kept up to date, and appropriate tubes and anesthetic agents should be used so that the animal will not just make it through surgery,

but will also do well afterward. Almost every pilot I've ever met says a great danger is not taking a flight seriously. There are no simple flights, and not anticipating problems gets you in trouble fast. Every single flight, as it is happening, is the most important flight you'll ever make.

This follows in anesthetic as well. No anesthetic is ever routine. Each anesthetic should be the most important you'll ever administer.

Like flying, anesthetic is a valuable tool that makes life better, and, when done right, really is quite safe and effective.

The key would be to never ever take it lightly. Make sure things get done correctly when your pet is to be put under. Ask questions. Will there be pre-surgical bloodwork to help ensure safety? What kind of anesthetic? Will my animal have a tracheal tube placed to help breathing, or just a mask? Will someone be there to monitor throughout the procedure?

By asking questions, you can feel more comfortable about your pet's anesthetic.

There can never be a 100 percent guarantee that everything will be perfectly fine. No one in any form of medicine can ever give a 100 percent guarantee of success.

But a 100 percent guarantee can be given that things will be done right. There is always the chance of a bad incident any time there's anesthetic, but if you do things right, you eliminate a vast majority of problems.

And that makes anesthetic a lot less scary.

Dr. Brad Davis is medical director for the VCA of Garden City, 2085 Inkster Road, Garden City, MI 48135. Mail questions and comments there. He is also one of the hosts of the nationally syndicated radio show Animal Talk. Visit the web site www.animaltalkradio.com. E-mail questions or comments to questions@animaltalkradio.com.

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AT HOME CALENDAR

Ford House walk
A guided Wildflower Walk on the spectacular grounds of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House will take place 9:30 a.m. Saturday April 30. The Edsel and Eleanor Ford House is at 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores. Cost is \$6 per person. For tickets call Ford House at (313) 884-4222. A Michigan State University Extension

horticulturist and a Ford House gardener will lead the walk. Guests will be able to take in stunning displays of wildflowers including Dutchmen's breeches, bluebells, trillium and scilla.

Open house
The Warner Museum, 33805 Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills, will kick off Historic Preservation Month (May) with an open house benefit 2:50 p.m. Sunday, May 1.

The event will feature Heartstrings hammered dulcimer and string bass music by Nancy and Rob Downie. Refreshments will be served. Phone (248) 473-7275.

After four years of performing at the museum including for the Christmas Open House and the Founders Festival, the Downies are moving to Oregon. The benefit will mark the couple's farewell performance.

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YARD

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areas"

A watering wand helps "You can hit the plants when they really need it," said Heather Bowman-Tomlinson, lead associate of perennials at English Gardens in Royal Oak "It helps to have a good pair of gloves"

Form-fitting Mud gloves help you get a good grip on tools and plants, Bowman-Tomlinson said

"They're very sturdy and it's worth spending the money" The gloves cost \$10

Rakes are obvious to the longtime gardener, and perhaps not so obvious to the neophyte

You'll need a leaf rake, and hard-tine rake to smooth new beds and the planting area," Donawick said

A versatile, adjustable metal-tine rake can be opened to varying lengths, for jobs in small places near shrubs, to full length for leaves and working on loose, dry soil

Trowels are available in various sizes, the smaller ones for containers and smaller bowls

"Most people don't use a trowel correctly," said Bowman-Tomlinson "They'll dig using the wrist You should hold it so the curve faces away from you and your thumb is on top"

KEEP 'EM CLEAN

Gloves may be inconvenient to wear, but they are handy for keeping hands clean and handling plants

"The leather gloves work well when handling shrubs and



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Steve Zoubaris, garden center manager at Plymouth Nursery and Garden Center, holds a Rumford garden rake - a 4-in-1 tool featuring a rake, hoe, cultivator and cutting edge

picky bushes," Donawick said Those who want to plant bulbs can use the traditional cylindrical tools, or they can use the larger handled one with a T-top

"You push that with your foot, rather than your arms," Donawick said It's much easier, especially in clay soil

Dibbles, pointed metal or plastic tools that create holes, are another little helper for the yard They work well for small seedlings, Donawick said

Bypass pruners are another gardening essential "They do not crush the stem," Donawick said Traditional pruners work on dead branches, but they often crush the stem

The Felco pruner was called the 'Cadillac' of pruners by Donawick She reminded gardeners not to prune anything with a spring bloom and wait after the bloom dies before pruning

Gardeners are selective about their tools

"They like higher quality and the longer warranty," Zoubaris said

More gardeners are stepping up, and buying Seymour's professional gardener type tools "They don't want to buy something and have it break," Zoubaris said

Bowman-Tomlinson said a D-handled shovel with a long-thin blade 'digs very good holes' It resembles a trenching blade

While it may be a little chilly still, gardeners are managing to get the itch to hit the back yard

People are looking for plants, and making sure they have trowels, gloves, hoses and watering wands," Bowman-Tomlinson said

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Learn about log homes this weekend

Homeowners who are interested in learning about log home designs and craftsmanship can see more than 100 exhibits and seminars at the Log Home & Timber Frame Expo at the Pontiac Silverdome, Friday-Sunday, April 29-May 1

The Log Home & Timber Frame Expo allows visitors to see homes, meet contractors, discuss designs and compare styles in one place and at one time instead of traveling to several locations

Whether considering building your dream home, adding distinctive touches to an existing one or just wanting to find out about custom-built log or timber frame homes, show-goers can collect design, building and decorating ideas from the industry's leading companies and craftsmen

Each of the Expo's three days will also include seminars on all aspects of planning and construction, plus exhibits of handcrafted furniture, alternative energy, maintenance and restoration products, financing, building products, outdoor furniture, pools and door prizes

"Log- and timber-frame homeowners are as enthusiastic about the kind of home they live in as they are about its setting, layout and furniture," said Roland Sweet, editor of *Log Homes Illustrated Magazine* "How often does anyone show

such passion for a building material?"

"The down-to-earth quality and beauty of log and timber-frame homes appeals to people from all walks of life," Sweet said "Whether they are a starter or move up home, most people use them as a primary residence Recently, however, people have also been building them as second homes, using them for weekends and vacations and anticipating moving there when they retire"

Attractive mortgage and construction loan interest rates have contributed to making these custom homes affordable for people at all income levels, Sweet adds "People who appreciate the quality of solid-wood and big-timber homes now can realize their dream of living in one," Sweet says "What's more, their value increases steadily Over the long term, these homes yield a better return than the stock market"

Exposed-wood construction retains consistent appeal for four reasons, Sweet explains "Durability, tradition, flexibility and value," he says "The beauty is that people can design and build one pretty much any way they want They become expressions of personal style and way of life, and they can complement any building site People can be as involved in their construction as they wish, or not at all"

According to Jason Goodman, publisher of *Log Homes Illustrated* and *Timber Homes Illustrated*, about 20,000 new log and timber-frame homes are sold every year by nearly 500 companies, which range from manufacturing plants with computerized design department, precision milling equipment and nationwide dealer networks to small custom builders using rough-hewn materials "This results in incredible variety for buyers," he says

The Expo will feature several constructed walk-through homes and many different log and timber-framing styles that use both milled and handcrafted wood The current Expo, the largest touring show of its type with 14 stops in 2005, puts an increased emphasis on timber-framing

As a special bonus, attendees will receive the 2005 Log and Timber Home Workbook free with their admission This full-color, step-by-step publication, which sells for \$9.99 at newsstands, covers the entire building process, from planning through construction

The Log Home & Timber Frame Expo opens at The Pontiac Silverdome Friday, April 29, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and continues Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday, May 1, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Log on to www.logexpo.com or call (888) LOG-EXPO (564-3976)

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MARKET PLACE

Art of giving

These handcrafted glassblown sculptures by April Wagner of epiphany glass studio of Pontiac are available online in time for Mother's Day. The sculptures are priced from \$750. They can be viewed in the studio by appointment, or by attending epiphany glass next First Thursday open studio (4 p.m. May 5) at 770 Orchard Lake Road. Call (248) 745-3786 or visit www.epiphanyglass.com. Epiphany glass is owned and operated by the husband-and-wife team of April Wagner and Jason Ruff, artists who design, develop and create glass sculpture using an ancient technique developed and mastered by Italian glass blowers over hundreds of years. Their studio, a 4,000 square foot, state-of-the-art facility features one of the largest glassblowing furnaces found in a private studio. An open studio with glassblowing demonstrations take place there the



first Thursday of each month. Wagner and Ruff recently launched the e-commerce portion of the epiphany glass Web site. The online offerings will feature pieces not available in galleries, as well as collector postcards, glassblowing DVDs and epiphany wearables. The glass pieces range from just under \$100 to \$7,500.

Submissions

Do you have a special item you'd like to showcase in Marketplace in 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.

SCANNER

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to require a lot of attention – you have to manually input most data yourself. But you still get a scanned copy of the slip out of the deal.

Business users will appreciate the presence of client- and project-ID fields, which help simplify the creation of expense reports. You can also specify personal or reimbursable expenses just by checking a box.

When you're ready, you can export all your data to Excel, Quicken, Money and other programs. It's worth noting

that the IRS accepts scanned receipts, so you really can pitch all the paper – so long as you remember to back up your hard drive regularly.

NeatReceipts comes with a carrying case, a desktop stand, and even a wall mount. It's compact enough to toss in a briefcase for travel scanning.

My only real complaint with the product is its \$249.99 price tag. It would be nice if you could buy just the NeatReceipts software, especially if you already own a scanner, but the company doesn't offer that option.

However, with a little careful online shopping, you can find NeatReceipts for around \$200.

When you consider how much you might save on next year's tax return by having neat, orderly and accurate receipts, that seems like a small price indeed.

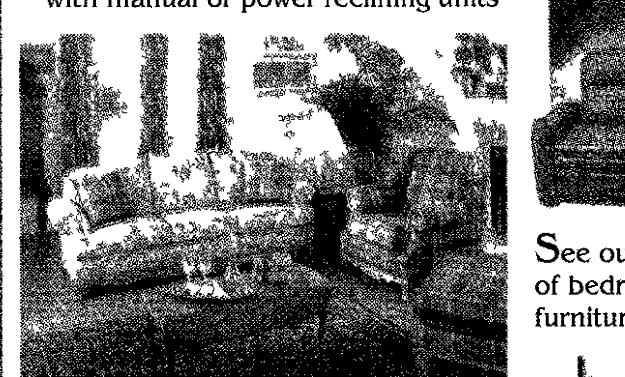
Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida of Commerce Township is the co-author of numerous books, including How to Do Everything with Musicmatch and 101 Killer Apps for Your Palm Handheld. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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Darlene Longo (left) Danielle Superstine and Honey Longo work together at ?How About Lunch in Birmingham. Honey Longo owns the catering company and carryout eatery. Her mother, Darlene, creates the recipes and niece Danielle waits on customers. Danielle's mother, Sue Wilson, also works at the business.

Side dish

Burgers are great

Do you love hamburgers? We do. Whether they are angus beef, kobe beef ground round, ground sirloin or vegetarian versions with soy or black beans, we think they are a simple way to enjoy the essence of spring and summer on the grill.

How about you? Do you enjoy burgers on the grill? If so, we'd like to hear your version and what you do that might be more unique than the traditional mustard and ketchup versions. Do you stuff them with cheese and mushrooms, mix green pepper and onion, steak sauce or other herbs, spices and vegetables?

Let us know about it and we may feature you and your recipe in a future story in Taste. If we use your recipe, we'll send you a free cookbook. Send your recipes and a short summary on why you enjoy hamburgers to Ken Abramczyk, Taste editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net

New chef named

The Westin Detroit Metropolitan Airport hotel has appointed Plymouth resident John McManamon as executive chef of the 404-room hotel.

McManamon joins the Westin by way of Portland, Ore., where he was executive chef for the 732-room Portland Hilton & Executive Towers. His career includes work with Interstate Hotels in California, Pennsylvania and Texas.

As executive chef, he will oversee a staff of 30 and supervise all food and beverage needs for the hotel, including the DEMA restaurant. McManamon received a degree in the sciences of culinary arts from Johnson & Wales in Providence.

Lecture is free

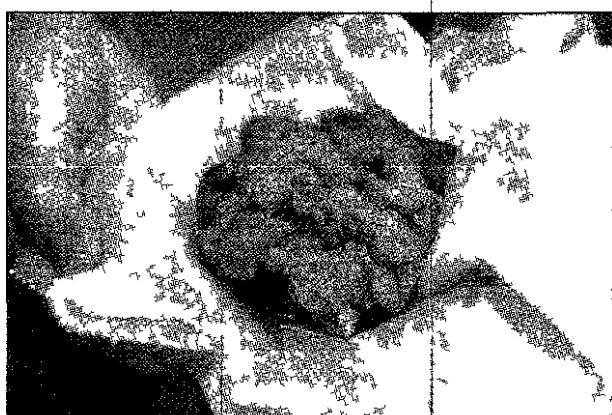
Are you ready to get healthy this summer? Join Veggies in Motion on Wednesday, May 4, as they sponsor a lecture by Dr. Kerrie Saunders on Diet as Disease Prevention. The free lecture takes place at 7 p.m. at the Huntington Woods Library, 26415 Scotia Road.

Lecture attendees will look at cancer, osteoporosis, blood sugar disorders, heart attacks, strokes and obesity from a new angle, and get practical advice on switching to a cutting-edge, health-promoting food and fitness plan.

For more information and to pre-register, call (248) 543-9720.

This event is sponsored by Veggies in Motion, a southeast Michigan non-profit organization promoting the awareness of the health, ecological and ethical consequences of our food choices. For information, visit www.veggiesinmotion.org

Mother, sister, niece help out at catering lunch business



Here is Darlene Longo's All-American Chocolate Chip Cookie.



Fresh brownies created at ?How About Lunch.

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Honey Longo has owned ?How About Lunch, a catering and food carryout business, for 15 years now on Woodward Avenue in Birmingham.

It may be her business, and she may have family members working for her, but the family members agree that one person makes the business shine.

Honey's mother, Darlene "Big Red" Longo, "She's been an integral part of the business as the manager," Honey said.

She knows what people like. If someone has special dietary requirements, she will stop and ask them, "Do you want a piece of chicken?" on a salad she'll be making.

"I call her the Psychic Sandwich Maker, because customers will pull up and she'll already have the sandwich ready for them."

HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

Honey started her business delivering lunches to office buildings in the Birmingham area, working out of a church, but it was her mother who pushed her to open a business of her own.

A storefront on Woodward became available. Honey obtained

financing and she was on her way.

"Because of my mom, F.D. Stella Products (owned by Frank Stella) and my credit union, I was able to take the leap and open this place," Honey said. That was January 1990.

The business started with turkey sandwiches and evolved to include numerous salads and Big Red's specialty baked goods.

"My mom's always had a really great feel for customers with light fresh pasta salad and soups made from scratch," Honey said.

Her baking repertoire includes raspberry bars, Williamsburg orange layer cakes and date nut bars, along with the All-American chocolate chip cookies. On the stove on the day of the interview for this story are chicken noodle soup, fat-free vegetable, cream of broccoli and white bean chili.

Honey says her mother doesn't like the same old routine all the time.

"She hates being bored. I like the security in doing the same things, but she brings fresh ideas to the menu," Longo said.

She's always cooked for large groups of people. Making dinner for 20 people at the drop of a hat is nothing.

Why work with family members and mix business and family?

"It's a great place for women to work who have kids," Honey said.

"And everyone in my family likes people."

PLEASE SEE TASTE, B7

Pushing wine quality at Rudd Estate

Leslie Rudd understands wine marketing.

In his native Kansas, he managed the state's largest wine and spirits wholesaler. As chairman of Dean & DeLuca, a nationwide purveyor of specialty foods and wines, he built the reputation of many brands.

Napa Valley's Rudd Vineyards & Winery, founded in 1996, is the first business enterprise bearing his family name. At the corner of Oakville Crossroad and Silverado Trail in the



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

Napa Valley, Rudd has replanted vineyards to Bordeaux varietals. Gravel and rocks afford excellent drainage, an essential element for growing exceptional wine grapes.

Winemaker Charles Thomas

explained, "At the level of wine we're talking about at Rudd, the winemaker's job is to understand the vineyard and the vintage. In the past in California, we've not paid enough attention to vintage differences. The fact is, in former times, California viticulture and winemaking tended to obliterate the differences. We didn't have as fine a hand on all the elements involved as we have today."

PUSHING THE ENVELOPE

Thomas believes that his job at Rudd

is to push quality beyond what has already been achieved. "With the Rudd Estate vineyards, it's all about getting a young vineyard from its youth into maturity, to get the complexities of the vineyard to show through as quickly as the vines will allow," Thomas said.

European winemakers insist that older vines make better wines. Some will not consider using grapes from vines that are younger than 10 years old. But this is California, considered New World.

PLEASE SEE HEALDS, B7

MOTHER'S DAY EVENTS

Royal Park Hotel
 Mother's Day Brunch in the Grand Ballroom features two seatings: 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Prices are \$29.95 adults, \$14.95 children 5-12 and free for children 4 and under. Guests can enjoy a farm fresh omelet station, Belgian waffle station, carving table with salmon and artichoke Wellington and four pepper crusted prime rib. Hot favorites table, younger favorites table, bakery table, cold table, sweet table, includes coffees, fine teas, milk and fresh squeezed juices. Reservations are highly recommended at (248) 652-2600. The Royal Park Hotel is located at 600 E University, three blocks east of Main Street in downtown Rochester. Brookshire restaurant is also serving from the menu from noon to 8 p.m. Also busy mothers and daughters can enjoy some valuable respite together in the Belgian Conservatory at the Royal Park Hotel at the Mother and Daughter Tea 3:50 p.m. Saturday, May 7. Cost is \$30 per person. Reservations by phone at (248) 652-2600. The Royal Park offers the Mighty Leaf Teas (www.mightyleaftea.com) every day in its Brookshire restaurant for meals or weekly Afternoon Tea which occurs

Thursdays through Saturdays from 3 p.m. \$24 per person \$28 with a glass of sherry or flute of champagne.
Community House
 The Community House located at 380 South Bates Street in Birmingham will host two events to honor mothers on May 7 and 8.
 On Saturday, May 7, The Community House will present The Grand Mother Tea. The tea is a springtime dress-up event complete with tea sandwiches (including peanut butter and jelly), tiny cookies and sweets, tea and punch, all served on china and silver with piano music and special group activities. A meaningful prelude to Mother's Day. Daughters ages 8 and under are encouraged to bring their favorite doll. Special recognition will be given for the best look alike and dress alike daughter and doll as well as the best look alike mother and daughter, the oldest and the youngest grandmothers and the most members of the same family. The tea begins at 11:30 a.m. The tea is \$12 for children and \$16 for adults.
 On Sunday, May 8, The Community

House will present a Mother's Day Brunch including a complete breakfast station with roma tomato and fresh herb scrambled eggs, Belgian waffles with assorted toppings, country fried potatoes, bacon and sausage. The lunch station will offer saute chicken with sun-dried tomatoes and artichokes in a chardonnay cream sauce, grilled ham with a fresh pineapple salsa, rice pilaf and fresh seasonal vegetables. Other options include an omelet station, a carving station and a seafood station. The brunch is completed with a wide variety of desserts including assorted tortes, cookies, brownies and parfaits. Strolling music will be provided by La Corda Ensemble. Each attending mother will receive a rose. Seatings for the brunch are available between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The brunch is \$28.95 for adults, \$16.95 for children ages 4-12. Children 4 and under are free. Large parties may be accommodated in private rooms. Inquire when making reservations. For reservations, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates St., Birmingham at (248) 644-5832.

Sample restaurants' foods at progressive dinner

Can't decide what to make for dinner? Have trouble figuring out what to wear? The Farmington and Farmington Hills offers a progressive dinner, as it returns for a second year 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, May 10 when the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce and Metrobank present A Taste of Two Cities. Ten participating restaurants will be serving up sample menu items. Shuttle service will be provided approximately every 30 minutes between establishments by Community Living Centers or patrons can travel the circuit, with maps provided, using their own transportation. The featured restaurants are Alfocano Restaurant, Antonio's Cucina Italiana, Chili's Bar & Grill, John Cowley & Sons, Max &

Erma's, Pallas Restaurant & Lounge, Priya Restaurant & Bar, Romanos Macaroni Grill, Sky Deli & Bar and TGI Friday's. A cash bar will be available at each site. Participants must be 21 or over. Farmington Hills business owner John Bujak attended the inaugural Taste event and was among the first to sign up for this year's. "A Taste of Two Cities is a chance to try new restaurants, eat great food, and enjoy a night out," Bujak said. Beyond that, it's a great opportunity to network. Food is the ultimate icebreaker. Neighbors, co-workers and friends are invited to sign up together. Admission is \$25. In lieu of tickets, patrons must purchase a t-shirt to wear during the evening which will easily identify them as participants

in the restaurant tour. The light blue T-shirts featuring the distinctive A Taste of Two Cities logo are available for purchase exclusively at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, 30903-B W Ten Mile Road (1/4 mile east of Orchard Lake Road). For more information call the chamber at (248) 474-3440, Ext. 220. A Taste of Two Cities is being presented with support from the following businesses: Equity Apartments, Law Offices of Joseph A. Lavigne, Farmington Health Care Center, John Martin Illustrations, LOC Federal Credit Union, Studio 535, TCF Bank, Workout Express, Wright, Penning & Beamer, Attorneys, 11-4 Productions, the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, Thomas A. Duke Company and www.NerveDr.com

Grilling, seafood highlighted at women's expo show

Bring your appetites to the Michigan International Women's Show April 28-May 1 at the Novi Expo Center. From delicious dinners to yummy desserts, celebrity chefs will share secrets to bringing out the flavor of any food. Discover a new meal and new ideas every hour on the Celebrity Cooking Stage. Chefs are Ruby Ann Boxcar, a storyteller and author. Guests will sample some of her blue-ribbon recipes and learn how to become master of their own grill on Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. Guests can also register to win a Pilgrim's Pride Get-Grillin' Package featuring a gas grill (\$250 Value) and a \$350 Pilgrim's Pride Mejer Gift Card. Check out the Mejer Pavilion at the show for information.

bring out the flavor in America's favorite entree. She's the corporate chef for the Certified Angus Beef® brand. She appears Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30. Guests can also register to win a Certified Angus Beef® Sizzlin' Summer Package featuring a Sunbeam gas grill and \$150 in Certified Angus Beef® at the Mejer Pavilion. Australian chef Paul Penney and many others will be on hand with cooking demonstrations and tips you won't want to miss. It's a culinary feast to please any palate and it's all on the Celebrity Cooking Stage. For even more treats, stop by the Mejer Pavilion. Guests can explore over 50 exhibits packed with coupons, samples and free goodie bags. Enjoy Red Baron Pizza, Johnsonville Sausage, Certified Angus Beef, Edy's Ice Cream or munch on fresh fruits and vegetables.

1/4 cup minced garlic (about 6 cloves)
 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese
 1/2 red onion, finely chopped

Cook pasta following package directions, drain well. Melt butter in large skillet, add garlic and red onion, and cook until tender. Add drained pasta, toss with garlic butter mixture. Remove from heat, sprinkle with Parmesan cheese, and toss.

Place steak on grill over medium-high heat. Grill 22 to 26 minutes for medium rare to medium degree of doneness, turning once. Transfer steak to cutting board and allow to stand 3 to 5 minutes. Slice across the grain into thin strips.

Top fettuccine with steak strips. Serves 6.

Nutritional information per serving: 553.3 calories, 14.2g fat, 6.5g saturated fat, 101mg cholesterol, 61.8g carbohydrate, 2.5g dietary fiber, 42.7g protein, 591mg sodium, 38 percent daily value Iron (based on 2,000 calorie diet).

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, April 28 and 29, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 30, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 1. Admission is \$8 at the door for adults (\$7 advance tickets available at Mejer), \$4 for youths (6-12). Children under 6 free with paying adult. For more information call 800-849-0248 or visit www.internationalwomen-show.com

CAJUN STEAK FETTUCCINE
 2 pounds Certified Angus Beef® boneless sirloin steak (1 1/2 inches thick)
 Herb Rub
 1 1/2 teaspoon fennel seed crushed
 2 teaspoons oregano
 1 teaspoon paprika
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon pepper
 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper

Combine fennel seed, oregano, paprika, salt, pepper and red pepper in small bowl, mixing well. Sprinkle both sides of steak with seasoning and rub into the surface.

FETTUCCINE
 1 pound fettuccine
 2 tablespoons butter

FILET OF BEEF WITH SUN-DRIED TOMATO JAM AND RISOTTO
 6 (6 ounce) Certified Angus Beef® tenderloin steaks
 3 medium onions halved lengthwise and sliced
 3 tablespoons butter
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
 1/2 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes
 1/2 cup dry white wine
 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
 1/4 cup packed dried apricots, thinly sliced
 3/4 cup oil packed sun-dried tomatoes, drained and chopped
 2 cups cooked risotto
 1/2 cup grated Asiago cheese
 1 cup heavy cream
 Olive oil as needed
 Salt and pepper as needed
 Chopped Italian parsley as needed

Cook onions, butter, sugar, salt, pepper and red pepper flakes in covered, heavy skillet over low heat, stirring occasionally, until onions are soft and pale golden, about 30 minutes. Add wine, vinegar, apricots and tomatoes. Simmer uncovered, stirring occasionally until thick, about 20 to 30 minutes. Keep warm for service. Add Asiago cheese and heavy cream to cooked risotto. Keep warm for service. Preheat grill on high, reduce to medium-high heat for grilling. Lightly coat steaks with olive oil, season with salt and pepper, and grill to desired doneness. To serve, equally divide risotto between 6 dinner plates. Top with cooked steak and jam, sprinkle with chopped parsley. Serves 6.

Recipes by Dianna Stoffer, corporate chef for Certified Angus Beef.

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LUNCH

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Honey's daughter, Suzanne Hansell, worked there while she was in college. Brother Dante Longo helps out. Dad William Longo was the delivery manager up until his death in December.

Sue Wilson, Honey's sister, and Danielle Superstine, Wilson's daughter, also work at ?How About Lunch. Wilson has worked with her sister since the days when she worked out of an area church.

"The hours were perfect with kids," Wilson said. "I started out at 9 or 10 and would get out about 2 or 3. It's the perfect mother's job."

"We all have different strengths and talents," Honey said. "I'm definitely more detail-oriented, while my sister and mother see the big picture. I'm very grateful for the differences in our personalities. My sister is more laid back than me, and my niece is very relaxed and good with the customers. She knows how to take care of customers and my mom can do it all."

"I make everything," Darlene Longo said. "Most people want simple things, they want something they are familiar with. I try to keep it simple. We make everything here."

Wilson added that customers sometimes walk in and enter the kitchen just to say hello to her mother.

"They feel they can walk in and go to the kitchen and talk to her," Wilson said. "But don't call me 'Mom,'" Darlene added.

Honey said her mother jokes with customers. "She says 'you can't call me Mom, unless you buy me a Mother's Day present.'"

Seeing family members working together appeals to customers, Wilson said.

"Honey is tough on the staff, she'll be right on your case. She's good to her employees, but she has a standard. We've been very lucky with the staff," Darlene said.

She uses olive oil and vinaigrettes in many of the dishes. "We try to keep customers happy and healthy," Darlene said.

She also inspects the produce closely upon delivery.

She's like that with every thing: clothes, decorating, purses and shoes," Wilson said. "Danielle is good with the customers, Sue said."

"She's crazy about my mom," Sue said. "She understands the dynamics of the family, she understands the dynamics of my mom and my sister. We're all such different personalities." Added Darlene: "Sue is low-key and she gets the job done, just like Danielle."

