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Carolyn Gorski watches as her friend Chris Calleja waves to his parents at the beginning of Salem High School's commencement Sunday at Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center. For more photos and a list of the graduates please see Page A7

Shooting suit apparently headed to trial

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A three-member Wayne County case evaluation panel is recommending a \$65 million lawsuit filed by the family of a Plymouth Township man shot and killed by a Plymouth Township police officer during a deadly force incident last summer be settled for \$1 million.

However, it appears the settlement will be rejected by attorneys representing the family of Robert VanBuren, and the case will go to trial as scheduled July 11 — nearly a year after the incident — in front of Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Susan Borman.

VanBuren was shot by Officer Scott Linton during a scuffle inside the Church of the Nazarene on Ann Arbor Road on July 23, 2004, after employees from the New Horizons for Children day care called police when VanBuren reportedly forced his way into the building shortly after children arrived.

Southfield attorney Geoffrey Fieger alleges in the lawsuit the township police department and its officers were grossly negligent in the death of VanBuren, 35, who was shot once in the chest and died after Linton and Officer Brian Browning tried unsuccessfully to subdue him with night sticks and several hits with a Taser gun.

The case evaluation panel, which attempts to settle all lawsuits before going to trial, is made up of a lawyer who performs mostly plaintiff work, one who does primarily defense work, and an attorney who does both.

PLEASE SEE SUIT, A8

District might seek yet another school bond

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school district voters could be asked to approve a bond issue as early as May or November 2006 as school officials look to add desperately needed space for a district which continues to grow faster than new facilities can be constructed.

The future bond issue could come less than two years after voters approved — by a 70-percent margin — a \$109 million bond issue in September 2004 to construct a \$15 million elementary school in southwest Canton, and \$94 million for improvements at most of the district's other school buildings.

In a Saturday workshop session, Superintendent Jim Ryan presented to the Board of Education his outlook of the future facilities needs of the district. Included was a discussion whether to build a 17th elemen-

tary school for an estimated \$15 million plus operating costs, or construct additions to the current schools to provide for separate music and art rooms, as well as cafeterias and gyms, which Ryan estimated at \$16.6 million.

Among other issues the Board of Education is expected to decide soon is whether to remodel Central Middle School at an estimated cost of \$19.9 million, or construct a new middle school on property the district owns in Canton Township for \$23 million.

Mary Jo Perkovich of Plymouth Township, a mother of a kindergarten and a newborn, says she's willing to approve more tax dollars to support the district.

I like that they've come up with options, said Perkovich. And, I like that they're looking into the possibility of moving Starkweather (Education Center) to Central. Central is a nice location, has athletic facilities Starkweather doesn't have, and

so many other facilities those children deserve.

One of the futuristic goals on Ryan's radar screen is the construction of a \$10 million early childhood/special education center at the corner of Joy and Beck roads. However, Michelle Dorigo of Plymouth Township believes that money should be spent to alleviate overcrowded schools.

I'm very concerned we would choose to sacrifice our own children's elementary education, and instead decide to spend tax dollars on a new preschool, just because it's a revenue generator for the district," said Dorigo. "Furthermore, I don't agree that we should house preschools inside our elementary schools while our own children are displaced in portable classrooms and have no music or art room."

Ryan said if the school board decides to move forward, it will take the district about a year to prepare for another millage

proposal. As for asking for more money so soon after the last bond issue, Ryan said he believes the community will support it.

"I don't think people would have passed the last one by 70 percent if they didn't think we didn't need it," Ryan said. "We didn't get greedy and ask for things we didn't need."

"This community values education and values when you protect their home values," he said. "If you make the right case, they'll get out and vote for it."

School board President Mark Slavens said another bond may be needed soon because the district's population continues to grow. "In an optimum world, you wouldn't want bonds so close together," Slavens said. "But, the reality is this is a fast growing district and we've got aging buildings and a lot of kids, with a limited amount of space. We have to look at expanding space for them."

Local artists take a seat in street bench program

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

There are pop art automobiles displayed on the streets of downtown Detroit.

There were artfully designed Cows on Parade several years ago that lined the sidewalks in Chicago.

Not to be outdone, on June 24 Plymouth will have street art of its own in the form of 31 custom painted benches that will line the

streets of the Plymouth community, as well as storefronts of local businesses.

"We've got some great artists with some very cool designs," said Sheila Paton of Plymouth Newcomers & Neighbors, which is co-sponsoring BenchART Plymouth with the Plymouth Community Arts Council. "We've got interior decorators,



BY LL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Jeremy Rheault paints a bench that will be displayed on the streets of downtown Plymouth.

PLEASE SEE BENCHES, A8

Bus trip takes funding issue to state level

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Public schools in Michigan have been faced with three years of no increases in state funding, as well as being forced to endure two executive order cuts. As a second-grade teacher at Tonda Elementary the past four years, Mary Halewicz is concerned about the lack of funding for Michigan schools in general, and for Plymouth-Canton Schools in particular, which will have to use nearly \$5 million in fund balance by June 30, and is looking at a \$7.7 million deficit in the 2005-06 school year.

"The district has been very frugal with its spending, and it gets to the point where there's nowhere else for them to cut money," Halewicz said. "The result is that class sizes can increase, it might be hard to make purchases of materials, and it all trickles down into the classroom."

"It's an issue since Proposal A was passed," she said. "It was meant to be a corrective measure, but we hear about all the districts that are hurting and face problems."

Halewicz will be among a number of Plymouth-Canton Schools representatives who will converge on the state Capitol next Tuesday, to join what is expected to be thousands of parents, teachers and administrators from around the state who are taking the issue of inadequate funding to the doorsteps of state legislators.

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Sunrise sale

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce Downtown Merchants present a three-hour 'Sunrise Sale,' from 7-10 a.m. Saturday, June 18. Savings will range from 20 to 50 percent off, and participating stores will be marked by balloons. For more information, call the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

Good grief golf

The New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts its Good Grief Golf Outing with a 10 a.m. shotgun start Sept. 17 at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth Township. The proceeds from this outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to children, teens, and adults throughout southeastern Michigan.

The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests and prizes, live auction with emcee Eric Wilson, Local 4's morning meteorologist, is \$125 per golfer (\$50 for dinner/auctions only).

For information about sponsorship opportunities or for registration information, contact Sandy Prebenda at (248) 348-0115 and visit our Web site at www.newhopecenter.net.

Estate planning

Strategic Legal Services of Troy plans a series of seminars on Estate Planning and Living Trusts that will give planners all they need to know about estate planning. SLS, an affiliate of Strategic Financial Services Company, plans a workshop at the Plymouth Community Arts Council at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 28. Admission to the workshop is free.

To RSVP or for more information, call Barb Armstrong, (248) 269-0060, Ext. 2015.

Crafters Wanted

The Plymouth Fall Festival Craft Show still has openings for crafters. The Craft Show runs during the Fall Festival on Saturday from 9 a.m. until dusk, and Sunday from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Cost for a 10x10-foot space on the lawn in front of Central Middle School on Main Street is \$150 for the weekend or \$75 for one day. Applications are available on the web site http://www.plymouthfallfestival.com/events/craft_show/craft_show2.htm or you may email Colleen at cbrown57@comcast.net or call (734) 455-1614.

Day camp

The Plymouth Salvation Army still has openings for its Summer Day Camp Program. Registrations are still being accepted for the outdoor camp only, located at Plymouth Township Park on Ann Arbor



TOM HAWLEY | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

High and dry

Plymouth High School AD Terry Sawchuk had to put in time getting the water off the baseball field trying to get it ready for the state high school regional playoffs Monday morning. Crews worked on both softball and baseball fields.

Activities include games, crafts, Christian education, visiting the Playscape and Sprayscape, weekly field trips, and much more.

The program consists of two four-week sessions, with session one starting June 20 and session two starting July 25.

Camp is held 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, pre-care and after care are also available. The cost is \$200 per session per child.

To register, please stop by the office at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Golf outing

Project Compassion Ministries, Inc., a not-for-profit organization enriching the quality of life for Nursing

Home Residents, holds its 18th-annual golf benefit Monday, Aug. 8, with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at Fox Hills, 8768 N. Territorial in Plymouth.

Registration fee for golf, cart & hot luncheon is \$125, with an early bird rate of \$115 for registrations received by July 8. Students may register for \$75 and luncheon only registration is \$30.

There will be a putting contest and a silent auction of theater passes, golf packages, etc. PCM is also seeking hole sponsors (\$200), donations of gifts, funds and additional auction items for this event.

For a brochure or for more information, call the Project Compassion Ministries' office at (313) 897-7470 or (800) 626-9622.

'Trophy husband' art

The Plymouth Community Arts Council (774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth, MI 734-416-4278) will feature a solo exhibition of paintings created by Royal Oak artist, Steven Miller. The show entitled "Trophy Husband", will be on display July 2-28 with an opening reception from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, July 9.

"Trophy Husband" is a visual journal of domestic living and artistic expression. Through painting, Miller documents his role as a stay-at-home husband. The show will consist of different depictions of ritualistic chores, tools of the trade and other revelations of being a trophy husband.

In a signature piece of the show, "Domestic Perils", Miller paints a photo-realistic mound of crisp, white laundry upon a dark, unobtrusive background. An actual red sock dangles in front of the canvas visually "touching" the painted laundry. Where the red sock collides with the laundry, the red bleeds into the pristine pile of white clothing.

For additional information, contact the Plymouth Community Arts Council (734) 416-4278.

Charity softball

Plymouth firefighters are going to bat with a team of former Detroit Lions football

players in a benefit softball game to be played Wednesday, July 27, at Don Massey Field to help raise funds for the University of Michigan Trauma and Burn Center. Special Olympics and youth sports programs also will share in the proceeds raised in the benefit game, said Rick Abraham, treasurer of the Plymouth Township Professional Firefighters Local 1496.

The game starts at 7 p.m., and is an opportunity for fans to see the former football stars display their softball skills and get their autographs on program books. Massey Field is located next to the 35th District Court building on Plymouth Road west of Haggerty.

Tickets can be obtained by calling (734) 453-7476.

Fishing derby

Plymouth Township hosts the 2005 Fishing Derby from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 25 at Plymouth Township Park.

The event will feature prizes, and snacks, and township police and fire department vehicles will be on display. The event is sponsored by the Plymouth Township Police Department and the Plymouth Community Fire Department.

For more information, call (734) 453-3869.

DAR meets

The Daughters of the American Revolution, Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of Plymouth-Northville, hosts a sandwich luncheon at noon June 20 at Greenmead Hill House in Livonia.

The program features plants and crafts white elephant auction. It's the final meeting of the school year. All DAR members and potential members are welcome.

For more information, call (734) 420-2775.

Youth soccer

The City of Plymouth Recreation Department will take fall youth soccer registration the entire month of June at the recreation office, during business hours, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The fee for Under 6 through Under 8 is \$60 for residents, \$85 for non-residents. Fee for Under-9 and older divisions is \$65 for city residents, \$95 for non-residents.

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New homes tend to run about 15% higher in price than comparable existing homes. In addition to the increase in building costs, new construction also tends to be more expensive because builders are usually not as willing or able to negotiate on price as individuals who are selling their home. A study by the National Association of Realtors showed that sellers of existing homes accepted a median price drop of \$4,000 from the asking price and homebuilders dropped the price by approximately \$500.

Why this discrepancy? Both new and existing homes tend to sit on the market during periods of recession and builders usually cut back on their inventory. The result is about 25% more used homes and approximately that same percentage of fewer new homes on the market than in the 1980s.

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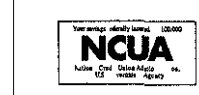
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Lots of wine, but no whining

Friends turn devastating diagnosis into a way to help others

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

The sailing excursion had been fun for Scott Mansfield and Joe Rothenberg, although Rothenberg seemed to have trouble most of the trip keeping his balance.

When they got back, Rothenberg, a Southfield resident, decided to get himself checked out, and he went to the doctor. Several tests later came the devastating news: Joe Rothenberg had Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis — Lou Gehrig's disease.

According to Mansfield, a Plymouth resident who grew up in Lathrup Village, Rothenberg's first thought was "What can I do?"

"It shows you the character of the man," Mansfield said of his friend. "He said, 'I want to raise money for people after I die. A lot of people have helped me, I want to give something back. What can we do?'"

At the time, Rothenberg owned Clover Wine Cellar in Detroit's downriver area. Mansfield sold wine for L&L Wine. With that much experience and knowledge, the decision seemed easy. Hold a wine auction.

And the Friends of Wine Tasting and Auction was born. "We'd been attending wine auctions for years, said Mansfield, who met

Rothenberg in 1991. "It's a great way to raise money, and they're fun events. It was a no-brainer."

The third-annual auction takes place at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 18 at the Ford Motor Company Conference & Event Center in Dearborn. All proceeds benefit ALS of Michigan.

DRINK UP

What: Third-annual Friends of Wine Tasting & Auction
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There have been some changes, primarily in the timing and venue. The first two auctions were Sunday afternoon events, with various restaurants having stations for patrons to traverse.

Despite the success — the first two auctions raised some \$120,000 — organizers decided this year they needed to step it up a notch. This year's auction is a more formal evening event featuring a sit-down dinner catered by Opus One and

a band. "The first two were very successful, especially for new, afternoon events," said Sue Burstein-Kahn, executive director of ALS of Michigan. "We're really excited because we think this is going to be a major event for us. We've made it an exciting time and fun time for everyone who attends."

Mansfield's focus has been on the wine auction for three years now. After growing up in Lathrup Village, Mansfield earned a degree in education from Central Michigan



Joe Rothenberg (left) of Southfield and Lathrup Village native Scott Mansfield of Plymouth are co chairs for the third-annual Friends of Wine Tasting & Auction benefit for ALS of Michigan, set for Saturday in Dearborn.

University and went to work teaching sixth-graders in Ann Arbor. Like many young teachers in the 1980s, though, he wound up with a pink slip. Several friends had headed to Texas, and Mansfield decided to join them. That's where he got into the wine business, before returning to Michigan in the early 1990s.

That's when he met Rothenberg, to whom he sold wine. The pair struck up a friendship, and when Rothenberg was diagnosed with ALS, Mansfield wanted to help.

"I help them with other events, but the wine auction is my main focus with them," Mansfield said of ALS of Michigan. "It's something else putting together an auction like this. You have to get donations, bring in wine from all over the country, solicit from wineries in California and people in town."

More commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, ALS is a progressive, fatal, neuromuscular disease. According to ALS of Michigan, some 1,200 people suffer from ALS in Michigan alone and 200 are

newly diagnosed every year. Last year's auction raised some \$60,000, and Mansfield said he'd like to hit \$100,000 this year. That kind of fundraising is critical to ALS of Michigan, because the group gets no federal or state financial help.

"They're tremendous," Burstein-Kahn said of fundraisers like the auction. "We're totally dependent on the generosity of the community. Events like the wine auction are crucial to our ability to provide our services."

After hitting some \$120,000 in the first two years, and confident the event can reach its \$100,000 goal this year, Mansfield said the generosity of the people is something ALS of Michigan can count on.

"People in the wine business are really willing to give back," Mansfield said. "The people who attend our auction have been terrific."

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Liberty Fest gets under way today

BY KURT KUBAN
STAFF WRITER

Canton's Liberty Fest, which gets under way today and runs through Sunday, has a little something to offer just about everyone. Organizers have added a number of new activities this year hoping to draw huge crowds to the festival, which largely takes place at Heritage Park and is celebrating its 14th year.

Our committee is constantly looking to make changes. We like to keep things fresh. We're always looking to add new things to maintain the community's interest in the event," said Bob Dates, who has coordinated Liberty Fest activities since its inception in 1991.

According to Dates, some of the additions to this year's event include two major meals: a Canton Chamber of Commerce-sponsored Steak and Ale dinner 1-8 p.m. Saturday in the north picnic pavilions, where guests can enjoy a meal and drink, and a chicken barbecue sponsored by the Canton Rotary Club, which is scheduled for 12:30-4 p.m. Sunday.

Also new to this year's event will be MarketPlace, a mix of booths featuring arts and crafts, local business displays, musicians and other entertainers.

If you are a car junkie, there will be a classic car show Saturday sponsored by America's Most Wanted Car Club featuring 300 vehicles at least a quarter century old. In addition, a new wrinkle to this year's Liberty Fest will be a NASCAR display set up Saturday and Sunday featuring driver Jeff Gordon's race car and other racing memorabilia.

And like years past, the kids will definitely have plenty to occupy them at the festival, including inflatables, games and rides. Local teen bands will battle it out 6-10 p.m. tonight in the teen area during Battle of the Bands, and the movie *Shrek II* will be shown on a huge screen in the amphitheater beginning at

7:30 p.m. tonight. In addition, the pie-eating contest sponsored by the *Canton Observer* will take place at 7 p.m. tonight near the amphitheater.

The Kids Fun Zone will also feature a huge mural designed by Canton artist Kristen Dillenbeck, which the children will be able to color during the festival. Dates said it should be completely colored in by Sunday, and will then be put on display in the Summit and at special events in the community.

There will also be a number of musical entertainers at the festival, including headliner Bob 'The Bachelor' Gunney and his band Gunney, who hails from nearby Riverview, once starred in the television show *The Bachelor*.

And of course, two of the staples of Liberty Fest are the parade and fireworks, both of which are scheduled for Saturday. There are a few changes, mostly dealing with traffic around the two events, however.

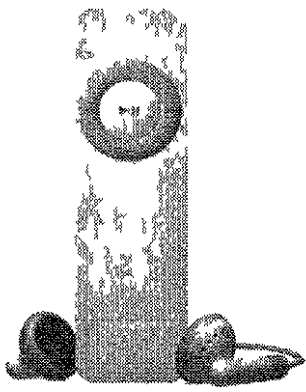
The parade, which will be a bit shorter this year, will begin at Meyer and head east to the Outback Steakhouse parking lot. The parade begins at 9 a.m. During the course of the parade, Ford Road will be closed from just east of Canton Center to just west of Lilley. Alternate routes will be posted.

The fireworks, which will take place at Heritage Park, will get under way at approximately 10:15 p.m. Many of the roads around Heritage Park will be closed except to exiting traffic at the conclusion of the event.

Liberty Fest hours are 5-10 p.m. today and Friday, 10 a.m. to the conclusion of the fireworks Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday (the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast begins at 8 a.m.).

For more information about Liberty Fest, including a complete calendar of events, see the Liberty Fest special section inserted in today's *Canton Observer*.

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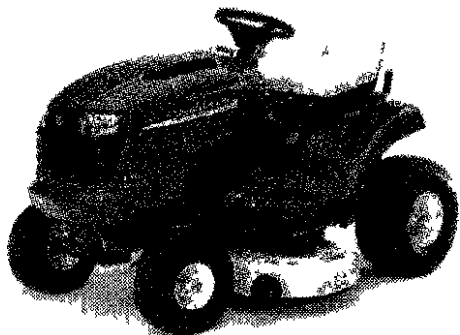
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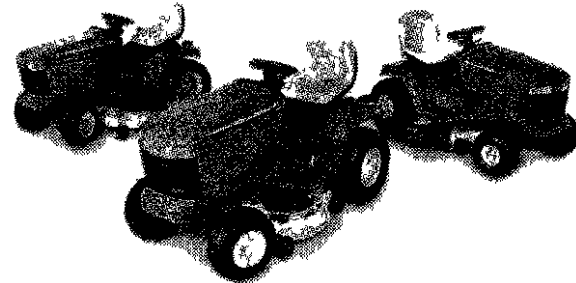
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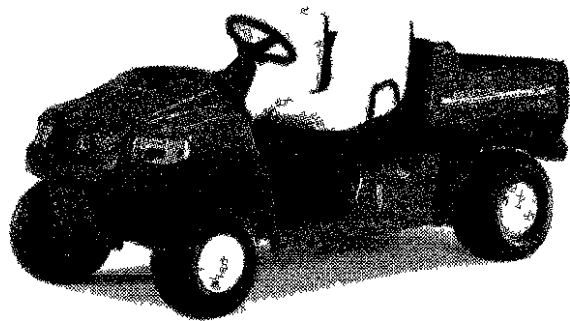
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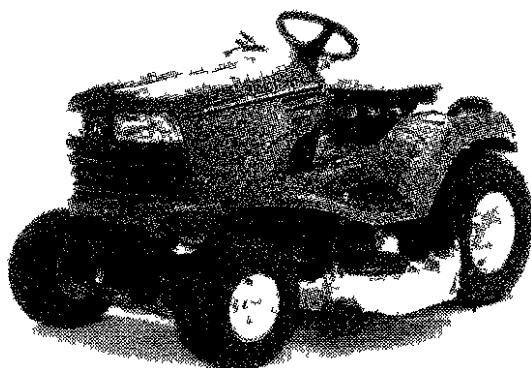
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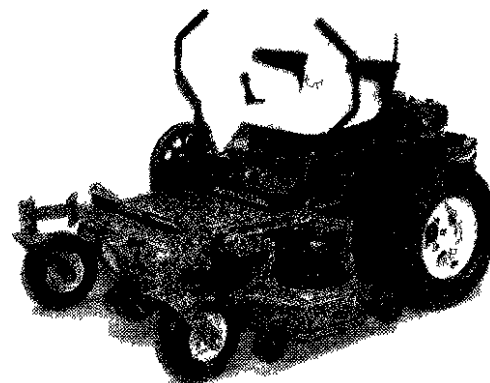
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Plymouth family served up Buddy's dinner in O&E pizza giveaway

Nikki and Chris Horn of Plymouth have their hands full with four young children — which includes twin girls

And that's why Kathryn Sweet of Canton decided to help out in her own little way

Sweet nominated the Horn family for a Buddy's Pizza dinner as part of the *Observer & Eccentric* Newspapers Random Acts of Pizza Giveaway. The pizza giveaway lets friends, neighbors and others nominate those who need a break because of work, school or volunteers efforts

Sweet, who never actually met the Horns, knew of Nikki through Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples

Canton and have 5-year-old twin boys," Sweet said "I've been a member of the Plymouth-Canton Mothers of Multiples for several years, and am so grateful to have the friendship and support of such a great group of women! We all try to help each other out when we can

"I happened to read about the Random Acts of Pizza right around the time I heard via our club Web site that Nikki Horn was on bedrest, and it seemed like a perfect way to help the family out a bit," she added "I was very fortunate to have had a pretty easy multiple pregnancy, with no bedrest or anything, and I figured Nikki would more than have her hands full being on bedrest and having two young children at home. I was happy to help



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Buddy's crew members Amy Azzopardi, manager, and kitchen manager Rob McGraw, serve pizza to Chris and Nikki Horn, their kids Sam and Mitch, and neighbors Katie and Daniel Carr. The Horns twins — Elise and April — are too young for pizza

them out at least a little"

Sweet nominated the family a couple months before the newest Horns — April and Elise — were born Feb. 18 in Providence Hospital

Well, a couple months later (late May) the Horns were grateful when the Buddy's delivery team showed up at the door complete with pizza, salad, bread, beverages and all the necessary dinner-

ware. It was a chance to sit down and enjoy dinner with the family — Sam, 5, and Mitch, 3, and neighbors Katie and Daniel Carr

Said Sweet "I just wanted to do a little something to help out another family of multiples"

Said Nikki "It was a wonderful thing" Buddy's and the O&E think so too!