All three (Honey, Sue and Darlene) reside within walking distance of each other in Troy. And it's obvious that there's admiration for each other.

"People love coming in here and seeing me, my mother and sister and the granddaughter,

"We all have different strengths and talents. I'm definitely more detail-oriented, while my sister and mother see the big picture. I'm very grateful for the differences in our personalities."

Honey Longo

and they ask questions about our family," Honey said.

"My mom's a very strong woman. Customers come in, see someone's in charge here and they see that we care about each other and customers see that more so here than in a chain."

"We are a port in a storm on Woodward. They come in from their frantic lives, and order something made with care by my mom."

So what will they do for Mother's Day?

"We have a tradition that the men stay with the small children, and the women and older girls go out to brunch and go to the flea market, and buy each other something small for a present," Honey Longo said.

"We have a great time together." ?How About Lunch is located at 33757 Woodward just south of Lincoln in Birmingham. Phone is (248) 645 6644.

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CHICKEN STRIP SALAD

- 4 chicken breasts cooked and boneless
- 1 red pepper
- 1 yellow pepper
- 2 celery stalks
- 4 slices purple onions
- Light ranch dressing
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- Romaine lettuce
- Juvenile chicken, peppers, celery and onions. Add 1 cup light ranch dressing, red wine vinegar and sugar. Mix ingredients.

Serve over romaine leaf lettuce or chopped romaine.

SUMMER MELON SALAD

- 1/2 honeydew
- 1 cantaloupe
- 1 cup red grapes
- 1/2 cups yogurt
- 2 teaspoons grated orange
- 2 teaspoons orange juice
- Lettuce
- Slivered almonds

Cut fruit. Add yogurt, grated orange and orange juice. Serve over lettuce, and sprinkle with slivered almonds.

Recipes courtesy of Darlene Big Red Longo of ?How About Lunch in Birmingham.

HEADS

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and accomplishing things on the fast track. Wineries can't wait that long!

In former years, according to Thomas, it generally took a vineyard eight to 10 years before it "acted" consistently mature. However, with new plant materials (clones and rootstocks) on tighter spacing, Thomas has experienced that mature vine behavior occurs sooner.

"What older vines do offer is greater consistency of excellence," he said. "That's a key. Younger vines can hit excellence, they're just less consistent about it. Part of the way around young vineyard inconsistency is selectivity. With young vines, it's always better not to give them the benefit of the doubt when blending. It's better to wait longer to learn whether the young vines are fooling me or not."

SUPERIOR CABERNET

Cabernet sauvignon is often thought to be easy to make. Thomas now believes that great cabernet sauvignon requires gentle handling. Therefore, since coming on board at Rudd, he has done some tweaking of the winery's physical setup including new equipment for gentler handling and grape processing.

"For high-end wines, it's about finding every difference that has a wine effect," Thomas said. Handling Bordeaux varieties more gently definitely impacts quality."

For Bordeaux variety reds, Thomas installed a new basket press, which he described as a nice French-made stainless steel version of the old-time basket press - something he has used for the last 15 years. What a basket press does is assure higher quality of the lightest press wine.

And what's the benefit of that? "With the high costs of growing ultra-premium grapes in the Napa Valley, we can't afford to bulk out (sell off) press wine," Thomas said. "We need to use every drop of the highest

quality press wine possible.

The **Heads** are contributing editors for the internationally respected *Quarterly Review of Wines* and *Troy* residents who write about wine spirits and restaurants for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact them by e-mail at focusionwine@aol.com

WINE PICKS

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Chicken fricassee grew popular in the South

BY TOMMY C. SIMMONS
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — If it was pretty weather, Grandma fixed fried chicken for Sunday lunch. If it was rainy, with a little nip in the air, her family would more likely sit down after church to a plate of chicken fricassee over rice.

While Grandma wasn't French, she preferred using the fancy French name to describe this rustic chicken stew she often made for her extended family. It was a dish she knew that young and old alike enjoyed eating. Chicken fricassee is an old French name for a kind of stew that dates back to the late Middle Ages, food historian Damon Lee Fowler says in his book, *Classical Southern Cooking: A Celebration of the Cuisine of the Old South*.

According to Fowler, the usual explanation of the name is that it derives from *frire* (to fry) and *casser* (to break). The dishes were composed of disjointed fowl or the cracked joints of larger animals, fried, then simmered in a rich gravy. Fowler described a fine fricassee recipe from an early American household notebook from the mid-1700s that called for using chicken, rabbit or duck. Chicken fricassee became popular with frugal Southern cooks during the Depression because it stretched a single chicken to serve a family of four to six. Further, if the chicken happened to be a little tough, it didn't matter because the long simmering process made the meat fork-tender.

As the chicken cooked, it developed a rich brown gravy flavored by the chicken bone marrow that leached out into the bubbling stew. It is the taste of the full-bodied gravy that distinguishes chicken fricassee, and in more recent years, the dish has become more commonly known as chicken and brown gravy or stewed chicken.

Though I say chicken fricassee may be more commonly known by another name today, actually it may be a dish totally unfamiliar to young people. Gravy-based recipes aren't fashionable in our health-conscious cookbooks and kitchens, and when a host recently served chicken fricassee to a group of young people, they said they had never heard of the dish nor tasted it before then.

After the meal, all the cooks in the group wanted the recipe. Chicken fricassee was traditionally prepared from a stewing

hen that would be floured and fried in butter to achieve the brown color desired for the gravy.

The recipe tester for this dish, my husband, had tasted the traditional fricassee many times because both his mother and grandmother made the dish often when he was growing up. He decided to try substituting a few easier-to-use and perhaps more healthful ingredients in the preparation to discover if the rich taste of the old classic could still be reproduced.

We liked the outcome and pass along his adapted recipe as well as a traditional one from *Talk About Good*, published by the Junior League of Lafayette.

This Advocate tested recipe was adapted by David Simmons from a chicken fricassee recipe attributed to Mamman, which was included in a recipe box collection sold in the 1960s at Asphodel Plantation.

CHICKEN FRICASSEE

- 4 chicken thighs
- 4 chicken drumsticks
- 2 chicken breast halves
- Salt and black pepper to season chicken
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 3 cups chopped onions
- 5 cloves garlic, finely minced
- 3/4 cup chopped celery, also include celery leaves if possible
- 4 to 5 cups water
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crumbled
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup red wine
- 1/2 bunches of green onions, chopped, including tops, reserve
- 1 tablespoon chopped green onion tops for garnish
- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley, divided
- Cooked brown or white rice for 6

Liberal salt and pepper chicken pieces.

Heat olive oil on medium-high in a large Dutch oven-type pot or two heavy skillets if you don't have one big enough pot. It's important when browning the chicken not to crowd the chicken pieces. You have to have plenty of room for the chicken to sear and brown on all sides and not steam cook in this step. Go for a dark golden brown crust on the skin.

Remove the browned chicken from the hot oil and add in the flour and stir to make a medium brown roux. Next, stir the onions (not the green ones), garlic and celery into the roux and cook until everything is softened and

caramelized with a nice covering of roux.

Return chicken to the pot with the roux and vegetables and pour in 4 to 5 cups water. Add seasonings, the thyme, red pepper and salt. Stir everything until the gravy is starting to thicken. Reduce heat to low and stir in red wine.

Summer covered, for about 2 1/2 hours. Check occasionally to make sure the gravy is developing. Add more liquid if needed, but it shouldn't be necessary.

Stir in almost all the chopped green onions and 1/2 cup of the chopped parsley and simmer covered for an additional 30 minutes.

Check for seasoning. Serve over cooked rice. Garnish each serving with a sprinkle of chopped green onion and chopped parsley. Makes 6 servings.

Testing note: David Simmons said when he put the first pieces of chicken into the hot olive oil to brown, the hot oil popped and splattered onto his arm. "In an instant I flashed back to when I was 14 and making this with mama for the first time. It's a dish that invokes fond memories," he added.

"When we served chicken fricassee, we always served lots of rice and gravy, the chicken wasn't as important to the dish as the gravy. You could probably prep the dish in a Dutch oven or cast-iron skillet and then simmer the gravy in a slow cooker so you don't have to keep watch while it cooks down. I like a little red pepper bite to my gravy so you may prefer omitting the red pepper if you like a milder gravy."

CHICKEN FRICASSEE

- 1 large chicken, cut up
- All purpose flour
- 1 cup cooking oil
- 2 large onions, chopped
- 1 1/2 quarts water
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1 tablespoon chopped green onion tops
- Cooked rice

Dredge chicken in flour and brown in hot oil. Remove chicken and brown onions in oil.

Return chicken to pot and add about 1 1/2 quarts water and seasoning. Cover and cook until chicken is tender, stirring to be sure it does not stick. The gravy should be thick. Ten minutes before serving add 1 tablespoon each of chopped parsley and chopped onion tops. Serve over cooked rice. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Recipe adapted from *Talk About Good!* published by The Junior League of Lafayette. Tommy C. Simmons is food editor of *The Advocate*, Baton Rouge, La.

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PCA to add football program in 2007

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Friday night lights will be shining over Plymouth Christian Academy beginning in the fall of 2007, the proposed timeframe that the 800-student private K-12 Canton school will kick off its high school football program.

The plan to add football to PCA's menu of high school sports was officially announced at the school's general fundraiser Saturday night at the Laurel Manor in Livonia.

"It's something we've been dreaming about for the past eight years," said PCA Athletic Director Doug Taylor, referring to the addition of football. A lot of people at the school are excited about it.

One of the students in a sixth-grade gym class today told one of the teachers, "I'm going to be the starting quarterback when I'm old enough to play."

"We still have a lot to do, like building a field, hiring a coaching staff, securing equipment and, of course, training the kids. But, the Lord willing, we will have a football team playing on a field on our own property beginning in the fall of 2007."

Taylor, with the support of the PCA Regent Board and Head of School, Dr. Marilyn Meell, has already discussed the plans with the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

"We're already members of the MHSAA, so it's just a matter of filling out some paperwork," Taylor said.

Football will be the 10th varsity sport offered at PCA, which currently has 28 teams for junior and senior high school athletes.

The Eagles will not field a junior-varsity or freshmen team.

"Michigan is football," Taylor said, enthusiastically. "I can already picture the Friday night Plymouth Christian football games being played under the lights, playing on our own field. It's very exciting. It will take a lot of work to get this off the ground, but I'm confident we're up to the challenge."

Taylor said he will seek advice from athletics leaders at a pair of similar-sized schools in the area that already have football programs — Warren Zoe Christian and Sterling Heights Bethesda

Christian, both of which compete against PCA in other sports in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference.

"The schools in our league always reach out to help the other teams, so I'm sure they'll help us if we need it in the future," Taylor said.

Taylor said the league the Eagles will compete in has not been determined yet.

"There's already been interest expressed to me as far as people who might want to coach the team," Taylor said. "I'm excited to begin that process."

PCA, which opened in 1975, is located on a 44-acre site on Joy Road in Canton.

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Sidelines

Track times

Local boys and girls high school track-and-field coaches are encouraged to forward their team's best times and field events distances to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright so that a listing of the area's best performances can be published.

Coaches can call in their results to (734) 953-2108 e-mail their athletes' top times and distances to ewright@oe.homecomm.net or fax them to (734) 591-7279.

Crusaders lauded

Madonna University baseball players Joe Greene and Kyle Fedorka were named the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference's "Player of the Week" and "Pitcher of the Week," respectively Monday afternoon.

Greene, a native of Southgate, went 6-for-15 (.400) in four games and belted a pair of home runs, including a three-run blast at Indiana Tech on Saturday. For the week, Greene collected nine RBI to go with his three extra base hits and four runs scored. He slugged at a .867 clip while leading Madonna to perfect 4-0 mark.

Fedorka, from White Lake, earned a pair of saves in his two appearances last week. Fedorka came on to record the final two outs in a 7-6 Madonna win at Indiana Tech, then pitched the final inning in the game-two 16-14 victory over the Warriors. He struck out three of the seven hitters he faced and did not allow a single hit. Fedorka's two saves pushed his career total of 13, tying the Madonna all-time record set in 1995.

Both Fedorka and Greene were also recognized as the NAIA Region VIII players of the week.

Volleyball camp

Michigan Technological University will be hosting a series of volleyball camps July 25-30 at Salem High School.

A skills camp will be held July 25-27, an elite camp will run July 28 and 29, and a team tournament will cap off the week on July 30. The skills camp will cost \$215, the elite camp \$175 and the team tournament \$150.

The camp will be run by the MTU coaching staff and its volleyball players. For more information, contact Krista Mikesch at (906) 487-2427.

Hockey boosters

The Plymouth Canton Community Schools Hockey Booster Club will meet on Tuesday, May 10, at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The meeting will commence at 7 p.m.

All parents of current Canton, Plymouth and Salem varsity hockey players are encouraged to attend.

Anyone interested in learning more about playing varsity hockey at one of the local high schools is also welcome to attend the meeting.

'D' rules: Salem, Stevenson battle to 0-0 draw

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Salem coach Joe Nora and Livonia Stevenson coach Chris Pinta interpreted Monday night's 0-0 tie between their girls soccer teams as if they were looking at a work of art.

Nora saw a Picasso.

Pinta saw a bad fingerpainting.

"I was very proud of our team tonight," said Nora, whose Rocks now stand at 3-5-1 overall and 3-0-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. "I thought we got the better of it for three quarters of the game. It would have been nice to get a goal but overall I was pleased with the way the girls played their positions and with how they worked out there."

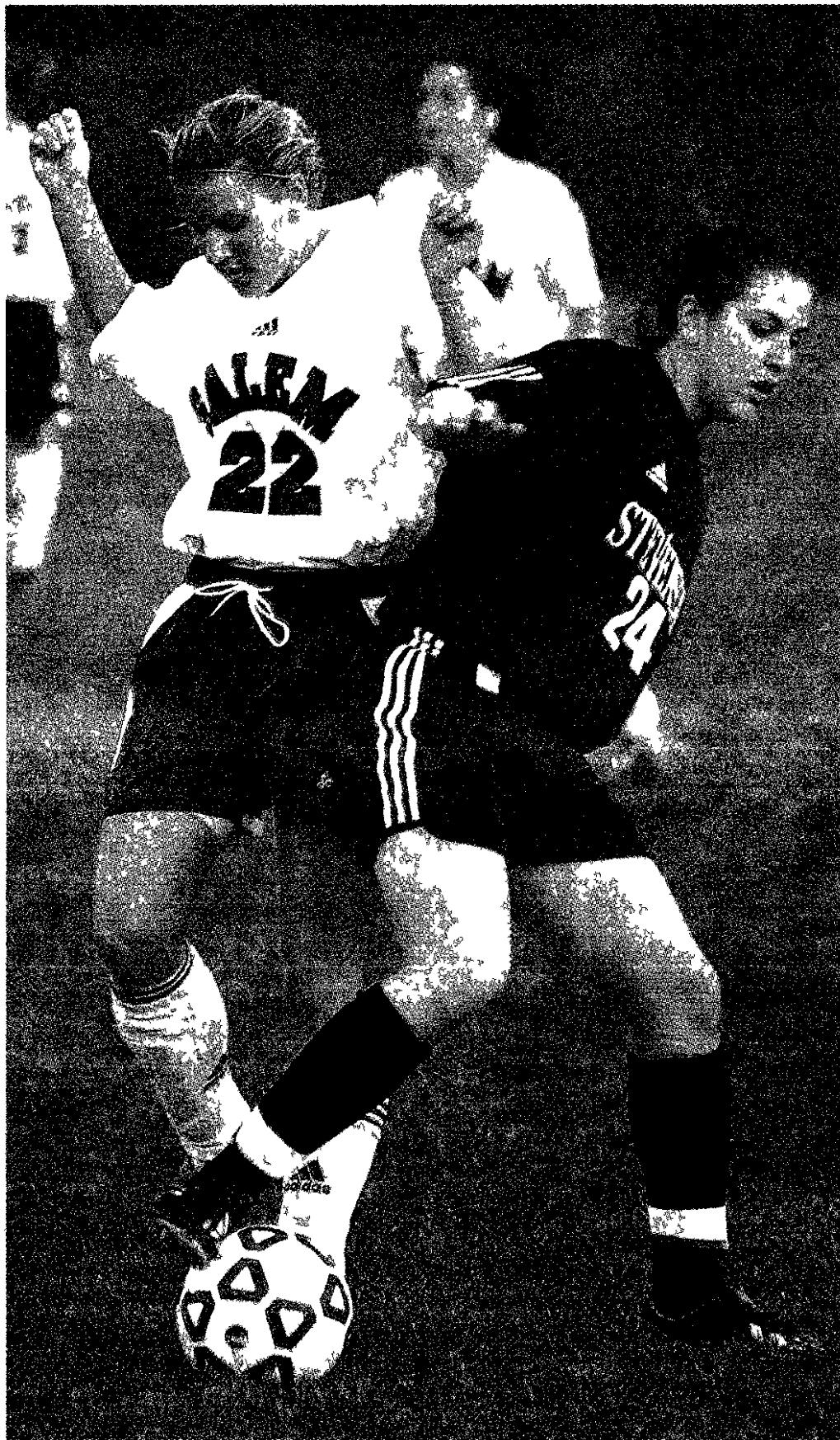
"We need to get a little more organized when we have the ball inside 25 yards (of the goal), but I was extremely happy with the way the team played."

Pinta, on the other hand, could not have been more disappointed in his team's performance.

"That was the worst game I've seen us play," said Pinta, whose state-ranked Spartans possess a 6-0-2 mark (1-0-1 in the division). "We were out of sync and Salem outworked us. It was 0-0, but that was a win for Salem as far as I'm concerned. They won most of the 50-50's and they outthrusted us."

Both teams' goalkeepers — Salem's Alyssa Guern and Stevenson's Shama O'Connor — stepped up when they needed to. Monday Guern's biggest stop came with 8:45 left when she stuffed a 15-yard shot off the foot of Kate Howe, who had broken through the Rocks' defense.

"I always expect a close game when we play Salem," Pinta said. "This is a big game for us every



Salem's Kim Killion (left) jostles with Livonia Stevenson's Lauren Brodie for the ball during Monday's scoreless draw.

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Plymouth pitchers no-hit Pats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth pitcher Claire Ostrowski's change-up is working, she can humble even the most robust hitters.

Ostrowski was definitely in a groove Monday afternoon in the Wildcats' 9-1 victory over Western Lakes Activities Association opponent Livonia Franklin. The junior combined with Ally Ciotti to no-hit the host Patriots. Ostrowski struck out four batters in five innings of work before giving way to Ciotti, who shut down Franklin over the final two frames.

Claire's change up was phenomenal, said Plymouth coach Val Canfield, whose team improved to

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4-1 overall, 2-1 in the WLAA and 1-1 in the Western Division. She really mixed her pitches up well and kept their batters off balance.

"My plan going into the game was to only let Claire throw five innings because I wanted her to be strong for Tuesday's game against Chelsea (which was postponed due to rain). I also wanted Ally to get some experience. She pitched well, too." The setback dropped the Patriots to 5-3 overall and 0-3 in the WLA's Western Division.

The Wildcats pushed across a pair of runs in the first inning, before scoring single runs in the third, fifth and sixth. They iced the game with a four-run seventh. Franklin scored its run in the sixth. Lauren Stemberger (3-for-4, one RBI, triple), Melissa Butzow (3-for-4, one RBI, two doubles), Kim Klonowski (2-for-4, two RBI, double) and Ern Ondusky (two-run double) paced the winners at the plate.

Canton's Mitchell does it all

Only the American flag has been present at more Canton High School athletic events over the past five years than Robert Mitchell.



Ed Wright

But unlike "Old Glory," the multi-faceted Mitchell is far from stationary.

When he's not serving as the announcer at the Chiefs' girls and boys basketball games, Mitchell can be found waving the huge, red-and-white "C" flag at football games.

When he's not helping out as the Chiefs' assistant freshmen boys basketball coach, he's keeping the stats at a soccer match.

When he's not delivering a half-time meal to the Canton football

announcing crew, he's helping the Chiefs' cheerleaders get the crowd pumped up.

When he not well, you get the picture.

"Robert is invaluable to our athletic department," emphasized Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman. "He's my right-hand man. He does everything from helping us set up before games, to announcing the games, to helping us clean up after games. He's a great supporter of Canton, and the athletes and coaches here embrace him for all that he does for us."

SUPERFAN

Mitchell's reign as Canton's unofficial "No. 1 Fan" began during his freshman year in high school when he approached Canton girls basketball coach Bob Blohm and asked if there was anything he could do to assist the team.

Sensing Mitchell's unselfish

desire to help, Blohm welcomed the energetic ninth-grader into the program.

It wasn't long before Mitchell was like a member of the team's close-knit family, almost like an adopted brother.

Toward the end of the season, several members of the girls basketball team displayed their appreciation by presenting Mitchell with an authentic Canton letter jacket, which he wears with as much pride today as he did the first day he wore it in the fall of 2000.

"Anne Morrell and a couple of the other girls on the team came up to me before one of the practices and gave me the letter jacket," Mitchell said. "That meant a lot to me. I almost cried."

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Supreme Court to mull over MHSAA case soon

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has been notified that April 29 has been set as the date for the U.S. Supreme Court to conduct a conference regarding its request to consider an appeal of lower court rulings in the sports seasons litigation.

It is likely that the Supreme Court will notify the MHSAA on May 2 whether or not it will take the case.

If the Supreme Court demes the MHSAA's request for an appeal, then changes in MHSAA Tournament dates in the affected sports will be enacted beginning with the 2005-06 school year.

That means that girls basketball will be scheduled for next winter, while girls volleyball will be moved to this fall. Also, boys and girls golf and tennis will switch seasons.

If the Supreme Court honors the MHSAA's request for an appeal, the MHSAA will ask the Court to stay the District Court's order that would require a change in MHSAA Tournament dates in 2005-06.

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year Whoever comes out on top usually does well in the (Lakes) division

Nora said his teams upper classmen were inspired by the memory of last year's humbling 4-1 setback to the Spartans

"We came out flat last year and they got the better of us, Nora said Our 10 seniors kept that in mind tonight and they knew that we had to come out and play especially hard the first 10 minutes of each half and that's what we did They put a lot of pressure on us the last 10 minutes, but we held them off"

Nora praised the play of Guerin, Tara Duncan Kristin March, Andrea Gasparotto and Kathryn Wheatley

Pinta was pleased with the efforts of Andrea Muscat — "Our best player on the field tonight — Beth Prost and Caitlin Boyak

Canton 7, Wayne Memorial 0
The Chiefs stayed hot, improving their record to 4-2 1 overall, 4-0 in the WLAA and 2 0 in the Western Division The Zebras slipped to 1 7 overall and 0-3 in the division

"The nice thing is we're getting contributions from a number of players, said Canton coach George Tomasso

Leading the charge against the outmatched Zebras was Becci Houdek, who racked up three goals and an assist Also scoring goals for the winners were Andrea Johnson Molly Priebe and Lisa Ealy

Ealy and Bailey Fagen added assists for the Chiefs, who host Troy Athens Saturday at 1 p m at the P-CEP soccer field

Brittany Cervi and Kelsey Bailey both played a half in goal for Canton

Plymouth 2, W.L. Western 0
Goal-keeper Brittany Warner recorded her seventh shutout of the season for the Wildcats, who improved to 5 4-2 overall and 2-1 1 in the WLAA's Western Division The Warriors tumbled to 1 5 1 overall

I'm pleased with the way the girls are playing said Plymouth coach John Delplace Our captains —



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Ashley Stoychoff (right) attempts a shot against Livonia Stevenson's fast-closing Lauren Brodie during Monday night's scoreless Western Lakes Activities Association soccer game

Colleen Flaherty, Chelsey Quinlan and Brittany Warner — are doing a great job of leading this team

The Wildcats opened the scoring 10 minutes into the contest when Brittany Hengesh found the back of the net from 18 yards out after receiving a pass from Carlee Barackman

Brittany controlled the ball with the first touch and kicked it past their goalie on the second touch Delplace said

Junior Chelsea D'Agostino made it 2 0 a short time later when she converted a free kick from just inside the 18 yard box

It was a beautiful kick Delplace said She put it right in the back corner of the net

Warner took over from there, making eight saves Delplace also praised the play of mid fielders Kelly

Buttermore and Meredith Bailey
Livonia Churchill 5, Westland John Glenn 0 Katrin Omarsdottir figured in all five goals Monday as host Livonia Churchill (3-3-2, 2-1) blanked Westland John Glenn (2-7, 0-3) in a WLAA-Lakes Division encounter

Omarsdottir, an exchange student from Iceland, scored her first goal with 34 minutes left in the first half and then assisted on Rachel Yarbrough's goal with 4 10 until intermission

That was probably the nicest ball of the evening" Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said of the Yarbrough goal "She (Yarbrough) neatly tucked it inside the right post She (Yarbrough) was our best player tonight

We used the whole field and

possessed the ball most of the game We were able to slow it down and look at what we were doing"

Omarsdottir scored in the 57th minute (from Julie Dzwonkowski) and 66th minute (unassisted) to make it 4-0 Julie Kobylarz capped the scoring in the 74th minute (from Omarsdottir)

Glenn goalkeeper Melissa Frederick was heroic in defeat, facing 30 Churchill shots and stopping a penalty kick attempt from Omarsdottir in the second half

She (Frederick) played her hardest," said Glenn coach Jerry Ponatowski, whose team was coming off losses to Ann Arbor Huron (8-0 on Friday) and Walled Lake Central (7-0 on April 20)

The Rockets also got sterling efforts from fullback Megan Johnson and Jessica Williams

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Salem 'walks' past Chargers

Despite being out-hit 10-5 Monday, visiting Salem scored four times in the bottom of the fifth to beat Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division foe Livonia Churchill, 8-6

The win improved the Rocks record to 4-3 overall and 1-1 in the division The Chargers fell to 4-5 and 1-2, respectively

The game was moved to Churchill because of wet field conditions at Salem following a weekend snow

"Overall, it was a sloppy game for both teams, said Salem coach Dale Rumberger "We didn't play well Most of the runs they scored were unearned We didn't get a lot of hits, but we made the most of the ones we did get"

Salem managed just five hits, but it was the benefactor of 11 Charger walks

Winning pitcher Nic England scattered nine hits

over six innings to earn the victory He walked one and struck out three before giving way to Josh Ritter, who gave up one run on one hit and two walks in the top of the seventh Ritter earned the save

Designated hitter Andy Cantar led the Rocks by going 2-for-2 with a pair of walks and two RBI

Andy Psihs chipped in with two hits and one RBI Churchill made a total of four errors and three Charger hurlers combined for 11 walks in the setback Churchill's Steve Merlo went 2-for-2 with a pair of RBI, while Brandon Mishowski was 2-for-4 with an RBI

Losing pitcher John Thomas went the first 4 1 innings, allowing six runs on four hits and seven walks Mark Pirronello and Bryon Niemczak combined to go the final 2 2 innings

MITCHELL

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things about Robert Mitchell is the never-renting enthusiasm he displays for whatever game he is attending Every game is like Opening Day when you're around Robert It doesn't matter if it's a non conference girls basketball game against Salme or a district final against Salme — his excitement rarely subsides

His passion for Canton sports is genuine, and he's not afraid to show it

"Bob (Blohm) and Sue (Heinzman) have warned me about getting too excited when I'm sitting at the scorer's table during games," Mitchell admitted "It's hard sometimes not to get excited, but I do my best"

What inspires Mitchell to show up at Heinzman's office just about every school day at 3 p m to find out what he can do to help during the next several hours?

I love helping out because it

gives me something to do,' he said If I wasn't up here (at Canton), I'd be at home sitting around watching TV This is a lot more fun"

READY FOR ANYTHING

Mitchell displayed his versatility last fall when he donned a 'Big Boy' costume for the Canton Booster Club and greeted fans as they entered the gates

That was fun, Mitchell said, 'but it was hard, too, because they told me I couldn't talk'

There's no telling what Mitchell will be doing at next week's important sporting events at Canton

He may be keeping score He may be setting up a field He may be working at a concession stand What's certain is Mitchell will be there

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL
Thursday April 28
 Agape at Warren Zoe 4:30 p.m.
 Birmingham Roeper at PCA 4:30 p.m.
Friday April 29
 Salem at Livonia Stevenson 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at Canton 4 p.m.
Saturday April 30
 Salem at Farmington (OH) 10 a.m.
 Agape at University Lippert (OH) 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL
Thursday April 28
 Agape at Sterling Heights Bethesda 4:30 p.m.
Friday April 29
 Livonia Stevenson at Salem 4 p.m.
 Canton at Plymouth 4 p.m.
 Agape at Greenhills (OH) 4:30 p.m.
Saturday April 30
 Wyandotte at Salem (OH) 10 a.m.
 Canton at Chelsea Invitational 9 a.m.

BOYS TRACK
Thursday April 28
 W.L. Western at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Friday April 29
 Salem at J.D. Imagecraft Invite 3:30 p.m.
Saturday April 30
 Salem at Holly Relays 9 a.m.

GIRLS TRACK
Thursday April 28
 W.L. Western at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Friday April 29
 Salem at J.D. Imagecraft Invite 3:30 p.m.
Saturday April 30
 Canton at Stevenson Invitational 10 a.m.
 Harper Woods Regina at Plymouth 10 a.m.

GIRLS SOCCER
Wednesday April 27
 Salem at W.L. Northern 7 p.m.
 Westland John Glenn at Canton 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at Livonia Franklin 7 p.m.
Thursday April 28
 Southfield Christian at Agape 4:30 p.m.
 PCA at Oakland Christian 4:30 p.m.
Saturday April 30
 Saline at Canton 1 p.m.

BOYS TENNIS
Wednesday April 27
 Salem at W.L. Western 4 p.m.
 Westland John Glenn at Canton 4 p.m.
 Plymouth at Livonia Franklin 4 p.m.
Friday April 29
 Livonia Franklin at Salem 4 p.m.
 Canton at Northville 4 p.m.
 Wayne Memorial at Plymouth 4 p.m.
Saturday April 30
 Canton at Novi Invitational 8 a.m.

GIRLS GOLF
Wednesday April 27
 W.L. Northern at Salem at St. Johns G.C. 3 p.m.
 Canton at Livonia Churchill 3 p.m.
 Livonia Stevenson at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C. 3 p.m.
Friday April 29
 Salem at Livonia Franklin at Idylwild G.C. 3 p.m.
 Canton Wayne Memorial 3 p.m.
 Plymouth at W.L. Western at Edgewood Country Club 3 p.m.

BOYS LACROSSE
Thursday April 28
 PCS at Ypsilanti Lincoln 6:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASEBALL
 (all double-headers)
Saturday April 30
 Concordia at Madonna 1 p.m.
Sunday May 1
 Madonna at Concordia 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOFTBALL
 (all double-headers)
Saturday April 30
 Madonna vs. Aquinas College at Ladywood H.S. 1 p.m.
Sunday May 1
 Madonna at Saginaw Valley St. 1 p.m.
 TBA - time to be announced

Churchill's Long stymies Rocks in girls softball

Livonia Churchill pitcher Bridget Long's no-hit bid was broken up by Salem's Kelli Behr with two outs in the bottom of the seventh Monday as the host Chargers downed the Rocks in a Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division showdown.

The win upheld Churchill's record to 4-4 overall and 1-1 in the division. Salem shipped to

PREP SOFTBALL

6-3 and 1-2, respectively. Behr singled up the middle on a 3-0 count.

"Bridget pitched well, she had a lot of popouts," Churchill coach Carrie Korican said. Cat Sidor led an 11-hit Churchill offensive attack by going 3-for-4, including a solo homer in the third inning. She

finished with two RBI. Amber Holod added two hits and an RBI, while Long helped herself out by going 2-for-4. Shannon Cleck contributed an RBI single.

Losing pitcher Courtney Davis struck out four and walked two in seven innings.

STEVENSON 15, JOHN GLENN 5
 Livonia Stevenson (6-1, 3-0) exploded for five runs each in

the fifth and sixth innings Monday to mercy Westland John Glenn (4-12, 0-3) in a WLAALakes Division game.

Winning pitcher Jenny Hamel allowed five hits, walked one and struck out seven.

Top hitters for the Spartans included Amanda Alpert, 2-for-3 with a double and three RBI, Monica Piekarski, 2-for-3

with two RBI and two stolen bases, Roya St. Clair, 2-for-4 with three RBI, and Shelley Waldenmeyer, 2-for-3 with a double and three runs scored.

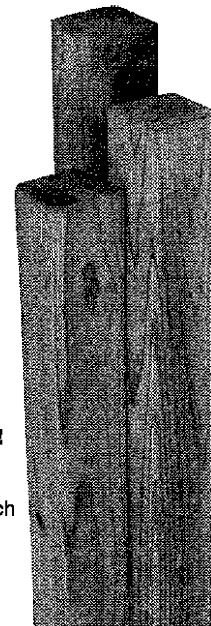
Glenn committed seven errors in the setback as losing pitcher Lisa Pecorelli gave up 13 hits, walked three and struck out two in six innings.

Bridget Berg had two hits for the Rockets.



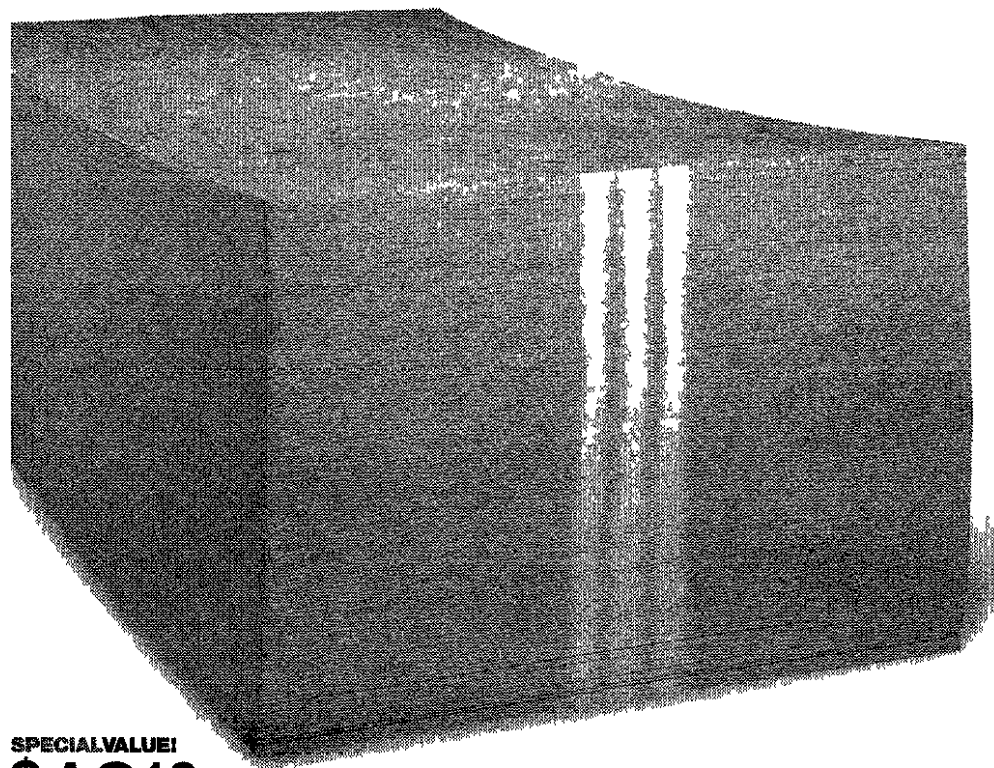
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Rain doesn't dampen CC pitching

BY TIM SMITH
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When a lot of games get postponed due to rain - or snow, as was the case last weekend - it can really tax a baseball pitching staff when the makeups start piling up.

But Redford Catholic Central head coach John Salter so far isn't having any trouble dealing with the schedule, thanks to complete-game victories Monday by pitchers Bobby Henderson and Greg Marrone. The pitchers helped the Shamrocks earn 8-0 and 8-2 victories over Harper Woods Notre Dame in a makeup doubleheader of Saturday's snowout. With the sweep, CC improved to 12-2 overall and 6-2 in the Catholic League Central Division while Notre Dame's division record dropped to 2-6.

CC also was rained out on Tuesday.

In game one against Notre Dame, lefty Henderson allowed just four hits and struck out 13 batters in what Salter called "probably the best game he's pitched all year. He really kept them off balance."

The key hit in the opener was a bases-clearing double to right-center by Josh Szatkowski (2-for-3, three RBI) in the third inning, to give the Shamrocks a 4-0 advantage.

The nightcap featured the pitching of Marrone (four hits, seven strikeouts) as he followed Henderson's lead.

A three-run second put the Shamrocks in the driver's seat. All three runs scored on a double down the right-field line by Mike McDonald.

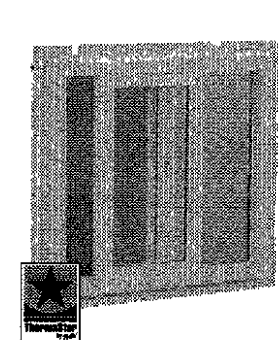
Henderson improved to 4-1 on the season while Marrone now is 5-0.

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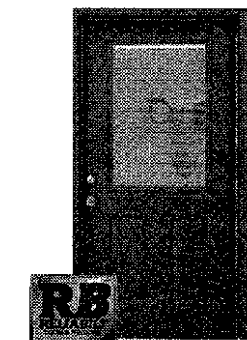
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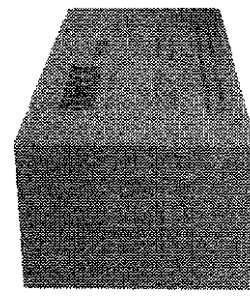
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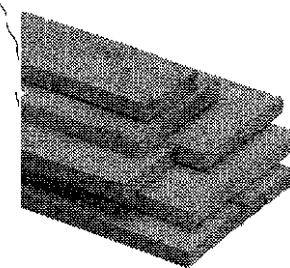
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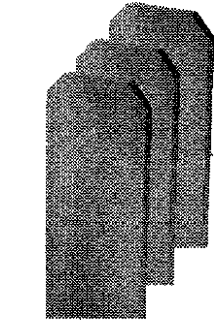
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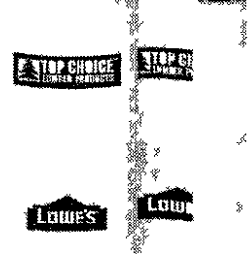
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Salem's Robby Wallen stretches out to return a volley during the No. 2 singles match against Livonia Stevenson Monday afternoon. Wallen defeated Chris McCathney 6-2, 7-5.



Salem's Chris Treadwell returns a volley during his No. 1 singles match against Livonia Stevenson Monday afternoon. Treadwell won 6-4, 6-4 over the Spartans' Chris Welch.

Salem netters slam Spartans

Salem's boys tennis team solved Livonia Stevenson a steady, gusty wind Monday afternoon in its 6-2 victory over the Spartans. The win lifted the host Rocks to 3-1 overall and 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association Stevenson shipped to 2-4 and 2-2, respectively. I thought we played well, considering how windy it was, said Salem coach Bill Nelson.

'Chris Treadwell got a nice win at No. 1 singles and I thought our No. 4 doubles team of Cam Loftus and Ross Heidenreich came through with a good effort'. The Rocks led 3-1 following the singles competition. Treadwell ousted Chris Welch, 6-4, 6-4 at No. 1, Rob Wallen swept Chris McCathney, 6-2, 7-5, at No. 2 and freshman Lawrence Washington out-

stroked Ricky Roman, 6-4, 6-3 at No. 3. Gino McCathney kept the Spartans in the match with a three-set win at No. 4 singles over Pete Bartlett. Salem's No. 1 doubles tandem of Blake Foster and Neil Bakshi upended Mike Jewell and Brandon Bahr, 6-4, 6-2 to clinch the win. The Rocks' final triumph was recorded by the Loftus-Heidenreich duo.

NET RESULTS

CANTON 6
WAYNE MEMORIAL 2
 April 25 at Wayne
 No 1 singles Mike Keesey (C) defeated Steve Frost 6-0 6-0 No 2 Eric Szydlowski (C) def Kevin Erdmann 6-1 6-0 No 3 Tom Williams (C) def Mike Beach 6-4 6-2 No 4 Koosh Patel (C) def Jake Fyfe 6-4 6-1
 No 1 doubles Wider Chr Stoffersen Dan Miller (WM) def Alex Marinica Alex Fabzszewski 7-5 4-6 7-5 No 2 Nimit Desai Mike Pa mer (C) def B ett Burns Jamie Grassmeyer 6-4 7-5 No 3 Nathan Lar more Nirusan Longathan (C) def Dale Dahlbe g Andrew Hermatz 7-5 6-2 No 4 Terence Stewart Anthony Karasinsk (WM) def Ch ntan Pathak Ars am Aslam 6-1 6-4
 Dual meet records Canton 3-1 overall 3-1 WLAA Wayne 3-4 overall 0-3 WLAA

SALEM 6
LIVONIA STEVENSON 2
 April 25 at Salem
 No 1 singles Chr s Treadwell (S) defeated Chr s Welch 6-4 6-4 No 2 Rob Wallen (S) def Chris McCathney 6-2 7-5 No 3 Lawrence Washington (S) def Ricky Roman 6-4 6-3 No 4 Gino McCathney (LS) def Pete Bartlett 6-3 6-6 1
 No 1 doubles Blake Foster Neil Baksh (S) def Mike Jewell Brandon Bahr 6-4 6-2 No 2 Ian Petty Jay McConnell (LS) def Alex Gui Pawel Kargol 6-4 6-1 No 3 Dave Geick Alex Poe (S) def Mike Horgan Chr s Stojanov 6-3 6-0 No 4 Cam Loftus Ross Heidenreich (S) def M ke Carpente Yash Chanhan 6-2 7-5
 Dual meet records Salem 3-1 overall 1-1 WLAA Stevenson 2-4 overall 2-2 WLAA

WARREN DeLaSALLE 0
 April 18 at DeLaSalle
 No 1 singles Ryan Snyder (CC) defeated B H Hackett 6-1 3-6 10-3 No 2 Kevin Bender (CC) def Matt Craccholo 6-3 6-3 No 3 Victor Ansara (CC) def Kevin Turnbull 6-2 0-6 6-4 No 4 Chris Atallah (CC) def Chris Ferlito 6-3 6-0
 No 1 doubles Britton Steele Nick Carrol (CC) def Gino Moncelli Dave Lyons 6-3 6-4 No 2 Kevin Murphy Key n Hager (CC) def Vito Lon gro Jack Goodell 6-2 6-2 No 3 doubles Matt Rutkoesk Joe Trupiano (CC) def Jeff McKeon Joe Hackett 6-0 6-0 No 4 doubles Sam r daCosta Ryan Bourja ly (CC) def Derek Olivares Chr s Plaweck 6-4 5-2
 CC's dual meet record 3-1 overall 2-0 Catholic League

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Clinton River fisheries just keep getting better

The good news just keeps getting better about the Clinton River

For the last 20 years the Fisheries Division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has annually stocked about 15,000 steelhead in the Clinton River. Two years ago, in a one-time deal, the department was able to double that plant and released 30,000 steelies. Some of those fish are returning to the Clinton this spring. Then last year, the

DNR agreed that the water quality in the river had improved sufficiently — through much determination and hard work by a number of local organizations — to start planting brown trout in the river.

Earlier this week, DNR fisheries biologist Jim Francis dished out some more good news. Starting this year the annual steelhead stock in the Clinton will be increased from 15,000 to 25,000. And it gets even better. Due to a slight surplus in hatchery steelhead this spring, 34,000 steelhead were planted in the river last Tuesday, instead of 25,000.

"We've been evaluating the fishery and it has been very successful," Francis said. "In 1996 and '97 we did a post card creel survey on the Clinton at the Yates Cider Mill and at the Ryan Road park, the two most popular sites on the river for fishing. We found that just in March and April we had 21,000 angler hours. That's a pretty intense fishery."

Biologists used that information to convince hatchery man-

agers to increase the plants. And it worked.

The DNR will be conducting another creel survey this year and will compare this year's numbers with those from the past. The early indications are that even more anglers than before are tapping into the fishery.

"We don't have all our results yet because the survey goes through the end of April, but it looks like we're ahead of that number this year," Francis said.

SALMON STAKES ON TAP

Despite what the weather looks and feels like outside right now, I know spring is here because the 26th annual Salmon Stakes fishing tournament is slated for Saturday, April 30, on southern Lake Huron. This is one of the longest running fishing tournaments in the state and attracts anglers from all over southeastern Michigan, including many from O&E land.

And why not? It's also one of the first tournaments in the state and provides an excellent opportunity to get out on Lake Huron for some of the earliest salmon fishing of the season.

The southern waters of Lake Huron warm fastest in the spring because it's the shallowest area of the lake. Bass move in first, seeking the warming water, and the salmon and trout soon follow. That equates into some of the best early-season fishing right here within an hour of metro Detroit.

Saturday's tournament offers a unique opportunity for anglers to fish, as well as have an opportunity to win some fantastic raffle prizes, including an Alaska getaway for two.

Raffle tickets cost \$10 each and are good for entry into the tournament as well as into the raffle. (Anglers must still register for the tournament prior to midnight April 29.)

You don't have to fish in the

tournament to purchase a raffle ticket, either. And even if you don't win any money in the fishing tournament or prizes in the raffle, you'll still come out ahead of the game because your ticket stub is good for half-off the second dinner for two at the Voyageur Restaurant in St. Clair.

Salmon fishing has taken a hit over the last couple years as the prey base changes in Lake Huron. Alewives, and mainstay of forage for hungry salmon, are in steep decline and salmon have appeared undersized and skinnier over the past two years.

To accommodate the changing fishery, tournament organizers have expanded the categories in which they award cash prizes. Like last year, anglers will again be competing for \$500 cash prizes for each of the heaviest chinook, coho, steelhead, brown trout, lake trout and walleye (Lake trout season is open only in the St. Clair River).

There will also be a \$500 cash prize awarded to the skipper with the heaviest catch and a \$500 club prize to the fishing club with the heaviest total catch. The raffle will be drawn at the weigh-in, which starts at 1 p.m. at the Voyageur. Prizes include a one-week, all expenses paid trip for two to Alaska, \$500 cash, a half day salmon charter aboard the Flippin Silver Charter Boat with Captain Marty Bringard, 18 holes of golf for four, including carts, at Fore Lakes Golf Club, and a \$200 dinner voucher at the Voyageur Restaurant.

For tickets and to register for fishing, call (810) 329-4101 or (810) 984-3232. (Bill Parker covers the outdoors for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Bill Parker, c/o Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.)



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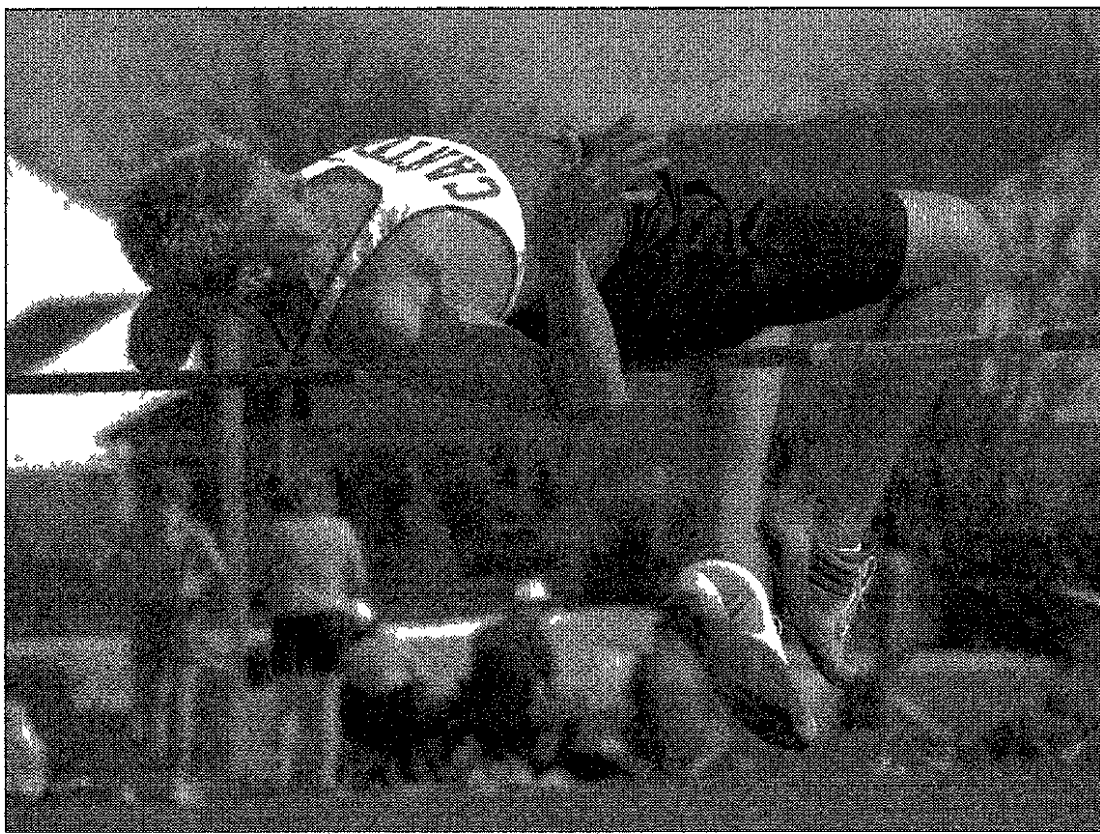
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 Andrew Rossow (Canton) 6 0
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 Joe Gonzalez (Stevenson) 5 10
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 Donnie Carson (Cville) 20 0
 Francisco Beltran (Churchill) 19 10
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 Ian Givens (Franklin) 19 0 25
 Rodney Preston (Canton) 19 0
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 Ryan Santa (Churchill) 14 9
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 Andrew Cutshall (Stevenson) 11 6
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 Rodney Preston (Canton) 14 9
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Canton's Matt McClellan cleared 5-10 on the high jump to earn a spot on the Observerland's Top 10 track-and-field list in that event

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 Josh LeDuc (Plymouth) 54 3
 Pat Brown (Thurston) 54 6
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 Eric Kehoe (Luth Westland) 2 07 5
 Jeff Holycross (Stevenson) 2 09 7
 Phaiel Whitlock (Canton) 2 09 7
 Eric Zech (Canton) 2 10 5
 Jim Wood (John Glenn) 2 10 7
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- 1600**
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 Eric Zech (Canton) 4 48 2
 Alex Lumley (Salem) 4 50 0
 Dan Kapadia (Salem) 4 51 0
 Brandon Grysko (Churchill) 4 53 8
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 Maxwell Working (Catholic Central) 10 10 0
- Connor Schultz (Churchill) 10 15 0
 Tim Francisco (Churchill) 10 32 0
 Charles Wolfe (Canton) 10 36 0
 Evan Shepherd (Canton) 10 36 0
 Jim Walsh (Salem) 10 43 0
 Mike Kratovich (Franklin) 10 46 8
 Mark Piorkowski (Stevenson) 10 49 5
- 400 RELAY**
 Canton 44 5
 Livonia Stevenson 44 5
 Wayne Memorial 45 0
 Plymouth 45 1
 Livonia Franklin 45 3
- 800 RELAY**
 Canton 1 33 1
 Catholic Central 1 35 2
 Livonia Stevenson 1 35 3
 Livonia Franklin 1 35 8
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 Livonia Churchill 3 35 2
 Livonia Stevenson 3 37 4
 Salem 3 39 3
 Catholic Central 3 40 9
- 3200 RELAY**
 Redford Thurston 8 35 6
 Canton 8 37 0
 Livonia Churchill 8 39 7
 Catholic Central 8 42 0
 Salem 8 44 0

OBSERVERLAND GIRLS TRACK LEADERS

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- SHOT PUT**
 Anna Wilson (Salem) 34 11
 Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 34 10 25
 Jenna Hudy (Franklin) 34 9 75
 Maggie Fisher (Salem) 32 11
 Lauren Brown (Franklin) 32 8
 Amy Bodnar (Stevenson) 32 175
 Erin Lovell (Franklin) 32 15
 Sarah James (Franklin) 32 0 75
 Kallee Hobbins (Churchill) 30 10 25
 Marissa Marshall (Luth Westland) 30 5
- DISCUS**
 Anna Wilson (Salem) 118 8
 Alicia Krueger (Luth Westland) 117 0
 Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 106 3
 Amy Bodnar (Stevenson) 103 7
 Jenna Hudy (Franklin) 95 11 5
 Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 92 1
 Kallee Hobbins (Churchill) 91 4
 Sarah James (Franklin) 90 5
 Maggie Fisher (Salem) 90 1
 Nicole Bergeski (Churchill) 89 9
- HIGH JUMP**
 Alyssa Supplee (Franklin) 5 6
 Kasey Butler (Stevenson) 5 0
 Lynden Gault (Salem) 5 0
 Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 4 11
 Megan Kmet (Franklin) 4 10
 Megan Liwenski (Stevenson) 4 10
 Jackie Grubeck (Churchill) 4 10
 Izabela Paszkowska (Canton) 4 10
 Kelsey Ramthun (Luth Westland) 4 8
 Chelsea Pashnick (Stevenson) 4 8
- LONG JUMP**
 Jennifer Anderson (Wayne) 16 11
 Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 16 0
 Megan Wilson (Franklin) 15 10
 Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 15 8 25
 Dana Eldred (Salem) 15 3 25
 Andrea Lang (Salem) 15 1
 Casey Lynett (Franklin) 14 10 25
 Sumon Joyner (Canton) 14 9 50
 Krstin Zgorecki (Churchill) 14 8 5
 Stephanie Davis (John Glenn) 14 6
- POLE VAULT**
 Mina Pirzadeh (Canton) 9 7
 Jenny Perkins (Stevenson) 9 6
 Jackie Demers (Churchill) 9 0
 Allie Vraniak (Salem) 9 0
 Katalin Dugan (Churchill) 8 6
 Lauren Yockey (Franklin) 8 0
 Ruth Pranschke (Luth Westland) 7 6
 Marla Winkler (Stevenson) 7 6
 Liz Kemp (Luth Westland) 7 0
- 100 METER HURDLES**
 Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 15 7
 Andrea Lang (Salem) 16 9
 Dana Eldred (Salem) 17 0
 Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 17 2
 Mina Pirzadeh (Canton) 17 4
 Casey Lynett (Franklin) 17 4
 Stephanie Misco (Ladywood) 17 5
 Elyse Gieschen (Luth Westland) 17 8
 Jessie Murray (Canton) 17 9
 Amanda Femat (John Glenn) 18 1
- 300 HURDLES**
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 Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 48 9
 Andrea Lang (Salem) 49 5
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 Diane Burek (Stevenson) 50 1
 Casey Lynett (Franklin) 50 6
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- Mina Pirzadeh (Canton) 51 87
 Stephanie Misco (Ladywood) 52 4
 Dana Eldred (Salem) 52 6
- 100 DASH**
 Tiffany James (Wayne) 12 4
 Megan Wilson (Franklin) 12 5
 Yvette Nickens (Churchill) 12 8
 Alyssa Supplee (Franklin) 12 9
 Samantha Blaesser (Ladywood) 13 0
 Sade Poole (Redford Union) 13 0
 Brittany Jones (Salem) 13 1
 Ashley Parker (John Glenn) 13 1
 Mandi Coppola (Churchill) 13 1
 Lauren Schwecke (Luth Westland) 13 1
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 Michelle Lager (Canton) 1 04 7
 Amanda Dye (Wayne) 1 05 0
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 Laura Friedman (Salem) 2 22
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 Nicole Schmidt (Churchill) 2 24 9
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 Janet Hanchett (Plymouth) 2 32 0
 Katie Shull (Salem) 2 33 0
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ELECTION NOTICE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS of the Charter Township of Canton notice is hereby given that a May 3 2005 Election will be held in the Charter Township of Canton on Tuesday May 3 2005 from 7 00 A.M. to 8 00 P.M. at which time candidates in the Plymouth Canton Community School District Schoolcraft Community College District and Van Buren Public Schools in Wayne County

VOTE FOR ONE-TERM ENDING 2009
 Emily L. Florence
 Thomas J.P. Wysocki

SCHOOLCRAFT COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT TRUSTEE AT LARGE

VOTE FOR ONE - FOUR YEAR TERM ENDING 2009
 Philip N. Cascade

VOTE FOR TWO- SIX YEAR TERM ENDING 2011
 Gregory J. Stempion
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VOTE FOR ONE- TERM ENDING 2009
 Ralph A. Nodwell
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PRECINCT NUMBERS AND LOCATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a MAY 3, 2005 ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, MAY 3, 2005 from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the following polling locations

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Precinct No.	Name of Facility	Address
1 & 23	First Baptist Church	44500 Cherry Hill Rd
2	Tri City Christian Center	3855 Sheldon S
3 10 21	St John Neumann Church	44800 Warren Road
4 & 13	Miller Elementary School	48721 Hanford Road
5 & 31	Crescent Academy	40440 Palmer Rd
6	Royal Holiday Clubhouse	39500 Warren Road
7	Salem High School	46181 Joy Road
8	Resurrection Parish Church	48755 Warren Road
9 & 34	Eriksson Elementary School	1275 N Haggerty Road
11 & 19	Tonda Elementary School	46501 Warren Road
12 & 14	Hulsing Elementary School	8055 Fleet Street
15	Winter/Walker Elementary School	39932 Michigan Avenue
16 & 17	Bentley Elementary School	1100 S Sheldon
20	Township Fire Station #1	1100 S Canton Center
22	Hoben Elementary School	44680 Saltz Road
24 & 25	Canton High School	8415 N Canton Center
26 27 & 36	Summit on the Park	46000 Summit Parkway
28	Agape Christian School	45081 Geddes
18 & 29	Field Elementary School	1000 S Haggerty
30	Mettetal Airport	8550 Lilley Road
32	Man Street Baptist Church	8500 Morton Taylor N
33 & 37	Dodson Elementary School	205 Beck Rd
35	Canton Human Service Center	50430 School House Rd
38	Cherry Hill Methodist Church	321 Ridge Rd
39	Plymouth High School	8400 N Beck Rd

The Office of the Township Clerk 1150 S Canton Center Road will be open from 9 00 a.m. until 2 00 p.m. on Saturday, APRIL 30 2005 for obtaining and casting absentee ballots. Qualified voters must appear in person to receive a ballot.