Seniors targets of prescription scam

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll is warning seniors about a scam which has infiltrated the Plymouth community

"With all the new laws passed by Congress pertaining to Medicaid prescription coverage, someone is calling seniors telling them they can get a discount," said Carroll "The caller tells them they can take advantage of the program by giving out their banking information

"We want to caution everyone to never give out personal information to anyone who calls you," said Carroll "If you think there is a problem, give us a call and we'll check it out"

Marsha Koet, program coordinator for the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, said those doing the

scamming are usually very convincing

"They usually take something credible, such as issues with Medicare or raising money for a disaster, and turn it into a scam," said Koet "They'll ask for a credit card number, Social Security number or bank number. We tell seniors never to give out personal information over the telephone

"A way to find out if a caller is legitimate is to ask for their telephone number and tell them you'll call back," she said "If they aren't legitimate, they won't give you a number"

Seniors with questions or who want to report a scam can contact Plymouth or Plymouth Township police, or call Koet at (734) 453-1234, ext. 236

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MILITARY NEWS

MARINE TRAINING

Marine Corps Pvt Bryon Siefert son of Craig B. Siefert of Canton recently completed the Electrical Equipment Repair Specialist Course

During the classroom instruction and practical application at Marine Corps Engineer School Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. Siefert received training on the operation, maintenance and repair of field power generating equipment

Siefert also studied electrical theory operating principles of alternating and direct-current generators and control devices

Siefert is a 2003 graduate of Canton High School

Marine Corps Pfc John J. Brockman son of Cathy C. Miller of West Bloomfield and W.J. Brockman of Plymouth recently completed the Basic Assault Amphibian Vehicle Repairman Course

During the course with Assault Amphibian School Battalion Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton Calif. students are trained in maintenance and repair procedures for the vehicles which are used to transport troops and supplies from Navy ships to the beach during amphibious assaults

Topics covered during the course included vehicle operation along with removing and servicing its engine, transmission and hydraulic and turret systems

Brockman joined the Marine Corps in August 2004

Marine Corps Pfc Shilan J. Hylko whose husband David is the son of Nancy and David K. Hylko of Canton recently completed the Marine Corps Adjutant Course

During the 31 day course which is taught at Personnel Administration School Marine

Corps Combat Service Support Schools Camp Lejeune, N.C. students are prepared for duties as squadron and battalion adjutants

The adjutant is the commander's staff officer responsible for personnel and legal administration

Navy Seaman Recruit Joshua T. Blich, nephew of David A. and Sheila M. York of Holly and nephew of Bessy P. Sills of Canton recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes III

During the eight week program Blich 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

The capstone event of boot camp is Battle Stations. This exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet

Blich is a 2004 graduate of Holly High School

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■ WRITING MY LIFE STORY A SENIOR WRITING GROUP, Tuesday, June 21, 4 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience or advance registration is required.

■ ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP, Monday, June 20, 7 p.m. — Join lively astronomy popularizer Mike Best in this monthly discussion group. Mike shares his affection for the sky with adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

■ BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION, Wednesday, June 22, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch, beverages are provided. For more information about

Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Dixie Cocagne at the Library, (734) 453-0750, or email dcocagne@plymouthlibrary.org

■ GREAT BOOKS — This discussion group does not meet during the summer months — details of the fall meeting schedule can be found in the next library newsletter or by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4. To learn more about The Great Books Foundation, see the Internet website <http://www.greatbooks.org/>

Youth Programs

The Library announces its popular summer reading program — *Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds* — Starting on June 20, all children are encouraged to come to the Library, sign up for the program and start reading. This program is designed for students aged 6-12. It has been developed to promote a love of books and libraries, encourage summer reading, and help maintain reading skills. A visit to the Library once each week will help reach these goals. A wide variety of programs are planned throughout the sum-

SUMMER READING KICK-OFF PROGRAM

■ BAFFLING BILL, Tuesday, June 28, 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. — Enjoy Baffling Bill's astounding magic, audience participation, balloon sculpted and non-stop fun. Pick up free tickets for this program beginning June 20th at the Reader's Advisory Desk. The weekly Library activities of the summer reading program begin July 1.

■ BABY PLAY, Monday, June 27, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. — This fun program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interaction with other children. This month, there will be no Saturday repeat program as it is the Fourth of July holiday weekend.

Teen Program

Teen Summer Reading Program **TEEN BOOK QUEST**, June 20-Aug. 5 —

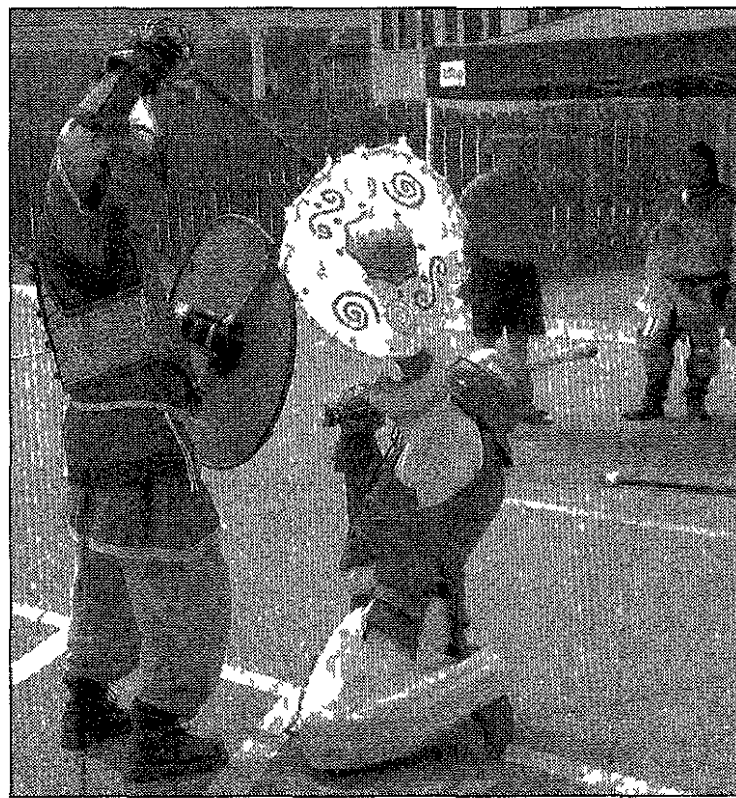
Sign up begins June 17. Participants are encouraged to read, attend cool programs and win prizes. Program details: Get a fun prize — Read 3 books and do one activity such as attending a Library program, volunteering at the Library, reading to a child. Get a free paperback — Read 6 books and do two activities. Get 2 AMC movie tickets — Read 9 books and do 3 activities.

Each reading log you turn in gets you another chance for the grand prize and weekly drawing. Grand prizes include an iPod Shuffle, \$100 gift certificate to Twelve Oaks.

For more details, come on in to the Library or go to the teen Web page at plymouthlibrary.org/ya.htm

■ MANDRAKE'S MISSING, Monday, June 20, 6 p.m. — Come solve the mystery. Then enjoy pizza, pop & ice cream. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ MOVIE & POPCORN, Wednesday, June 22, 2 p.m. — Enjoy "A Knight's Tale." Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.



It was a warm day for members of the Ann Arbor-based Society for Creative Anachronism, who conducted a broadsword fight demonstration at the Library. They helped kick off the Teen Summer Reading Program at the Medieval Fair June 12. The Plymouth District Library's Teen Summer Reading Program Teen Book Quest, is underway following the Medieval Fair. The Summer Reading Program invites all students who have completed the sixth grade to register in person at the Reader's Advisory Desk or on-line at plymouthlibrary.org/teen.htm

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ALBION COLLEGE

Caroline Reinhart, the daughter of Fred Reinhart and Cindy Reinhart of Plymouth, was among the 364 graduates celebrated earlier this month by Albion College.

Reinhart graduated magna cum laude, receiving a degree in anthropology/sociology with a minor in English with a concentration in women's studies. She was also recognized as a new Albion College Fellow. This honor is given to students who hold a 3.7 GPA for a full class load for three successive semesters. Reinhart is a senior majoring in anthropology/sociology and minoring in English with a concentration in women's studies.

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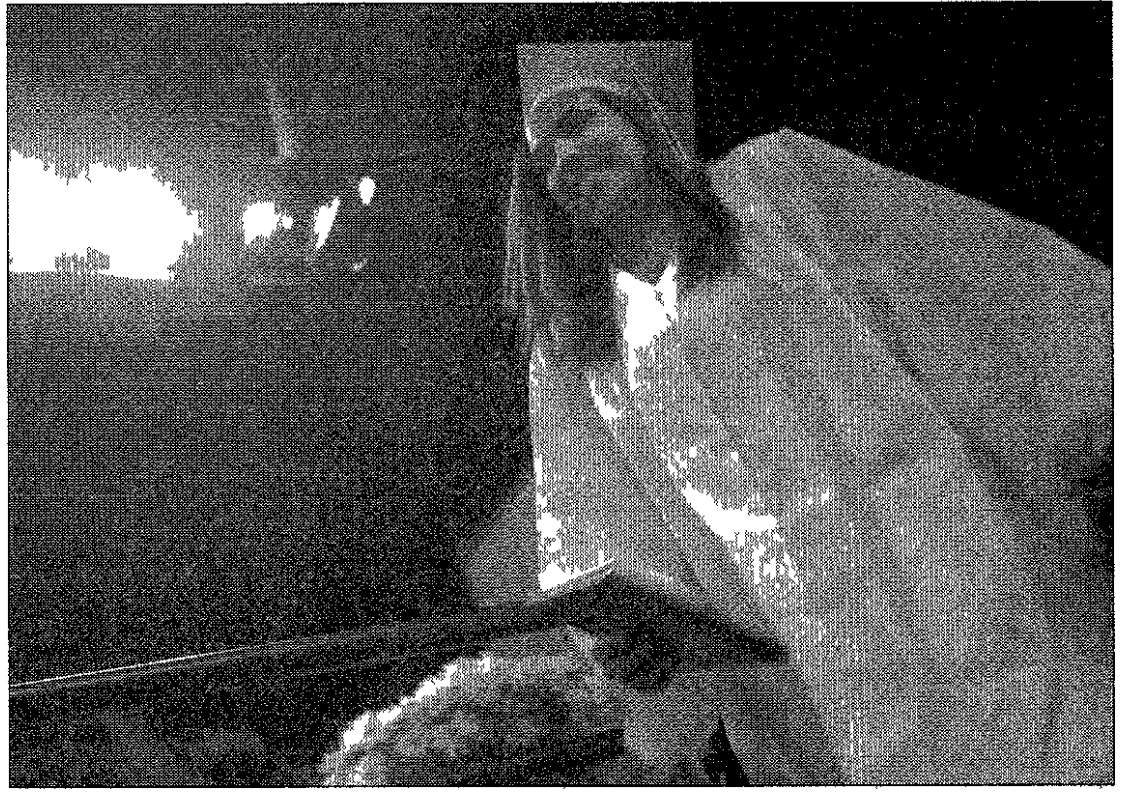
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Brittany Catherine Lewis addresses her peers of Salem High School's Class of 2005 during the ceremony. She recites a quote by Gandhi, 'You must be the change you wish to see in the world.'

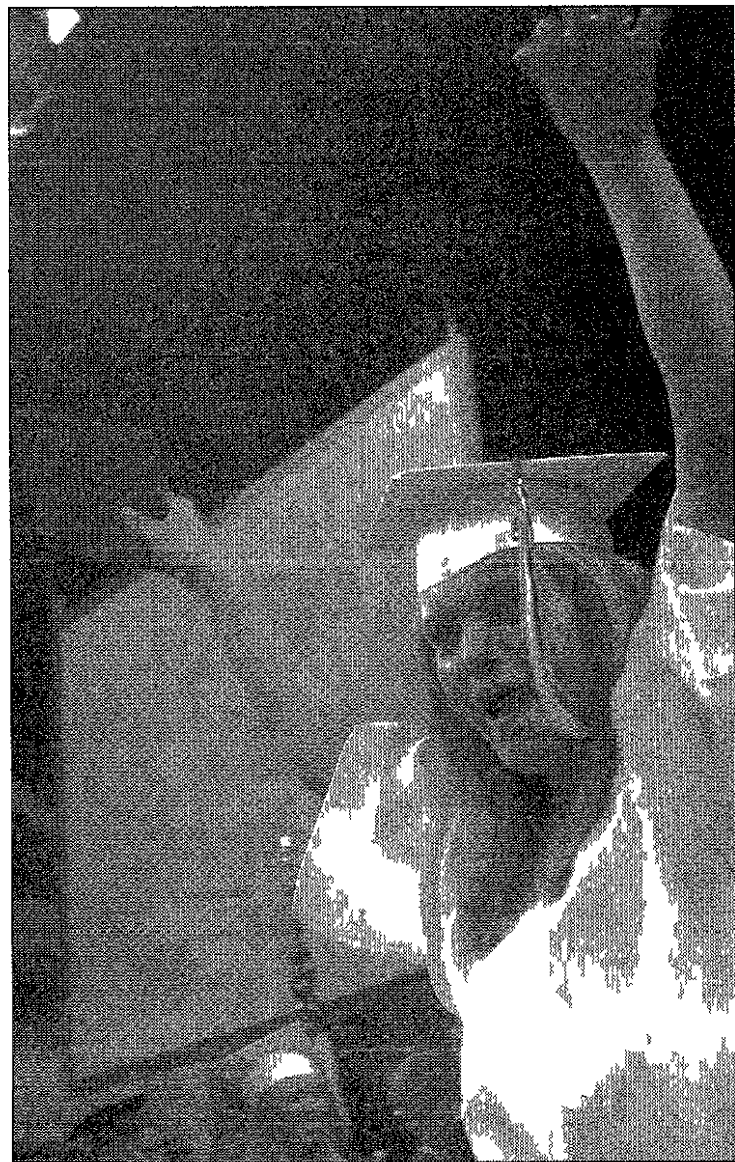
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Heather Cornell walks back to her seat after receiving her diploma. She will be attending the University of North Florida for psychology or nutrition.



Sarah Smith celebrates after walking across the stage and receiving her diploma during Salem High School's Class of 2005 commencement ceremony.

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Brothers (from left) Brandon Ben and Scott Schneider pose for a photo after Salem's commencement. Ben is the youngest of his three brothers and will be attending UTI in Chicago in the fall.

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SUIT

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"They read the briefs of both parties and hear the arguments of the attorneys, and then assess what they believe to be a reasonable settlement range," said Ven Johnson, Fieger's law partner

Johnson said both parties are prohibited from revealing if they will accept the agreement before next Wednesday's deadline. However, it's no secret Fieger's firm, which has

won several large monetary judgments in court, has rarely settled a case out of court. There is no question that we have rejected many," said Johnson. "We're primarily done with depositions. Now what we need to do is proceed to the expert phase."

Attorney Chris Johnson, a partner in the law firm Johnson, Rosati, Labarge, Aselyne & Field of Farmington Hills, had little comment after meeting with the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees in executive session after Tuesday's board meeting.

"A case evaluation has been done, and I was there to update the township board on the status of the case," Johnson said.

"I'm prohibited by law from divulging the amount or any details."

Johnson said it wouldn't necessarily be the township board that makes the final decision whether to accept the settlement, which he said could be made by the township's insurance carrier.

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FUNDING

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"We need to convince them we need to correct the problem we have with funding," said Halewicz. "We need to let them know there has to be a change."

The Plymouth-Canton group will depart for Lansing at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday from Canton High School. While three buses are scheduled to make the trip, only about two dozen people were signed up as of Wednesday.

"We've been talking about this for eight years, and everybody nods their heads and writes down their state representatives and senators names and phone numbers, saying they will do something," said school board President Mark Slavens at Tuesday's Board of Education

meeting. "I don't see it happening."

"Let me promise you, they're (legislators) not going to back us up because all they hear is 'Don't raise my taxes,'" he said.

"And, until they start hearing from people like you that we've got to support public education and public schools, it ain't going to happen."

State Rep. John Stewart, R-Plymouth Township, said constituents have to show their dissatisfaction to stop the apathy in Lansing concerning school funding.

"You've got to show your budget priorities, and show how it's affecting class size and programs things like pay-to-play," Stewart said. "The people of western Wayne County have every right to expect more funding because of the excellent product

they're getting from their school systems."

Amy Henrie, a fourth-grade teacher at Smith Elementary in Plymouth for 10 years, is concerned about a series of bills that would give the state control in dictating health care benefits for teachers.

"They want to take away our right to decide what our health coverage will be," said Henry, who also plans to make the trek to Lansing. "I'm against what the state is trying to do, taking over our rights we have as educators."

Anyone interested in attending the rally in Lansing can call Debra Botts at the local Michigan Education Association office, which is coordinating the trip, by calling (734) 207-4457.

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BENCHES

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a furniture painter and many fine artists coming together on this project.

"Plymouth Township has been labeled a hot town, and Plymouth is a cool city," she said. "It's a good fit for the Plymouth area, and is a great thing to get people to come to the area."

ON DISPLAY

The benches, which are both adult and children's sizes, will be designed and created by local artists and displayed throughout the community this summer before being auctioned Sept. 23 at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

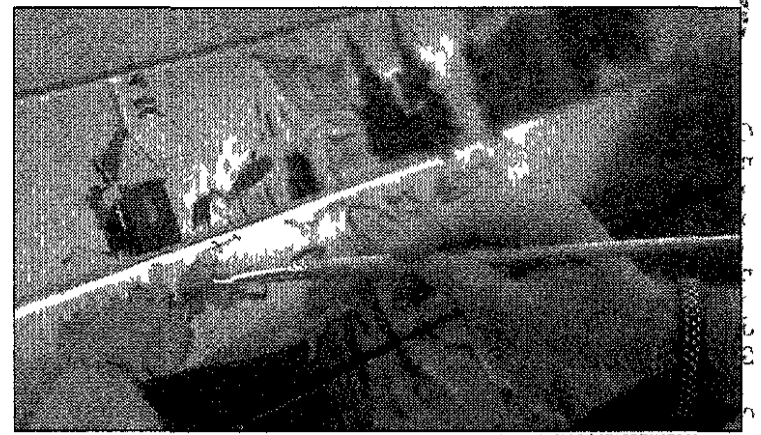
Half of the proceeds will go to the Plymouth Community Arts Council, with the other half to be divided between Plymouth and Plymouth Township to be earmarked for beautification projects, added Paton, who noted each Amish poplar wood bench has a \$450 sponsorship to allow for all the auction proceeds to be donated.

Paton, who organized a similar project when she lived in the Cleveland area, said some of the highly sought benches auctioned for \$1,500, with the average about \$700.