On Monday MAY 2 2005 those requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person at the Clerk's Office until 4 00 p.m. Emergency absentee ballots ONLY will be issued on Election Day MAY 3 2005. All absentee ballots that are returned in person must be returned to the Clerk's office by 4 00 P.M. MAY 3, 2005.

Handicapped Voters with an inaccessible polling place are eligible to vote without notice at the Clerk's Office until the close of voting at 8 00 p.m. on Election Day.

If you are unsure of your voting location please refer to your voter registration card or contact the Clerk's office at 394 5121.

Terry G. Bennett Clerk

PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a bid for Canton High School Media Center Renovations & Computer Lab. Specifications and bid forms are available by contacting Laura Hagan in the PCCS Maintenance Department at (734) 416 2953. Sealed bids are due to the E J McClendon Educational Center RE Canton Media Center Bid 454 S Harvey, Plymouth MI 48170 on or before 1 00 p.m. Wednesday May 11 2005 where they will be read publicly. For additional information phone Dan Phillips Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416 2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education
 Plymouth Canton Community Schools
 JOANNE LAMAR Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PUBLIC HEARING FY 2005-2009 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2005 CDBG ACTION PLAN

On Tuesday May 10 at 7 p.m. in the Board meeting room located in the Administration Building 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton MI 48188 the Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing to consider the adoption of the FY 2005 2009 Consolidated Plan which includes the FY 2005 Community Development Block Grant action plan. Comment will be held on the following project proposals: First Step \$35 000 Growth Works \$7,040 Neighborhood Legal Services Michigan \$8 400 Wayne Metropolitan CAA \$1 560 Teen Center handicap accessible doors (new) \$1 500 Volunteer Coordinator \$6 500 Human Services Center Construction \$275 000 Program Administration \$64 919 Sheldon School site improvements (new) \$15 000. Allocation total \$414 919. Written comments or requests for information should be directed to Gerald Martin Community Services Division 1150 S Canton Center Road Canton Michigan 48188 (734) 394 5194.

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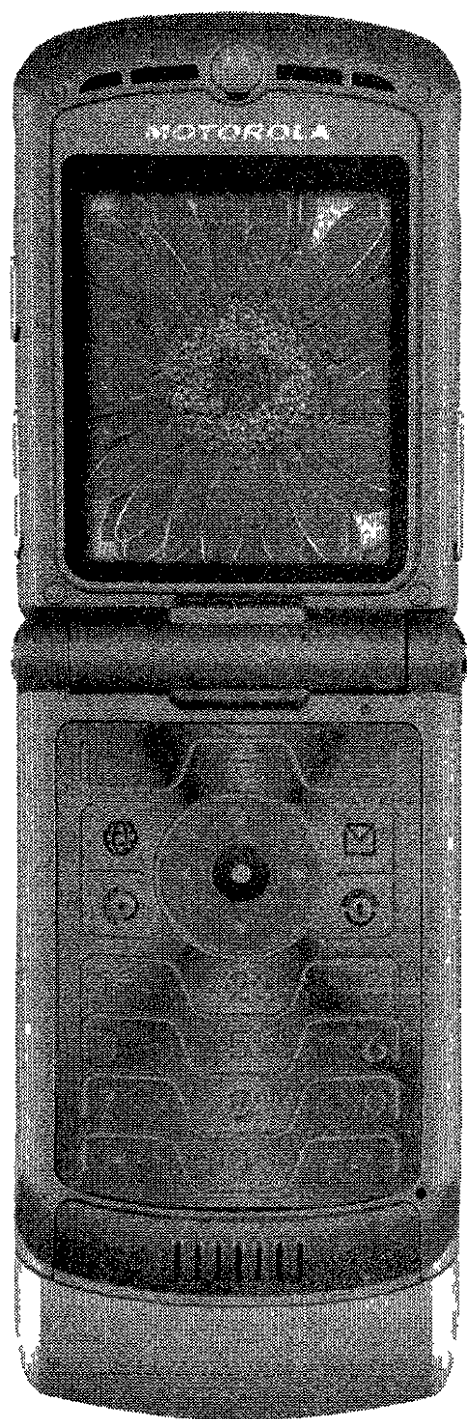
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Garden City's Burton scores 600th goal to cap special homecoming

All hockey season, I've been keeping you abreast about one of the most heartwarming homecoming stories in the metro Detroit sports scene, the



Tim Smith

triumphant return of Garden City's Joe Burton. It's been great to follow the Motor City Mechanics forward's road during an NHL-less winter and early spring, to see some-

one doing something he truly loves even though it falls under the radar most of the time. Burton, a 1985 graduate of Garden City High School, finally received long overdue local recognition earlier this month,

after scoring the 600th goal of his professional minor-league hockey career. He is the first American-born player to accomplish that feat.

At the eight-minute mark of the second period against Muskegon in the Mechanics home finale, Burton rifed a perfect cross-crease pass from Blair Manning high over the stacked pads of Fury goalie Sylvain Daigle. The crowd of 2,536 at Fraser's Great Lakes Sports City stood in unison and gave Burton a loud ovation that lasted several minutes. Teammates mobbed the 5-foot-7 Burton behind the Muskegon goal and others high-fived him along the bench as he skated past it.

Fans cheered loudly when the milestone marker was announced and again following Motor City's 4-2 win, when microphone-toting team presi-

dent John Tull publicly congratulated Burton on the feat at center ice.

Burton, who is pretty low-key and not one to brag, almost sheepishly raised his stick in response to the continuing applause while photographers snapped away.

Who knows whether Burton will now decide to retire for the second time in two years or, hopefully, return with the Mechanics next season.

But no matter what, he can relish how he reached the summit of his career at home, in front of family, friends and others (hockey fans like myself) who have come to appreciate his quiet leadership and play making ability.

SHORT RETIREMENT

Burton, who recently turned 38, retired from the Oklahoma City Blazers of the Central Hockey League in 2003, satisfied with a professional hockey resume that as of then included

565 goals and more than 900 points. The CHL even went so far as to honor Burton with an annual award in his name, given to the player leading that league in scoring each season.

Last year he decided to come back, moving into his parents' home he grew up in. Joe and his wife, Julie, and their two young sons (Joe and Luke) were content in what he had accomplished but now it was time to turn the page.

He hooked up with Art Van Furniture in Westland, working as a salesman for a while. He also reconnected with old friends such as Garden City councilman and youth hockey coach Charlie Wasczenski, helping out with practices.

But then the Mechanics came calling. Specifically former Red Wings star Garry Unger gave Burton a ring in September about helping out the new United Hockey League franchise that he'd be coaching.

Burton promptly signed a one-year deal.

Then the Mechanics started with a loud thud, compiling a horrible record through January. Burton did surpass the 1,000-point mark in his career and played reasonably well.

But he wasn't victimizing goaltenders the way he did in Oklahoma City.

DISCOVERY

Things changed in early February when locked-out NHL players Chris Chelios, Derran Hatcher, Kris Draper (who didn't suit up for the Mechanics due to a legal snag), Bryan Smolinski and Sean Avery decided to come on board. So did a new coach, with Unger moving into the front office.

Many at the time viewed the signings as a publicity stunt for the struggling team. But all of a sudden, the major leaguers and minor leaguers meshed into an outstanding squad. The Mechanics started winning nearly every game (although the 15-2 run started too late to make the playoffs). People started turning up at the Garage.

And Joe Burton started popping in goals with regularity, on a potent line with team captain Manning (a teammate of Burton's at Oklahoma City) and Matt Hunter (Northern Michigan). His milestone tally against Muskegon gave him 35 for the season — 11 of them coming in 11 games beginning March 19. He scored one more over the season's final weekend to end the year with 36 mark-



PHILL MATORA

The sign held up by young Motor City Mechanics fans and Joe Burton's smile during a postgame interview tell the story about the Garden City resident's milestone night.

ers. One more thing: The NHL officially canceled its 2004-05 season, giving Chelios, Hatcher, Smolinski and Avery motivation to really give it their all for the Mechanics.

Beginning in February, Burton and the Mechanics enjoyed an atmosphere that almost resembled a mini-Joe Louis Arena. Fans waved pom-poms and hoisted banners, UPN 50 televised two games with veteran broadcaster Ray Lane doing interviews (one with Burton after he scored No. 599).

There also were feature articles written about the team in the Detroit daily newspapers, although they were predictably about the exploits of the big leaguers.

But for those who are true hockey fans and aren't crazy about bandwagons, a special byproduct of all that attention was discovering Joe Burton. He's a blue-collar player who came from a blue collar town, went on to great heights hundreds of miles away and came back again. Tim Smith is the Garden City/Redford sports editor.

CANTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
1150 S. CANTON CENTER RD.
CANTON, MI 48188

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on Tuesday, May 3 2005 at 10 AM. Auctioned will be held at Westland Car Care Towing 6375 Hix Rd. The vehicles will be sold as is starting bid is for towing and storage.

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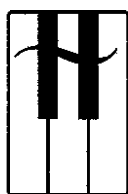
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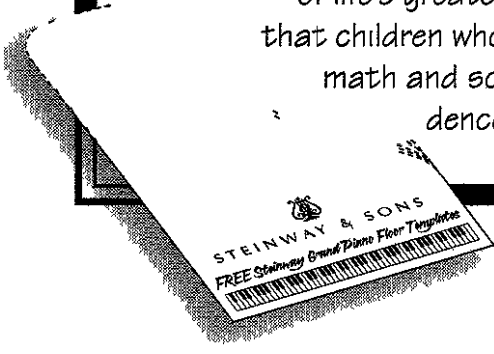
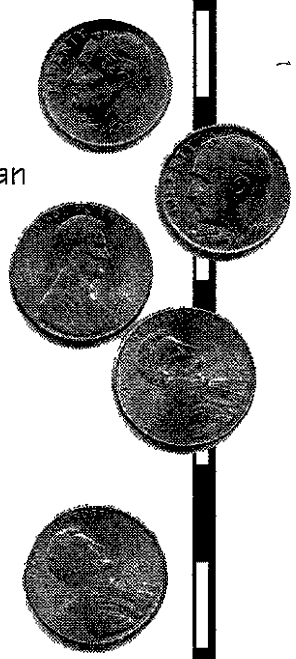
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SOLSTICE RUN

The Fifth Third Bank Solstice Run will include a new 10-kilometer (6.2-mile) event along with the 5K run/walk and the kids fun run, Saturday, June 25, in Northville. Packet pickup will be from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 24 at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, and also starting at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, June 25 at Ford Field in Northville.

Entry fees are \$25 (10K run), \$20 (5K walk/run) and \$9 (kids run). Shirts will go to all entrants (if registered by June 20). Free entertainment with a live band will be provided at the finish line, along with music on the course.

Medals will go to the top three finisher in each age division (along with medals to the top 300). There is a total of \$5,000 in prize money and gift awards for the 10K and 5K races. The Foresters will provide medals to all kids participants.

You can register online at www.SolsticeRun.org

PAR-TEE GOLF LEAGUE

The Par-tee Girls Golf League, which plays on Thursdays mornings at 8 a.m. at Canton's Hickory Creek Golf Course, is looking for new members.

The nine-hole league is set to begin May 5 and run through Aug. 19. Hickory Creek is located at Ford and Napier roads in Canton.

For more information, call Susan Moorman at (734) 414-9941.

BASEBALL SIGN-UPS

Registration for spring T-ball for children 4 and 5 years old, coach pitch for 6- and 7-year-old kids, and machine-pitch for kids between the ages of 8 and 10 are currently being accepted by the Plymouth Family YMCA. For more registration information, call (734) 453-2904.

SOCCER CAMPS

For the 13th consecutive year, Bryan "Goose" Finnerty will be hosting Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps in the metropolitan Detroit area. Joining Finnerty are former Detroit Rocker teammates Dru Callahan, the camp's director, Rodrigo Gonzalez, Marty Caves, Jim Lemley, Amy Knechtly, Emily Jackson, Gary Bell, Billy Joker and Brian Vanderziel. All the coaches are licensed and serve as trainers for local soccer clubs year-round. The instructor-to-camper ratio is 1-to-10.

"My staff and I look forward to another exciting camp season," said Finnerty. "Being able to give back to our local communities is a highlight and an honor. The friendships we've built with the kids over the years make it like a reunion every week. It's great to catch up on how they did in school and what new achievements were conquered both on and off the soccer field."

The camps include two options: a regular camp for beginner to intermediate players, and advanced camps for striker/goalkeepers. The advanced strike camp is an all-offensive camp that moves at an accelerated pace and focuses on finishing (scoring).

The fee for the regular camp is \$139 per player, while the advanced striker/goalkeeper camp runs \$179. Interested players can register at www.goose22.com by May 1, and receive \$20 off the registration fee. For more information on Goose's All-Star Soccer Camps, visit www.goose22.com, or call (734) GOOSE-22.

There will be camps in Canton June 20-24 and July 18-22, both at Independence Park.

T-BALL LEAGUE

The City of Plymouth is accepting registrations for its Summer 2005 T-Ball league. All games will be held on Wednesday or Thursday evenings at Central Middle School. Practice days will be determined by each team's coach.

Games begin the week of June 20 and will run through Aug. 5.

The fee for Plymouth residents is \$55, the non-resident

fee is \$75. Registration forms can be filled out at the Parks & Recreation Dept., located in the Plymouth Cultural Center at 525 Farmer St. Weekday office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

JUNIOR GOLF TOUR

Scholarship opportunities are available for local students between the ages of 12 and 18 who participate in the third

season of the Top 50 Jr. Tour, which is presented by the Professional Golfers' Association Michigan Section. The program is a regional golf tour offering players tournament experience plus the opportunity to earn college scholarships.

Boys and girls are eligible for tour membership. Players do not have to be members of their school teams to participate.

The tour consists of 10 quali-

fyng rounds and 10 tournament rounds, and is held on local private and public courses.

"The top 40 qualifiers at each qualifying round play in the tournament round for free," said tour director Dan Thomas. "The qualifying field for each tournament is limited to 150 players. Additionally, the top 10 finishers in each week's tournament are exempt into the following week's tournament and will play for free."

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Scholarship awards are offered based on rules of golf exams, topical essays, sportsmanship and community service. Scholarship awards can be increased as a student's grade-point average increases.

Play begins on June 11 and runs through the season-ending championship tournament on Aug. 8.

The full schedule is posted on the tour's Web site at

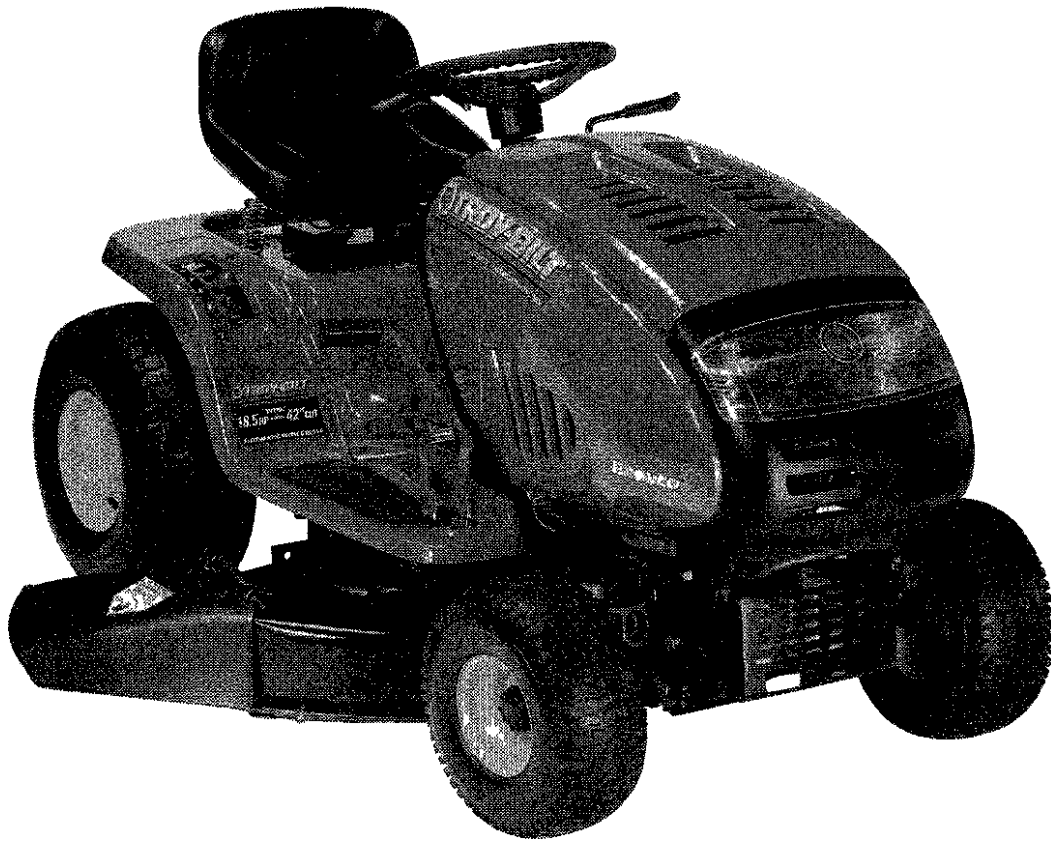
www.Top50JrTour.com. Interested parents and players should contact the tour at (248) 321-0000 or visit the tour Web site for a membership application.

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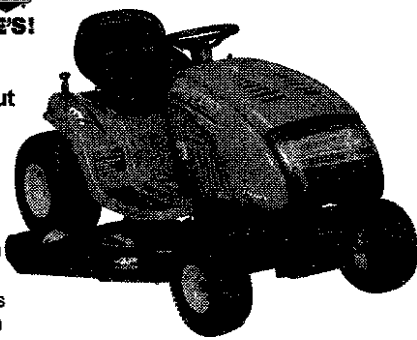
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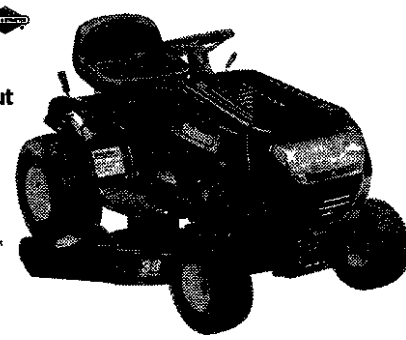
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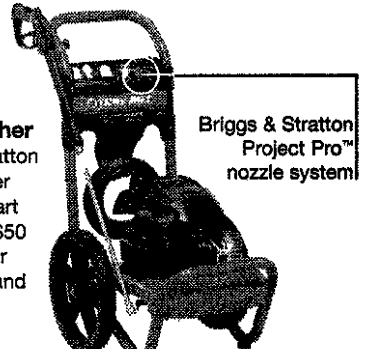
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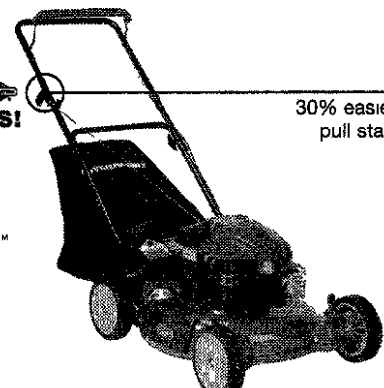


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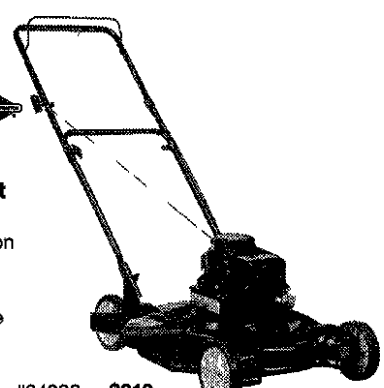


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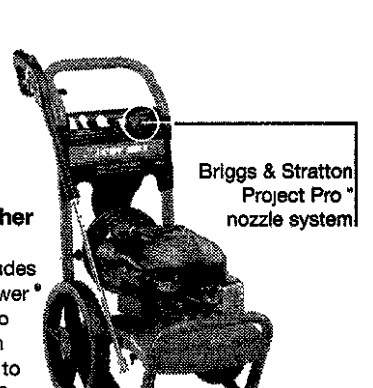
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Boys Tennis

(By the coaches association)

Division 1 - 1 Ann Arbor Pioneer 2 Redford Detroit Catholic Central 3 (tie) Birmingham Brother Rice West Bloomfield 5 Ann Arbor Huron 6 Port Huron Northern 7 Troy 8 Grosse Pointe South 9 Novi 10 Brighton

Division 2 - 1 Birmingham Groves 2 Okemos 3 Bloomfield Hills Lahser 4 Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central 5 North Farmington 6 Grosse Pointe North 7 Portage Central 8 Birmingham Seaholm 9 Rochester Stoney Creek 10 (tie) Holly Midland Dow

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Softball

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Division 1 - 1 Harper Woods Reg 2 Troy 3 White Lake Lakeand 4 Jenison 5 Lake Orion 6 Brighton 7 East Kentwood 8 Hartland 9 Portage Central 10 Macomb Lanse Creuse North

Honorable Mention - Alpena Howell Hudsonville

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Girls Golf

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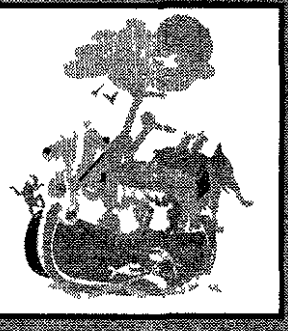
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Zak Ortiz, keyboards, turntables (left), Daniel Bossio guitar, Michael Gilleran drums and percussion), and Patrick Bossio (bass guitar and lead vocals recently performed at Club Truine in Westland. Their band, Special Delivery, plays upbeat Christian rock.

Club offers a safe place for Christian youth to meet

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Don Keith knew he'd struck a chord when the Friday night crowds kept growing at Club Truine. He'd been right all along that today's youth were searching for a safe, drug-free Christian environment to go to hear music and hang out with their friends.

Keith originally established the club in Ann Arbor, but had to close when the building was leased to someone else. He wondered if the new location in Westland would continue to draw youth when it opened last October.

He didn't have to worry. Youth from all over the area flock to the club where they can hear the latest bands, play games and talk about everything from faith to politics.

"Today's youth seem to be able to get into more trouble than when I was a youth 25 years ago. Back then we didn't worry about drugs and child molesters as much," said the 41-year old Keith who grew up in Farmington Hills and graduated from Livonia Clarenceville High School. "It's our duty to watch out for the youth of today. We expanded to Saturday nights about a month ago. We have great attendance on both days."

Club Truine grew out of J2 Entertainment, the business Keith began in January 2003 to manage local Christian bands. But his concern for kids didn't stop with providing a place for them to have fun. In March, Keith held the Holy Palooza Festival, a gathering of friends who shared their faith through the arts including music and painting. They not only had the opportunity to express themselves, but grow spiritually. Still they needed a church of their own so Keith opened The Church of Rock. The nondenominational,



Club Truine gives youth a place to meet and discuss everything from faith to politics on Friday nights.

youth-led church for ages high school to mid-20s meets at 5 p.m. Saturdays in Club Truine. Patrick Bossio credits the club and church with changing teens' lives. The respect is mutual. Keith admires Bossio and other young Christian musicians like him who provide good role models for today's youth.

Bossio and his band Special Delivery recently played at the Holy Palooza Festival. Their new CD came out in January, three years after they formed the group to play upbeat rock music. The four musicians, including Bossio's brother Daniel, decided to form the band while playing on the worship team at Faith Christian Assembly in Melvindale where the Bossios' father Pat is pastor. For information about the CD, visit www.specialdelivery-rocks.com.

"We chose the name Special Delivery because we wanted to deliver a message within our music," said Bossio, 20. "Sometimes it's a dark world. We want to be a light in the darkness. The CD is all originals inspired by experiences in our lives and with Christ. We're a band of Christians but we don't play just for Christian audiences. We also play for secular because that's who the

message is for." Bossio likes the mix of youth who come to Club Truine to hear the bands. He wishes there would have been a place like the club when he was in high school. Bossio says "in school there were a lot of people who identified themselves as Christian but you couldn't tell much of a difference between them and those who didn't believe in Christ."

"There were a lot of parties in schools. That doesn't mean don't go, but don't drink, and practice abstinence. Live your life for Christ," said Bossio. "At Club Truine I like how much variety they have. They get kids from all different musical tastes. They offer all sorts of genre that attracts all different sorts of kids. They have an Internet cafe, games. It's more than just a venue for bands. It's fun for people to hang out even if they don't want to jump and go crazy to the music."

For more information about Club Truine, visit the Web site at www.clubtruine.com or call (734) 276-1292, or Don Keith at (734) 417-0475. Admission is \$6 for most shows and doors open at 7:30 p.m. The club is at 35248 Palmer near Wayne Road.

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Thursday May 5 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for people to come in for prayer/prayer service 12:15-12:45 p.m. at Garden City Presbyterian Church 1841 Middlebelt Call (734) 421-7620. Open to anyone in the community. Church is handicap accessible and offers hearing assistance and large print bulletins.

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Age 38 April 26 2005 Beloved wife of David Dearest mother of Jeremy Paul Fortuna Dear daughter of Lynn and Madelyn Bodily Dear Daughter in law of Jack and Carolyn Fisher Dearest sister of Lynnette Barker Michele Brady and Jeffrey Bodily Funeral service at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home 15401 Farmington Rd Livonia Saturday at 11 a.m. Visitation Friday from 1-4 and 6-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers Memorial contributions may be directed to the Jeremy Fortuna Education fund c/o Comerica Bank 36700 Five Mile Rd Livonia MI 48154.

JOY L. HARGREAVES (LIVECCHI)

Webster April 21 2005 Age 46 in Commerce MI formerly of Rochester Survived by her husband Robert her children Michele Jeanne Nathan, Alexis, her mother Barbara Shatara her father Phillip (Lena) Livecchi sisters, Michele (Tom) Paszkiewicz Jeanette Gunn Lisa Livecchi brothers, Michael (Renee) and Vincent (Leslie) Livecchi, step brothers Joseph, and Michael (Betsy) Alessi also many aunts uncles cousins nieces nephews and dear friends Memorial calling hours THURSDAY 2-4 & 7-9 at the Falvo Funeral Home Inc 1295 Fpt Nine Mile Pt Rd Webster NY 14580 On FRIDAY family and friends are asked to go directly to Holy Trinity Church (1460 Ridge Road Webster) for the celebration of her Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM with Interment to follow in Holy Trinity Cemetery In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Joy's favorite charity Hystocytosis Assoc 720 E Holly Ave Suite 101 Pitman NJ 08071 856-589-6606 A local memorial service will be announced and held in St. Patrick's Church White Lake.

LAWRENCE A. JOHNSON

Age 100 April 24 2005 Beloved husband of the late Edna Loving father of Paul (Marilyn) Johnson and Linda (Dale) Hebbard Brother of Edith Jones Edna O'Droski; the late Madeline Holley Kenneth and John Grandfather of Colleen Wolford Kevin Karen Melby Cindy Hansen and Sheri Janda Also survived by 19 great grandchildren Memorial contributions may be made to Boys & Girls Bible Club Please sign the online quest book at www.rggharris.com

WILLIAM C. KNUDSON

Age 87 of Rochester Hills died April 22 2005 Loving husband of Evelyn sharing over 60 years together Dear father of Kathryn (Gary) Grace Nancy (Steven) York & Elizabeth Hense Proud grandfather of Tim Tony Stephanie Kristen Kim, Melissa & Natalie Great grandfather of Alyssa, Drake & Ethan William was preceded in death by his parents & two brothers William was a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus & was a coach teacher & administrator at Kearsley High School for 36 years Visitation at Pixley Funeral Home 322 W University Drive Rochester, on Tuesday from 5-9 pm Funeral Mass, Wednesday 11:00 am at St. Mary's of the Hills Catholic Church 2675 John R Road Rochester Hills Family will receive friends from 10:30 am until the time of the service at church Wednesday

DUNCAN McPHERSON

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GERALDINE HELEN NAGY

Age 79 of Plymouth died April 26, 2005 She was a retired instructor for the A.R.C. of Western Wayne County She is survived by her daughter, Sharon Nagy of Livonia her son Larry (Kathy) of Plymouth granddaughter Michelle of Plymouth sister in law Bette Sherwood two nieces and one nephew also survive She was preceded in death by her husband Mike Funeral services will be held at Schrader Howell Funeral Home 280 S Main Plymouth Saturday, April 30 2005 at 11 am Visitation will be Friday from 2 to 9 pm at the funeral home Memorials may be made to A.R.C. of Western Wayne County, 2257 S Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48186

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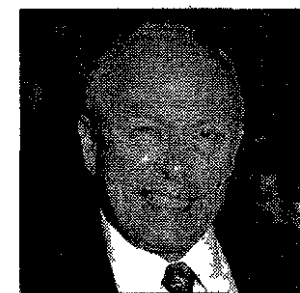
LINDA CATHERINE SCHMITTROTH

April 24 2005 Age 55 of Southfield, MI Delightful wife of John Proud mother of Sara and the late Leah Dearly loved daughter of Virginia and the late George Semrow Treasured sibling of Dave Mark and the late Jane Also six nieces and nephews Author of 'Statistical Record of Women Worldwide' Cities of the United States and other library reference books Remembrance service was held Wednesday April 27 at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu Rodgers & Connell Chapel) 248-549-0500 In lieu of flowers family suggests memorial tributes to Proliferity Worldwide 1320 Jamesville Ave, Syracuse NY 13210 View obituary and share memories at www.desmondfuneralhome.com

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JAROLD LEE HEICK

Jarold Lee Heick of Westland Michigan died April 21, 2005 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne Michigan. He was 70. Jarold was born in Davenport Iowa, to Irene Banker Heick and Alfred Edward Heick. Jarold retired from General Motors after 33 years of service in Plant Security at the Chevy Gear and Axle Hamtramck Plant. Previous owner of Heick Bullet Company Detroit and The Classy Drive Lounge Garden City Michigan. He is survived by sons Ty J and Michael L. and his daughter Deborah La Londe, all of Florida. Granddaughter Tonnya Tate and three great grandchildren his sisters Sally Focht of Dearborn Heights and Karen Roberts of Taylor Michigan his brother Roger of Westland, Michigan and Richard of Twin Lakes WI. His parents precede him in death. Memorial contributions may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



MARY HELEN RIDDLE

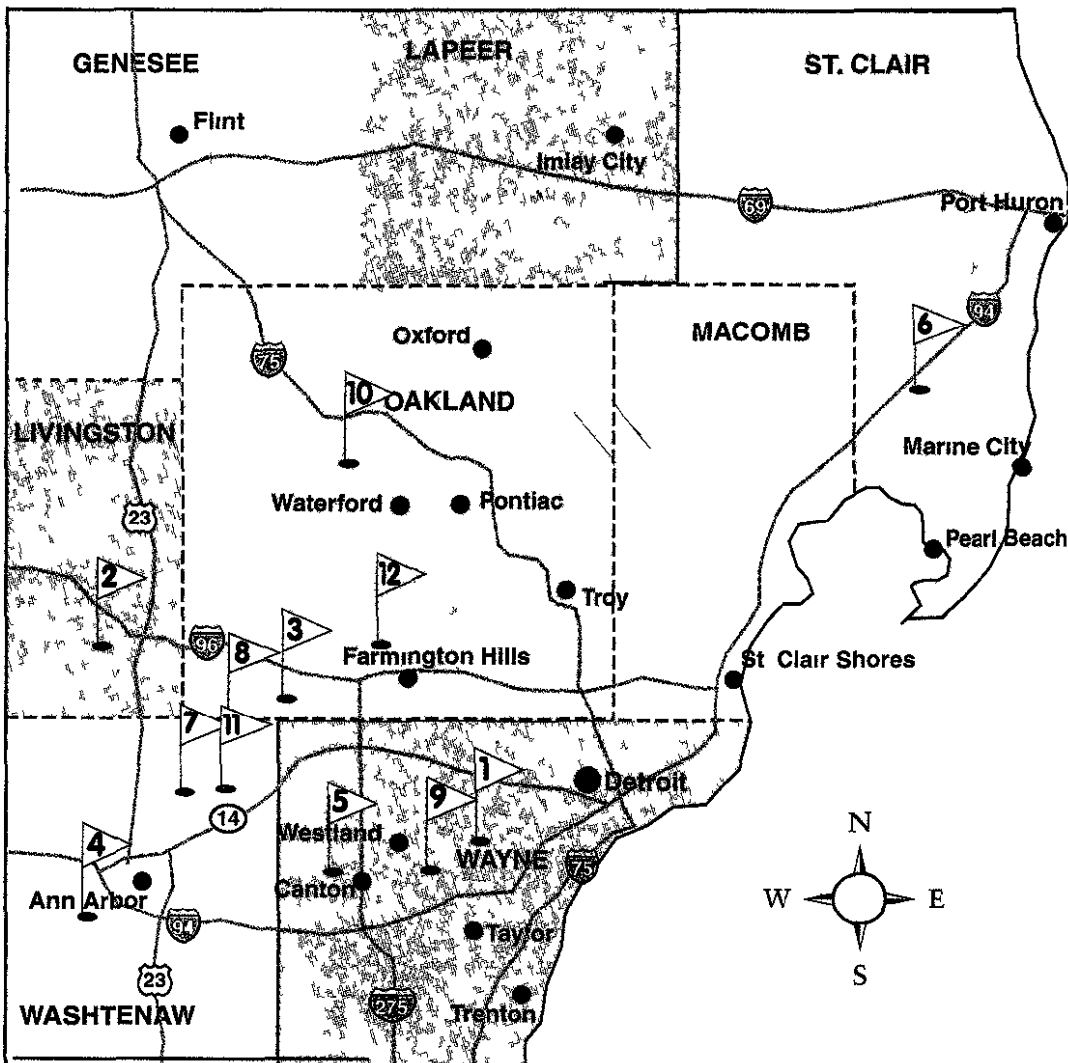
Age 79 1/2 Died April 22 2005 in Farmington Hills Beloved wife of the late Charles Riddle. Mary is survived by daughter Mrya Zolynsky and her husband Dave her son Jim Riddle and her son Lynn Riddle. Mary had eight grandchildren Johnathon and David Filak Josephine and Jacquelyne Zolynsky and Charlie Matthew James and Emily Riddle. Mary had two great grandchildren David Leslie and Zachary Filak. Funeral was Monday 11 am April 25, 2005 at Voran Funeral Home 23750 Goddard Rd (Taylor Chapel) Mary and Charles lived in Huron township and owned and operated the Circle R Ranch and Long Dollar Restaurants. Memorial Contributions may be made to Hockey has Heart (A Charitable Organization) 35500 8 Mile Rd Farmington Hills MI 48335 Interment Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery Online questbook at www.voranfuneralhome.com

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Robert M Meisner

Laws in place to deal with nuisances

We have a structure next door to us which is, in our opinion, dilapidated and we consider it a nuisance. How do we go about dealing with the situation? The municipality in question no doubt has the right, exercising its police power, to enact laws prohibiting or protecting health, safety, welfare, and public morals which will include the right to demolish a residence. Particularly if the property is uninhabitable, the municipality may have a right to consider it a nuisance and have it demolished. Our association amended its documents recently to make assessments mandatory to take care of the park and trails in our community. The amendment also required all lot owners in the subdivision to be members of the Association. Now certain members are claiming that that amendment is not enforceable against them. What do you think?

It all depends upon the provisions of your present documents but in a recent case out of the Supreme Court of Colorado in a similar situation, an association amendment creating a mandatory association and assessing mandatory dues was upheld as a valid exercise of the associations express and implied powers under its covenants. The court recognized that in a residential community, there is an implied agreement that the owners accept the cost to maintain and repair the common areas and that each co-owner must bear his or her share of the legitimate expenses. I believe the movement of the courts is in the direction held by the Supreme Court of Colorado.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track* second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644 4433 or visit bmeisner@meisnerassociates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Identify goals

before deciding whether to buy or rent

Figuring out whether you should buy or rent an apartment or home is basically a process of self-assessment — primarily financial but also of your career, lifestyle and goals for the future.

If you're not planning on staying in your particular location for very long, or if your income is particularly low in relation to your expenses, then renting may be a good option. However, the majority of financial advisors recommend buying your own home as one of the first steps you can take toward financial independence and creating wealth.

The following factors should be considered before making a decision on whether to buy or rent:

Owning property builds equity. Though there are always "iffy" deals when buying property, investing money in a home means (basically) your monthly payment increases your percentage of ownership. Real estate has proven to be one of the more stable investments you can make, in addition to having the use of the property over time.

If you keep up or improve your home, and if the area where you buy remains stable or becomes more popular, chances are you'll break even or make money when it comes time to sell it. However, if your employment situation is less than stable, or if you anticipate a move in the near future, closing,

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moving and other costs may eat up any profit if you have to turn your home around quickly — in other words, like the stock market, investors who are in it for the long haul have the greatest chance of success.

Owning property is a responsibility. The first thing long time renters mention after purchasing a home is the new responsibility of home maintenance. When the furnace goes out, or the ceiling falls down, there's no property manager to call to fix the problem — you have to do it yourself, or hire someone.

Since this can be a bit of a shock to the wallet, your local home store is a great place to go for information about doing-it-yourself. Also, ask friends and neighbors to share their plumbers, painters, electricians, and so on.

If you purchase a freestanding single family home, you may be able to blast your favorite heavy-metal band late into the night, but don't count on it. Being a good neighbor is still high on the list of requirements of the American dream.

And if you purchase a condo or co-op, remember that to a certain extent your decisions are subject to the will of all of the other owners in the building. If you must stay up until three in the morning listening to rock and roll, consider a house in the country.

Owning property means security. If you don't get in over your head in terms of monthly payments, an American's home is still his or her castle. There are also tax advantages to home ownership which your lawyer, tax man or real estate professional can tell you about.

One of the biggest trends in home ownership is that younger and younger people are purchasing homes and apartments — and far more single people as well. If you're even thinking about purchasing a home, one of the best things you can do is to go to a local lender and pre-qualify for a mortgage loan, which identifies just how much money you can spend on a property, as well as alert you to any problems you may need to deal with in terms of your credit history and general viability as a loan recipient.

Mortgage Bits



Timothy Phillips

New FHA choices help buyers

Until recently, many FHA borrowers suffered the common plight of having to make the tough choice between the two mortgage products: the 30-year fixed-rate and the one-year FHA adjustable-rate. Both are great products, but for different reasons.

The challenge FHA borrowers faced was that they wanted, and often needed, the lower interest rate of the one-year adjustable and the stable monthly payment of the fixed-rate mortgage. Now, these families have more choices that make more sense for their situations.

Before I jump into the details, let me briefly review how adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) work. Counter to what most people think, ARMs are named by the number of years their interest rates remain fixed.

For example, a typical three-year ARM is fixed-rate for three years, then adjusts annually for the remaining 27 years. Similarly, five-year ARMs hold steady for five years.

Some of the more progressive lenders have now filled a real lending gap for FHA borrowers by offering both three- and five-year ARMs. This is huge news for thousands of borrowers because the introduction of these mortgage products takes a lot of pressure off these families.

As a mortgage loan officer, as much as one-third of my pipeline of loans is made up of FHA borrowers, many of whom are first-time homeowners. I know in advance that most of these folks will remain in their homes for three to five years before they upgrade because of their changing needs.

The majority of them — candidly all of my FHA clients — will likely be better served by using one of these new products.

The new FHA ARMs offer a wonderful balance for borrowers who need a stable and moderately low monthly payment. As a loan officer, it's a great feeling to now have the tremendously flexible underwriting guidelines that FHA has always offered, combined with a loan product that serves clients of all ages in so many ways.

Today's TIMBIT. Like you, FHA mortgages have changed a lot in the past 20 years. It may be time to see if those changes suit your needs.

Timothy Phillips is a mortgage banker and newspaper columnist. Visit USWealthAcademy.com for free information online or call him toll free at (866) 369 4516. Home buyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.

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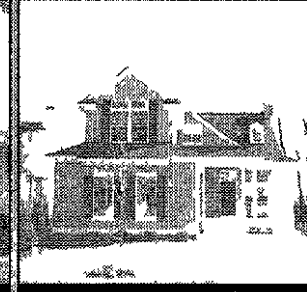
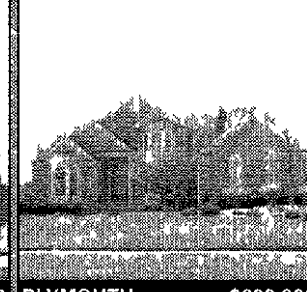

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 <p>PLYMOUTH \$334,900 Al the charm of HDWD firs paster walls FP & arches Updates inc fur habs Ca rpet BA K tchen & lnd s dng 2nd flr New fr 03 Huge mstr w/2 WIC oer BA crpt & study Award w n ng Indscp & covered patio (OEP49EVE) 734 453 6800</p>		 <p>PLYMOUTH \$224,900 Wak to town Updates bath (05) w n dows/dng door (04) doors map e wet bar (03) e eotr cal roof flooring (02) nc ed ble k tchen (02) Includes all app arces Go geous deck fenced yard garage w/10ft d (OEP95NOR) 734 453 6800</p>		 <p>REDFORD \$245,900 Updated 4 Bed Cape Cod On approx 3.4 Acre Updates Incl Roof Carpet Insulat on Dr ve & Porch Furn C/a Kt Ba W n Lg Br Up W/1/2 Bath M Br W/wic & 1.2 Bath Overszed Gar F n Bsmt W/wet Bar & Full Ba (OEL27LYN) 734 591 0333</p>		 <p>REDFORD \$165,000 Th s Ranch Is Different Than All The Rest Nearly 1800 Sq ft Huge Great Rm W/soarng Cathedral Ce lng 2 Skylights 2 Bay Wndows 2 Ce lng Fans & Impress ve Feldstone Hearth W/wood Burner (OEN34MAC) 248 347 3050</p>		 <p>REDFORD \$140,000 Lovely Br ck Ranch Located In One Of Redfors Most Scenic A eas cose To Lola Park n ce St Wth Larger Lots newe Wndows furnace ar & Roof large & mpres ve Natura F rep ace W/geous Mant e Full bsmt (OEN15NOR) 248 347 3050</p>		 <p>REDFORD \$114,900 A Lot Of House For The Money Plenty Of Room Here n Th s Terf c 4 Bdrm Brck Ranch! N ce Bg K tchen Forma L vng Rm Family Rm W/electrlp Good Sze Ya d W/shed & Room For Garage Newe Furnace Fresh Pa nt (OEN04CEN) 248 347 3050</p>		<p>Vacant Land</p> <p>SALEM \$348,000 Great oppo untury G eat frontage on Joy or Vo heis Excellent perk su vey Gorgeous hardwoods in area of beau fu homes Possib e land contract (OESLY00VOC) 248 437 4500</p>	
 <p>SUMPTER \$159,900 Enjoy your summe from the la ge deck of a 4BR home overlooking nearly an acre! Newer BA K tchen & lnd s dng 2nd flr New fr 03 Huge mstr w/2 WIC oer BA crpt & study Award w n ng Indscp & covered patio (OEP49EVE) 734 453 6800</p>		 <p>WALLED LAKE \$144,900 Cool Soph st cat on n th s supe sha p 2 story condo w/ contemporary far Private ocat on n lovely Wall ed Lake come ex ust moments to M5 Fu base ment & attached ga age Put th s n you Must See pile! Cal Karen Thomas (OEL86DOV) 248 975 1177</p>		 <p>WEST BLOOMFIELD \$315,000 Wow Bette Than New Updated Detached Condo Offers Wooded Views & Privacy & Seclus on New Carpet T o Freshly Painted T o New Blinds Ent re 1st Flr New K tchen Fr Newe Garage Dr Dramatic Cathedral L vng m (OEN76BRO) 248 347 3050</p>		 <p>WESTLAND \$173,900 Beautiful 3 Bed 2 Bath Br ck Ranch New 2.5 Car Det Gar Backyard On Hines Park New Vinyl S dng & n dows Beautiful LR Windows Part F n Bsmt W/new Oak FP & Wet Bar A Part Remodeled K t A1 Appl Incl (OEL78AUG) 734 591 0333</p>		 <p>WESTLAND \$139,900 Love y 3 bedroom ranch! Updated kitchen w th oak cabinets L vng room has arge bay window and hardwood floors Basement offers large finished rec room and utl ty oom Fenced yard A must see to appreciate (OESLY98SHA) 248 437 4500</p>		 <p>WESTLAND \$139,900 3 Bdrm B ck Ranch Cu de sac Location Lrg Backyard For K ds Great Location In West and Fm y Rm Cen Air Oak Cabs In Kit 1st F Lndy Rm All Appliances Inc 2 New Entry Drs 2.5 Det Car Ga Qu ck Posses on (OEL48HUN) 734 591 0333</p>		 <p>YPSILANTI \$224,900 Almost new! G eat ranch in new subdiv Location Lrg Backyard For K ds Great Location In West and Fm y Rm Cen Air Oak Cabs In Kit 1st F Lndy Rm All Appliances Inc 2 New Entry Drs 2.5 Det Car Ga Qu ck Posses on (OEL48HUN) 734 591 0333</p>	

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HOMES SOLD IN WAYNE COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Dec 6 10 2004 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office Listed below are cities addresses and sales prices

1328 Centennial	\$466 000	42306 Jennings	\$236 000	1843 Deer ng	\$167 000	37545 Newburgh Park	\$263 000	40449 Newport	\$133 000	15822 Winston	\$87 000
50545 Cherry Hill	\$400 000	1346 Lasalle	\$161 000	33277 Marquette	\$155 000	14442 Park	\$168 000	40592 Newport	\$113 000	15949 Winston	\$100 000
432 Cherry Orchard	\$225 000	42578 Lilley Po nte	\$130 000	33449 Pardo	\$155 000	16376 Parklane	\$280 000	42235 Old Pond	\$160 000		
41736 Conner Creek	\$301 000	42740 Lilley Po nte	\$127 000	Livonia		19628 Renise lor	\$123 000	44437 Oregon	\$218 000	1731 Abbott	\$245 000
3505 Denton	\$195 000	50488 Monroe	\$65 000	35998 Ann Arbor	\$125 000	19909 Rensellor	\$108 000	364 Sunset	\$285 000	1621 Ackley	\$132 000
7126 Fox Woods	\$315 000	41331 N Maplewood	\$217 000	14984 Berw ck	\$155 000	29035 Roycroft	\$148 000	11789 Sycamore	\$156 000	30865 Birchwood	\$116 000
7005 Foxcreek	\$266 000	3314 Niagara	\$340 000	9908 Blackburn	\$212 000	18392 University Park	\$127 000			6830 Bison	\$175 000
45645 Graystone	\$172 000	8343 Orhan	\$168 000	9124 Cardwell	\$135 000	29757 Westfield	\$152 000	18665 Beech Daly	\$60 000	35927 Canyon	\$173 000
41411 Greenwood	\$215 000	43059 Providence	\$188 000	10680 Ed ngton	\$232 000	9915 Westmore	\$122 000	9359 Dixie	\$139 000	38348 Carolin	\$120 000
400 Hamilton	\$65 000	19550 Ran er	\$210 000	30340 Fair fax	\$154 000	19304 Weyher	\$129 000	25145 Donald	\$170 000	35688 Castlewood	\$86 000
39875 Hillary	\$173 000	1787 Ranier	\$225 000	9906 Farm ngton	\$163 000	33602 Wood	\$226 000	24931 Elm ra	\$120 000	35285 Colloge	\$127 000
45417 Holmes	\$309 000	441 Roosevelt	\$70 000	9810 Harrison	\$170 000			18673 Fox	\$126 000	1881 Dunn	\$190 000
		42716 Saltz	\$250 000	35363 Hathaway	\$172 000	46331 Ann Arbor	\$328 000	26212 Lyndon	\$255 000	6368 E Morgan	\$172 000
		747 Sorel	\$206 000	8955 Henry Ruff	\$303 000	49551 Dorovan	\$188 000	18300 Negaunee	\$133 000	2010 E Williams	\$165 000
		8243 Trafford	\$706 000	16941 Hubbard	\$182 000	9787 Fellows Hill	\$513 000	12048 Norborne	\$73 000	30121 Joy	\$158 000
				9371 Iowa	\$182 000	50478 Ironwood	\$500 000	25531 Pembroke	\$108 000	30699 Nelson	\$234 000
				36374 Jamison	\$265 000	11699 Landers	\$600 000	18875 Po nciana	\$135 000	2025 S John Hix	\$157 000
				39202 Lyndon	\$199 000	243 N Mill	\$233 000	9985 Riverdale	\$91 000	568 Van Lawn	\$126 000
				31111 M nton	\$154 000	40150 Newport	\$142 000	18311 Wakenden	\$91 000	936 Van Sull	\$165 000

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Pulte Homes gets Royal Oak space

Friedman Real Estate Group Inc recently negotiated the lease of 26 889 square feet to Pulte Homes the top ranked U.S. homebuilder on the 2005 Fortune 500 list of America's largest corporations Pulte Homes leased the space at 400 W Fourth in Royal Oak from National City Bank of Midwest to house their newly consolidated Michigan division David Friedman president and CEO of Friedman Real Estate Group represented the tenant in this transaction

Sperry Van Ness appointment

Sperry Van Ness one of the nation's largest commercial real estate investment brokerage firms has named Robert Pliska a resident of Bloomfield Hills as senior advisor Pliska specializes in the sale of apartments office industrial and retail buildings He has over 30 years of experience Prior to joining Sperry Van Ness Pliska served as president and/or officer of a full service commercial real estate firm a major developer a mortgage banker and was with Pricewaterhouse Coopers servicing their real estate and financial institution clients

Pliska is a member of several organizations including the National Association of Realtors and the Michigan Association of Realtors He served as president of the Detroit Area Commercial Board of Realtors and was awarded Realtor of the Year by the Michigan Association of Realtors

New officers at CSI

The Metro Detroit Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) announces the election of Officers and Directors for 2005 06 President Thomas Krynski PPG Industries First Vice President David Paterson Yamasaki Associates Vice President (Professional) Glen Reimer BEI Associates Vice President (Industry) Gerald Marquette Hansen Marketing Services Secretary Kay Kocis Architectural Product

Solutions and Immediate Past President David Oglesby WDEO Associates Recently Elected Directors Kay Kocis Thomas Krynski Russell LaCourseiere Stanley Martin Robin Rund and Dan Saltzman The Construction Specifications Institute is the premier integrating force of the construction industry As a professional association CSI supports the community of owners architects contractors and product representatives with continuing education technical certification and industry trade show events The Metro Detroit Chapter of CSI celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and has approximately 275 members

Home Building and Basement Remodeling

A four night seminar on home building is being offered through the Oakland Builders Institute in conjunction with Rochester Community Schools The seminar will be held from 6 10 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Adams High School room 140 beginning July 18 The instructor will explain all facets of the process including planning meeting building codes estimating materials the basics of home construction and finishing techniques

A basement remodeling course is also being offered Instruction includes all facets of the process including planning meeting building codes estimating materials and the basics of home construction and finishing techniques Bring in your layout and the teacher will work with your design Course fee is \$99 (plus \$10 for the book payable in class) and will be held from 6 00 10 00pm Tuesday August 2 and Thursday Aug 4 at Adams High School

To register for one or both of these classes or for more information contact Rochester Community Services at (248) 726 3165

Real Estate One salutes top producers

Real Estate One honored its top performers at its annual awards convention held March 16 at the Ford Convention and Events Center at Greenfield Village in Dearborn Recognized at the event were those Realtors and branch offices with the most outstanding performance and customer satisfaction The most prestigious awards went to the following individual Realtors teams of Realtors and branch offices