Laura (Lu) Autrey, 42, of Plymouth Township, is a professional artist who will have two benches on display. Autrey entitled the adult bench, which also converts to a table, Reef Party.

"It's a festive undersea theme," Autrey said. "It has a desire to be put somewhere by a backyard pool."

Autrey said the children's bench is dubbed Lady Bug Picnic, which looks like "a picnic blanket morphed out of shape with giant, oversized



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Jeremy Rheault paints a seascape reminiscent of the work of Edward Hopper.

watermelon slices and huge ladybugs crawling all over it."

Autrey said creating the bench art gave her a chance to get the creative (right) side of her brain inspired.

"Sometimes I walk into a store and see a design and store it in my head," Autrey said. "Sometimes I just dream ideas in the twilight of sleep."

WELCOME BACK

Jeremy Rheault, 33, of Westland - who grew up in Plymouth Township's Lakepointe subdivision - is excited about having his artwork displayed in his hometown.

An art teacher at Franklin High School in Livonia, Rheault is attempting to do what he tells his students.

"I teach being creative with a found object, with different materials and multiple surfaces," said Rheault. "The bench was a creative surface because of the planes of the bench. It wasn't a daunting challenge, but an interesting surface to work on."

As for Rheault's landscape design.

"Imagine standing on a rocky cliff looking up at a lighthouse with a skyline background on the back of the

bench, then looking down on the seated portion of the bench, which is a reflection of the lighthouse in a puddle of water," said Rheault. "I've been working on it in class, and allow my students to watch and critique me. I critique them all day, so this is their shot at me."

Rheault said he likes to use a lot of bright and contrasting colors.

"I think this is a great opportunity to allow artists to be creative and show their own work," he said. "I'm excited to see the work of the other artists, to see how they approached it."

The unveiling of BenchART Plymouth will be held before the "Music in the Air" concert on Friday, June 24, at 6 p.m. in The Gathering. Paton said all the benches will be on display before they are exhibited around town. There will also be a Bench Walk map available to identify the locations for each bench.

"The benches are bright and cheerful," said Leslie Greeneisen, art education director at the Plymouth Community Arts Council. "People can enjoy art at every level, it doesn't need to be hanging on the wall."

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Grant will buy sheriff's office 15 handheld computers

The Wayne County Sheriff's Office is embarking upon a mini-technological revolution in its hunt for wanted criminals. The "mini" however, refers to the size of the technology, not its considerable potential impact on the department, according to Sheriff Warren Evans.

The sheriff's office recently obtained a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice that is allowing it to purchase 15 handheld computers - Blackberry PDAs - that are programmed to let officers to retrieve a rapidly growing amount of data and view it in the palm of his or her hand.

Currently, that information includes outstanding warrants, mug shots and criminal histories, but soon may include court records, prison records access to information kept by other police agencies around the state. The department is testing five of the devices and will receive the rest in the next couple of months.

Typically, a patrol officer uses a computer terminal in his or her car that has access to the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN), to run the vehicle's license plate and to check for outstanding warrants. If an officer has no LEIN terminal, he or she must radio into a dispatch center for the same limited information. The Blackberries, with their access to a greater range of data, make them a powerful tool. The Sheriff's Office, for example, maintains an ever-growing database of more than 100,000 arrest and jail photos taken by deputies and officers from other local police departments.

Evans said a recent example highlights the Blackberry's potential. During a countywide warrant sweep conducted in March, sheriff's deputies and Southgate officers walked into a room looking for a man wanted for failing to show for court on a drunken driving charge.

"When they walked into the location, the officers were looking at a room full of people. To avoid confusion or a possible mis-identification, Evans said, one officer pulled out his

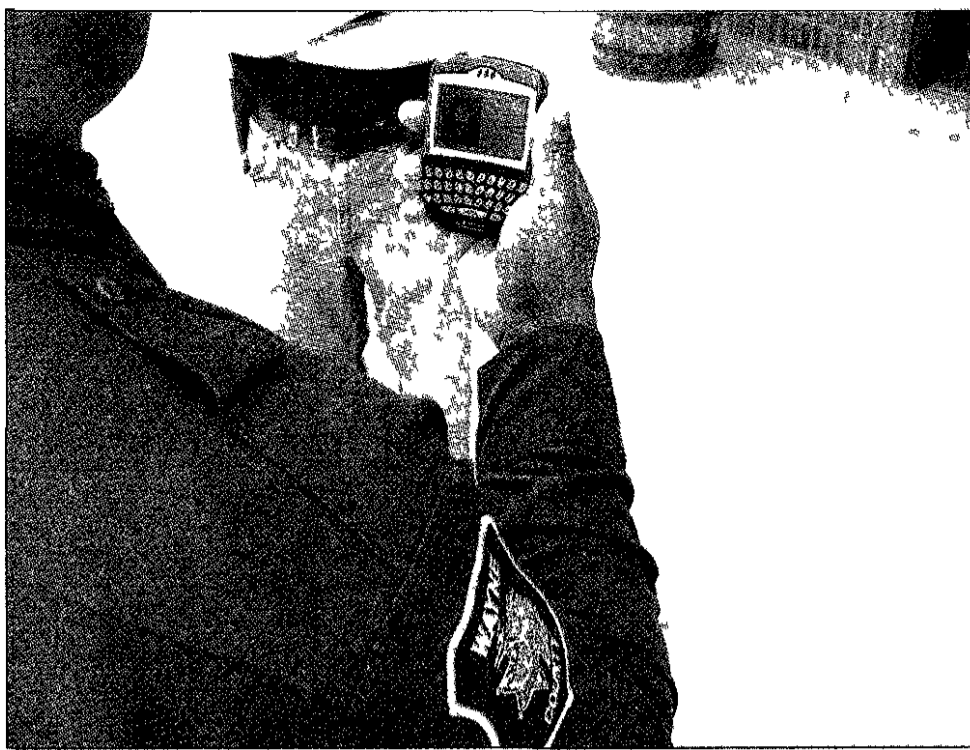
Blackberry, typed in the man's name and date of birth and in seconds was staring at the man's mug shot from his original drunken driving arrest by Southgate officers. "That easily, officers picked the suspect out of the crowd and took him into custody," Evans said.

When his department receives the rest of the devices, Evans said he plans to deploy them to units where officers typically can't have a computer, such as the mounted, marine and motorcycle patrols, as well as specialty units like narcotics.

"When our officers find a suspected drug house, there often are a lot of people inside, many of whom have warrants or may be under orders of probation to stay out of drug houses," Evans said. "With these handheld computers, we can easily verify the identity of

everyone inside the house and determine whether we need to arrest them. This technology will make our department a lot more efficient."

The new handheld computers represent the latest in a series of technological improvements Evans has instituted recently. Last year, the Sheriff's Office switched over to an all digital inmate booking system to more easily retrieve photos and data related to the more than 40,000 individuals who get booked into one of the county's three jails each year. That system has been extended to a growing number of local police departments, which now can input and retrieve records of their own. Evans also secured a grant that will allow the department to start equipping its vehicles with in-car video and new LEIN computers.



Handheld computers are helping sheriff's deputies access needed information on the go.

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OUR VIEWS

Open meetings a wise move

Since its formation in the aftermath of the May police/fire millage failure, the Concerned Citizens for Police and Fire have been meeting weekly to plan strategy for its Aug. 2 effort to pass a renewal and an increase in Plymouth Township.

The problem with those meetings — which take place at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Plymouth Elks Lodge on Ann Arbor Road — is that they frequently have a significant number of township board members in attendance.

While this technically hasn't violated the letter of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, because township board members are not members of the committee and no official township business is being discussed, it's been our contention from the start that the meetings certainly treaded upon the spirit of the act.

That's no longer a problem. In what we feel is a wise decision, the committee leadership has decided to post the meetings as open to the public, the same way township board and planning commission meetings are posted. The Open Meetings Act requires public meetings to post those meetings.

The meetings are conducted to discuss strategy as the committee tries to rally support for a 1.63 millage renewal and a 0.05631-mill increase township officials say is necessary to avoid substantial layoffs in both the police and fire departments.

The committee has discussed items such as a media plan, campaign sign usage and budgets. They've laid out plans for letter-writing campaigns and door-to-door hustling.

It's true that no current township board business is being discussed, no decisions are being made that "effectuate or formulate public policy." However, decisions are being made at these meetings that will impact future votes of the township board.

For board members to be involved in these discussions, especially without the public's participation or knowledge, certainly skirts the Open Meetings Act.

A committee trying to convince residents to renew one millage and approve an increase can't afford the perception it isn't operating within the law. Posting the meetings, and taking input from residents, is a good way to avoid that.

Want a good time, just look about you

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Michigan cuts a handsome profile on the globe — two bold peninsulas surrounded by the deep blue waters of the Great Lakes. As our Latin motto invites us, "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you."

Summer is a particularly splendid time to live and play in Michigan. Every community seems to be in a festive mood — ready to celebrate every fruit and vegetable harvested in the state's rich soil, the diversity of musical and visual arts or just the human history that has made Michigan a special place.

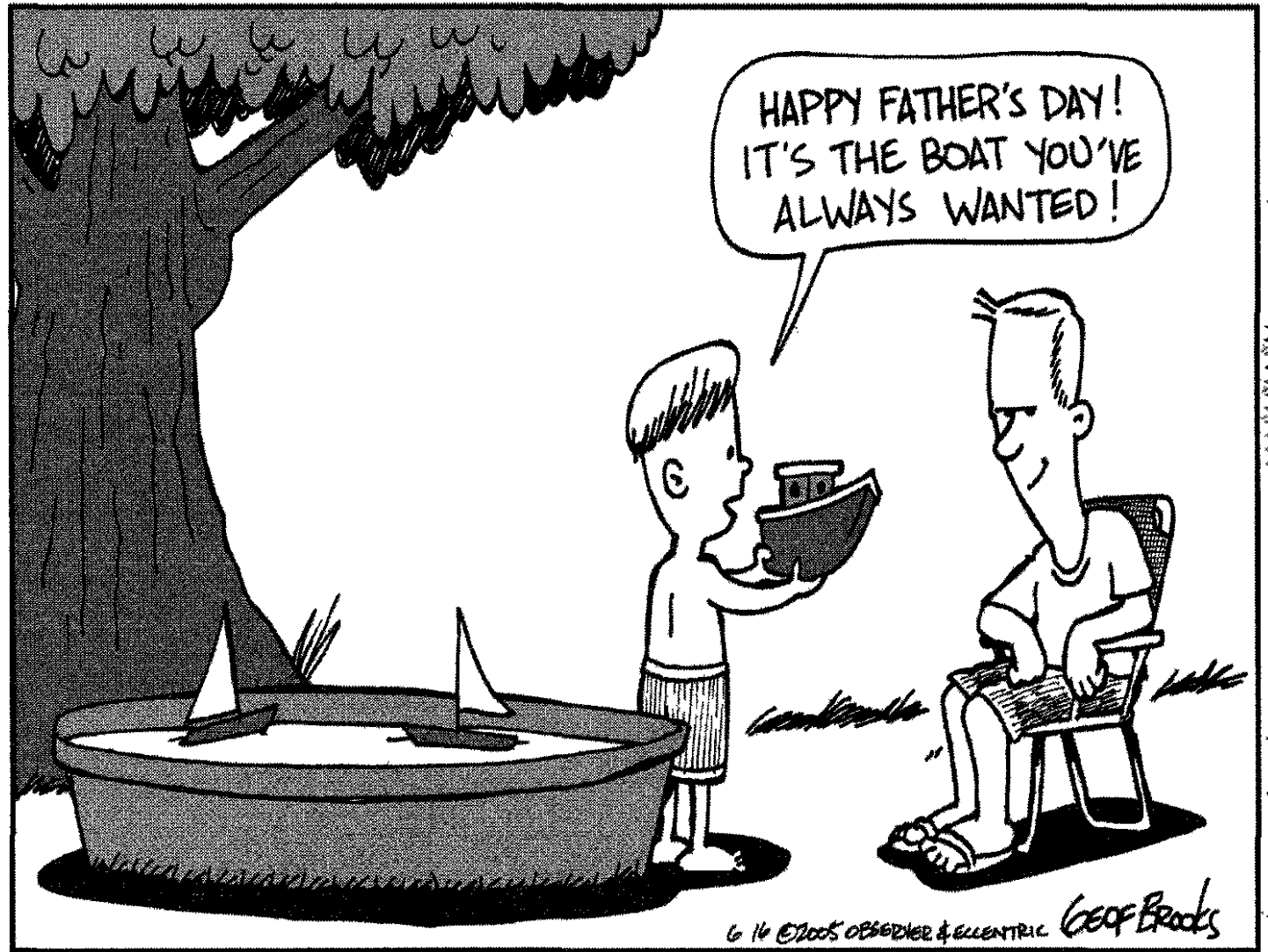
Locally, the summer festival season is about to crank into full gear. It's a great time to join friends and neighbors for a brat and a beer, a pancake breakfast, a ride on the Tilt-a-Whirl or a sampling of local pottery and watercolors. Since many of our festivals are also prime fundraisers for the service clubs that do so much good in the community, it is also a time to be charitable while having fun.

Summer is also the time when metro Detroit residents explore the riches found in other parts of the state — in the Thumb, along Lake Michigan's "gold" coast, at the Straits and in the rugged Upper Peninsula. Here the glory of our Great Lakes is on full display.

We are blessed with the nation's second longest coastline (after Alaska), beautiful forests, countless inland lakes and streams for water sports or for quiet nature study. Northern and western towns cater to the tourists with seasonal gourmet restaurants, coffee houses, T-shirt emporiums and art galleries. The yellow sand beaches of Lake Michigan are an invitation to frolic in the waves, toss a Frisbee, fly a kite or just soak up some summer sun after our long, snowy winter.

While gas prices have made it a little more expensive, they've actually been falling a bit in recent weeks. And there are numerous options for visitors from camping in state and national parks to bed and breakfast houses and historic inns to modern chain motels.

So get out there and explore the Great Lakes State and confirm what you've always suspected, that it's great to live in Michigan!



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LETTERS

Real problem

I was at the school board meeting at Discovery Middle School when a group of parents from Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills subdivisions presented their facts and figures on school overcrowding.

The parents had researched the data extensively, and their findings made it quite clear that moving some Bird students to Farrand would shift, but not alleviate, the overcrowding problem in the district. It was also clear that there were numerous more effective alternatives.

Contrary to what David Coleman may suggest, these parents were not armed with enough money, but rather with hard data. Data that Coleman and the housing committee could have analyzed themselves were they not too lazy or inept to do so. The parents had to do Coleman's job for him.

Apparently Coleman prefers to base his conclusions, not on facts and figures, but rather on stereotypes and hearsay. There is a real problem in the school district when someone responsible for the kids' education tries to set policy based on his resentment toward Plymouth-Canton's wealthiest homeowners, and what he may have "overheard" while "walking through the hallways."

Tom Roelofs
Plymouth

Deficits come due

Was compelled to respond to Mr. Martin's views about Social Security ("Revise Social Security," opinion page), and his support of the plan put forth by Bush to "improve it." The reality is that the GOP loves to tout they reduce taxes and government's involvement in our lives, but what they so brilliantly fail to point out: those reductions create deficits.

Deficits that will surely come due. Reagan/Bush One did the same thing. And it took Clinton his entire eight-year term to pay down those huge debts. Bush II had already exceeded his GOP predecessor's deficit amounts by his second year in office (note: before 9/11) — now, the deficit is so large it may take an entire generation (our children's generation) to pay it down. Or worse: default.

And with all the boomers about to retire, and many pension plans looking like they may be reneged on, the younger generation will have their hands full enough — without increasing their burden even more via increasing the deficit by a huge sum — which is what Bush's plan will cost. Note: Virtually all nonpartisan economists are resoundingly in agreement that Bush's plan will dramatically increase the deficit.

Look: You can't run a successful business on a deficit. Why would anyone think the government should (or can) be any different?

Kit McGuigan
Plymouth

Unfair article

I feel your article regarding the Bird School boundary change was very unfair.

Judith Spriggs
Plymouth

As a concerned parent of a current Bird School student and another to enter in the fall, neither one to have been affected by the change, I have been in contact with many people numerous times regarding the overcrowding issue, and until your article I was unaware of the fact that the trailer park kids' even attended Farrand.

So I feel that although there may have been a few people making these comments, it has not been a widespread discussion throughout the community. Furthermore, having been married to a man who has been selling real estate in our community for 20 years and knowing that the first question that many families ask is "where is the elementary school?" I do feel that it could affect resale, not property value, in the subdivisions who have to bus their young children 40 minutes.

That is not in any way saying that Farrand is a lesser school, it is saying that when buying a home people may tend to look for a more desirable location in terms of school location. Location, location, location applies to many things. We are all just looking out for the best interest of our young children.

Sue Knight
Plymouth

Overcrowding a shame

The Housing Committee for the Plymouth-Canton schools volunteered time and energy and did their "job." I believe that the plan was set in motion to move students from Bird to Farrand until Dr. Ryan began speaking to the papers and changing the proposed committee's suggestions and well-researched plans.

What happened to Bird being overcrowded that we can now put off the suggested move of those students to Farrand after the hard work of the Housing Committee? The Housing Committee, in the report to the board just a month ago, stated that Bird was projected to have 50 to 60 over capacity students.

As a grandmother of a student in the district, and a parent of two graduates of the district, it is a shame when we have space available, that we continue to overcrowd our classrooms.

Dorothy Ham
Canton

Good police

In February 2005, I had the pleasure of attending the Citizen's Police Academy in Plymouth Township.

What a wonderful 10 weeks! I had the opportunity to see how the department works, as well as observing first-hand how knowledgeable and dedicated our officers are.

A special thank you to Officer Jamie Senkbeil, who is in charge of the program, and to Officer Marcy Linton for taking me on my ride-along.

We are very fortunate to have this fine group of men and women in our police department to help keep Plymouth Township a safe and wonderful place to live.

Judith Spriggs
Plymouth

More 'Deep Throats'

I agree that "Press needs more Deep Throats to make government transparent," (*Observer*, June 9), but disagree with the saying that Felt is a hero, and with the assertion that what he helped bring down was a corrupt administration, seemingly suggesting, certainly unjustly, that the Nixon administration was corrupt but not any other, or at best more corrupt than any other.

President Nixon's transgression, the Watergate, seems to be of small significance in comparison to what some other presidents had transgressed, why, then, single out only him for such hardly deserved hostility?

Of the last 12 presidents known to me, I consider Nixon, next to Kennedy, as the best, most deserving the office, most politically savvy, most patriotic, most pro-American. Maybe that is why he, like Kennedy, became so politically inconvenient to some.

Joseph Wira
Plymouth

Supports police

I would like to write a quick letter of support and thanks to the Plymouth Township Police Department. Besides keeping our community safe, they provide a lot of other services we sometimes take for granted.

One example would be the DARE program. I have had two children who have experienced the benefit of this outreach program. Even with smaller issues, like the stray pit bull that was running loose through my neighborhood, the police responded quickly and professionally.

When my car was vandalized, again the police came immediately and were very helpful in answering my questions and finding the people responsible.

So, thanks, officers, for educating our kids on the dangers of drugs, keeping our neighborhoods safe and helping us through the inconvenience of issues like vandalism.

Kim Lough
Plymouth

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"We're extremely gratified that our legislators in Lansing realize the severity of the problem at the local level, and that they realize we've done our due diligence. ... Thanks to them for realizing they can't continue to penalize us for doing our job. It's a systematic problem statewide, and they've got to give us relief."

— Stella Greene, Plymouth mayor, on the state budget situation

'New' university funding reveals same old politics

The iron law in politics always has been, Take care of your own

And that's been the story of state appropriations to Michigan universities. For years, two powerful, now-retired legislators, Detroit's Morris Hood and Marquette's Dominic Jacobetti, took care of the universities in their districts.

As a result, Wayne State and Northern Michigan got favored treatment when it came time to divvy up state funding. The results were dramatic: per student, Northern got 77 percent more than Grand Valley State University and Wayne State got 36 percent more than Michigan State.

But the world is changing and, with much fanfare, the Republicans who run the state House of Representatives revealed a couple of weeks ago a new funding plan they claim eliminates all that bad old patronage.

Their new formula is based on total enrollment, graduations (with certain fields such as engineering, health and other technical subjects getting up to four times more per graduate than English or anthropology) and the amount of sponsored research done at each institution.

So is a truly level playing field being restored? Ho, ho. A careful examination of the House plan provides proof that the iron law of politics remains unchanged, regardless of the nice rhetoric about bringing objectivity to university funding. Winners include Grand Valley (up 22 percent), Saginaw Valley and Oakland universities (each up 9 percent).

The big losers are Northern Michigan (down 10 percent) and Wayne State (down 5 percent). The merchants of spin in Lansing would have you believe that the way the formula worked out has nothing to do with the fact that Detroit and Marquette are represented by Democrats while Grand Rapids and Oakland County are represented by Republicans.

Believe that and I've got a bridge I can sell you cheap.

But beyond the obvious usual politics, there are dangerous features throughout the House plan. First, it sets in place an attempt by the Legislature to micromanage what Michigan's 15 public universities do.

What possible rationale accounts for giving graduates in engineering, health and technical degrees four times more funding than graduates in the arts and humanities? Who says that today's legislative or social priorities will be the priorities of tomorrow?

Indeed, how can some legislator in Lansing tell a student whose long-time interest is in learning Chinese that their goal is worth only one-quarter of that of another who wants to be an engineer?

The second problem is that the House plan practically encourages universities to make bad decisions that in the long run will prove very expensive and hurt the overall excellence of our university system.

Worse, it threatens one of that system's biggest historic strengths, which is the realization that not all universities have the same mission.

The people who run our universities are not stupid, they are quick to respond to incentives. So if the Legislature proposes to pay engineering grads four times more than history majors, you can depend on it that a whole bunch of expensive new engineering programs will be started PDQ.

But setting in place the infrastructure to support an engineering program is expensive, and a poorly supported new crash program is likely to produce inferior engineering graduates.

Moreover, does the state really need all its universities switching to engineering, technical and health? What about business? What about the liberal arts? What if in 10 years, there is a nationwide glut of engineers?

Worst of all, the House plan does nothing to redress the biggest immediate problem higher education is facing: This state's amazingly irresponsible decline in overall support for higher education — now more than 20 percent over the past three years. How Gov. Jennifer Granholm and legislators can call for a doubling of the state's college graduates without proposing to spend more money on our universities is beyond me.

Here's a modest suggestion: Decide how much the state wants to spend on higher education. Give each admitted student a certain amount of money. Let the student take that money wherever he or she wants to go.

If they want to go to a school with low tuition and (likely) low quality, that's fine, if they want to go to a University of Michigan-class school with high tuition and high quality, that's fine as well.

Let free choice in the market be the deciding factor. How could you have a more free-enterprise friendly plan than that?

But such a plan would certainly be rejected. Why? Because it goes against the iron law of taking care of your own that drives all legislative behavior, regardless of the fancy rhetoric.

We need leaders who realize that "taking care of our own" needs to mean making the right decisions for higher education for all of Michigan. And the tragedy is that those statesmen are evidently nowhere to be seen.

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Phil Power

Golf outings provide some solid community benefits

I awoke before the alarm went off, the sunny, warm day making it all that much easier to get up at 6 a.m.

My destination that June day was Pheasant Run Golf Club in Canton for my Plymouth A.M. Rotary golf outing. No one teed off that early on that Tuesday, but we volunteers had goodie bags to pack, complete with lunches, bottled water, golf balls and markers and tees.

The work went quickly with so many of us having showed up so early to help. Before too long, we moved inside for continental

breakfast as the golfers began to show up for registration. A cadre of dedicated volunteers stayed outside to assist with that.

I've never been a golfer. A friend got me to a driving range years ago, but my efforts were less than stellar despite his patient tutoring. Putt-putt's more my speed and, truth be told, I'm not all that great at that.

Even so, as we sat around that breakfast table I began to understand some of golf's appeal. The club members who were staying to golf were looking forward to joining up with their foursomes. Those who'd taken the day off to volunteer with registration and other tasks were also ready to enjoy some time in the sun.

Golf outings, whether sponsored by chambers of commerce, service clubs or others, are a staple this time of year. It's not really all that hard even for an inveterate non-golfer to see why the sport has a certain appeal.

Of course, the outings raise money to support student scholarships and much more. Club member Dan Phillips, a Plymouth-Canton schools staffer, has been passing the word on the Educational Excellence Foundation golf outing, Wednesday, June 22, at the Golden Fox/Fox Hills just west of Plymouth.

The money raised is used to fund the EEF Classroom Enhancement Grant program as well as the Summer Skills Academies. For

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Whether you're a golfer, a business supporter or a volunteer — or any combination of those — spring and summer golf outings can bring out the best in individuals and communities. I was reluctant to leave the breakfast table that Tuesday morning of the golf outing as I was enjoying the fellowship, but the office beckoned. Also, I needed time to change from shorts and T-shirt into business attire.

There were a fair number of women golfers at that outing, and others, with the sport's popularity on the rise among women. The fellowship that all can enjoy on the golf course makes golf appealing to many.

Golf's easier, too, than some more demanding sports as we all age, making it a sport middle-aged and older people can enjoy along with their younger counterparts. Indeed, Jay Kennedy, who headed up the Rotary golf outing, is among our youngest members. I don't know his golfing abilities, but he certainly did well with organizing the outing.

Maybe one of these days I'll get some clubs and give golf another chance. In the meantime, I'll be happy to help with more mundane tasks such as packing goodie bags. It's great to be outdoors on a sunny June morning and to savor good company.

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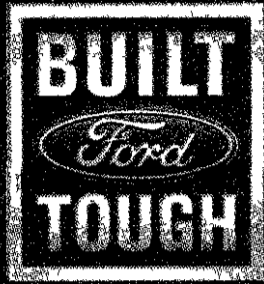


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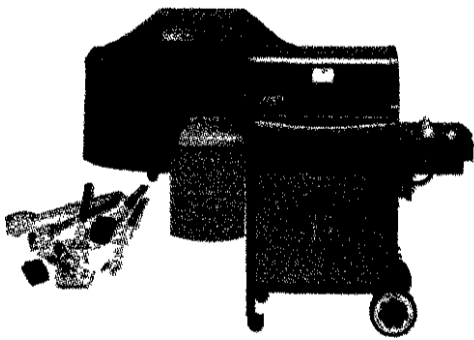
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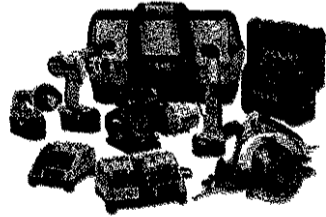
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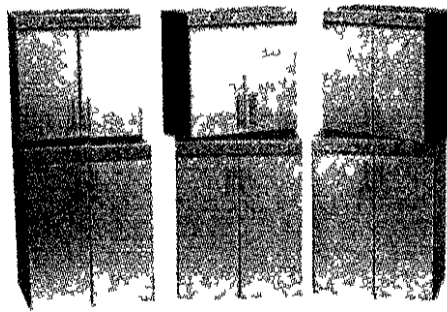
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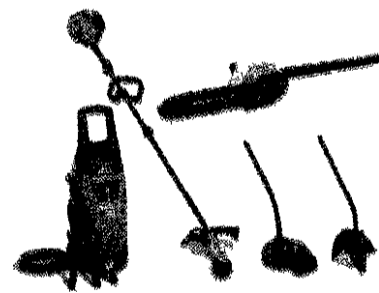
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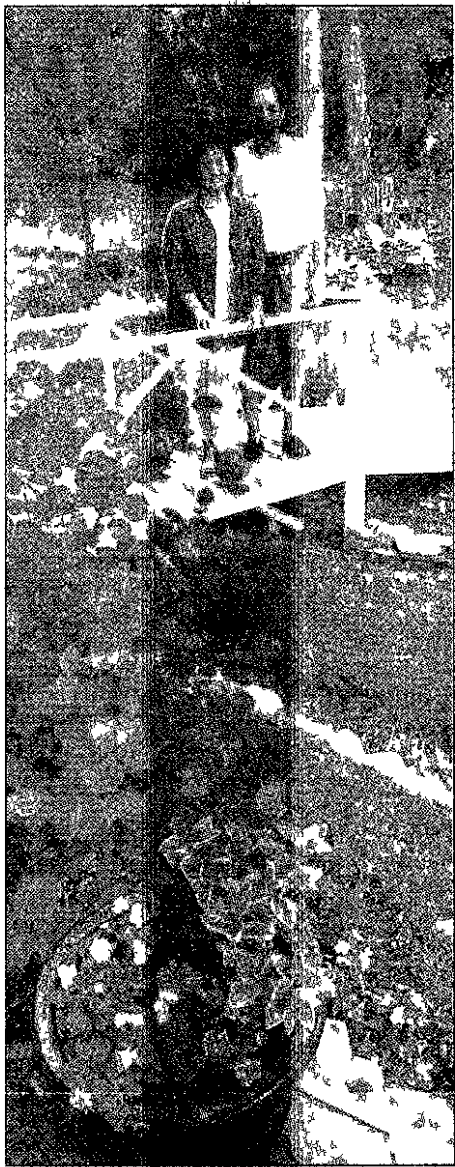
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Rebecca and Rick Shriner took an odd-shaped lot and turned it into an oasis of gardens. The site will be featured on the Garden Walk in Livonia next week.



Hibiscus bloom behind the Shriners home

A path of their own

Couple adds variety of gardens to property

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Nothing led to another - and another, and another. Richard and Rebecca Shriner live on property that consisted only of tall grass and weeds when they moved there in 1979. Horses that belonged to a neighbor used to graze on the pie-shaped site, which was about one acre in size. Five years ago, the Shriners decided to start landscaping with a small garden in one of the few sunny areas of the property. They built a short path to the garden and continued it to the wooded end of the lot.

From there, the couple has extended the path around the property many times, adding gardens along the way.

"It kind of evolved," Rebecca said. "It really evolved by itself."

Now 11 different garden areas, linked by the path, are on the spacious site. It is one of seven gardens featured on the 16th annual Garden Walk in Livonia Saturday, June 25 (see related items).

VARIETY

The Shriners tend to their gardens in their spare time. All of the designing is done by Richard, who is taking classes through the Michigan School of Gardening, Rebecca said.

He likes to plan, she said. "I like to throw stuff here and there. He's very patient. If something doesn't work here he'll try it somewhere else."

Each garden has its own name. By the house is the Cottage Garden, defined by the enclosure of antique fencing. It's a charming version of an English cottage garden, including sedum, peonies, phlox, lamb's ear, sweet William, iris, black-eyed Susan and lychens.

16TH ANNUAL GARDEN WALK

What Seven lovely gardens and yards of homes throughout Livonia are available for viewing, in an event presented by The Friends for the Development of Greenmead. All proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Village.

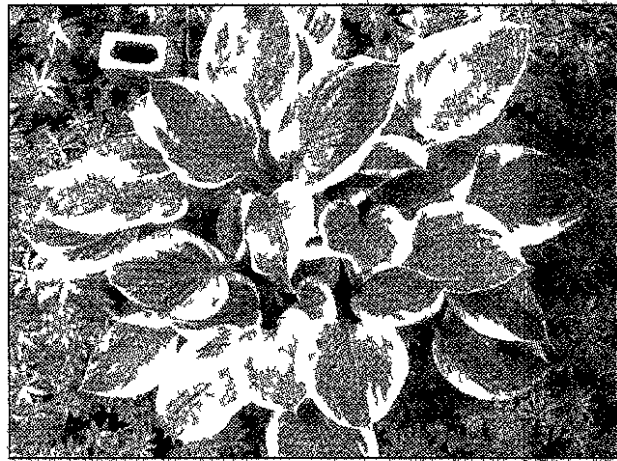
When 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 25

Tickets \$9 in advance, \$10 the day of the event. Tickets may be bought from committee members or at any of the Livonia libraries, the Civic Center Library Gift Shop, the Greenmead office, or the Department of Community Resources on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall.

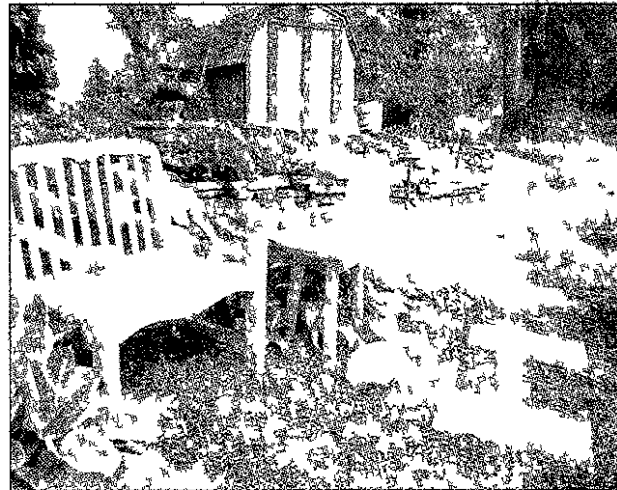
The Greenmead office is at Newburgh and Eight Mile. The Civic Center Library and Livonia City Hall are at Farmington Road and Five Mile.

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PLEASE SEE PATH, B4



One bed features hosta surrounded by sweet woodruff

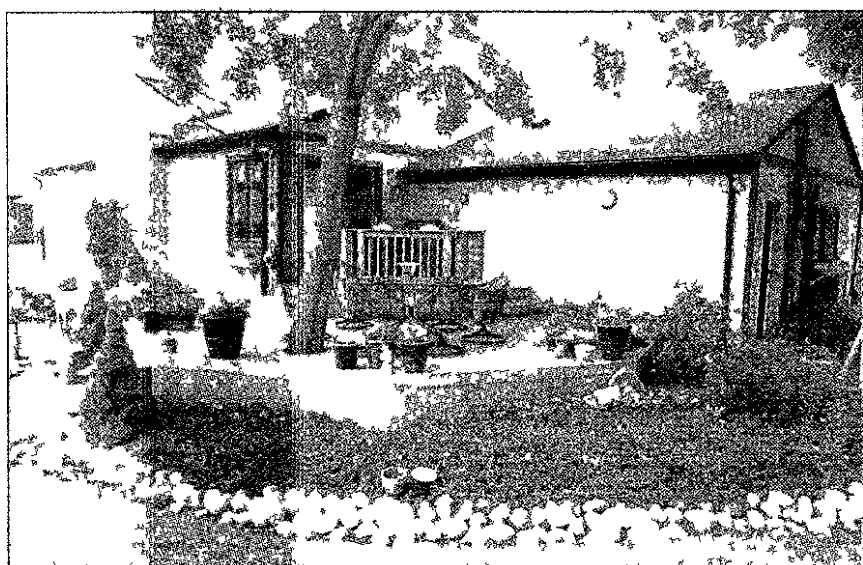


The path leads to different gardens. Almost every garden has a spot to sit and enjoy the view.



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Most gardens feature a piece or two of statuary



There are gardens wherever you look on the Shriners' property

Garden Walk features many different types

Other gardens on the tour include:

- A private sanctuary, including a perennial garden with more than 50 different types of plants, and a large vegetable garden - with herbs, fruit trees and more perennials.
- The original yard consisted of a cement patio surrounded by 10 shrubs. It now features a spa, pond, tiered decking and two pergolas.
- A site that has changed since it was in the 1997 Garden Walk. It now includes extensive perennial gardens, with numerous varieties of ornamental grasses, a front circle garden, with a large ornamental grass that reaches to the second story in late summer, hybrid varieties of native Michigan plants, selected to attract butterflies, and a shade garden.
- A garden of "do-it-yourselfers," who chose and arranged plants in order to have a succession of flowers from spring to fall.
- They also have a vegetable and herb garden, where they grow items that are hard to find in local stores.
- A site where the gardener adds new spaces each year, dividing plants and finding more varieties.
- She designs and makes her own pots.

PLEASE SEE TYPES, B2

Bookmark these fun and informative Web sites

The Web never ceases to amaze me. It's an endless reservoir of practical information, fun distractions, and everyday wonders. (No wonder I never get any work done.)

I've collected a handful of the sites that have become part of my daily regimen. I think you might enjoy them.

Geocaching Need something to do this weekend? Take the family Geocaching. It's like a high-tech treasure hunt, where half the fun is in the search. All you need is this Web site, some

bug spray (if you'll be hunting in a wooded area) and a GPS receiver. You can pick up a great model like the Magellan eXplorist 100 for \$99.

Launchcast (launch.yahoo.com) Lately I've become a huge fan of Internet radio (stay tuned for an entire column about it). If you've never tried it yourself, Launchcast is a great place to start. It's home to over 35 free stations you can listen to on your PC - everything from big band to country to classical.

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Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

friend or family member will forward me a suspicious sounding e-mail. Congress is shutting down NPR. Or Drive down inflated gas prices by boycotting gas stations this

Tuesday. These are but a few of the bogus urban legends that have been floating around the Internet for years.

Do everyone a favor and head to Snopes.com before you blindly forward one of these messages to someone else. Chances are good you'll find out that no members of Congress are not exempt from contributing to Social Security.

Techbargains.com Always a sucker for cheap deals, I peruse this site almost daily for discounts, closeouts and other

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TV Squad (tvssquad.com) - Like TV? I mean, do you really, really like TV? For a great daily dose of tube news, commentary, and discussion, head to TV Squad. It's a blog staffed by a handful of pop culture aficionados, whose snarky take on television never fails to make me smile. If you prefer movies to TV, check out Cinematical (cinematical.com), a similarly amusing blog for film buffs.

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Accents

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"Got a clogged drain or a toilet that needs cleaning? Do you have pots and pans with burned-on grease? Did a bee just sting you? Grab an Alka-Seltzer, in fact, grab a handful," says James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features.

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"Two tablets will clean gooey flower vases, and a tablet wrapped in a moist cloth will soothe insect bites."

Electrical safety

New educational tools can make learning about electrical safety fun for children, according to the Electrical Safety Foundation International (ESFI).

ESFI has released a Spanish version of its popular *Mr. Plug Fun Book*, designed to help teachers and parents explain electrical safety to children.

ESFI is also joining with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), which will launch Web-based electrical safety lesson plans in conjunction with its Risk Watch program.

The Risk Watch electrical lesson plans, for pre-K/Kindergarten through eighth grade, will teach youngsters of all ages to be safe around electricity. The lessons can be found on the Risk Watch Web site, www.riskwatch.org.

"Electrical fires are the third leading cause of home fires," said Judy Comoletti, NFPA assistant vice president for public education.

"Working with ESFI, NFPA has been able to focus on this important topic. It has been a fun project and I am sure our Risk Watch teachers will enjoy the new activities."

Risk Watch Unintentional Injuries is the first comprehensive injury prevention program designed for use in classrooms.

Linking teachers with community safety experts and parents, Risk Watch effectively teaches youngsters and their families the skills and knowledge they need to be safe from the areas they're at greatest risk to unintentional injuries.

ESFI's *Mr. Plug Fun Book* includes coloring activities and puzzles to increase public safety awareness for children.

Available in English and Spanish, one version of the *Mr. Plug Fun Book* is for pre-kindergarten children, and another for children in kindergarten through the third grade.

ESFI's *Mr. Plug Fun Book* is available for downloading free of charge from the ESFI Library on ESFI's Web site, www.electrical-safety.org.

Print copies can also be ordered through the Web site.