- All Company Individual Volume Leader Matt Dejanovich Real Estate One Ann Arbor
- All Company Individual Contribution Leader Melanie Bishop Real Estate One West Bloomfield on Orchard Lake
- All Company Team/Partnership Total Contribution Leader - The Linda Rea Team Real Estate One Troy
- All Company Individual Sales Unit Sold Leader - Idowu Balogun Real Estate One Dearborn Heights
- All Company Listings Sold Unit Leader - Jean Proffitt Real Estate One Trenton
- All Company Team/Partnership Volume Leader The Linda Rea Team Real Estate One Troy
- Office Performance Leadership Award - Given to the top 12 offices in the company in total sales volume Real Estate One of Ann Arbor (President's Office winner for top office which the branch also won in 2002) Novi/Northville West Bloomfield on Orchard Lake Rochester Southfield Troy Fraser Royal Oak and Livonia as well as the Max Brook offices in Birmingham on Old Woodward and in Bloomfield Hills and the Johnstone & Johnstone Realtors office of Grosse Pointe
- Presidential Growth Award - Given to the top three offices in terms of surpassing their annual goals Real Estate One of Commerce Township and Max Brook of Birmingham on Old

Woodward and of West Bloomfield Achievement Award Leader: Units Sold by Office - Real Estate One of Troy for selling more homes as an office than any other office in the company

Achievement Award Leader: Participation Rate - Real Estate One of Bloomfield Hills

Affiliated Achievement Award - After the top individual and top team the next 10 top producing Realtors teams or partnerships in terms of consistently providing full-service hassle-free assistance to the customer (home sale mortgage title insurance and/or insurance) Real Estate One Realtors Fil Superfisky Novi Jeffrey Amburgy South Lyon Bob Weltman and Roy Randy Royal Oak Karen Wilson Troy Ida Touchette Bloomfield Hills The Dennis P. Dickstein Team and The Andy Collins Team West Bloomfield on Middlebelt Max Brook Realtor Julie Herman Birmingham on Woodward Avenue Johnstone & Johnstone Realtor Patty Riley All Company Quality Service Award - Idowu Balogun Real Estate One Dearborn Heights


President's Circle - Honoring the top 35 producing Realtors teams or partnerships in the company Real Estate One Realtors Jeffrey Amburgy South Lyon Idowu Balogun and Mike Fayz Dearborn Heights Melanie Bishop West Bloomfield on Orchard Lake Betty Constant Livonia The Andy Collins Team and The Dennis P. Dickstein Team West Bloomfield on Middlebelt Matt Dejanovich The Harrison Team (Nancy Tim Sr. Tim Jr.) and The Kenyon Team (Barry Kenyon Valerie Havens Frank Zehel) Ann Arbor Susan Doyle Brighton Mary Ferrazza Rochester The Linda Rea Team Troy Jean Proffitt Trenton Max Brook Realtors Jeffrey Barker West Bloomfield The DeForrest McAuliff Team (Michael DeForrest Kristi McAuliff) and Julie Herman Birmingham on Old Woodward Kathy Brook Ballard and Janice Hays Bloomfield Hills John Huyck Birmingham on Maple



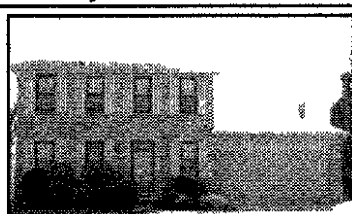
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PLYMOUTH TWP COLONIAL Nestled deep in Mayflower Village is this 3 bdrm home with an open floor plan 1st floor laundry and new law updated kitchen and a newer roof & windows Dining rm fam rm Fireplace garage & basement \$250 000 (P 094BA)




BEAUTIFUL END UNIT Backing to par 3 course in Northville Professionally decorated with a luxury master side entry garage professionally finished basement with daylight windows and a fabulous kitchen \$319 000 (P 610DU)




JUST PINCH ME! This exceptional Canton colonial is too good to be true Kitchen w/top of the line appliances garage basement fenced yard w/deck 3 beds 1 1/2 baths and affordably priced at \$219 900 (C 536LA)




COUNTRY CLUB VILLAGE Hard to find detached ranch condo in sought after sub Walkout basement premium lot -extensive use of crown moldings and classy touches throughout Built in 2000 Nice \$379 900 (P 077NO)




REJUVENATE YOUR SOUL Make a splash in the all sports lake or sip lemonade under the shade trees in the 200 acre preserve just a short walk from this 3 bedroom ranch 2 baths hardwood floors finished basement with a study and rec room too! \$224 900 (C 7900A)




NEW CONSTRUCTION Jasmund custom built model nestled on a large private wooded lot Solid oak floors recessed lights wide country porch egress windows and a huge bonus room Luxury master and great South Lyon Schools! \$369 900 (P 861WO)




NORTHVILLE BARGAIN 4 bedroom colonial built in 2004 with 3000 square feet Luxury master w/sitting rm gourmet cherry kitchen walkout basement prepped for a bath wooded lot and much much more Call now! \$449 900 (P-452RI)




RESORT STYLE AMENITIES Fabulous home with an in ground pool & putting green Cul de sac location backing to wetlands Great room w/dual fireplace granite kitchen w/hearth library formal dining & a heated 3 car garage \$559 900 (P 237HA)




PRIVATE RETREAT Custom built on a 2 82 acre lot with a beautiful view Beautifully done custom workmanship throughout finished walkout with a full bath bar and breezeway leading to the 1500 sq ft glass enclosed pool room A rare beauty \$1 099 000 (P-141SA)




FULLY LOADED 2-STORY Dramatic soaring ceilings maple & granite kitchen dual sided fireplace office central vac & sprinklers dual water tanks zoned furnaces and central air conditioners There's just too much to list! Walking path to Hines \$659 900 (C 168WI)



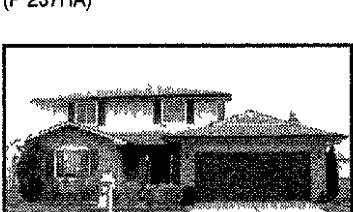
WONDERFUL CLASSIC COLONIAL Remodeled kitchen w/open architecture from kitchen to family room 1st floor laundry landscaped backyard large covered front porch many mature trees Close to downtown Must be seen to be appreciated \$379 900 (C 839WI)




BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED Plymouth Township home with 3 bdrms 1 1/2 baths Updated oak kitchen vinyl windows doorwall to tiered deck overlooking a fenced and treed lot with nice landscaping Home warranty included \$196 900 (P 636OR)




ROOM TO ROAM Terrific colonial with 4BR/2 1/2 BA Spacious floor plan with a family room w/fireplace Florida room large deck to a fenced yard prof fin basement formal living & dining and just a short walk to Hoben elementary! \$259 000 (P 227PA)




TERRIFIC BUY!! 2018 sq ft 4 bedroom colonial w/2 1/2 baths 1st fl laundry all appliances stay Formal dining lge nook fam rm w/fireplace wet bar & doorwall to deck Tons of updates Approved buyers only \$239 900 (C 773ST)




EXCITING OFFERING In Novi with 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 baths on a lovely x large lot w/park like setting Dimensional shingles on new roof and a gorgeous kitchen remodel Great opportunity for only \$209 900 (C 108LY)




DO IT NOW! Call to see this attractive nicely maintained home with a great view 3 beds 1 1/2 baths finished hardwood floors family sized family room w/ lg family rm w/FP Appliances stay deck Andersen doorwall to the newer patio and fenced yard Pretty street in a great location \$209 900 (P-725MA)




LAKE PRIVILEGES. Great get away with nicely maintained home with a great view of the city and the quiet of the country 3 beds 2 baths and an extra lg family rm w/FP Appliances stay deck w/cabana and mechanics dream garage \$193 900 (C 330RI)




BRIGHTON CONTEMPORARY Beautiful open floor plan 4 beds/2 1/2 baths vaulted ceilings and lots of windows Kitchen w/Pergo floor 3 car garage and private lake access w/beach Priced under appraisal at \$244 900 (C 081GR)



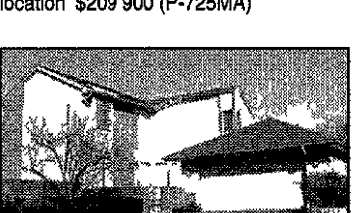
FABULOUS FERNDALE Close to downtown with 4BR/2 1/2 BA and an updated kitchen w/appliances Formal living deck and hot tub Finished basement fenced yard and many updates Awesome opportunity \$184 900 (P 250BR)




BETTER THAN NEW! Cathedral ceilings fireplace formal living rm oak kitchen w/appliances & doorwall to deck areas 1st floor bedrm w/doorwall to deck and hot tub Finished basement prof fin basement sprinkler system rich hardwood floors and a 2 car garage Great price too! \$235 000 (P 841ST)



PERFECTLY PRIVATE Milford ranch situated on almost 2 acres with a full finished walkout basement 3 1/2 baths fireplace extra large garage new roof vaulted ceilings and much much more Don't miss this great opportunity! \$339 900 (P 932DA)



FIRST CLASS CONDO Huge 2329 sq ft floor plan with 2 beds 2 1/2 baths and a 2 car garage Totally neutral with new carpet new windows ceramic floor siding paint and more Full basement and a great location - close to everything \$249 900 (P 246CH)



JUST MOVE IN! Walking distance to a shopping area 2 bedroom vinyl sided home with newer Wallside windows roof and furnace Large 60x309 lot Great for starters or retirees \$94 500 (C-616GL)

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HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY


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166 Amys Walk \$254,000	5606 Heathland \$300,000	Franklin \$300,000	3638 Locust \$168,000	22590 Rougemont \$206,000	986 Lakeview \$98,000
3899 Brmfeld \$186,000	5731 Leeward \$175,000	25775 Frank n Park \$175,000	Oxford \$945,000	24549 Templar \$150,000	1089 Lakeview \$102,000
3006 Camden \$270,000	5582 Northcrest V lge \$274,000	Keego Harbor \$274,000	3081 Ind an Lake \$136,000	27605 Vermont \$198,000	4507 Major \$405,000
3066 Carol ne \$135,000	4420 Pinedale \$210,000	1557 Cass Lake \$210,000	228 Lincoln \$55,000	23777 Village House \$102,000	3466 Meinrad \$160,000
	9633 R dpe Top \$225,000	1775 Sy van Gl n \$225,000	668 Oneta \$212,000	24585 W 10 Mile \$149,000	1023 Myrtle \$110,000
	Commerce Township	2485 W llow Beach \$354,000	Rochester \$118,000	22360 W 12 Mile \$150,000	131 S Ascot \$154,000
	Auburn Hills	8579 Hummingbird \$340,000	Lake Orion \$380,000	20426 Westland \$140,000	350 S Avery \$212,000
	8579 Hummingbird \$254,000	199 E El zabeth \$340,000	47 Parkdale \$173,000	18454 Westover \$500,000	4207 Sunburst \$205,000
	5287 Lancaster \$186,000	116 Evergreen \$300,000	1058 Stony Pointe \$60,000	18248 Winterset \$187,000	
	9663 L sternia \$270,000	635 Heights \$318,000	401 Woodward \$135,000	Rochester Hills	Troy
	6016 Lochmore \$135,000	234 N S aler \$321,000	472 Arlington \$267,000	2316 Academy \$223,000	1772 Aider \$410,000
	2121 Wa b er \$336,000	2772 Regency \$205,000	835 Box Canyon \$372,000	1269 Autumn \$295,000	2130 Aldwin \$218,000
	Beverly Hills	47730 Abe deen \$670,000	930 Greenview \$158,000	1935 Axtell \$329,000	6774 Apple Blossom \$585,000
	23935 Farm ngton \$275,000	44750 Bayview \$158,000	2581 Hesse! \$210,000	2105 Beech \$220,000	6298 Aspen R dge \$523,000
	23211 Elm Grove \$410,000	24441 Bonnie Brook \$188,000	1718 Melville \$133,000	2167 E Maple \$70,000	3000 Bloomfield \$515,000
	23011 Glen \$314,000	25542 Danyas \$260,000	1722 Melville \$133,000	3745 Horseshoe \$220,000	7335 Colony \$360,000
	29418 Glen Oaks \$168,000	45200 Jacob \$150,000	411 Mystic \$336,000	4600 Lehigh \$384,000	2675 Elizabeth \$383,000
	23431 Glencreek \$209,000	24703 Jamestown \$150,000	1345 New Love \$354,000	1436 Milverton \$201,000	1840 Elsie \$240,000
	22516 Glenmoor \$285,000	21899 Merid an \$189,000	550 Tennyson \$326,000	2862 Quail Run \$188,000	3301 Gr ndley \$217,000
	28220 Green Willow \$400,000	21996 Merid an \$370,000	638 W Bluff \$370,000	1107 Wheaton \$307,000	7354 Hardisty \$425,000
	29371 Laurel \$250,000	44470 Midway \$248,000	Southfield	Walled Lake	5486 Maple Leaf \$320,000
	21728 Manchester \$180,000	24230 Myrtle \$329,000	20928 Ant que \$194,000	10202 Chesapeake \$175,000	4700 Mirror Lake \$500,000
	34032 Noble \$380,000	24230 N Le Bos: \$239,000	27190 Devonshire \$310,000	1436 Covington \$294,000	7300 Muerdale \$300,000
	35188 Pennington \$180,000	44850 W 1 M e \$310,000	27605 Dover \$319,000	11200 Farmingdale \$154,000	5115 Old \$230,000
	21870 S Brandon \$250,000	42559 Wh tman \$240,000	24165 Evergreen \$310,000	2200 Saratoga \$153,000	5431 Putnam \$285,000
	23280 Potomac \$109,000	24895 W xom \$215,000	24000 1561 Fairfax \$184,000	1664 Wimbledon \$107,000	7111 Stonebrook/ \$235,000
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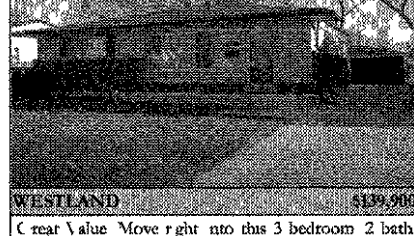
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New covers hide ugly underside of decks

(AP) — No matter how far homeowners go to create a deck that looks good, there's always one part that looks bad: The underside. Exposed beams, supports and cross members are the ugly underbelly of home construction. Too often these serve to collect cobwebs and bird nests. Plus, water and debris cascading from the deck above renders any patio, slab or garden below as unusable.

A Georgia company has developed an answer to this deck dilemma in an undercoat of heavy aluminum panels that not only mask the offending rafters but also make the below-deck space habitable and water-free.

Decks Under Cover of Atlanta devised the aluminum paneling system to help homeowners cover the eyesore and reclaim extra living space. Installation is handled through the Home Service Store.

"This is really all about increasing the beauty and value of a home by improving the standard of outdoor living. This type of below-deck cover was just waiting to happen," said Dallas Olson of Decks Under Cover.

The problem is particularly common for walk-out ranch homes or homes with raised or multi-story decks.

According to Olson, the heavy-gauge aluminum attaches to deck joists through a system of galvanized brackets that suspend the sheeting and extend to the deck edges. This underlayment is tilted a few degrees away from the house foundation to shunt rainwater to a connecting network of gutters and downspouts.

This keeps the people and objects below dry.

Debris from the upper deck surface can be hosed or brushed through planks and will wash down onto the aluminum cover and on to the downspouts.

Aside from simply making the deck look better, Olson said the big upside is the additional livable space.

"We knew early on that homeowners didn't use the space below their deck because water and debris was constantly falling on them, their guests and furniture, grills, landscaping and flowers," said Olson. "Now they can use the exterior space they have more completely and comfortably."

The growing popularity of decks in both single and multi-family homes will continue to create a large market potential for this approach, according to Olson.

"Builders of apartments and multi-family units will embrace this system because it upgrades the units and improves the livability," said Olson.

Installation is priced on a per foot basis. The upshot, Olson believes, is homeowners get another exterior room without extensive remodeling costs.

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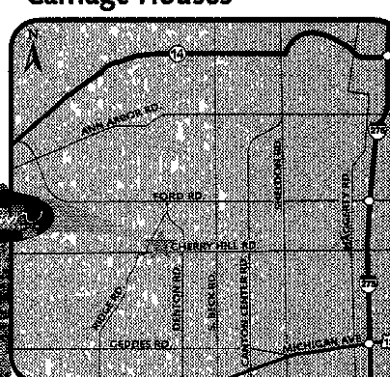

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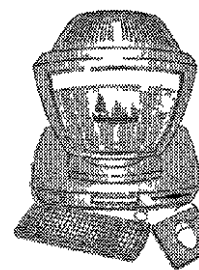
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CANTON Wow - What A House
Loaded w th extras Four bed ooms 3 1/2 baths master suite w th walk in closet jetted tub sitting room Kitchen w th built ins Dual stair case 2 story foyer 9 foot ceilings 1 fireplace in FR Pro landscaped w th brick paved Neighbourhood pool

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SOUTH LYON Home Sweet Home
Pony & Eagle Heights GR w th doo walk to wooded lot Brick patio & fence Elegant wood windows gas FP upper loft with vaulted ceilings Pergo ceramic & carpet floors First floor MBR Glass block windows & CA many upgrades since 01

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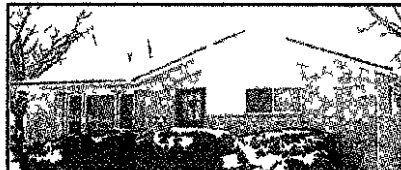
WESTLAND Super Westland Home
Sharp 3 bedroom Ranch w th 2 ca garage basement huge family room with gas fireplace hardwood floors in living room & bedroom Many updates including roof gutters central A/C & furnace All appliances stay Home warranty FHA/VA available

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STERLING HEIGHTS You Will Fall In Love
Spacious 3 bedroom 3 1/2 bath brick home updated with granite kitchen counter & island cherry cabinets & stainless appliances Hardwood floors in GR with granite FP finished basement master suite w th marble floor shower & Jacuzzi

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LIVONIA Renovated Brick Ranch
Class c 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath Ranch on beautiful lot offers updated windows roof furnace a r conditioning electric humidifier ducts kitchen with appliances & so much more Also 2 1/2 ca garage & part finished basement

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NORTHVILLE Huge MBR, 3 Full Baths
Walk to town Award winning Northville schools LR DR FR 2 ca attached garage with direct access Newer roof hot water heater furnace exterior doors garage door & opener slate foyer & hearth in FR Hardwood in LR DR and MBR

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FARMINGTON HILLS Located On Interior Lot
This immaculate spacious 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial new in 04 hardwood floors remodeled family room formal living room master suite with master bath & new finished basement Newer roof & some windows 2 ca attached garage

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CANTON Wonderful Location
This 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath Ranch w th open floor plan large country kitchen opens to family room w th fireplace & doo walk leading to a 3 season room finished basement 2 ca attached garage appliances and so much more

(E51POS) 734 455 5600 \$212 500



CANTON Outstanding Colonial
Spacious 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home w th 2 ca attached garage part finished basement family room w th full brick fireplace leading to a 3 season room hardwood floors under carpet in living & dining room Updated roof & windows

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REDFORD Stop Dreaming!
Start making the reality of home ownership in this fantastic ranch Spacious floor plan with 3 BRs 2 1/2 BA & FR Large LR with hardwood floors finished basement w th FP Extra BR possible & full bath 2 ca garage fenced yard & appliances

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SALEM Hey Gearheads!
Two story home features a spaceous first floor master bedroom suite w th huge walk in closet 5 BA with jetted tub & separate shower Extra dirt floor plan offers vaulted ceilings huge GR w th FP & incredible views of the approx. 2.7 acre wooded lot

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COMMERCE Definitely A Winner
From the open floor plan to Pottery Barn deco Costly updates since 01 Features oversized great room gourmet kitchen w th breakfast area finished basement w th drywall & carpet 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath Colonial w th 2 ca attached garage

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PLYMOUTH Cozy & Quaint
Functiona Michigan basement 2 1/2 bathrooms one ca garage new roof fresh paint and main lead to street in 2004

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TAYLOR You Can Have It All!
Charming 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath brick home offering 2 ca garage updated roof windows carpet & kitchen flooring Large laundry room cute front door appliances and 1 year home warranty

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FARMINGTON HILLS Spacious Colonial
Never 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath brick home offering 2 ca garage floor plan with fireplace in family room Two ca attached garage first floor laundry Ext a high basement ceiling Two tier cedar deck off kitchen Excellent landscaping

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Fabulous Walk-Out
Bring your fastest buyer to the elegant ranch home with cable nets in kitchen granite in all baths Two story family room w th wooded views Newer deck and brick pavers Three car garage-Grand master suite Freshly painted

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WESTLAND Get Ready To Move
Great location in park like setting w th private patio New windows ca pet basement and appliances stay New carpets offered in this two bed condo

(E65BAR) 734 455 5600 \$114 900



WYANDOTTE Updated With Plenty Of Charm
Newer Pergo flooring in kitchen and living room 2 ca garage part finished basement spacious eat in kitchen w th appliances All this in this 3 bedroom 2 full bath Bungalow

(E83ORC) 734 455 5600 \$124 900




LIVONIA You Won't Find Another Like It
Fabulous 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath brick home offering 2 ca garage kitchen w th built in microwave high end sink & hardware & newer floor ng Updated furnace a r conditioning roof & much more a part finished basement and garage

(E15ARI) 734 455 5600 \$184 900



CANTON Won't Last
Beautiful brick Ranch w th 3 BRs 2 1/2 BAs & 1 st floor laundry Great location in the heart of town Newly updated awesome finished basement & private yard Oversized FR & kitchen A lot of updates roof 1 m windows & more

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PLYMOUTH Gorgeous Home
Large custom 4 bedroom Cape Cod style perfect for your family Privacy at the end of a cul de sac Great Plymouth Canton schools and a lot of activities that Plymouth has to offer In sub swimming pool

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GARDEN CITY Bigger Than The Rest
Large 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial presents 2 ca attached garage basement great room with fireplace cantilevered upper deck off master suite kitchen with country cabinets lower deck w th hot tub privacy enclosure & main area yard

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GARDEN CITY Wow! Move Right In
This 3 bedroom brick Ranch has it all Newer furnace AC a/c copper plumbing 200 AMP electric basement kitchen w th second bath baseboard heat copper generator hook up Clean eat in kitchen great landscaping and BBQ

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NORTHVILLE Locality Price Privacy
Vaulted ceilings in spacious living area Two bedrooms 2 bath 1 1/2 story up and out Appliances stay Separate alcove and covered entry Extras include community pool carport and home warranty Ready to call you own

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LIVONIA Wonderful Ranch
Curb appeal & updated Ranch Three bedrooms 1 1/2 baths w th newer kitchen windows hardwood floors as part & insulation Two ca attached garage and full basement Nice quiet street

(E31GOL) 248-349 5600 \$229,900




SOUTH LYON Classic Custom Cape Cod
Two toned cherry cabinets granite counters upgraded trim & moulding throughout Two story GR with large stone faced fireplace & custom mantel Four car garage insulated & finished Park like yard with mature trees 27 hole golf course

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ROCHESTER HILLS Live The Enchanted Life
Wonderful 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath Colonial w th upgraded throughout from gourmet kitchen to the main level deck Pro finished over level with daylight garden w ndows & ext a deep garage a great room w th dual FP spacious master suite

(E44BLI) 734 455 5600 \$510 000



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Sprawling Ranch
On Double lot 1600 square feet 3 bedroom home w th 24x32 2 story garage updated windows dining noice central a/c & kitchen Jacuzzi tub in bath fireplace in living room large kitchen first floor laundry Walk to all schools (district 7)

(E06HAR) 734 455 5600 \$154 900



NOVI Get Ready For Summer Fun
Four bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial w th large open kitchen w th Pergo Stone fireplace in family room Two car attached garage Appliances included Security system in ground pool finished basement CA & Northville schools One year home warranty

(E71COL) 248 349 5600 \$465 000



SOUTH LYON Custom Built Retreat
P o design custom voodcrafting kitchen with designer cherry cabinets granite walk in pantry & a stainless updated appliances Awesome finished lower level w th full biliard a med a area steam room & exercise room

(E78GRE) 248 349 5600 \$637,500



SOUTH LYON Stunning Walk Out Colonial
Premium elevation with stunning views of wooded nature preserve from each of your 3 stories A 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath featu as a 2 story entrance with hardwood floors massive kitchen bay in LR FR in FR Enjoy the luxur our master suite

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INKSTER Home Sweet Home
New mar lage forces sale of this lovely home Three bedrooms 2 baths garage Home s ped to sell Very nice yard w th private fence & shade tree Finished basement with bar finished room & work shop Updates

(E10FER) 734 455 5600 \$116 900



DETROIT Cute As A Button
This home has 3 bedroom 2 full bath updated hardwood floor doo walk in dining room to deck new roof in 04 2 car attached garage hardwood floor & some appliances stay finished basement hardwood floors & fenced yard

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NOVI Prestigious Bellagio
Exceptional entertaining home w th 4 BR 3 1/2 BA library 2 star cases gourmet kitchen & top of the line appliances Master retreat custom decor faux finishing 2 nceplaces upper terrace lower walk out with patio & custom draper es

(E05BEL) 248 349 5600 \$1 599,000



NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
Huge 4 BR 2 1/2 BA home w th enormous gourmet kitchen with maple cabinets & hardwood floor s Windng stair case master bedroom w th master bath & walk in closet 2 nceplaces 3 ca garage walk out basement & dual heating and cooling

(E65HIL) 248 349 5600 \$675,000



NORTHVILLE Transferee Ready Custom Estate
Premium cul de sac overlooking pond Custom upgrades beautiful hardwood floors the back splash maple cabinets heartth room with 2 way FP Custom landscaping & deck Fully finished lower level w th 1 1/2 BR bath & custom bar

(E00WHI) 248-349 5600 \$629,000



WESTLAND Updated Beauty
This well maintained 3 bedroom Ranch offers gorgeous hardwood floors throughout newer Andersen windows entry doors and kitchen with Hickory cabinets and tile floor Two car garage and basement

(E79CAN) 734-455-5600 \$174 900



LONDON TOWNSHIP Waiting For You
This home has 3 bedroom 2 full bath updated H colony kitchen doo walk in dining room to deck new roof in 04 2 car attached garage hardwood floor & some appliances stay All this sitting on approximately 12 acres

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WEST BLOOMFIELD Simply Spectacular
Professional decorated Hils of Chelsea Park home shows like a model Upgrades gallo s Hardwoods throughout Mahogany library & master Open floor plan w th 2 story FR Forma DR finished basement au spa r pool & spa

(E05CAR) 248-349-5600 \$990 000



NOVI Won't Last - Honest
Superno 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath Colonial in excellent coat on New this year kitchen patio doo walk some carpet Newer roof windows & more Great finished basement carpet drywall & full bath Loaded with extras Move in condit on

(E05JAM) 248 349-5600 \$289 900



SOUTH LYON Country Setting & Space
Four BR w th updates Some newer furnace/AC roof most windows bath & kitchen Great storage deck & pool Mature trees 2 car garage plus 2 story barn South Lyon schools FR & DR Generous master Privacy fence Square feet vs price

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CANTON Priced To Sell
Barely lived in 2003 Condo with 2 bedrooms 2 1/2 baths Featuring updated age vaulted ceilings neutral decor fireplace large master with bath & walk in closet Comp ex with pool club house & walking trail

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NOVI Sellers Have Outgrown This Home
Lovely updated 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home with new oak kitchen custom deck 6 panel doors leaded glass front door Pella windows and more All appliances stay A lot of activities in sub