Visit the site, or call ESFI at (703) 841-3329 for more information on electrical safety.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Rain gardens
Tour four residential rain gardens in Lathrup Village and learn about ways to handle excess rain water with earth friendly gardens 10 a m to 4 p m Saturday June 18 Information and garden site maps will be available at Lathrup Village City Offices 27400 Southfield Road 1/4 mile north of I 696 A 15 minute introduction program to rain gardens will take place at 10 15 a m 12 15 p m and 2 15 p m Meet in the north parking lot by the picnic shelter Visitors may participate in the program before or after going to the gardens
No registration is required The self guided tour is free For more information call Lillian Dean at (248) 546 5818 or e mail LFDean@aol com

Rose show
The Metropolitan Rose Society's annual Rose Show will take place Saturday Sunday June 18 19 at Macomb Mall 32233 Gratiot in Roseville
Hours are noon to 7 p m Saturday and noon to 2 30 p m Sunday Consulting rosarians will be on hand to answer questions

Seminars
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Among the scheduled topics are Guide to Daylilies (June 22) and Perennial Gardening (June 29) The daylilies seminar will include popular varieties dividing tips and care information
In the perennial gardening seminar learn how to create a colorful garden with perennials Among the topics will be how to select plants combine colors and provide proper care during and after the growing season

Show and tell
Rose Show and Tell a non competitive rose show will take place at a meeting of the Downriver Rose Society 7 9 p m Wednesday June 22 at the Brownstown Community Center 21311 Telegraph south of Sibley and north of West Road in Brownstown
This practice show is aimed at the novice rose exhibitor The public may bring roses from their gardens for exhibition Admission is free Judges from the American Rose Society will help you prepare and exhibit roses from your garden
For more information call Mike at (877) 860 5364 or Nancy at (734) 461 1230

Use TSP, bleach to clean that wood deck

Once the weather warms up and we move ourselves outside, one of the chores that many of us face with wood decks is cleaning and reconditioning them
Wood decks are subjected to extremes in temperature, rain, snow, ultraviolet rays from the sun, freeze-thaw cycles, foot traffic and microorganisms All contribute to the deck's wood deterioration
Helping our decks to stand up to these abuses and looking good takes a reasonable amount of work, but it's worth it in the end

CLEANING
Start by removing all furniture and debris from the deck Use a putty knife to clean dirt and leaves from between the

spaces in the deck boards
Hose down the deck to remove loose dirt
I've found one of the best cleaners to use on a deck is a solution made of about one half cup of laundry bleach and a couple tablespoons of TSP (tri-sodium phosphate) mixed with one gallon of water If the deck is especially dirty, add a little more TSP Spray the mixture onto a wet deck surface using a garden sprayer, work it into the wood with a stiff brush or broom, then let it set for about 15 minutes You may need to lightly mist the surface with water if the solution starts to dry out
After the waiting time, hose down the deck surface with a powerful hose spray If you choose to use a power washer, set the pressure only as high as needed High-pressure water jets can damage wood fibers (Don't forget to follow the power washer manufacturer's safety recommendations and wear safety glasses)
The chlorine in this solution is diluted enough that it should not harm plants If however

you have sensitive plants around the deck, you may want to protect them The TSP, because it contains phosphates, may even help plants Be careful of runoff into watersheds, such as the Rouge or Clinton river systems
Phosphates there can promote unwanted plant and algae growth in the waterways
Another cleaning solution I've used is made from oxygen bleaches such as Oxiclean and water Use between one-quarter and one-half cup per gallon of water This one works almost as good as the bleach-TSP solution except on green algae areas of the deck
Commercial solutions work well but tend to be somewhat expensive for large decks No matter what method you use, it may be necessary to apply a second coat to areas that are stained or exceptionally dirty
Once the deck is cleaned, brightened and dried, look for rough spots These can be sanded with an ordinary orbital sander with 100 grit preferably, but the sandpaper should be no rougher than 80

grit Secure any loose deck boards using corrosion-resistant nails or screws Avoid using the old nail holes

SEALING
Seal or stain the deck once it is completely dry There are many fine deck sealers and stains on the market Talk with a paint specialist to help you determine which product is best for your particular situation My favorite is Penofin made by the Performance Coating Co This product uses Brazilian rosewood oil, penetrates deeply into the wood and is specifically formulated for outdoor use
Now get that deck clean so you can sit down and enjoy it

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects He is a Plymouth resident
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Wikipedia (wikipedia org) - An encyclopedia like no other, the Wikipedia contains entries written and edited by everyday folk (just like you) Sounds a little nuts, but it's a great source of plain-English information on just about every subject imaginable (and plenty you never imagined)

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of flowers that she moves around so there is always color in the yard
■ A garden that has been changed many times over the last 39 years
Brick pavers replaced the cement driveway, the bed line was expanded, more perennials and woody flowering shrubs were added, and the vegetable garden was converted to perennials (except for a couple of tomato plants and rhubarb)
■ A garden, about three years old, created after a swimming pool was removed
The homeowners made a pond and waterfall and built a patio, surrounding it with about 85 different varieties of perennials
After adding a new driveway, they used the old driveway as another patio and dressed it with flower beds More perennials added around the perimeter of the yard blend well with existing wildflowers and groundcover

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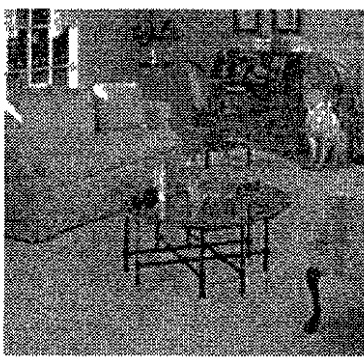
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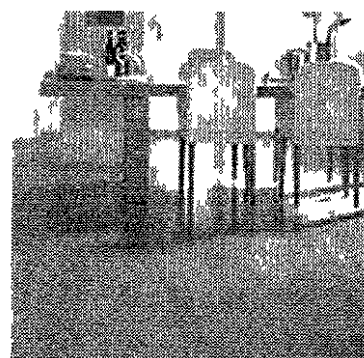
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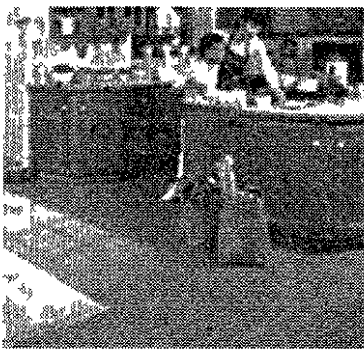


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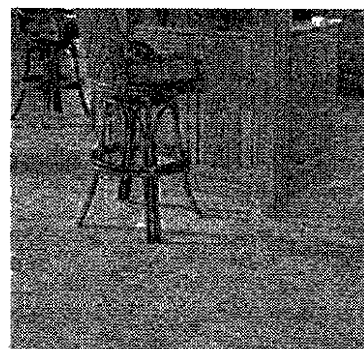


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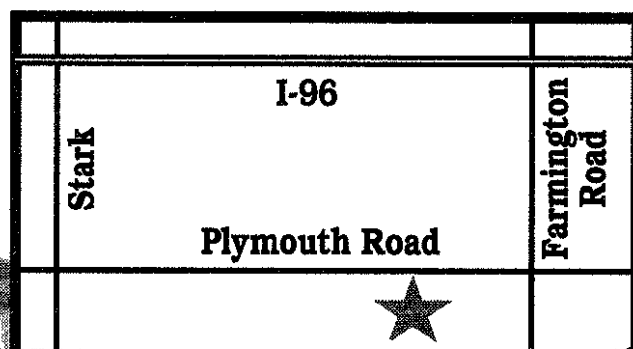
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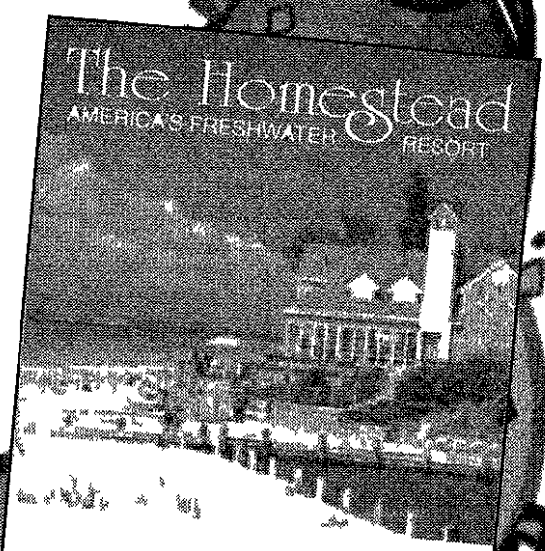
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PATH

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The Fern Garden, inspired by a trip to northern California, contains ostrich, Christmas, Japanese, leather

and maidenhair ferns. The Hosta Hillside is a shady area consisting almost entirely of various hostas that was inspired by Hidden Lake Gardens near the Irish Hills. Some are placed in clusters among the sea of sweet

woodruff, like ornaments on a green cloak. A water fountain and bench, one of the seats on the property, are also here. "We like to have a little area where you can stop and reflect," Rebecca said.

Nature's Garden features periwinkle groundcover, lily of the valley and buckthorn shrubs, as well as hostas and annuals. Richard designed the Labyrinth Garden, with a grass path forming the labyrinth. The Shrimers will place hedges around the spot so it is secluded.

Willow, dogwood, perennial grasses, rhododendron, azalea, Japanese painted fern and variegated Jacob's ladder are also in this area. The Swing Garden was named for a swing that used to hang from a tree. It can be reached from the street by a path lined with boxwood. Passersby often stop to enjoy the red-twig dogwood, spirea, butterfly bush and other plants here.

Birds, butterflies and rabbits are drawn to the lot. "We really don't fight the critters," Richard said. The Shrimers do things naturally in their gardens. They put in plants that attract beneficial insects, buy worms, which draw birds, and encourage toads and bats (the latter, with bat houses), which eat mosquitoes. "We just try to have a balanced ecosystem," Rebecca said.

"This is our public garden," Richard said. "We encourage the public to come and just sit." The Sun Garden, which started it all, is still thriving. "You can grow anything here," Richard said. Subtle accents are placed around the property. Strings of little lights, meant to resemble fireflies, are on tree limbs.

NATURAL
The Shrimers dug a narrow trench around the bottom of the sloping back yard, making a slender creek. Animals drink from the rain water that collects in it. The property has been certified by the National Wildlife Foundation as a backyard wildlife habitat. It contains the essential elements of shelter, food, a natural water source and places to raise young.

POPULAR WALK
The Garden Walk is a popular event, said committee member Janet Bennett. "We sell 700-some tickets each tour and there's a steady flow of people that day," she said.

Organizers look for the 'overall impression' of the yard when selecting gardens for the walk, Bennett said. "We look to see if it's attractive, and everything else is additional. We see if the plantings are unusual, if they use unusual perennials or anything arranged in a special way," she said.

"We try to have a variety - big yards and small yards, new houses and older, quaint houses. It's a learning experience for all of us gardeners." Many visitors discover parts of the city when they go on the garden walk. "We hear 'Gee, I didn't know this neighborhood existed in Livonia,'" Bennett said.

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Kathi Burger (left) Robert Thom the Rev Greg Rowe, and Virginia Hunter recently met to discuss plans for New Beginnings United Methodist Church

2 churches make 1 new beginning

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

The "anything is possible" spirit seems to be contagious at New Beginnings United Methodist Church these days. Only a year ago Lola Valley and Rice Memorial United Methodist churches were faltering under the burden of having to pay utility bills while membership was dwindling, but that's all changed with the merger of the Redford congregations. On June 19, they'll officially dedicate the "new church" at 10:30 a.m. with a ceremony and lots of music and hot dogs afterwards.

Unlike huge corporations, the two smaller churches came together without a hitch. From June to December 1 of last year they rotated services, one month at Lola Valley, one at Rice Memorial until deciding to close Rice and remain in the Lola Valley church. It was common sense to join the 198 members and their families. The two churches had maintained joint choirs since 1998, and Rev Greg Rowe had served as pastor for both churches since 2000. He'd never experienced such a meeting of minds. An army chaplain for 13 years, Rowe cared for congregations in the Upper Peninsula, Flint, Ann Arbor, and Indiana before coming to Redford.

The people are all different but all have the same values. Sometimes you try to merge and the communities have different values, said Rowe who was raised in Livonia and now lives in Redford. They're very passionate toward hunger and having a safe place for children.

The secure environment the members hope to create is just across the street from Bulman Elementary and two blocks down from Hilbert Middle School. The location didn't escape the merger committee when they were looking at which church to close.

Location is something churches need to consider when attracting a flock. Both had been around since 1954. It wasn't an easy decision.

"It was just like any other marriage you have to decide where are you going to live?" said Kathi Hunter, the New Beginnings youth leader searching for new members. "By the time school opens we hope to have a place for kids to come and have a tutor or practice their band instruments."

Hunter and Kim Burling are brimming with ideas to attract children to church. Their reasoning is the parents will follow. A Vacation Bible School is the first event scheduled 6-8 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 25-29. The cost is one can of food per day for anyone ranging in age from preschool to adult.

At first it was kind of sad closing Rice because I was married there, said Burling, a Sunday School teacher and Rowe's assistant. It can be a good thing with the schools and neighborhoods being here and getting into the community to have outreach programs to get kids in. We should open our doors and have a youth night, after school programs, maybe once a month a fellowship dinner. Make this a place people want to gravitate to. It sounds like a lot of work but it's going to be fun to throw up a basketball hoop. My husband's already put in a horseshoe pit. We want to bring young and old together, have a place where a young child can sit on a grandma's lap. We want to make it community friendly, open it up and make it accessible.

Even before the official dedication, church leaders came up with a three-year plan. The first step is to make the community aware by starting children's programs, outdoor services, and holding a picnic at noon Saturday July 23, with free hot dogs, hamburgers, games, and clowns. The second year they'll work on converting disciples for Jesus Christ, and the third year reaching out to the community through the Red Cross, Children's Village, Redford Interfaith Relief, and other organizations that need help.

"We'll be sending people out to work in the community, said Pastor Rowe. We want people to get involved, to go to schools and read with children who are a little behind to help point the way."

It's obvious there's no looking back even for



Virginia Hunter stands next to a Peace Pole outside New Beginnings United Methodist Church in Redford. The poles carry the same message in different languages. They were retrieved from Rice Memorial before it was sold and members joined Lola Valley United Methodist as New Beginnings. Rice was founded in 1954 by World War II and Korean War veterans.

longtime members such as Virginia Hunter, a former Redford resident now living in Wixom. She was a member of Rice Memorial for 20 years.

It's the church family that draws us back, said Hunter who served on the merger committee. "It's not the building. It's the people. I look at it as moving on up."

It won't be long before the two altars from Lola Valley and Rice Memorial churches in the New Beginnings sanctuary are replaced by one that is being custom made. Neither church wanted to give up their altar, so they're making a fresh start that includes room to expand. The congregation plans to grow enough to fill their 6-acre parcel of land with a new sanctuary and a Peaceful Meditation Garden.

They're already the home for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies, and Clowns Around Redford in addition to adult and youth choirs, and the quartet Celebration who provide spiritual support for services held 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

"We're wide open for new people to come in," said Robert Thom of Northville, a former Redford resident and a member of Lola Valley church since 1956. "We are a neighborhood church."

For more information about New Beginnings, call (313) 255-6330.

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JUNE

Celebration

50th anniversary Revival and Renewal Celebration June 17-19 includes potluck dinner 6:30 p.m. followed by a Prayer and Praise Service on June 17 9 a.m. Prayer Breakfast June 18 and 10 a.m. worship with Holy Communion at Good Hope Lutheran Church 28680 Cherry Hill east of Middlebelt Garden City RSVP for Friday and Saturday events Call (734) 427-3660

Davey and Gollath

Circus Spectacular Vacation Bible School 9 a.m. to noon June 20-24 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church 20805 Middlebelt Farmington Hills Call (248) 474-0675

Vacation Bible School

Loads of fun with stories, crafts, games, prizes, songs, skits, snacks, and best of all Veggie Tales. Kids age 4 through 6th grade get ready for a Very Veggie VBS 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday-Friday June 20-24 at Covenant Community Church 25800 Student one block North of Five Mile on Beech Daly Redford Call (313) 535-3100

Beach Blast

Vacation Bible School includes beach games, snacks, crafts, and digging into God's Word for children entering grades K-6. 9:15 a.m. Monday-Friday June 20-24 at Trinity Presbyterian Church 10101 West Ann Arbor Road Plymouth. No charge. Fun-filled Family Night 7 p.m. Wednesday June 22. There is also a parent program that runs concurrently with the VBS program for parents who wish to remain on the premises with their children. For information call (734) 459-9550.

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ages 3-17 at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church 8828 Wormer Redford Call (313) 537-7480

Serengeti Trek

The Vacation Bible School where kids are wild about God 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. June 20-24 for children from kindergarten age through grade five at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church 16700 Newburgh Livonia Call (734) 464-8844

Good News Day Camp

For children completing kindergarten through sixth grade games, music, skits, snacks, crafts, nature Bible stories, water play 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday June 20-24 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church 34567 Seven Mile Livonia. Cost \$55 per child. To register call Judy Cook at (248) 442-0307.

Kids at the Park

This year's theme is Ranch House Kids for ages pre-kindergarten through entering fifth grade 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday June 20-24 at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W 11 Mile Farmington Hills Call (248) 476-8860 to register. Cost is \$30.

Wild about God

Safari theme Bible school 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday June 20-24 at Memorial Church of Christ 35475 Five Mile in Livonia Call (734) 464-6722. No charge.

Vacation Bible School

Calvary Baptist Church turns into a jungle for its Bible school in Canton 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday June 20-24. Includes live drama and lots of active music. No charge. Call (734) 455-0022. Each day focuses on a different theme: God's prayers, God's tens, God provides, God forgives, God protects, God rules.

Vacation Bible School

9:15-11:30 a.m. June 20-24 at Faith Community Presbyterian Church 44400 W 10 Mile in Novi. No charge. Volunteers are always welcome.

Registration forms can be downloaded at www.faithcommunitynovi.org or be found in the church office. On June 22 at 6:30 p.m. the Adult Education Committee will be leading a screening and discussion of the movie 'The Mission' starring Robert DeNiro. Call (248) 349-2345.

Free concerts

Begin 8 p.m. Wednesday June 22 with Spark from the Ashes and runs through Aug. 17. June 29 features an evening of American musical favorites based around a patriotic theme. July 6 elmo THUMM. July 13 Barbershop favorites by The Gentlemen Songsters. July 20 David Bennett and Friends. July 27 Sopranos Three. Aug. 3 Joshua Brodbeck on pipe organ. Aug. 10 Prime Vocal Jazz. Aug. 17 Ken Fourn Orchestra at Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W 11 Mile west of Middlebelt Farmington Hills Call (248) 476-8860.

Summer events

Wednesday June 22 the Adult Education Committee will be offering a movie and discussion of 'The Mission' starring Robert DeNiro at Faith Community Presbyterian Church 44400 West 10 Mile Novi Call (248) 349-2345. Church organist Val Bogdan will be performing 7:30 p.m. Friday June 24. There is no cost for this event, however a free will offering will be taken with all proceeds going to support the Beaumont Hospital HOPE program. The HOPE program offers classes for parents of autistic children. Worship continues at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sundays. Sunday school and nursery care is offered at both services. The adult golf league is continuing each Monday at 5:30 p.m. at Coyote Golf Course.

Single adult events

Newcomers Luncheon 1 p.m. Sunday June 26 (newcomers eat free \$5 for those regularly attending). Crossing Jordan is the young single adult ministry that meets 11:30 a.m. Sundays in the Chapel at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile west of Haggerty Northville Call (248) 374-5920.



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RUTH MARIE BARR

Of Southfield and formerly of Livonia, passed away on June 9 2005. She born on May 21 1927 in Kansas City Kansas. She is preceded in death by her husband Glenn L. Barr who passed away on July 27 1999. She is survived by children, Eric W. (Sherry) of Kansas City KS, James (Jim) Mies of Birmingham MI, Crista M. (Brian) Boyle of Kalamazoo MI, Glenn L. Jr. (Nancy) of Ferndale MI & Martin (Gale) of Armada MI grandchildren Christopher Alexander Dylan, Riley Sarah Colin Kari & Avalon. Mrs. Barr was a volunteer with Recording for the Blind at Wayne State (illustrating books for the blind) member of Beta Sigma Phi (women's group in MI) and volunteer as a host usher at the Fisher Theater. She received her associates degree from Kansas City Art School in Missouri. Private visitation at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 705 W 11 Mile (4 blks E of Woodward) Royal Oak Memorial services were held. Memorials may be made to Lymphoma Foundation. On line info www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

ELISABETH (ELLIE) BENEDICT

Age 60 of Plymouth MI passed away in German on May 27th 2005. Beloved wife of Edward Benedict loving Mother of Jeff Monika (Shannon) and Robert (Michelle) Proud Grandmother of Jason Derrick Tyler, Paige Malek Jeffrey and Christian. Preceded in death by daughter Jane Memorial Services to be held June 22 2005 at Risen Christ Lutheran church 46250 Ann Arbor Rd Plymouth MI Visitation 3:30 to 5:00pm Service at 5:00pm



ROSEMARY J. NORQUIST

Age 82 50 year resident of Plymouth Loving wife of the late Rudolph Beloved mother of Jerry (Susan) and Kim (Nan.) Dear grandmother of Kristan (Paul) Rodwell Stacia (Steven) Lyndrup Brett (Maribeth) Patterson and Scott (Chris) Patterson. Also survived by ten great grandchildren. Funeral service Friday 10 AM at Vermeulen Funeral Home 46401 West Ann Arbor Road (East of Beck) Plymouth Visitation Thursday 3-8 PM Interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park to view obituary and leave a message of condolence log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

KATHRYN MYERS GOSSETT

Of 1276 Covington Road Bloomfield Hills a retired foreign language instructor at Kingswood School Cranbrook, passed away peacefully at her home on June 4 2005. Mrs. Gossett graduated summa cum laude from Ohio University with a BA in 1931 later earning an MA in 1936. After a career as a high school foreign language teacher in Pennsylvania Ohio and Michigan, she joined the foreign language department at Kingswood in 1945. She received a Fulbright to study and teach in Ancestry France (1953-54). She returned to Kingswood becoming chair of the department in 1955. In 1973 she was decorated as a Chevalier des Palmes Academiques (France 1973). During her long and successful career at Kingswood she dedicated her life to inspiring her students with a love of foreign language and culture. In addition to her activities in the classroom she traveled with her students to Europe helping them experience first hand the culture she loved. In 1976 she retired from teaching and was awarded the Cranbrook Founders medal. Devoted to French Language and culture the arts, music and history, she was a benefactor to educational institutions and charities. Mrs. Gossett was a member of Christ Church Cranbrook The Village Club Phi Beta Kappa, and AAUW. Mrs. Gossett was the daughter of Charles Edgar and Vera (Good) Myers of Baltimore Ohio and wife of William Thomas Gossett, having been married for 14 years. The eldest she was preceded in death by her sisters Mary Louise Wetzel Shirley Anne Tener and brothers Robert M. Myers and Richard K. Myers. She is survived by her step children W. Thomas Gossett, Jr. Antoinette G. Denning and Elizabeth Karaman, nieces Angela Parsons Vera Welker and Myrna Westfall, nephews Robert M. Myers Charles Michael tener and Daniel Tener. A memorial service will be held Friday June 17 2005 at Christ Church Cranbrook 470 Church Rd Bloomfield Hills Michigan 48304 at 2:00 p.m. The family requests that memorials be made to the Cranbrook Educational Community French Department. A reception will be held immediately after the service at Christ Church Guild Hall. A private committal will take place in the church columbarium after the reception. Arrangements The Wm R. Hamilton Company of Birmingham.