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FARMINGTON HILLS Custom Brick Ranch
Court yard w th wrought on gate ceramic foyer GR w th FP & vaulted ceiling Library with cathedral ceiling Huge kitchen w th appliance center Finished walk out lower level w th natural FP 2 BRs w th full BA Wooded of that backs to a pond

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NOVI Elegant Southern Living
Four bedroom Condo on a move in Wonderful lot Great kitchen with large cabinet French doors lead to gorgeous family room Master suite w th walk in closet Wonderful master bath This is a must see home Looks like a mode

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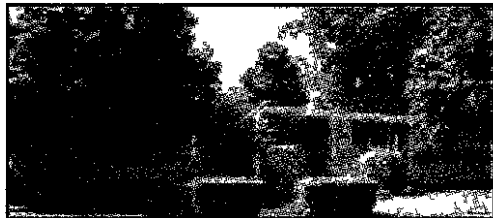
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Absolutely Gorgeous! 4 BRs 3.5 baths Gourmet kit w/granite island stainless steel appls is open to brfst nook w/bay wndw & drwall leading to brk pavers w/loads of boulders & pine trees! (25040232) \$591 000



PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
Impressive 4 BR 3.5 bath home Fir to ceiling wndws Gourmet kit w/lg island Huge mstr ste w/2 WICs & 15x12 bath Sprawling yard Insulated 3 car garage 349-6200 (25026331) \$550 000



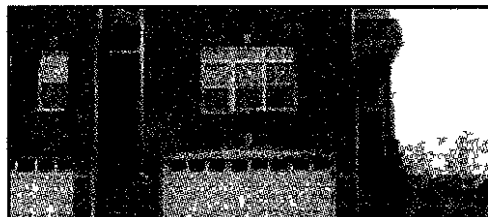
CANTON 734-591-9200
Pride of ownership shows throughout 2 way flc in LR & study feats built-in shelving & cabs in library Gourmet kit prof fin d bsmt w/bath Huge mstr ste w/cath ceiling & lrg mstr bath w/enormous WIC (25046343) \$442 900



ROYAL OAK 734-591-9200
Location Quality Value & Charm This 3 BR 2 BA 1600 sq ft brick bungalow has it all Updates incl roof furn C/A kit & appls & bathrooms 2 car att garage Finished bsmt (25047552) \$275 000



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Check out this 2000 sq ft ranch in Burton Hollow! Open floor plan offers gourmet kit w/skylight Updates include roof HWT Furn Kit fir & crpt Fin basement w/sauna & shower (25045903) \$265 000



CANTON 734-591-9200
All neutral decor End unit condo 2 bedrooms hardwood floors in kitchen & nook optional bath on lower level Located deep in the sub on a very low traffic street (25046585) \$238 900



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
OUTSTANDING NW LIVONIA QUAD LEVEL! Burton Hollow bnck quad 5 BRs, 2 BAs over 2100 SF! Newer roof 2.5 car gar separate prvt entrance Seller will consider all offers 349-6200 (25045805) \$233 990



CANTON 248-348-6430
COLONIAL IN A GREAT LOCATION 4 BR 1.5 bath Colonial freshly painted newer kit fir FR w/natural flpic newer carpet in finished basement tiered deck overlooking lg yard 349-6200 (25032189) \$229 900



WAYNE 734-326-2000
CUSTOM BUILD ON RAVINE LOT 1 865 SF 3 bedroom brick bungalow fireplace cove ceilings formal dining room sunroom C/A & partially finished basement 2 car garage Extremely clean (W321) \$219 900



DEARBORN 734-455-7000
DUPLIX Live in one side rent the other! Offering a 2 car gar for both sides bsmt 2 BRs up & lots of character One side offers C/A Well cared for brck bldg w/updates (23F4571) \$189 900



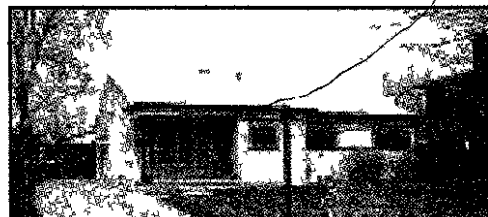
DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
North Dearborn Heights ranch 1680 sq ft This place has the best view in Drbrn Heights Spectacular ravine setting w/golf course on other side Lrg rear wndw really brings view inside (25026226) \$189,900



TAYLOR 248-348-6430
COMFORTABLE AND INVITING Cozy 3 BR 1.5 bath Colonial w/a newer open kit Natural flpic in fam rm Some new windows & doorwall Beautifully fin d bsmt 349 6200 (24134371) \$187 500



WESTLAND 248-348-6430
GORGEOUS! LARGEST RNCH IN SUB! Newer roof wndws furnace A/C H2O heater berber carpet brick paver patio Huge 3.5 car gar w/storage attic Nicely landscaped yard 349-6200 (25014999) \$184 750



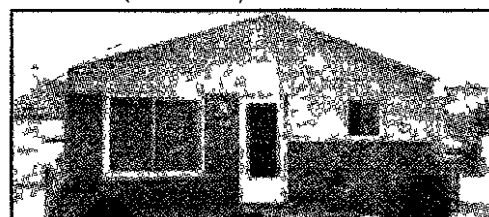
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Awesome brck ranch with one of a kind vaulted ceilings updated kitchen and refinished hwd floors Finished basement with home office or bedroom full bath & bar (25044911) \$171 900



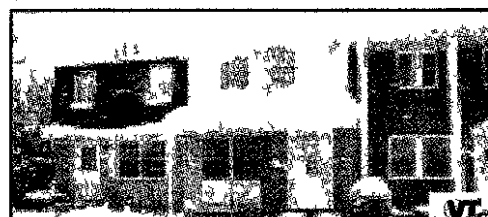
BERKLEY 734-455-7000
CHARMING 2 FAMILY - MINT CONDITION Heart of Berkley 2 story home in excellent neighborhood! Both units have one bedroom kit LR & bath Separate meters in basement Turn-key! (23S2607) \$168 000



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Cute clean & fresh! Ranch with fenced yard newer oversized 2 car garage with great staired attic storage & new stamped patio Hwd flrs & newer carpet throughout (25043932) \$147 500



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
TOTALLY UPDATED RANCH 2 BR (possible 3rd in bsmt) 2 bath Updates include roof furn C/A vinyl siding wndws doorwall & berber crpt Wood burning stove for those cool evenings 349-6200 (25042783) \$146 800



NOVI 248-348-6430
CONVENIENT CONDO LIVING Popular Olde Orchard townhouse w/great location! 2 lg BRs 1 1/2 bath Updated kit bath lav carpet paint & more Assoc incl gas and water 349-6200 (24157833) \$139 900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
3 BEDROOM RANCH Brick and vinyl home with newer windows including bay Newer furnace and central air Partially finished bsmt fenced yard garage Move in quickly (W114) \$129 900



REDFORD 734-326-2000
GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD 3 BR all brick ranch New vinyl windows HWH High efficiency furnace partly finished basement w/glass block windows Hardwood floors Hurry! (S204) \$125 000



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WESTLAND 734-326-2000
3 BEDROOM BUNGALOW Home features 3 Large bedrooms newer siding roof front door & deck Some hardwood floors Shows well Nice 2+ garage & fenced lot Ready to move into (M357) \$114 900



REDFORD 248-348-6430
UPDATED STARTER Low or no down pymnt financing available! Awesome condition home updates inclc paint i/s & o/s carpet, updtcd bath fenced yard & garage Decorated to perfection! 349-6200 (24133906) \$88 200

ALLEN PARK 248-348-6430
COLONIAL! Lovely hm totally renovated & expanded in 92! Over 2900 sq ft! Two liv rm area & family rm! Multiple BR stes-perfect for extended family! 349-6200 (25000042) \$239 000

DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
This home is a sparkling gem 3 BR 1.5 BA w/walk-out bsmt new furn C/A newer crpt fir drwry wndws eat-in kit & DR (24115068) \$154 900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Super cute & updated ranch w/1/2 acre lot Liv schools 3 BR/2 Full BA 1240 sq ft New kit Updts incl roof wndws elec BA great deck! All apls incl w/ndng mower too (25023974) \$174 900

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WELL KEPT CONDO FOR LEASE! Beautiful end unit close to highways 1 yr lease available-Owner will pay assoc dues Security deposit- \$1650 00 required (23C27799) 25031574 \$825

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DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-455-7000
Cute/cozy ranch on private ct near schools Priced to sell Good sized rms Great location (23E25585) 25000547 \$140 000

NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
Well-maintained 4 BR home Lg mstr w/WIC Updated FR w/doorwall brick paver patio Prof fin bsmt 349-6200 (25034398) \$339 850

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City conveniences w/a small town feel Comfortable 3 BR 2 BA brck ranch w/nat l frpic fin d bsmt and many recent updates Deep prvt yard Warranty 349 6200 (25024929) \$216 500

BRIGHTON 248-348-6430
ELEGANT DETACHED CONDO IN OAK POINTE! This 3 BR 2.5 BA home has lrg wndws to enjoy the lovely views Mstr ste w/2 walk ins dressing area glamour BA Fab kit w/granite cntrs Two Frpics 349-6200 (25011313) \$425 000

FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430
2 BRs 2 BAs Tiled entry Open fir plan MBR w/WIC Eat in kit Spacious LR w/gas flpic Formal DR 1st fir Indry Full bsmt Brick paver patio 349-6200 (24089471) \$199 500

NOVI 248-348-6430
Magnificent home elegant LR DR gorgeous kit & brkfst area w/great views of the woods library spacious FR 4 lg BRs charming mstr suite 349-6200 (25025016) \$600 000

SOUTHFIELD 734-326-2000
FABULOUS RAISED RANCH CONDO Offers Lg Master suite w/walk-in closet Ceramic counter tops Many updates throughout (R202) 25016523 \$184 900

CANTON 734-455-7000
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Great 2 story w/open floor plan fam rm w/frpic 3 BRs fin d bsmt spacious kit lg deck nice yard & landscaping 349-6200 (24143086) \$210 000

NOVI 248-349-6200
2000 sq ft w/updated kit roof siding wndws & more! Mstr BA hwd flrs frpic deck & fenced yard All this on 3/4 acres! 348 6430 (25011359) \$247 500

SOUTHFIELD 734-455-7000
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CANTON 734-455-7000
3 Full BAs 3 kits 5 BRs 2 additional BRs in bsmt Hwd floors in LR & DR Appl stay Tenants can remain or vacate Call for more info (23S4017) 24139309 \$249 900

INKSTER 734-326-2000
BEAUTIFUL 3 BR brck bungalow Remod kit and BA Lovely fin d bsmt 2 1/2 car gar Newer furn HWH and carpet (S109) 250411006 \$119 900

NOVI 734-591-9200
Great location 2 BR beautiful cherry cabs appls stay Bright LR & din area w/pergo flrs Updated 1.5 BAs Fin d rm in bsmt Brick paver patio Dir access to gar (25031766) \$158 900

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
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CANTON 734-455-7000
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LIVONIA 734-591-9200
4 BR 2 BA 2133 sq ft Open fir plan w/vaulted cigs in LR DR & kit New rf (04) wndw & DR Fla rm fenced yrd (24142312) \$269 000

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
Split level w/upgrades galore! Hwd flrs lg fenced yrd Plymouth Canton schools under \$200 000 (23B105) 25013533 \$199 900

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
RANCH 3 BR/2 BA offers large eat-in kit 2 gar fin d bsmt all appls are included (pool table negotiable) deck extra deep lot (P330) 25012645 \$136 900

COMMERCE 248-348-6430
ELEGANT LIVING W/COMMERCE LK PRIVS Beautiful kit & brkfst area GR highlighted by fieldstone flpic formal DR peaceful lib 3 lg BRs perfect mstr prvt deck & wooded yard Outstanding home! 349-6200 (25014255) \$418 000

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
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REDFORD 734-591-9200
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Spotless ranch w/Crestwood schools 3 BR/1.5 BA with fully finished bsmt 2 car garage & Florida room Way too many updates to list Hot tub inclc Appl's negotiable (25037992) \$184 900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Lrg private backyard! Outstanding ranch Fin bsmt w/office/possible 4th BR Fla Rm tear off roof 03 updated elec & appls (25022258) \$189 900

REDFORD 248-348-6430
UPDATES! UPDATES! Newer kit BA c/a furn rf wndws HWH copper plmbng & fresh paint Computer rm/den on 1st floor The perfect turn-key starter home! 349 6200 (25027415) \$104 900

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BY DALE BUSS

It was bound to happen. There are now so many different entries in the sport-utility and crossover vehicle segments that distinctions have begun to dissipate. The field has become so crowded that, arguably, it is overcrowded, and a new product has to be practically outlandish to make an impact anymore.

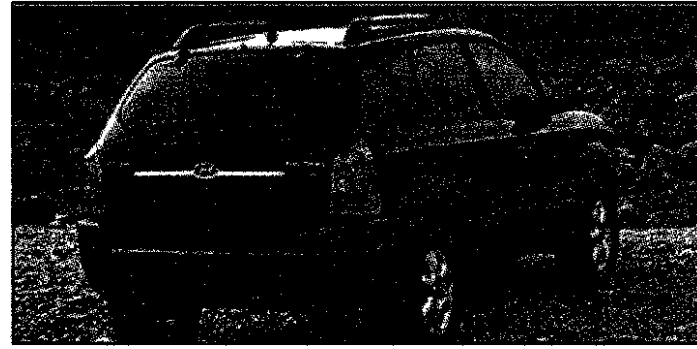
On the other hand, no company that wants to be more than a perpetually puny player in the North American car market can field a lineup without one or two of these vehicles. And that's why both Subaru and Hyundai - the very definition of minor participants in the U.S. industry - are gamely going about trying to broaden their base with such vehicles.

They're certainly taking good stabs at it, Subaru, for example, with its Legacy Wagon and Hyundai with its Tucson SUV. Both vehicles are serviceable enough and have their substantial strong points, which I'll get into below. But neither is helping its brand name to build significant differentiation from the rest of the morass of makes and models that represent an unprecedented cornucopia of choices for American car buyers.

Known for a long time as the wagon that gave birth to Subaru's Outback, Legacy is the oldest model in the Subaru lineup, dating back to 1990. It was undistinguished from 2000 through 2004, but with the 2005 model of both the wagon and the sedan, Subaru significantly juiced its Legacy lineup. The all-new and vastly improved vehicles now feature a 250-horsepower turbocharged engine, a nicely designed new interior and multiple new safety features, including more airbags.

Even the premium, GT Limited version that I drove didn't have a six-cylinder engine, but the turbocharged, 2.5-liter powerplant didn't leave me missing another couple extra cylinders. The turbo was very responsive, delivering as much power as many V6s to ensure smoothness and providing impressive quiet at cruising speeds.

Subaru's Legacy Wagon is all-new and vastly improved. Fuel economy is 19 mpg in the city and 25 mpg on the highway. →



The brand new Hyundai Tucson SUV is priced attractively. Fuel economy is 19 mpg city and 24 mpg highway. ←

Fuel economy, at 19 mpg in the city and 25 on the highway, is middling but not bad for an all-wheel-drive vehicle. Also helping the Legacy Wagon in that regard is the fact that each member of the Legacy lineup lost about 100 pounds in the redesign, thanks to the increased use of lighter, stronger materials like aluminum.

Inside, the cockpit offers one of the nicest designs in its price range (about \$31,000 for the GT Limited Wagon), incorporating nice amenities such as heated mirrors, a six-CD in-dash player, leather-wrapped steering wheel and leather-trimmed upholstery, eight-way power in the driver's seat and more. And there was plenty of cargo area with the seats down to make the fact that this is a wagon relevant enough.

The task that Hyundai set out for its brand-new Tucson SUV was a little different than Subaru's with the Legacy. Hyundai was trying to tap into consumers growing appetite for smaller SUVs that offer the vehicle type's innate advantages, including ride height, without having to invest in gas-hogging, super-expensive behemoths. In the short tradition of Toyota's RAV4, Honda's CR-V and Ford's Escape came the Hyundai Tucson.

As one would expect from a Hyundai, Tucson is priced attractively and, of course, carries the make-

famous best-in-the-business warranty. It offers decent power with its 2.7-liter, dual overhead-cam, 24-valve, V6 engine as well as the flexibility of an automatic drivetrain that features a manual option. And all with four-wheel-drive. At 19 mpg in the city and 24 on the highway, fuel economy is unremarkable but well within the average of the segment.

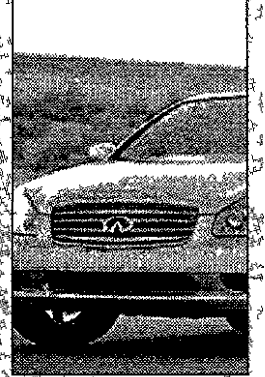
Tucson is nicely designed, avoiding both the utilitarian flatness of Escape, for instance, as well as the excesses of some of the other entries in the category. Inside, while it's no luxury vehicle, Tucson does feature some niche touches, including large radio and climate controls that are mounted reasonably high for easy reach and big storage pockets in each of the four doors for a large cup plus room for several other items.

Also typical of Hyundai, Tucson lists an impressive number of safety features as standard equipment, including electronic stability control, anti-lock brakes and traction control. Include six airbags as well that make Tucson the lowest-cost vehicle with that level of safety features.

Perhaps most impressive about Tucson is that, true to Hyundai's position in the industry and its brand profile, it can be had for a list price of about \$21,500.

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Music

Awards celebrate Detroit's diverse music scene

BY ALICIA DORSET
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The first thing you notice about the Detroit Music Awards is the crowd. National celebrities, designer dresses and security entourages are all missing. Instead, loyal fans, homemade outfits and jester hats filled the State Theatre.

However, this wasn't your typical awards ceremony and this isn't your typical music scene.

The Motor City Music Foundation hosted the 2005 annual Detroit Music Awards Wednesday, April 20, and presented awards to both local favorites and well-known stars all from the Detroit area, as well as achievement and tribute awards to musicians who've excelled in their fields.

While the State Theatre was relatively full of fans, most notably missing were the musicians who were nominated for the actual awards.

Kid Rock and Alexander Zonjic were the only "big" Detroiters to make it out to the ceremony. Rock was nominated for best national single, but lost to Anita

Baker's *You're My Everything*. Baker was absent from the ceremony.

Zonjic took home statues for outstanding small/independent label recording and outstanding jazz instrumentalist.

Other Detroit artists nominated for awards, and missing from the ceremony, included the White Stripes, Eminem, the Von Bondies and Uncle Kracker. In addition to the national artists, many local artists weren't present to receive their awards as well.

The Motor City Music Foundation presented several distinguished achievement awards, most notably to jazz favorite Johnny Trudell and musician/producer Don Was.

"Thank you Detroit, one of the greatest cities in the world for music," Trudell said. After accepting his award, Trudell joined electronic group Scan 7 with his trumpet.

Was not only received an achievement award at the DMAs, but also served as the keynote speaker for the inaugural Motor City Music Conference.

"It's really a great place and I'm so

proud to be from here," Was said. "This award means more to me than I'm going to admit in front of a bunch of musicians." Following Trudell's performance, he joined David McMurray on stage to continue the mixed genre theme of the night.

In between awards, fans were entertained with a variety of local performers, from rap to electronic to simple rock 'n' roll.

Paul Gallagher and Seth Rovinette of Auburn Hills came to the awards ceremony to support friends in local band Blind Shame and were impressed with the evening's events.

"This is my first time coming down to one of these," Rovinette said. "I liked it."

While Gallagher was disappointed his friends walked away without an award, he enjoyed the night of Detroit music.

"I thought it was cool. There was a lot of energy," Gallagher said.

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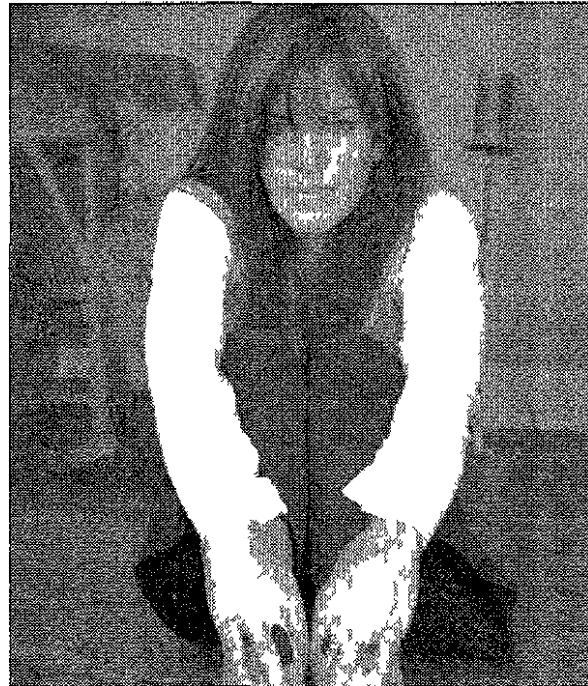
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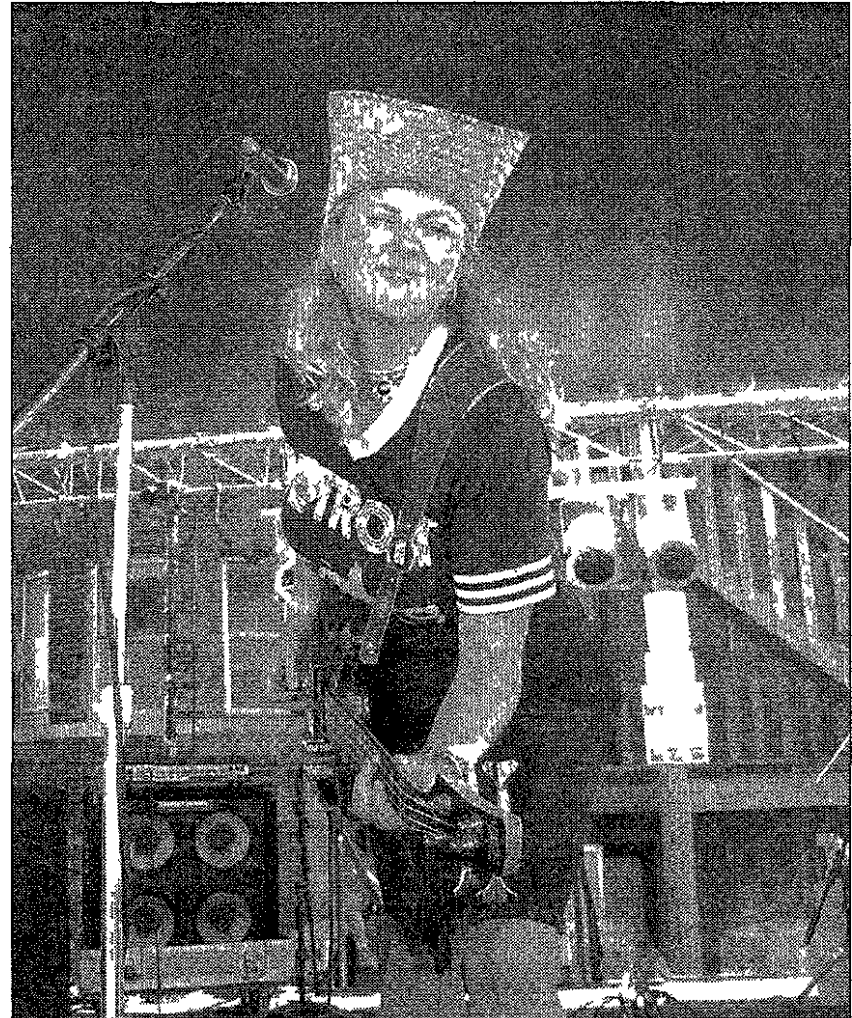
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Hot Ticket

Mother's Day



Singer/songwriter/guitarist Jill Jack also performs at Mamapalooza



The Mydols will host Mamapalooza. Pictured here is Paige Gilbert, bass player

Mom bands get together to jam, and other moms are invited

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Moms rock

They can rock cradles, gently raising babies. Later at night they can rock on stage with guitars, drums and fellow moms

Moms will rock on Sunday, May 1, at Mamapalooza at Memphis Smoke in Royal Oak. The show features hard rockin' bands comprised of moms. During the month of May, Mamapaloozas will be held throughout the United States.

"There's a lot of 'mom bands out there,'" said Paula Messner, guitar player and founder of The Candy Band — a hard-driving punk group that combines children's lyrics with aggressive beats. Kids love

them, parents do, too.

The Mydols, The Candy Band and Jill Jack will play the show. Proceeds will benefit the YWCA's Interim House, a safe place for women and their children who are survivors of domestic violence.

"Mom bands are connected nationwide because of an article we read in the *Wall Street Journal*," Messner said. "A lot of us will go to New York later this month to play at Mamapalooza there."

Messner, formerly of the band The Vertical Pillows, has always loved music. She had the idea to sing nursery rhymes with hard rhythms after growing tired of typical children's songs. When she told the idea to other moms, they loved it. Not all the band mates were musically experi-

MAMAPALOOZA

What: Moms who rock. An evening of soccer-mom bands including The Mydols, The Candy Band and Jill Jack.
Where: Memphis Smoke, 100 S Main Street, Royal Oak (248) 543-4300

When: 8:30 p.m. Sunday, May 1

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about our children," Messner said. "Of course our families are the most important part of our lives, but life doesn't stop there."

Each of the members of The Mydols, four busy soccer moms, had limited musical experience until they decided they wanted to play together. But they are all serious music fans.

The sound is punk music ala The Cramps. The lyrics range from issues about suburban motherhood, swearing, and trying to juggle motherhood/wifeness while staying sexy and rocking out.

All three bands perform often throughout metro Detroit.

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Art

Wild art

Two shows unveil
 the work of
 Cranbrook students

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
 STAFF WRITER

If you know anything about Cranbrook Academy of Art you know the prestigious school's graduate students are as cutting edge as it gets. All the more reason to check out what these highly talented, emerging artists have been up to all year long. Currently, two shows featuring work by Cranbrook art students are running. The 2005 Graduate Degree Exhibition of Cranbrook Academy of Art runs through May 13. The annual show presents the thesis work of the school's graduate degree candidates - 72 students this year - at Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills. There's also an auction of student work slated Saturday May 7.

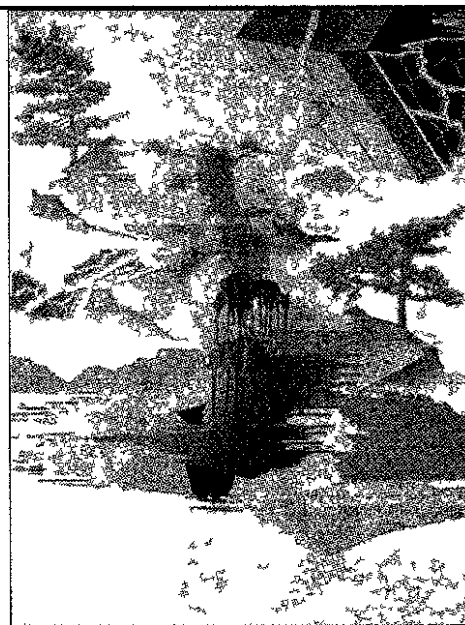


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A painting by Jacob Feige is among the pieces on display at Cranbrook Art Museum. All graduate degree candidates of the prestigious art school present their thesis work in the annual exhibition.

Meanwhile, Holy Sit, an exhibition of original seating, continues through May 5 at the Contemporary Art Institute of Detroit.