RONALD F. MERCHANT

June 7 2005 Age 58 of Northville Dear father of Tara Grandfather of Marcus Cremation rites were accorded Arrangement by The Harry J Will Funeral Home

RAY EARL SPRINGER JR.

Age 79 of Shelby Twp MI, resident of MI and FL, died June 9 2005, born May 18 1926 in Henderson, KY to Ray Sr. and Bonnie Springer WWII veteran serving in the South Pacific Married Nancy R. (Jackson) Springer Feb 29 1948 Carlisle, KY Retired from Chrysler Corp in 1989, after 30 years of employment. Survived by wife Nancy Sons Jeff (Maureen), Mark (Lana) and Tim Springer and 10 grandchildren Rebekah Hannah, Megan (Jason) Sharp Jennifer Calhoun, Daniel, Sarah, Timothy, Matthew Mitchell and Kasey Springer Memorial Services were held June 11 2005 at First Baptist Church of Rochester Pridley Funeral Home of Rochester assisted the family with arrangements.

THERESA STRATFORD

Age 72 June 13 2005 Beloved wife of the late Robert Dear mother of Margie (Glen) Sandin and Patti Wright Grandmother of Chris (Amber) Jessi Rob and Kaylen Sandin Megan Stratford and Nicole R.J. and Matthew Wright Great grandmother of Cali Sandin Sister of William (Eleanor) and Charles O'Connor in state Thursday 9:30am at St. Raphael Catholic Church 31530 Beechwood (at Merriman Road, 2 blocks north of Ford Rd.) until 10am Mass Arrangements by Santeu and Son Funeral Home (734) 427-3800



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Headed Up North?

Take in wineries, music and food festivals

Summertime is wine and food festival time in Michigan

When you plan your next trip up North to the Leelanau Peninsula or Old Mission Peninsula, or westward to the Paw Paw area, you might want to add a wine festival to your plans and pack more fun into your travels

Hitting the wineries may be well worth the trip. Madeline Trifon, wine director for the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group, said Michigan wineries "do very good cool-climate wines"

"I don't say that because I have to, but I am an ambassador for good wines from Michigan that we serve at our restaurants," she said

Red wines are more of a challenge for Michigan winemakers because of the state's cool climate, she said, but many of the aromatic white varietals are among the best in the country

You can discover Michigan wines and meet winemakers at many of the following festivals

Have an interest in antique autos? Try the Bay Harbor

Concours Wine Tasting this weekend on June 18

There are festivals that combine wine and music: the Suttons Bay Jazz and Wine Festival on July 30, and the Leelanau Red, White and Blues Festival in Northport on Aug. 13

Others combine art and wine, like the Art by the Ponds in Glen Arbor July 9

Try the Sunrise Side Wine and Food Festival in Harrisville on July 16 or closer to home, the International Wine & Food Festival June 24-26 at the Meadow Brook Music Festival in Rochester Hills

If you happen to be in the Traverse City area for the annual cherry festival, there's the National Cherry Festival Wine Spectacular July 3

And harvest time brings the popular Paw Paw Wine and Harvest Festival Sept. 9-11

In addition, many wineries have special events throughout the summer that feature food, music, cars, picnics and more

Try the Jazz at Sunset at Chateau Chantal on Old Mission Peninsula 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays through August. The Summer Picnic Series at L. Mawby Vineyards requires reservations

Larry Mawby "makes a sparkling

PLEASE SEE MICHIGAN, B9



Layered salads 'beet' the heat

Layered salads have been a warm weather staple for years. So has the three bean salad. What picnic, potluck or family reunion would be complete without these favorites? Combine the two classics into a new salad that's a spicy, sassy and tasty change of pace.

Along with the requisite layers of lettuce, chopped veggies and dressing, Tex Mex Layered Bean Salad features a layer of Three Bean Salad with a spicy chipotle mayonnaise topping.

This bean salad rivals homemade. The green beans, wax beans and dark red kidney beans are marinated in a delicious vinegary sweet dressing. (You may want to keep a can in the refrigerator - it makes

a great spur of the moment accompaniment to warm weather meals.) To incorporate even more South of the border flair, the recipe calls for pre-shredded Mexican cheese blend.

The preparation is the same: layer the ingredients, cover with dressing, refrigerate, toss and serve. But thanks to the use of bagged salad greens, the canned 3 bean salad, pre-shredded cheese and prepared chipotle mayo, it takes minutes to assemble. Plus, if you purchase your chopped pepper and onion at the salad bar - you don't even need to pick up a knife.

So the next time you fire up the grill for those burgers

PLEASE SEE BEETS, B8



Layered beet salads can cut the heat this summer. This Classic Beet Salad also includes shrimp, goat cheese and almonds.

SENECA FOODS

Pork remains popular

Someone once told me, pork is king.

Pork is such a versatile protein and its history as a food source dates back as far as any written history. Pork is ever so increasing in popularity in the home kitchen as well as in restaurant kitchens. Each year its consumption seems to be growing, even with the cholesterol concerns it brings.

These days most hogs are raised leaner and most of the fat is cut away. I am torn by this because I understand the health issues, but if you never have had a country pate with Dijon mustard and cornichons and a crusty French baguette, you can't understand what Brian Polcyn, owner of Five Lakes Grill in Milford and charcuterie instructor at Schoolcraft College, means when he says then that "fat is flavor." We cut it off and out of our diets and wonder why pork tastes dry and doesn't have flavor.

We have to put the flavor back in, don't we?

I am sure you can find a cut that



Chef's Table

Mike Trombley

would suit most people's needs. I prefer the tenderloin myself. It has some fat and a lot of flavor. It can be cooked in all dry-heat methods, which means it is not a tough meat. I prefer grilling this cut in the summer months and roasting in the winter.

The loin can be used in a similar fashion, but be careful not to overcook this cut. Loin is leaner and will be as dry as the Sahara Desert if you cook it well done.

The pork chop is a combination of the loin and tenderloin. If you purchase a loin chop, it will have the bone and just the loin section.

Ribs are a favorite of many diners, too, and can be prepared in se-

PLEASE SEE PORK, B9

Enjoy a healthy way to quench thirst

There is a tasty, healthy way to quench your thirst.

Veggie coolers - refreshing drinks of vegetables combined with dairy products - can refresh on a hot summer day more effectively than sweet, cloying drinks. They also offer all the health benefits usually claimed for the "health" or "wellness" juices so frequently advertised.

Many Asian countries have long recognized the refreshing powers of non-sweet beverages in hot weather. They not only taste good but help boost daily servings of vegetables as recommended by health and nutrition specialists.

Because of the links found between cancer prevention and eating produce, experts recommend between five and nine servings of vegetables and fruits a day.

Vegetables are rich in nutrients and phytochemicals, plant substances that help protect against cancer and other chronic problems such as heart



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Veggie coolers are a delicious, and healthy way to stay cool this summer

disease. There are thousands of phytochemicals, each with a specialized function that helps reduce the risk of many health problems. Because they seem to work together in complex ways, eating a wide variety of vegetables and other plant-based foods is essential to foster that synergy.

Lake smoothies, vegetable-based drinks can be made easily

and quickly in a blender. Because most vegetables contain large amounts of water, dairy products such as yogurt or buttermilk make a good thickening base and a healthful source of protein.

The following recipes can be served as chilled soups as well as drinks. Consistency is a matter of preference. These recipes offer flexibility

COOL CUKE QUENCHER

2 cups diced seedless cucumbers* (about 2 medium)
2 tablespoons (tightly packed) finely minced fresh cilantro
1/2 cup non or low fat butter milk
1/2 cup non fat plain yogurt
Salt and white pepper if desired

Place cucumbers, cilantro and half the buttermilk in a blender. Puree until smooth. Blend in remaining buttermilk and yogurt, according to desired consistency, until smooth.

Add salt and pepper to taste, as desired.

Chill before serving.

Makes 1-2 servings, depending on amount of liquid used.

*If the skin is thin, cucumbers do not need to be peeled.

Per serving: 48 calories, less than 1 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 8 g carbohydrate, 4 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 67 mg sodium.

EASY-PEASY COOLER

1 cup frozen peas slightly thawed
2 cups boiling water
2 tablespoons finely minced fresh mint leaves
1/2 cup fat free plain yogurt
1/2 cup fat free buttermilk
Salt to taste if desired

Place peas in a heat-proof bowl or a saucepan. Add boiling water and let stand about 5 minutes or until peas are tender. Drain and place in a blender with mint and yogurt. Blend until smooth. Gradually blend in enough buttermilk to desired consistency and until mixture is smooth. Pour through a fine-mesh sieve set into a bowl or deep container, stirring to speed liquid through the sieve. Discard contents of sieve.

Chill mixture until cold. Before serving, shake, check taste and add salt if desired.

Makes about 1 1/4 cups, or 2 servings.

Per serving: 101 calories, less than 1 g total fat (less than 1 g saturated fat), 17 g carbohydrate, 8 g protein, 4 g dietary fiber, 146 mg sodium.

Recipes courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

BEETS

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or grilled chicken, team them up with this special chilled salad and dinner is served.

The traditional green salad dressed with vinaigrette has come to love the company of other ingredients especially beets, and nuts like walnuts or pecans, and cheese - blue or goat, perhaps. This favored combination has become a restaurant classic that home cooks have embraced as well.

And like a true classic, this little salad only gets better thanks to the great ingredients in our supermarkets that cut prep time to the minimum, but keep flavor to a maximum.

First, the beets. It's no secret that fresh beets require a lot of work before they can be added to the salad.

Today the salad greens come in a package, prewashed, even torn, and ready for the bowl. You just have to open the bag.

The biggest decision might be what combination of greens you'd like to serve. And the dressing. Yes, it is easy to whip up your own vinaigrette, but you don't have to because the store shelves offer a

myriad of flavors. And the cheese and nuts - well, the cheese is already crumbled or shredded, the nuts toasted and seasoned.

So, making the Classic Beet Salad takes less time. The next generation of this classic showcases its versatility.

As is, it's a perfect salad course. And, while plain beets taste great, try sliced pickled beets for even more flavor pizzazz. And with the addition of cooked shrimp it's transformed into a light, contemporary main dish salad that needs only a crusty baguette to round out the menu.

The prepared olive oil dressing is spiked with cumin and honey - a delicious complement to the sweet-tangy pickled beets. Toasted slivered almonds have replaced walnuts or pecans.

UPDATED TEX-MEX LAYERED SALAD

1 large red or yellow bell pepper seeded and chopped
1/2 cup chopped red onion
1 bag (16 ounces) iceberg lettuce, carrot and cabbage salad mix
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Mexican cheese blend
2 cans (15 ounces each) Three Bean Salad, drained
1/2 cup chipotle flavored low fat mayonnaise
1/2 cup low fat sour cream
1/2 cup crumbled tortilla chips, optional
1 small avocado, optional

In a 3-1/2 quart salad bowl or souffle dish (preferably straight-sided) layer the salad as follows: bell pepper, onion, lettuce, cheese and three-bean salad.

Mix together the mayonnaise and sour cream. Spread completely over top of salad. Cover and refrigerate up to eight hours.

Just before serving, sprinkle top with chips, peel and slice avocado and arrange on top, if desired. Toss to serve. Makes 8-10 servings (about 12 cups).

Nutrition information per serving (1/8 of recipe): 177 calories, 5 g protein, 27 g carbohydrate, 8.7 g fat, 488 mg sodium, 10 mg cholesterol, 2.5 g dietary fiber, 0.71 mg iron, 164 mg calcium.

Note: If chipotle-flavored mayonnaise is unavailable, add two tablespoons chipotle peppers in adobo sauce (finely chopped) to 1/2 cup mayonnaise. Continue as recipe directs.

Recipe courtesy of Seneca Foods.

CLASSIC BEET SALAD

1 bag (10 ounces) mixed salad greens
1 jar (16 ounces) Aunt Nellie's Sliced Pickled Beets, drained
1/2 pound cooked shrimp
4 ounces crumbled goat cheese
1/2 cup slivered almonds, toasted

Dressing

1/2 cup prepared olive oil salad dressing
1 tablespoon honey
1 teaspoon ground cumin

Divide salad greens evenly among four plates, arrange beets, shrimp, cheese and almonds on top of greens.

Whisk together dressing ingredients in small bowl. Drizzle evenly over salad. Makes four main dish salads.

Nutrition information per serving: 456 calories, 23 g protein, 23 g carbohydrate, 30 g fat, 770 mg sodium, 140 mg cholesterol, 2 g dietary fiber, 3.4 mg iron, 327 mg calcium.

Note: Sliced cooked chicken or beef can be used in place of shrimp. Crumbled blue cheese can be substituted for the goat cheese.

Recipe courtesy of Seneca Foods.

PORK

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many ways. Some like to cook ribs, then throw on barbecue sauce. Most of the time that burns, so try this: place a dry rub on the outside of the ribs and if you are going to grill, slow cook them for several hours over low heat.

If you like mesquite flavor, add water-soaked chips to your grill toward the end of the cooking process and then the sauce. If you like them crisp, turn up the heat. This will give

you better flavor, not just burned sugar.

Mike Trombley is certified executive chef at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth.

GRILLED SUMMER PORK TENDERLOIN

2 whole cleaned pork tenderloins
1 fresh mango, small dice
1/2 cup diced red pepper
1 tablespoon of diced jalapeno pepper
1 tablespoon lime juice
1 tablespoon chopped basil

Balsamic Brine For Pork

1 gallon lukewarm water
1 cup kosher salt
2 tablespoons sugar
1 cup balsamic vinegar
1 bay leaf
2 tablespoons chopped garlic

Place pork in brine at least six hours before grilling. (Overnight is preferable.)

Prepare salsa and reserve, then pre-heat grill.

Lightly oil and proceed to grill pork on a medium heated grill.

Cook until meat is 145°F or to your preferred temperature.

Let pork rest for 10 minutes and slice. Serve with salsa and favorite roasted potato or rice. Serves 4.

CHIPOTLE BARBECUE SAUCE

1 quart smoky barbecue sauce
1/2 cup diced red onion
1 tablespoon chopped fresh garlic
1 tablespoon chipotle powder
2 tablespoons lemon juice
1 small (6 ounce) can pineapple juice
1 tablespoon fresh grated ginger
2 tablespoons brown sugar

2 ounces olive oil
1 cup chopped cherries without pits or stems

Heat a stainless saucepan until hot and add oil and onions. Sweat until almost translucent and add garlic, ginger, chipotle. Add brown sugar, barbecue sauce and juices.

Simmer 20 minutes and add cherries.

Taste and adjust if needed.

Recipes courtesy of Mike Trombley, certified executive chef at St. John's Golf & Conference Center.

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WINERY SUMMER EVENT LIST

Here is a list of summer wine events in Michigan

JUNE 16

Jazz at Sunset 7-9:30 p.m. Thursdays thru August. Chateau Chantel, 15900 Rue de Vin, Traverse City (800) 969-4009 www.chateauchantel.com
Petoskey Gallery Walk. Downtown Petoskey Featuring wines from the Leelanau Peninsula 5-9 p.m. (231) 938-1811 for more info www.lpwines.com

JUNE 18

Festival of the Sun Old Town, Lansing 2-10 p.m. Celebrate the Summer Solstice with wine from Michigan and around the world, plus beer from Michigan's microbreweries (517) 485-1342 www.festival-ofthesun.com
Bay Harbor Concours Wine Festival 11 a.m.-5 p.m. (231) 938-1811 for more info www.lpwines.com

JUNE 18-19

Father's Day Ultra-light Fly In. Uncle John's Fruit House Winery, 8614 N. U.S. 127, St. John's (989) 224-3686 www.unclejohn.com

JUNE 19

21st Annual Father's Day Festival. Lemon Creek Winery, 533 E. Lemon Creek Road, Berrien Springs This fun-filled family event features hay rides, kids and adult games, Corvette show, live music, food tents, and free wine tasting. No entrance fee, open to the public. Call (269) 471-1321 or visit www.lemoncreekwinery.com

JUNE 24-26

International Wine & Food Festival. Meadow Brook Music Festival, Rochester Hills Call (248) 377-0125 or visit www.palacenet.com

JUNE 25

Winery Open House Fenn Valley Kick off the summer as the winery opens cellars for wine tasting, food and wine demonstrations, and live music \$6.50 1-5 p.m. Located at 6130 122nd Ave., Fennville Call (269) 561-2396 or visit www.fennvalley.com
Grape Jam Festival Round Barn Winery Jam with our local talent. Open to the public 10981 Hills Road, Baroda Call (800) 716-9463 or visit www.roundbarnwinery.com

JUNE 25

Winery Open House Warner Vineyards Wine haus open for wine tasting, ethnic foods and great music on the decks 1-5 p.m. 706 S. Kalamazoo, Paw Paw Call (800) 756-5357 or visit www.warnerwines.com

JUNE 26

Open House Contessa Wine Cellars Celebrate summer with food, wine, music and

special offerings 1-5 p.m. 3235 Friday, Coloma Call (269) 468-5534 or visit www.contessawinecellars.com

JULY 2

Barbecue Cooking Class. Round Barn Winery Includes dinner, wine and beer \$100. Reservations required 10981 Hills Road, Baroda Call (800) 716-9463 or visit www.roundbarnwinery.com

JULY 2

Independence Day Picnic. Sandhill Crane Vineyards, 4724 Walz Road, Jackson Call (517) 764-0679 or visit www.sandhill-cranevineyards.com

JULY 3

Reds, Whites & BBQ Round Barn Winery Unlock that secret family recipe and enter barbecue sauce contest. Grand Prize of \$500 to the winning entry using Round Barn wine or brandy in recipe. For a complete list of rules and to download an application, go to www.roundbarnwinery.com

JULY 3

National Cherry Festival Wine Spectacular. Traverse City Local wines and festive cuisine 4-11 p.m. Call (231) 947-4230 or visit www.cherryfestival.org

JULY 3

Mill River Food & Wine Festival Hillman 2-10pm Call (231) 938-1811 for more information or visit www.lpwines.com

JULY 4

American Celebration. Contessa Wine Cellars Bring your picnic basket and enjoy wine tasting on the terrace 1-5pm Visit www.contessawinecellars.com

JULY 9

Grand Opening Celebration Brys Estate Vineyard & Winery, 3309 Blue Water Rd., Traverse City Call (231) 223-9303 or visit www.brysestate.com

JULY 9

Art By the Ponds Food & Wine Festival. Glen Arbor Noon 6 p.m. Up to 20 of northern Michigan's finest artists join 11 wineries for this outdoor art and wine festival. Stroll the boardwalks along a stream and several ponds while perusing fine art, sampling Leelanau Peninsula wines and enjoying live jazz. Visit www.leelanauchamber.com for information

JULY 9, 17, 24 AND 31

Summer Picnic Series. L. Mawby Vineyards 6pm Reservations required. Details and tickets available online at www.lmawby.com. Winery is located at 4519 South Valley Road, Suttons Bay Call (231) 271-3522

JULY 9

Release Day Fenn Valley Be

among the first to sample the winery's most sought-after wines 11-6 p.m. No charge. Visit www.fennvalley.com

JULY 9

Summer Evening Cookout Warner Vineyards You bring the grillmaster and an appetite for fun and good food. The winery supplies the wine, food and live music on a front deck along the river \$35. Reservations required. Visit www.warnerwines.com

JULY 14-17

Venetian Festival St. Joseph Enjoy Southwest Michigan's music, food and wine. Visit www.venetian.org

JULY 15

Summer Evening Cookout Fenn Valley You bring the grillmaster and an appetite for fun and good food. The winery will supply the wine, food and live music. Reservations required. Visit www.fennvalley.com

JULY 16

Sunrise Side Wine & Food Festival Harrisville Call (877) 873-8439 or visit www.huron-shoreschamber.com

JULY 15-17

Paw Paw Days - Taste of Paw Paw Warner Vineyards Taste cuisine from Paw Paw's restaurants and wineries. Live music, great food and wine. Car enthusiasts can enjoy Classic Car Show all day on July 16. Visit www.warnerwines.com

JULY 28

Songwriters' Round Table Black Star Farms Enjoy songwriters, hors d'oeuvres, and a glass of wine \$25 10844 East Revold Road, Suttons Bay Call (231) 271-4884 or visit www.blackstarfarms.com

JULY 30

Summer Evening Cookout Fenn Valley Reservations required. Visit www.fennvalley.com

JULY 30

Suttons Bay Jazz & Wine Festival Noon-9 p.m. Call (231) 938-1811 or visit www.lpwines.com

AUG. 4

Gold Medal Reception Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center, East Lansing Sample from more than 100 medal-winning Michigan wines from the 2005 Michigan Wine & Spirits Competition Experience Michigan wines paired with culinary selections prepared onsite by Kellogg Center chefs. Reservations required. Call (517) 373-9789

AUG. 6

Stoetzie Crystal Stemware Tasting Contessa Wine Cellars Educate yourself about pairing wine with the appropriate

stemware. Hors d'oeuvres served and crystal stemware you take home 7 p.m. \$40. Reservations required. Visit www.contessawinecellars.com

AUG. 7, 14, 21, 28

Performing Arts in the Vineyard. Fenn Valley Poetry, harp, flute, acoustic guitar - enjoy an afternoon of arts over a glass of wine in a quiet country setting. No reservations required. No charge. Visit www.fennvalley.com

AUG. 7, 13, 18

Summer Picnic Series L. Mawby Vineyards 1pm Reservations required. Details and tickets available online at www.lmawby.com

AUG. 7, 14, 21, 28

Performing Arts in the Vineyard. Warner Vineyards Enjoy recitals on front decks 2:30-4:30 pm. No charge. No reservations required. www.warnerwines.com

AUG. 12

Summer Evening Cookout Fenn Valley You bring the grillmaster and an appetite for fun and good food. The winery will supply the wine, food and live music. Reservations required. Visit www.fennvalley.com

AUG. 13

Red, White & the Blues Wine & Food Festival. Northport Taste the wine, savor the food, hear the music (231) 271-9895 www.leelanauchamber.com

AUG. 14

Summer Evening Cookout Warner Vineyards \$35. Reservations required. Visit www.warnerwines.com

AUG. 26

Jenna Mamma Concert and Gourmet Dinner. Round Barn Winery Enjoy a jazz concert along with a gourmet dinner for \$40 per person. Tickets for concert only are \$15 and available at the winery. Dinner 6 p.m., concert, 8 p.m. Visit www.roundbarnwinery.com or www.jennamamma.com

AUG. 27

Grillin' & Chillin' with Jerome Fenn Valley A Saturday evening grilled "formal" picnic dinner, complete with fine wines, white linen and candles. Vineyard tasting-tour at 5 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations required. Visit www.fennvalley.com

AUG. 28

Harvest Party. Round Barn Winery Live music, food, wine, beer, brandy and grape stomping. Open to the public 2-6pm. www.roundbarnwinery.com

Source: www.michiganwiners.org

CALENDAR

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Busch's classes

If it's June, it must be picnic time. Busch's Kitchens next cooking class series explores another suggestion for your picnic basket: a Tapas Style picnic. Making tapas, which are small plates of food, reflects the Spanish approach to life. In Northern Spain, the tapas tends to be a kind of barhopping - strolling from cafe to cafe nibbling on small specialities at each location. In southern Spain, the Andalusians tend to linger in one place making a meal of their tapas while sitting at tables. Busch's team of instructors are recasting the tapas tradition to reflect Michiganders' love of al fresco dining. The picnic. At each of our cooking classes, instructors will demonstrate and sample Smoked Salmon pinwheels, Gazpacho, Citrus Chicken Skewers with Roasted Red Pepper Spread, Paella Style Shrimp and Couscous Salad and Dates with Goat Cheese and Chopped Pistachios and Spanish cheeses. The instructor will mention wonderful Spanish wines that would complement this fine picnic. Busch's cooking classes are held on

Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. at the Farmington Hills location at Grand River and Drake on June 16.
Healthy Cooking Classes
 Vegetarian whole foods cooking classes with macrobiotic chef Valerie Wilson. Learn how to prepare healthy, delicious meals for you and your family in a relaxed atmosphere as students get hands-on experience preparing the recipes. Each class includes discussions on the healthy benefits of the ingredients. Upcoming classes include Quick and Easy Dishes on July 27, fee \$30. Summer Cooking 2005 June 22 (\$30) and a four week Beginning Series. This class is the most informative. The next Beginning Series dates are posted online. Class fee is \$120 (or \$30 for each class). Details of all classes can be found at www.macroval.com. Classes are scheduled 6-9 p.m. in Garden City. Visit the Web site or call (734) 261-2856 for more information.
Picnic in the park
 The third annual Potluck Picnic in the Park will be hosted by Valerie Wilson (MacroVal) noon 5 p.m. Saturday July 23 in Hines Park. All food is vegetarian and macrobiotic. Bring one healthy dish to share and the fee is \$5 or come for the food and fun for \$12 (the fee covers the cost of food and supplies). Call Val for more information or if you are planning to attend at (734) 261-2856.

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wine as good as anybody's in California," said Triffon. For white varietals, Triffon likes semi-dry riesling and gewurtztraminer from Peninsula Cellars on Old Mission Peninsula. The Chateau Grand Traverse also makes a good dry or semi-dry riesling, she said.

St. Julian Solera, a cream sherry, is as good as the Spanish sherries, Triffon said. Call (517) 241-1207 for a complimentary copy of Michigan Wine Country magazine, a comprehensive guide to the wineries of Michigan, which also contains a list of many of the wine festivals and events throughout the state.

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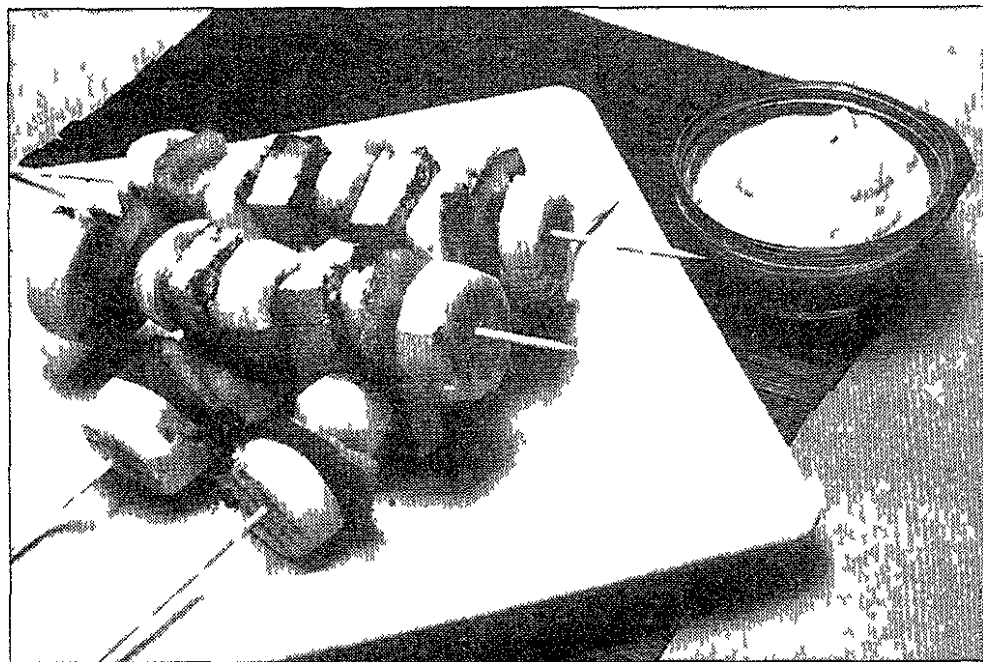
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Summer squash adds flavor to these summer kebabs

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Go Asian with a meatless satay

BY DANA JACOBI
CORRESPONDENT

Grilling is great, but backyard cooking can be a challenge when you want to emphasize vegetables and legumes. Even Asians, who generally set a good example — traditionally eating lots of greens and other vegetables and only modest amounts of meat, poultry or seafood — are known for enjoying grilled meats. Yakitori in Japan, satays in Southeast Asian countries like Malaysia and bul goki in Korea.

Grilling aside, Asians eat far more vegetables than we do, especially squashes and sweet potatoes as well as many different dark, leafy greens and varieties of onion. To create an enticing kebab for American grills, try using all three in a skewered treat that gives grilling a delicious and colorful vegetarian twist.

Butternut squash and the orange-fleshed sweet potatoes we call yams are delicious grilled. We often avoid using them this way because they burn before becoming tender. The solution is simple: simmer them until they are al dente (You can do the simmering in advance and reheat the chunks of squash or yam before use.) Then brush them with oil or marinade and finish cooking them on the grill.

A marinade helps protect grilled food from charring on the grill. It also imparts flavor, especially if you use tofu along with the vegetables. Getting a marinade to penetrate takes

effort involving pressing and baking the tofu. Instead, simply buy any of the pleasantly chewy, commercially marinated and baked tofu now sold in the produce section of many supermarkets.

Shallots, milder than garlic and more tender than onions are the overlooked members of the allium family. Originally from Central Asia, they were brought to the Mediterranean area, where they are most associated with French cuisine. In the recipe below they add just the right touch of pungency. The dipping sauce is perfect for this satay.

SUMMER SQUASH AND TOFU KEBABS WITH PEANUT DIPPING SAUCE

- 1/2 cup peanut butter*
- 1/2 cup canned crushed pineapple plus 2-4 Tbsp. juice
- 2 minced garlic cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon (or to taste) red pepper flakes divided
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce divided
- Juice of 1 lime (1/4 cup)
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes or to taste
- 3 yellow summer squash, peeled and cut into 12 pieces
- 1 small green bell pepper, seeded and cut into 8 squares
- 4 fat spring onions (ends and green tops removed), cut diagonally in half or 1 medium red onion, cut in 8 wedges
- 7-8 ounces spicy marinated tofu

preferably Thai or Southwestern flavor.
4-8 inch metal skewers (or bamboo skewers soaked in warm water 30 min.)

Heat a well-oiled grill or preheat the broiler. Make the dipping sauce. In a blender, combine peanut butter, pineapple, garlic, half the red pepper flakes, lemon juice and 1 tablespoon soy sauce. Puree until smooth. Thin sauce with more juice, as needed. Set aside or refrigerate, tightly covered up to 24 hours.

Make the marinade. Mix together in a large bowl the remaining soy sauce with lime juice, honey, ginger and remaining red pepper flakes. Add vegetables and toss to coat with the marinade. Let stand 15-30 minutes. Make 4 kebabs in all, reserving the marinade. On each skewer, place a piece of squash, then bell pepper, onion, tofu, squash, tofu, onion, bell pepper ending with squash. Brush the kebabs liberally with the marinade.

Grill until vegetables are half-way tender and lightly browned about 2 minutes. Turn and grill 2 minutes longer.

Serve with the Peanut Dipping Sauce, either hot, warm, or at room temperature.

*For those allergic to peanuts substitute commercially prepared toasted almond butter.
Per serving, 202 calories, 11 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 21 g carbohydrate, 11 g protein, 4 g dietary fiber, 640 mg sodium.

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

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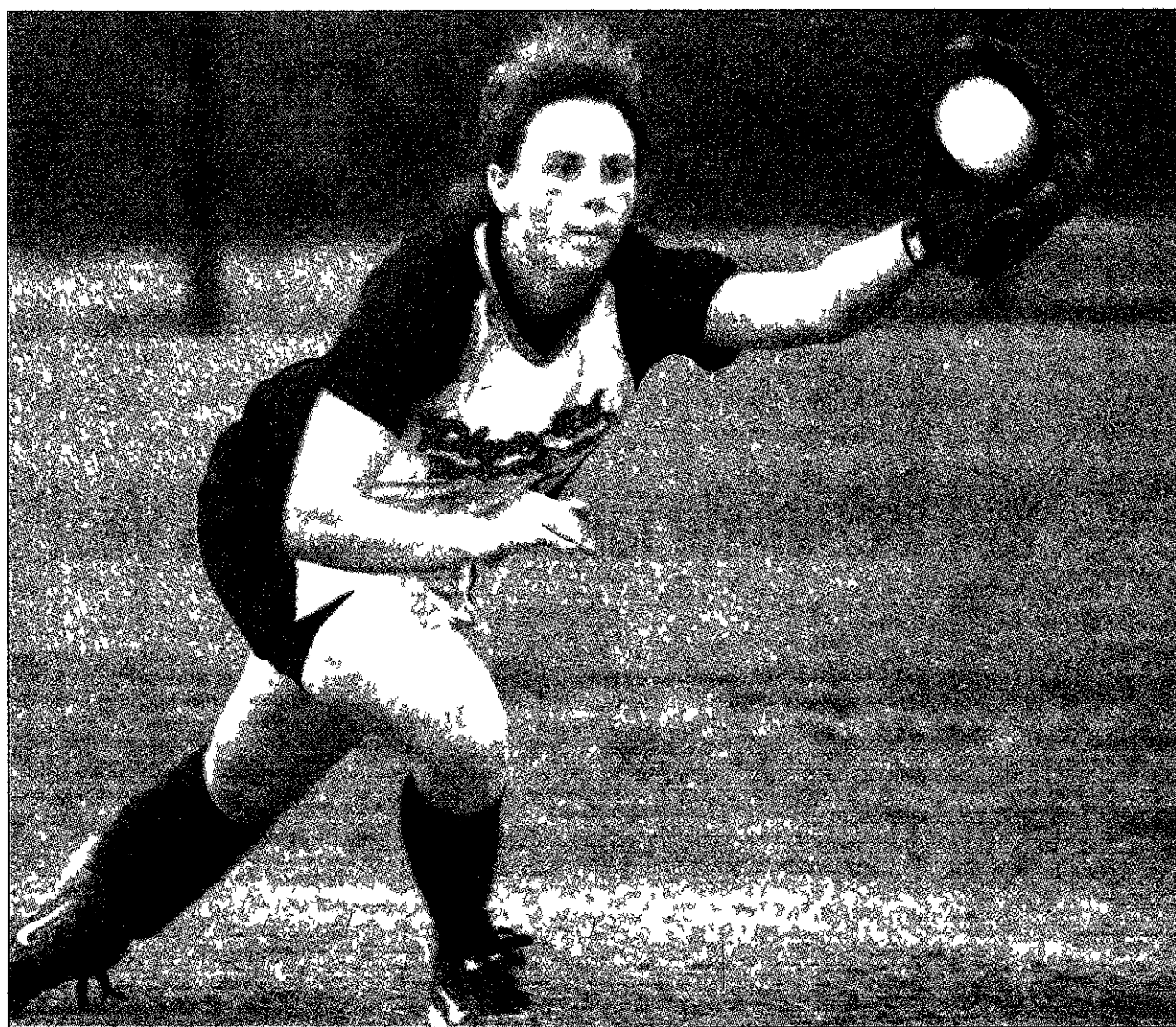
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Plymouth shortstop Kim Kionowski lunges to take a hit away from a Livonia Churchill hitter during Monday's rain-delayed regional semi final game played at Plymouth High School. Despite the Wildcats' strong defensive effort, the Chargers prevailed, 2-0.

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Wildcats' regional title bid nipped, 2-0

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

When it rains, it seems like it pours on the Plymouth girls softball team.

The Wildcats, seeking a first regional title in their short school history, came up short in Monday's regional semifinal game at home, falling victim to Livonia Churchill, 2-0.

Churchill left two runners stranded with no outs as the game was called in the second inning following two heavy downpours on Saturday.

The teams returned to the water-logged Plymouth diamond on Monday and it remained scoreless until the sixth when the 25-6 Chargers took advantage of a pair of Plymouth throwing errors to score the game-winning run.

Plymouth, wasting a sterling performance from sophomore pitcher Claire Ostrowski, bows out with a 23-11 overall record.

"There are no excuses, we don't practice like a young team," Plymouth coach Val Canfield said of her all-underclassmen group. "You can't make errors at this level."

"Claire put everything she had into the game. She pitched and she hit. She just had an awesome day."

Ostrowski struck out seven, walked



Plymouth second baseman Rachel Juco handles an attempted pick off throw as Churchill's Kathryn Michniak dives back in to second base during Monday's Division 1 regional semifinal.

four and allowed only four hits in seven innings.

I felt bad for Claire, Canfield said. "She was hitting her spots, we just did not get any breaks. I'm taking this real hard because we had an opportunity to be regional champs, and we missed that opportunity. We lost the game on two errors. We hit the ball well, but needed a string of hits. We stranded too many runners."

Ostrowski went 3-for-4 at the plate,

including a pair of doubles. Erin Ondusky also doubled in the third inning off winning pitcher Bridget Long, who kept the Wildcats in check during her seven innings.

Long, who struck out six and walked only one, retired the side in order only once (in the sixth inning), but averted trouble as Plymouth left five runners on and failed to get on the scoreboard.

Churchill's Amber Holod singled with one out in the sixth to start the game-winning rally.

Shannon Cleck then laid down a sacrifice bunt that Plymouth threw away at first. Holod came all the way around on the play to score as the Wildcats mis-fired throwing the ball back into the infield trying to get the Charger runner at third.

Sarah Pernak then followed with an RBI single to center as Cleck collided with Plymouth catcher Madison Dresser in front of home plate as the ball came loose.

With the one-day layoff, Churchill coach Carrie Korcan made sure her team was going to be ready once play resumed on Monday.

"We practiced on Sunday, it was a longer weekend than anticipated, she said. "If you have to wait, you better be prepared. We wanted to be prepared despite the wait."

Solid as a Rock

Salem baseball team battles No. 1 Pioneer down to final pitch

See Salem Pioneer game story on Page C3

As several members of the No. 1-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer baseball team loosened up in a batting cage prior to their Division 1 regional final game Saturday afternoon, a Saline High School administrator approached the relaxed, confident contingent.

"You're going to have to move your show over to the junior-varsity field until this game is over," the administrator said, gesturing toward the Salem-Southgate Anderson semifinal contest that was unfolding just a few yards from the cage's netting.



Ed Wright

"Move our show?" one of the players said, as soon as the administrator had walked far enough away not to hear the comment. "We are the show!"

A few hours after getting evicted from the batting cage, "The Show" was nearly canceled by a gritty, senior-laden group of Salem Rocks, who gave the state's top-ranked team all it could handle Saturday afternoon.

Salem eventually succumbed to the defending champion Pioneers, 2-1, in an extra-inning thriller, but not before earning the respect of every person in attendance - especially the guys wearing the purple and-black uniforms.

I think a lot of teams that play Pioneer know they have some big-time players - especially Zach Putnam, Seth Sanders and Kasey Keenan - so they go into the game scared, said Rock senior shortstop Dave Cardenas. "If you think you're going to lose, you will. We went into the game thinking we could play with them, and we did."

Salem not only played with the Pioneers, it led 1-0 in the top of the third. The Rocks backed the gutsy pitching of junior Josh Ritter with a stellar defensive effort that included an extra-inning catch of a towering pop-up in left-field by Kenny Warren that, in most cases, would have been routine. But Warren was looking straight up into a drenching rain - with the winning run on third base.

If Warren catches a raindrop in the eye before he catches the ball, the game is over.

PLEASE SEE ROCKS, C7

One incredible rally not enough for Chiefs

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's softball team delivered another one of its patented down-to-the-last-breath rallies at Saturday's Division 1 regional tournament in Saline.

Unfortunately for the Chiefs, they fell one miraculous comeback short.

After knocking off Southgate Anderson, 2-1, with a drama-filled, two-out, seventh-inning rally in the semifinal game, Canton was sidelined in the title contest, 6-3, by Belleville (25-9), which advanced to Tuesday's quarterfinal round against Portage Northern. The Tigers fell to the Huskies, 3-1.

"I'm sad for the seniors because they didn't get to move on to the next level," said Canton coach Jim Arnold. "Obviously, I'm disappointed we lost, but how can I be upset when we finished with a 36-2 record? I'll take 36-2 every year. This team never quit all season. They never gave up. Belleville got some solid hits when they needed them today and we didn't."

"We lost today, but it wasn't due to a lack of effort."

With the win over the fifth-ranked Chiefs,

Belleville avenged an earlier 9-0 loss to Canton in the Canton Classic Invitational on May 7.

"We knew Canton was the team to beat coming into the regional," said Belleville coach Peggy Curtis. "I think our girls gained some confidence when Southgate Anderson battled Canton to the wire in the first game, because we split with Southgate in our league earlier this season."

In the championship game, Belleville starting pitcher Nicole Bliven out-dueled Canton hurler Molly Conlon, who entered the game with a 26-0 record. Bliven yielded a pair of runs in the first inning before settling down to shut out the Chiefs until they pushed one run across in the seventh.

Conlon retired the first nine Tiger hitters she faced - four on strikeouts - before running into trouble in the fourth when Danell Dotson led off with a single and Tiffany Jablonski followed with a walk. The All-State pitcher retired the next two batters, but Bliven walked and Tammy Mida ripped

PLEASE SEE CHIEFS, C7

Southfield Christian derails PCA hitters

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's a little easier to swallow season-ending losses when the team on the other side of the scoreboard is one of the state's best.