I don't know how much we would say they are holy objects, but there is a long history of furniture design at Cranbrook, joked the exhibit's curator Robert Brooks, a 2005 graduating senior of Cranbrook's school of

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Cranbrook art student Matt Miller use recycled metal to make a bench that fits atop a street manhole and then briefly captures its steam to heat the bench as a way to address the plight of the city's homeless population

architecture

Holy Sit, in its fourth year, is a student-run exhibition that focuses attention on Cranbrook Art Academy's prestigious connections with furniture design while bringing patrons to Detroit to see students' seating creations. Architect and designer Charles Eames, a design instructor at Cranbrook in 1939, is among the school's famous furniture

connections

Unlike many of the celebrated chair designs hatched by past Cranbrook designers, each of more than 30 pieces featured in Holy Sit are one-of-a-kind and not intended for mass production. Brooks described the works as largely a reflection of each artist's conception of

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MAKING NEW ART

DETROIT OPERA HOUSE COMMISSIONS, DEBUTS NEW AMERICAN OPERA

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

It all began one day when world renowned mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves walked into David DiChiera's office in the Detroit Opera House and pitched him an idea

It was a new opera that Grammy Award-winning composer Richard Danielpour and Pulitzer



DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

Prize-winning author Toni Morrison wanted to create the piece, Morrison would provide the libretto, and Graves would perform the title role. The story was based on the life of Margaret Garner, a fugitive slave who upon facing recapture decided to sacrifice

the lives of her children rather than turn them over to the bonds of slavery

"They had not found an opera company that would risk this piece," said DiChiera, founder and general director of the Detroit Opera House. "I found the project very exciting. It fit into what I had always wanted to do. I wanted to commission an opera on the African-American experience."

Five years later, the opera, titled *Margaret Garner*, is finished and in rehearsal, awaiting its international debut, May 7 at the Detroit Opera House

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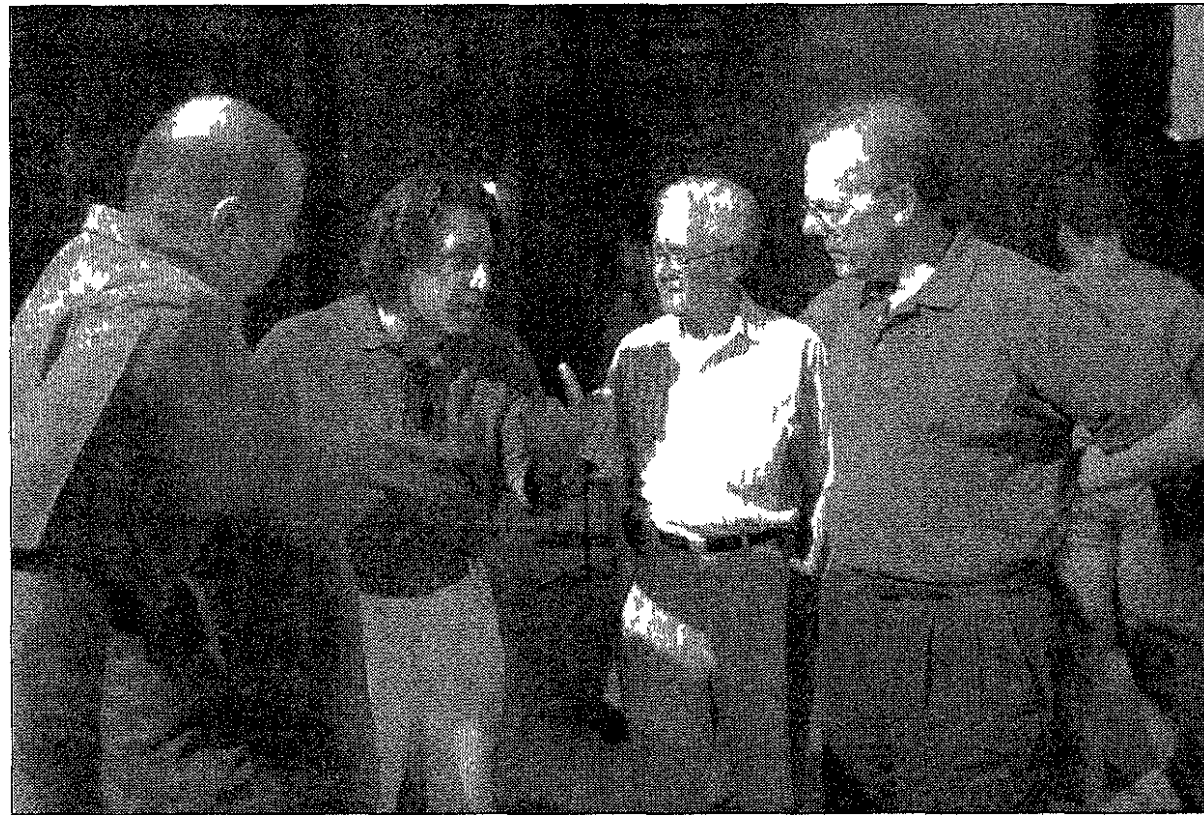


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COURTESY OF DETROIT OPERA HOUSE

Working out the details of the new American opera are Nicholas Muni of the Cincinnati Opera Association (left to right), composer Richard Danielpour, Detroit Opera House general director David DiChiera and Robert B. Driver of the Opera Company of Philadelphia

The Cincinnati Opera and Opera Company of Philadelphia co-commissioned the work, a two-act opera with a project budget of \$5 million, with Michigan Opera Theatre providing \$2 million in funding

"I think an opera company of any consequence has a responsibility to further the art form because otherwise opera is endangered," said DiChiera. "Operas have become such an expensive and challenging undertaking, so it's no longer an ordinary art form that naturally renews itself"

The Detroit opening also marks the first international debut of a new opera at the Detroit Opera House. DiChiera also views the project as a way to build bridges with Detroit's African-American community and give African-American artists unique performance opportunities

"I never had any doubt in my mind that the first world premiere that we would have at the Detroit

Opera House would be one that reflects the African-American experience. I have made it a primary mission that the stage of the opera house should reflect African-American artists probably more than any other opera company in the country. And there are not a lot of operas that allow special opportunities for African-American artists to do roles that are unique to them."

The opera is set in pre-Civil War Ohio when and where Garner was subject to the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 and liable for murder. Her trial was one of the longest fugitive slave cases of the era and raised crucial Constitutional issues

While slavery and infanticide are troubling, ugly subjects, all involved in the project passionately believe the power of opera transforms the story into one about the human spirit

"Music for me is pre- and post-verbal. It expresses what's too concise and too vague for words,"

said Danielpour, whose work for *Margaret Garner* marks his debut as an operatic composer. "It expresses what is in the human being that is gut level and primal and, what words fail to capture"

Morrison, who's known for her rich, poetic, moving prose, is also making her operatic debut in creating the libretto

Another reason to translate Garner's story into an opera is the important role that music played in the lives of African-American slaves

While Garner's story is well known, the opera doesn't recreate it precisely, as with Morrison's award-winning novel *Beloved*, also loosely based on the fugitive slave's experiences

"This story is not a walking history book, it is not faithful to every single historical detail of Margaret Garner's story. What Toni did was superimpose other slave narratives

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She's created a kind of layering that has somehow submerged into one another" Danielpour said

It's true that most operas revolve around love triangles, obsessive passion and forbidden unions, but then again most of the canon was created in the 19th century. Perhaps *Margaret Garner* represents not only a new American opera but also a new direction for the art form.

"I think we have a story that in its extreme is commensurate with the extremity of the art form," remarked Danielpour. "This is the kind of story that I am convinced would work best on stage and maybe best as an opera."

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Kathmandu Chullo

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BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Royal Oak's Mecca of diverse ethnic dining hit a Himalayan high in March when Kathmandu Chullo opened.

Owners, Nepal native Chef Pradip (Rocky) Poudel and his Iraqi wife, Nidhal, met in the U.S. in 2000. Together in summer 2001, they opened Everest Express at 23331 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington, as Michigan's first Nepali restaurant.

Over the years, the Poudels, who are West-Bloomfield residents, noticed that many Everest Express diners came from Royal Oak and Ferndale.

"Residents of these cities are adventurous eaters and like to eat out," Chef Rocky said. "When we had the opportunity to move into a Royal Oak location for our second restaurant (seating 65), we didn't hesitate."

KATHMANDU EMPHASIS

Once through the entrance to Kathmandu Chullo (chullo means wood fire grilling in Nepali) and before stepping onto the Oriental rugs strewn on the floor, diners are asked to remove their shoes and store them in a wooden chest.

At the entrance and on the walls, there are unmatched tapestries, silk flowers, wreaths, Nepali artifacts and portraits of Hindu gods to distract you. Somehow, mismatching works at Kathmandu and the Poudels say the decor is representative of a Kathmandu eatery.

However, before you ask for a table, notice

that it is a foot high. Your seating will be on colorful plump cushions placed on the floor. Back support is the nearest part of the wall. Agility is the first criterion to dine comfortably at Kathmandu.

Lentils and rice with tarakari ingredients (Chef Rocky uses only fresh ginger, garlic, cilantro, ground cumin and green onions) serve as the main diet staples of Nepali people. Chicken, goat, lamb and shrimp are used in main courses and grilling over an open wood fire is the specialty.

"I'm attempting to make Nepali food attractive to Americans," Chef Rocky said. "So I don't cook goat. I substituted hickory flavor cooking in a clay oven for grilling over an open wood fire."

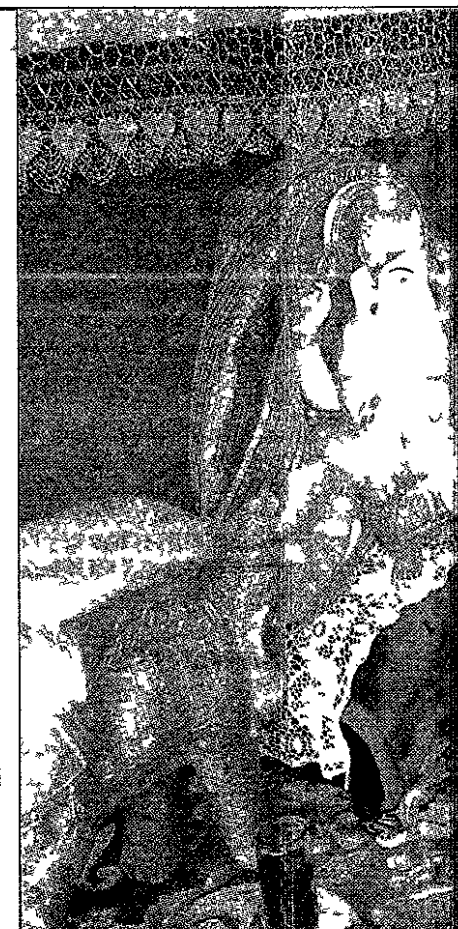
Nepali food, especially ethnic Newari, is rich in varieties of appetizers which are comparatively lower in fat than Western appetizers that rely heavily

on butter and cheese. In fact, masha naanee (No. 25), a chicken main dish, is the only menu offering that uses cream. "It's my signature dish," Chef Rocky said.

UNDERSTANDING THE MENU

Several words repeat on a Nepali menu: tarakari (indicating the ingredients cited above and which appear on Chef Rocky's menu as "fresh herbs"), momo (dumplings with various fillings), chow chow (noodle dish) and chulli (dish made with green bell peppers as an ingredient).

Additionally, Kathmandu Chullo's menu is user friendly with English explanations and a number system for each selection. It's the



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(Rocky) Poudel in the temple at the Kathmandu Chullo in Royal Oak



Howes and her mother Lynne Howes relax inside the restaurant

menu as Everest Express, where it is at a traditional table with chairs of the most popular appetizers are from the Newari culture and bara, until deep-fried pancakes main courses are cooked in the clay and range in price from \$17-23 Call Himalayan highs in lamb chops, 1 and jumbo shrimp Kathmandu's Nepali food is healthy Every made fresh and nothing is canned or Chef Rocky's passion for "fresh" s to the labor intensive grinding of umin on premise

Currently, soft drinks, coffee, teas and juices round out the beverage choices, but the Poudels have plans for a fresh juice bar Nepal, located between China and India, is an exotic and fascinating showcase of rich culture, art, tradition and cuisine Kathmandu Chullo is a unique spot to enjoy Nepali foods

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BY ALICIA DORSET
 STAFF WRITER

Musicians, members of the media and music lovers spent three days at Cobo Hall learning the ins and outs of the music industry at the well-received inaugural Motor City Music Conference April 20-24

From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, attendees had a list of various panelists to hear speak, ranging from local venue managers to national record label executives. Topics ranged from how best to sell your band's merchandise to the history of women in music and even how to start your own independent record label.

For those interested in the history, *Don't Forget Detroit Music Before Motown* offered a look back at the city's history with jazz and rhythm and blues before the growth of Motown.

Authors Jim Gallert and Lars Bjorn presented pictures of forgotten venues,

such as the Graystone Ballroom and the Paradise Theatre.

"You can't just compartmentalize Detroit music," Gallert said of the city's musical past.

Looking toward the future, local independent record owners spoke to a standing-room-only crowd on the perks and hardships of running your own label.

"If you're thinking about starting a label, don't do it for money," Jeremy Peters of Ghostly International, based out of Ann Arbor, said. "Do it because you love the music."

Peters wasn't the only local label owner on hand for the discussion. Dave Allison, of Times Beach Records, also gave insight to working in the business. Allison's label recently won outstanding local record label at the Detroit Music Awards.

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wife based on a book by Robert Nye 8
p m Friday May 6 2 p m and 8 p m
Saturday May 7 and 2 p m Sunday May
8 at the theater 50400 Cherry Hill Road
Canton Tickets \$15 Call (734)394 5460

YOUTH

Marquise Theatre

Peter Cottontail a musical version of
the Beatrix Potter classic 2 p m
Saturday April 30 2 30 p m Sunday May
1 at the Marquis Theatre 135 E Main
Northville Tickets \$7 50 For school
reservations birthday parties and group
rates call (248) 349 8110

COMMUNITY/COLLEGE THEATER

Henry Ford Community College

Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* through
May 1 in the Adray Auditorium of
MacKenzie Fine Arts Center on HFCC's
main campus 5101 Evergreen Dearborn
8 p m Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p m
Sundays Tickets \$8 adults and \$5 for
high school students For ticket reserva
tions call HFCC's Fine Arts and Fitness
Division (313) 845 6475

Farmington Players Barn Theater

State Fair Rodgers and Hammerstein
musical about a family at the Iowa State
Fair 8 p m April 29 30 May 6 7 12 14 and

19 21 and 2 p m May 1 8 and 15 at the
theater 32332 W 12 Mile Road
Farmington Hills Tickets \$15 \$12 on
Thursday and for Seniors (on May 1 only)
\$10 for Mom on Mother's Day May 8 Call
(248)553 2955

Village Players of Birmingham

Nine Tony Award winning musical version
of Fellini's film *8 1/2* 8 p m May 6 7 13 14
20 21 and 2 p m May 15 and 22 at the play
house 34660 Woodward Birmingham
Tickets \$15 Call (248)644 2075

SRO Productions

Norm Foster comedy *Office Hours* at the
Historic Burgh Church 26060 Berg Road
Southfield 8 p m Fridays and Saturdays
2 p m Sundays May 6 22 Admission \$10
Call (248)796 4645

Flint City Theatre

Shakespeare's *Richard III* at the Good
Beans Cafe 328 N Grand Traverse Flint
8 p m May 12 14 19 21 and 26 28 Tickets
\$5 Call (810)237 4663

CLASSICAL

Detroit Symphony

Thomas Wilkins conducts music by
Mozart and Korngold 8 p m Thursday
and Friday 8 30 p m Saturday April 28
30 at Orchestra Hall 3711 Woodward
Ave Detroit Tickets \$34 \$14 Online at
www.detroitssymphony.com



The Association

The Association performs many of the band's hits from the 1960s at 8 p m Friday,
April 29, at the Dearborn Ford Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave.,
Dearborn Tickets \$23 \$29 Call (313) 943-2354

University Musical Society

Jerusalem Quartet performs music by
Beethoven Shostakovich and Dvorak 8
p m Thursday April 28 at Rackham
Auditorium 915 E Washington Ann
Arbor on the campus of the University of
Michigan Tickets \$18 \$36 Call (734)764
2538

Madrigal Chorale of Southfield

Humor in Music under the direction of
Robert Martin 3 p m Sunday May 1 at
St Hugo of the Hills Stone Church 2215
Opdyke Bloomfield Hills Tickets \$15 in
advance \$18 at the door Call (248)866
9626

Plymouth Oratorio Society

The Michigan Sinfonietta Orchesta will
join the Plymouth Oratorio Society to
perform Bach's Cantata No. 4 and
Rutter's Requiem 4 p m Sunday May 1
at First United Methodist Church North
Territorial just west of Sheldon Free

Farmington Community Chorus

25th Anniversary Concert Ninety voice
choir performs *The Best is Yet to Come*
8 p m Friday Saturday May 13 14 at the
Sehlgman Performing Arts Center Detroit
Country Day School 22305 W 13 Mile
Road Beverly Hills Tickets \$10 At the

door or call (810)632 4067

Oakland Community College

Pianist Jose Garcia Leon performs works
by Mozart Brahms Rachmaninov
Debussy and Chopin 7 30 p m Saturday
April 30 at the Smith Theatre on the
Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland
Community College 27055 Orchard Lake
Road Farmington Hills Free

JAZZ

Jazz at the DSO

The Professors of Jazz at MSU with
members of the Lincoln Center Jazz
Orchestra 8 30 p m and 10 30 p m
Thursday April 28 at the Jazz Club at
the Max Woodward Avenue Detroit
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FOLK, POP & ROCK

The Palace

Velvet Revolver with Hoobastank 7 30
p m Saturday April 30 at the Palace of
Auburn Hills Tickets \$39 50
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STUDENTS

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hat a chair is, how it functions in
ociety and/or what it might represent

While one artist shows how a chair
made from a tree stump "is the best
place to be," another used fiberglass to
reate a bench that looks like a slice of
e moon

One artist fashioned a La-Z-Boy
yle chair out of sandbags

When the sitter flips over on to
nees or stomach, the chair simulates
war bunker

The piece, titled *The Bunker*, is the
rtist's way of pointing out that some
mericans are watching the war in
raq on television while others are
ositioned on sandbags fighting it

Matt Miller used recycled metal to
make a bench that fits atop a street
manhole and then briefly captures its
steam to heat the bench as a way to
address the plight of the city's home-
less population

The show also explores the chair as
aesthetic object, performance art,
architecture and representative of new
ergonomics

There's even a day bed built for five
or six people with pillows and storage
for blankets that are pulled out of a
hole

"When you need a blanket, you
pull one out like you would a Kleenex
box," Brooks said, adding "It's an
honor to be working with such cre-
ative people."

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STUDENT SHOWDOWN

What: 2005 Graduate Degree Exhibition of
Cranbrook Academy of Art and Student Art Auction

When: Auction, 4 p m Saturday, May 7, exhibit runs
through May 13, regular museum hours are 11 a m to
5 p m Wednesday-Sunday, and 11 a m to 9 p m,
fourth Friday of each month

Where: Cranbrook Art Museum 39221 Woodward,
Bloomfield Hills

Admission: Auction night is free, otherwise regular
museum admission required, members free gener-
al \$6 seniors, teens, and full-time students \$4
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www.cranbrookart.edu

TAKE A LOAD OFF

What: 'Holy Sit!' an exhibition
of one-of-a-kind functional
seating by 32 Cranbrook
Academy of Art student artists
designers, and architects

When: Through May 5 regular
gallery hours are noon to 6
p m Thursday-Saturday

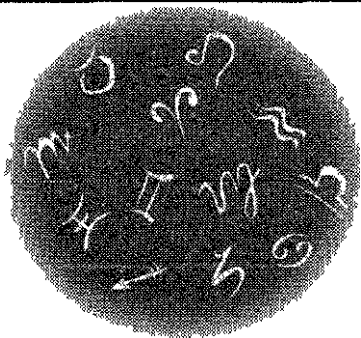
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Parks Boulevard Detroit

Admission: Donation for more
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or visit www.caionline.org



Star struck

(April 28-30)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)



Make talk is cheap your motto this week Ram especially since those in positions of authority want to see hard evidence that you can deliver what you've promised Something you started earlier this year now requires the assistance of influential people so don't antagonize them

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)



With loads of planets now in your sign Bull you have seldom been better placed to make your mark on a person project or organization In fact there is little you will not achieve in the next few weeks provided you set your heart and mind to it! Go do it N O W!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)



What I'm about to say may be difficult for a dash about sign like you Twin But you are entering what should be one of the most productive intense periods of the year A meeting of minds - and maybe something more is a strong possibility But don't rush into anything that needs to simmer gently before coming to a boil

CANCER (June 22-July 23)



Love and hate are two sides of the same coin kiddo and it's sometimes easy to mistake one for the other when emotions are running high like now If someone tries to push you to extremes this week understand the subtext before you act or overreact MoonKid!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)



What the hey Lion! With the Sun your ruler now in industrious Taurus you're in a position to share your load (finally) A lack of time or money has been limiting your progress since spring sprung right? When it comes to finding a collaborator in the weeks ahead don't settle for second best You'll do fine

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)



Developments in the financial front may have taken you by surprise recently but other aspects indicate that you won't give up certain privileges Both the Sun and Venus in your element will inspire your fighting!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)



Loosen up Balancer! There is no point in nit-picking over the details of a future plan when you should be concentrating on the Big Picture kiddo Don't be surprised if someone else understands the intricacies better than you A fresh point of view is essential don't reject it

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)



Continue to make changes face difficult situations head on and streamline joint financial arrangements Scorp Business associates may be tiresome and tedious or out of your loop lately but you must use current challenging aspects to break free from any costly or unwanted ties and arrangements

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)



The higher your expectations of those important in your life the greater their feelings of obligation and the less prepared they will be to compromise or cooperate Archer A realistic view of the relationship or partnership will take you further than any amount of wishful thinking

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)



Although recent failure may have put a dent in your ego you still have much to look forward to so don't waste time wondering what might have been SeaGoat Current aspects signify that what you once feared the most can no longer hurt you so what are you waiting for?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)



It's easy to blame others for our failings and much harder to put the past behind us and accept responsibility for our attitudes and behavior WaterBearer You are now being given a chance to do the latter take it and alter your life Move forward and forgive

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)



Someone you respect is apparently setting up roadblocks Fish Don't worry - you have the upper hand and they are unlikely to succeed Why try to force the pace when a subtle approach will be much more effective? Prove that you have the commitment as well as the vision kid!

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An Evening With The Arts Youth Art Contest and Exhibit is designed to foster creativity and imagination among all youth, at all levels of artistic ability. This contest is open to all metro Detroit and surrounding area students in grades K-12. Both individual and group entries are accepted. Age groups for entries are by grade and include kindergarten through second grades, third through fifth, sixth through eighth, and ninth and twelfth. Group entry participants may be of various grades, but all must be enrolled in K-12.

A panel of Metro Detroit artists and art enthusiasts will adjudicate entries. A first-, second-, third- and fourth place winner will be selected from each age division as defined above. A first-, second-, third- and fourth place winner will be selected for the group contest. The decision of the judging panel is final. Artwork receiving a ranked place (first through fourth) will be displayed Friday, June 10 in the atrium of Ford's Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn during *An Evening With The Arts*. The main purpose of the exhibit is to provide a prominent, public showcase

for the artwork and talent of our Metro Detroit students.

Each student who participates will receive a Certificate of Participation. Those students with artwork awarded into *An Evening With The Arts* atrium exhibit will receive recognition at the awards banquet as well as a gift certificate to a local art store.

Artists will present their entry to the judging panel selected by the sponsor Dance Electric on Sunday, May 15 in Farmington Hills. A time slot will be given after the submission is received. The time schedule is based on the entry type. Please be sure to specify to ensure proper processing, noting whether it is a drawing, painting, sculpture or photography.

- Technical requirements are as follows:
- Artwork must have been created no more than 12 months prior to submission.
 - The artwork must be original, that is, not a copy or a tracing.
 - All flat entries must be no larger than 3 by 4 feet.
 - All non flat entries must be no larger than 3 by 4 by 3 feet.
 - Entries rendering vulgarity, gratuitous violence or material considering

offensive to any religious or ethnic groups, gender, physically or mentally challenged persons or other social groups will be disqualified.

- Entries must have a completed Entry Form.
- The entry fee is \$15 per entry.
- Entry fee(s) must be paid at time of submission. Checks should be made


payable to the sponsor Dance Electric.

- An artist may submit as many as four entries, but each submission must have a fully completed and signed entry form.
 - All entry forms must be received by May 1.
- For an Official Entry Form e-mail eveningwiththearts@twm1rr.com. If you have questions, call (248) 477-3830.

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Pure Picks

Album

It's that time again kids! Time for a new Ben Folds album! If you're like me, you've listened to 2001's *Rockin' the Suburbs* so much you can recite the lyrics faster than your Social Security number. Rest easy, *Songs for Silverman* hit the shelves on Tuesday and won't disappoint his loyal fans. Just like *Rockin'*, Ben's new album delivers intense piano playing and clever lyrics. *Landed* is the album's first single and creates a peaceful vision of a person realizing the true love of his life. Really, the only thing lacking on *Songs for Silverman* are enough catchy choruses to drive your neighbors crazy. As if the new album isn't enough, Ben's Web site, attackedbyplastic.com, offers a variety of different ways to purchase not only the new album but special edition bundles. Once you've digested those, you can try and find a ticket for his show at the Royal Oak Music Theatre on May 4. Good luck!

Alicia Dorset

Hot 5

Detroiters like to talk. Here are the top five things, in no particular order, we are gabbing about this week.

1 **MC2** is over. (See coverage on page 10.) Did you like it? Did you hate it? Cause it's coming back next year either way.

2 **The Rock Snob's Dictionary**. The long running *Vanity Fair* column has finally been published in one tome. Have no idea what I'm talking about? Check out snobsite.com for a full explanation and a selection of entries.

3 **Loretta Lucas**. Everyone sees big things for

this twangy stunner.

4 **Feist's *Let it Die***. Made with the help of a Broken Social Scene member, one of the beautiful albums of 2004 finally sees its US release. Check it out at www.listentofeist.com.

4 1/2 I got stung by a wasp last week. Five days later it still hurts. Everyone agrees **Wasp stings** are a total drag but can be somewhat relieved by a mixture of baking soda and water.

5 **The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy**. Let's hope it holds less computer wow factor and more funny/witty factor than the previews depict.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy, who strives to be your information burrito, overflowing with facts, layered in tasty observational detail. She will be fighting for more Pure Picks space cause this one-fourth of a page thing is just not cutting it. You can state your peace, piece, peas, gruff by e-mailing her at stardy@oehomecomm.net or snail mailing Pure Picks c/o Stephanie Tardy, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI, 48009. As always, information regarding local entertainment events is also something you should really send to her.

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"I do it because I love it," Allison said. "I'm not really into anything else."

Even artists who love rock 'n' roll had a customized lecture to attend. Poster artists Gary Grimshaw, Carl Lundgren and Mark Arminski discussed the importance of poster art in today's music scene.

"We all do this because we love the music," said Grimshaw, who designed

posters for the Grande Ballroom in the 1960s. "We're all decent artists, so we have the skill that we can apply to what we love, which is music."

With lectures done by 5 p.m. each day, the nightly entertainment was reserved for the conference's purpose — music. More than 400 different bands were on hand during the week to play shows, from national artists such as Moby and Snoop Dogg to local favorites The Hard Lessons and The Black Keys from Akron, Ohio, who played to a full house at Saint Andrews Hall last Thursday night.

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