That was the case Saturday for Plymouth Christian Academy, which fell to Southfield Christian, 13-2, in a Division 4 regional final played at Allen Park Cabrini High School. The Eagles, who entered the regional ranked fourth in the state in D4, earned a berth in Friday's semi-final round with Tuesday's 9-3 quarterfinal victory over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

The loss dropped PCA to 18-7. "It's always disappointing when you lose, but when you lose to a team the quality of Southfield Christian, it makes it easier to accept," said PCA coach Kurt Johnston. "They're well-coached and they have tremendous talent. They went 10-0 in our league (the

PLEASE SEE PCA, C7



ROB CIBOROWSKI

Plymouth Christian Academy's Eric Immerfall and his teammates advanced to the Division 4 regional final Saturday at Allen Park Cabrini before getting derailed 13-2 by Southfield Christian, the fourth-ranked team in the state. Immerfall was one of eight Eagles named to the Division 4 All-District team last week.

Sidelines

Learn to skate

The Arctic Edge Ice arena in Canton is offering an eight-week Learn-to-Skate program, beginning Wednesday, June 22. Each weekly session will include 30 minutes of instruction and 15 minutes of free-skating time. Classes will be grouped by age and ability.

Registration forms can be picked up at the Summit and the Arctic Edge, which is located at 46615 Michigan Ave.

For more information on levels of instruction, private lessons, teams and competitive opportunities, call (734) 487-7777.

Hole-in-one

Plymouth resident Justin Smith-Koski, 14, recorded a hole-in-one May 14 on the third hole of the Strategic Fox layout at Fox Hills Golf Club, located in Plymouth Township. Smith-Koski used an 8 iron to record his ace on the 94 yard hole.

Hockey workouts

The Canton boys varsity hockey team is currently holding an off-ice strength and-conditioning training program for current and future players.

The training is being held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Canton High School's Phase III, and Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Phase III.

Summer leagues for current and future players will begin in mid-June. For more information, contact coach Michael Behen at (313) 354-3920.

Football camp

The annual Canton High School Football Camps will be held June 20-24 at Canton High School.

A camp for sixth-, seventh-, eighth-graders and incoming freshmen will be held from 4-7 p.m. June 20-23. The cost of the camp is \$35.

A winged-T camp for students in 10th through 12th grades will be held from 4-7 p.m. June 22-24. The cost of the winged-T camp is \$25.

For more information, contact Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738.

CAT program

Workouts will run from June 20 through Aug. 5 for the Plymouth High School summer strength-and-conditioning program (CAT).

On Mondays through Thursdays, football players can attend workouts from 9-11 a.m., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., or 7-9 p.m.

All athletes can report to sessions from 1-3 p.m. or 5-7 p.m. On Fridays, football sessions will remain the same, however, all other athletes must report from 5-7 p.m.

Student athletes participating in the workouts are required to wear a T-shirt, athletic shorts and athletic shoes. No jewelry, hats or cell phones will be allowed.

For more information, call (734) 582-5700.

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 Greg Copeland (John Glenn) 47.55
 John Franchi (Catholic Central) 47.5

DISCUS
 Nick Barrett (Catholic Central) 161.8
 Brian Nakoneczny (Stevenson) 153.7
 Nick Moores (Catholic Central) 149.0
 Jon Marsh (Salem) 148.3
 Brian Henley (John Glenn) 139.3
 Kris Bollerud (Franklin) 136.3
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 Joe Zujaj (Canton) 135.0
 David Johnson 111 (Redford Union) 134.10
 Geoff Leskie (Stevenson) 133.10

HIGH JUMP
 Chris Brown (Redford Union) 6.3
 Billy Gutowski (Churchill) 6.1
 Mitchell White (Stevenson) 6.1
 Andrew Rossow (Canton) 6.0
 Cameron Scherchburg (Plymouth) 6.0

Alante Whiting (John Glenn) 6.0
 Steve Rimmer (Franklin) 6.0
 Jacob McDonald (Churchill) 5.11
 Matt McClellan (Canton) 5.10
 Joe Gonzalez (Stevenson) 5.10
 Andre Thornton (John Glenn) 5.10
 Dan Chynoweth (Franklin) 5.10
 Chuck Elstone (Churchill) 5.10
 Brandon Middlebrooks (Salem) 5.10

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 Brian Rumao (Salem) 21.85
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POLE VAULT
 Ryan Santa (Churchill) 15.15
 Bill Breslin (Churchill) 14.0
 Derek Reeves (Canton) 13.0
 Joe Pond (Stevenson) 12.0
 Dennis Tullio (Franklin) 11.10
 Mike Sylvester (Franklin) 11.9
 Andrew Cutshall (Stevenson) 11.6
 Kurt Bonser (Churchill) 11.6
 Nate Sherwood (Plymouth) 11.6

Josh Palka (Luth Westland) 11.0
 Jeremy Peer (Franklin) 11.0
 Sean Lagre (John Glenn) 11.0

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 Rodney Preston (Canton) 14.6
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 Dan Wilson (Stevenson) 1024.4
 Joe Horka (Churchill) 1024.8

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McDonald lauded for special year

All Area girls track team on Page C6

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER



McDonald

It was a season to remember for the Livonia Churchill girls track team. The Chargers went undefeated in dual meets for the second straight year, including a thrilling one-point win over rival Livonia Stevenson, en route to the Lakes Division title in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Churchill also finished runner-up in the Division I regional hosted at Canton and came back four days later to win the WLAA meet. Churchill also captured the Public Schools of Livonia Invitational title and added seconds at the MITCA, West

Bloomfield and Ann Arbor Huron River Rat invitationals.

So what made this season so special? "I had great assistant

coaches, all contributed," said second-year Churchill coach Keith McDonald, who was named Observerland Coach of the Year. "We were solid all the way across as a team. We had well-rounded team, great athletes and a great bunch of kids to coach." McDonald's coaching staff includes assistants Sue Tatro (distance), John Fihatraut (throws), Vern Williams (jumps) and Pat Daugherty (middle distance). Prior to his coming to Churchill, McDonald spent five

years as the varsity girls coach at Dearborn Divine Child where the Falcons went undefeated in dual meets five straight years and won five consecutive Catholic League A-B Division crowns. He also guided DC to a pair of regional titles and a pair of third-place finishes in the Division II state meet. McDonald is a 1995 graduate of Redford Catholic Central High School. He earned his teaching certificate at the University of Michigan. He is a science instructor at Churchill where his newlywed, Jennifer, also teaches in Special Education. So what does the future hold for the 2006 Chargers? "Next year looks good because 92 percent of our scoring is coming back," McDonald said.

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Pioneer survives Salem in regional final classic

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

PREP BASEBALL

That gust of wind coming from the direction of the Saline High School baseball field late Saturday afternoon had nothing to do with the horrendous weather that delayed the tournament three times.

It was the No. 1-ranked Ann Arbor Pioneer baseball team letting out a collective sigh of relief following its 2-1, edge-of-your-seat, eight-inning victory over Salem in the Division 1 regional final.

Pioneer will take a 40-1-1 record into Friday's semifinal showdown against Saginaw Heritage, and it has an excellent opportunity to win its second-consecutive Division 1 title on Saturday.

But the Pioneers won't soon forget their brush with elimination that the senior-led Rocks offered.

"The way to beat teams like Pioneer is to go right at them, and that's what we did," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger, whose Rocks finished 19-16. "You can't get intimidated by a team's mystique or its record. They're used to teams giving up against them, but our team hasn't given up all season. We had opportunities to score more, but we needed just one more hit in a couple of situations."

"It was a long day for us. We arrived at 11:15 in the morning and we didn't leave until about 8:15, but these guys never quit. They kept attacking and playing hard. I'm extremely proud of the entire team. We lost, but it doesn't lessen the effort the team gave."

The Rocks grabbed a short-lived 1-0 lead in the top of the third when Jim Sroka stole third on the front end of a double-steal, then scored when catcher Derek Mosher's throw skipped into left field. The Pioneers knotted the game at 1-1 moments later when Keith Williams, who had reached base after getting hit by a Josh Ritter pitch, scored on a wild

pitch.

The game then evolved into something that resembled a heavyweight fight between two evenly matched opponents. Both teams delivered a jab here, and a jab there, but it took five more innings before another run scored.

Both starting pitchers — Salem junior Josh Ritter and Pioneer senior Casey Keenan — were solid, if not spectacular. Ritter scattered six hits and struck out seven against a lineup that featured All-State performers Zach Putnam (who a few days earlier was drafted by the Detroit Tigers) and Seth Sanders, who launched a pair of home runs in his team's 10-0 drubbing of Saline in the regional semi-final a few hours earlier.

"I knew going into the game that Josh was the pitcher on our staff who had the fastball and change-up it took to give Pioneer trouble," Rumberger said. "With Josh's velocity, they had to honor his fastball, which made his change-up effective, too. He did a great job."

Salem mounted a minor threat in the top of the seventh when Kenny Warren led off with a walk. However, he was cut down trying to steal second by Mosher Keenan, a lefty, then retired the next two batters easily to give his team an opportunity to win it in their half of the frame.

Ritter got pinch-hitter Alex Seyferth to fly out to left to open the inning, but Pioneer third baseman Keith Williams followed with a double up the right-center field gap.

"When Josh went out there for the seventh, he was about 10 pitches away from his pitch-count limit, so I had a feeling he might not make it out of the inning," said Rumberger, who brought in Salem relief ace John Israel.

The next batter, Chris Young, flew out to center-field-

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er Sroka. After Williams advanced to third on a wild pitch, Israel escaped the jam by getting John Danci to ground out to shortstop Dave Cardenas.

Danci relieved Keenan to open the eighth and immediately recorded a pair of groundouts. However, Scott Holka ripped a one-out single and advanced to second on an errant pick-off throw. He was stranded when the next batter popped up.

The bottom of the eighth started in bizarre fashion when the Pioneer coaching staff argued that Israel had to replace his two-toned glove with solid-colored one. The umpires agreed, and Israel grabbed a new mitt. In the meantime, rain clouds opened up over the field.

Mosher led off the Pioneer eighth with a double over the head of Salem right-fielder Bill Leddy. Rumberger then intentionally walked Putnam and Sanders jacked a long shot to the warning track in right that Leddy grabbed. Both runners tagged up on the play.

Rumberger issued another intentional walk — this one to Keenan — to load the bases and create a force play at every base. He then brought Leddy in from right field to serve as the Rocks' fifth infielder as Chad Loveless stepped to the plate.

Billy Leddy used to be an

infielder, so we had the right combination to try the five-man infield, Rumberger explained. More often than not, when a hitter sees that set up, he'll try to hit in the air, and a lot of times they get the barrel of the bat under the ball too much.

That's exactly what happened to Loveless, who hit a towering fly to short left field that Warren squeezed for the second out.

With the intensity of the rain accelerating and the baseball getting slicker with each pitch, Israel walked the next batter, Will Henninger, to force in the game-winning run. "That's only the fourth walk John's given up in the past

month, Rumberger said. John pitched great considering the conditions."

Salem advanced to the regional final by ousting Southgate Anderson, 5-2, earlier in the day. Senior pitcher Nic England improved his season record to 9-0 and his career mark to 21-6 with the impressive complete-game victory. England's 21 wins tied the school record set in the mid-70s by current Salem Athletic Director Tom Willette.

The Rocks jumped on Titan starting pitcher Brad Raj for three runs in the first inning to set the tone. Designated hitter Andy Ciantar, who went 4-for-4 with a walk and two

stolen bases, and Leddy laced run-scoring singles in the opening frame to give England more than enough support.

Sroka scored on an error in the second to make it 4-1. Salem added an insurance marker in the fourth when Holka's RBI single plated Steve Myers, who had singled.

England allowed just seven hits — only four after the first inning — and struck out four. Myers went 2-for-3 and also reached on a walk, and Sroka reached base three times.

The game was delayed for a half hour in the top of the fifth when the umpires heard thunder.

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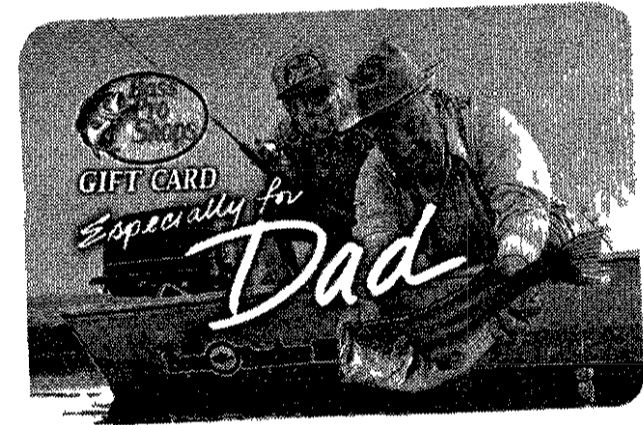
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GP South ends CC's season with 7-6 victory

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

On Tuesday, for the second day in a row, Redford Catholic Central took a 3-0 first-inning lead on a homer

But unlike Monday's 11-0 regional final victory over Allen Park, the Shamrocks couldn't sustain the previous day's magic. They gave up the lead in the bottom of the first and then lost an error-filled Division 1 state quarterfinal baseball game, 7-6 to Grosse Pointe South (27-10).

Catholic Central (25-12), despite committing seven errors against the Blue Devils, had a glorious chance in the top of the seventh to tie at least force extra innings at Carleton-Airport's Kurtansky Field. A single by Josh Szatkowski and an errant throw on Eric Vrtas' sacrifice bunt attempt put two

on with no outs and both runners moved up on a wild pitch. Unfortunately for CC, the game long inability to cash in on scoring opportunities continued as South pitcher Ryan Gunderson retired pinch hitter Bobby Henderson. Matt Walters and Anthony Sabo without Szatkowski budging from third base.

We got a great break on the wild pitch in the last inning so we didn't need to bunt, said Catholic Central head coach John Salter. "We had three chances to get something into the outfield and it just didn't happen."

The Shamrocks got off to a great start, building off of the momentum from the win over Allen Park. With one out in the first, Gunderson walked Mike McDonald and Eric Vojtkofsky. CC starting pitcher Greg Marrone then brought them

home with a towering fence-clearing blast to straightaway center field, more than 350 feet from the plate.

Unlike Monday, CC quickly learned it was in for a battle when the Blue Devils scored three to tie the game in the bottom of the first.

With one out, Kyle Humphrey reached on an infield error. He scored on a line drive homer to left by shortstop Ryan Abraham (2 for 4). Next up was senior first baseman Austin McClung and he knotted the score with a roundtripper to right.

South took a 6-3 lead in the third with McClung (2 for 2 three RBI) hitting his second home run of the game. He clubbed a low Marrone pitch over the green fence in center to make it 5-3.

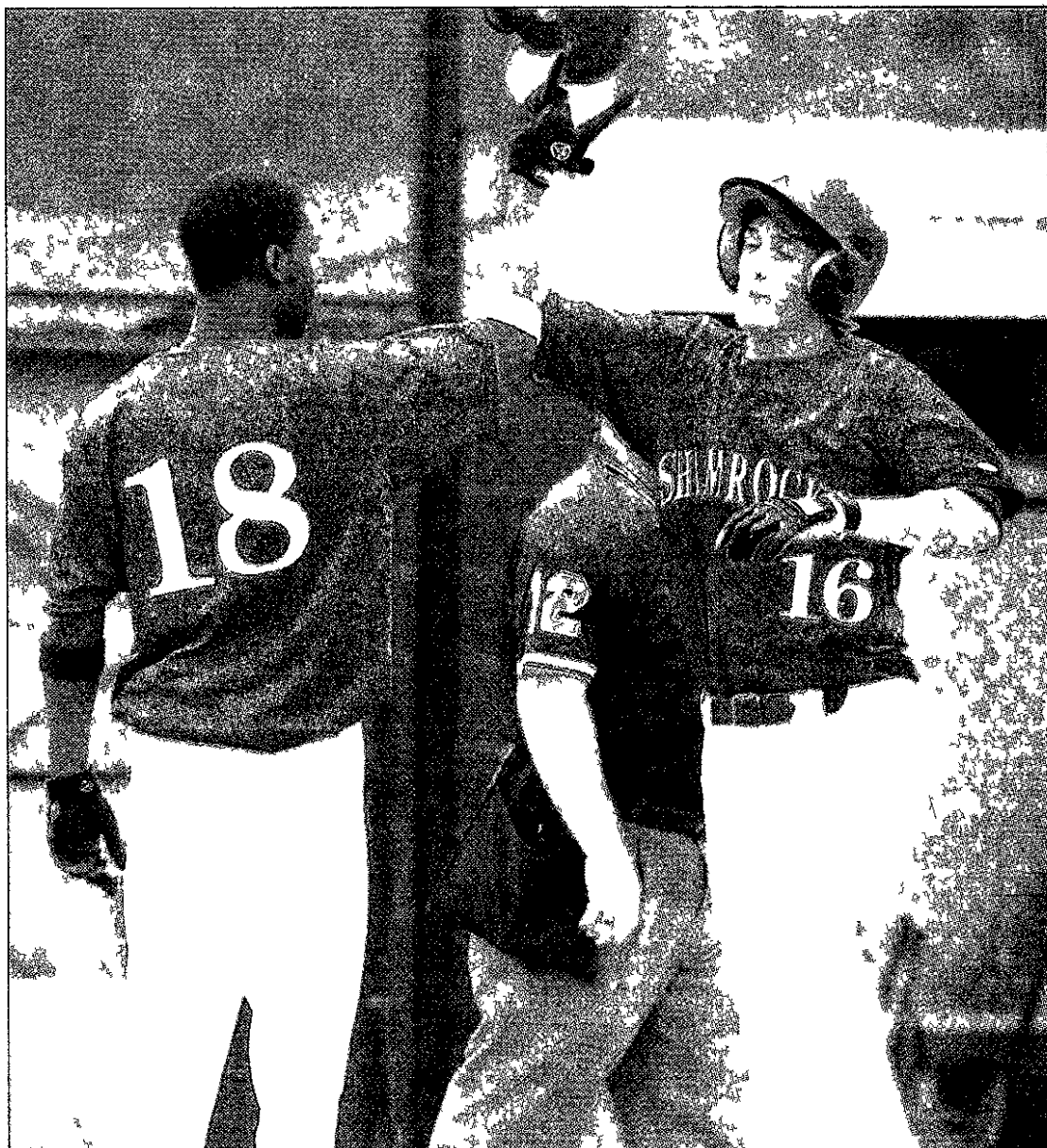
Then with two out, Chad Murphy singled and motored to third on a wild pickoff attempt. He scored on an RBI single to right by James Bertakis.

GETTING CLOSER

Catholic Central closed the gap to 6-5 in the top of the fourth on run-scoring safeties by Vojtkofsky and Marrone (2 for-3 four RBI).

But South countered with what turned out to be the winning run in the bottom of the fourth. Ben Fischer, who led off the frame with a single scored on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Humphrey.

It could have been a lot worse for the Shamrocks if not for outstanding relief work from junior Jon Ballarrin. He relieved Marrone with two on and one out and McClung up



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Redford Catholic Central's Gregory Marrone (Plymouth) accepts a high-five from teammate Dominique Fischer (Canton) after crossing the plate during Saturday's 4-3 regional semi-final victory over Westland. John Glenn Fischer delivered a home run in Monday's Division 1 regional final victory over Allen Park.

for the third time in the contest.

The lefthander did not give McClung anything to hit, walking him to load the bases. But Ballarrin struck out Gunderson and got Murphy to bounce out to third baseman Dominique Fischer to end the threat without further damage.

Ballarrin did a great job,"

Salter said. "He came in with a pressure situation in a quarterfinal game and he hadn't pitched all that much in the last couple weeks."

"But he gave us a chance he kept it close. I was really impressed."

Then CC senior Mike McDonald homered to center to make it 7-6 in the sixth and

gave the Shamrocks a chance one inning later.

"In spite of the errors the kids kept battling and battling," Salter said. "All we needed was a fly ball or a bloop hit in the seventh to tie it up but we just fell a little bit short."

Meanwhile, Salter said it was disappointing to see so many errors in a state quarterfinal game, which led to three unearned runs against Marrone. But he didn't chalk the sloppy defensive performance up to nerves.

"These guys have been in a lot of big games," he said.

"They made the semifinals (in 2004) when most of them were juniors. They've been through it before."

With the victory, South advanced to the D1 state semifinal slated for 10:30 a.m. against Sterling Heights Stevenson at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

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CC routs Allen Park in regional CC slips by Rockets in regional opener

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Once the rain stopped Monday, it was all elementary for Redford Catholic Central's varsity baseball team.

Two mammoth home runs plus one outstanding pitching performance by senior Bobby Henderson equaled an 11-0 rout over Allen Park in a Division I state regional final at Plymouth High School.

The five-inning mercy win moved CC (25-11) into Tuesday's state quarterfinal against Grosse Pointe South at Carleton-Airport (see related story).

The first Shamrock blast was a three-run shot in the bottom of the opening inning, by senior second baseman Eric Simcox. It came with two on and two out and broke a 0-0 tie. Simcox launched the first pitch he saw from Jaguars pitcher Brady Cooper. The ball sailed over the left field fence and a berm filled with spectators before hitting a screen in front of the tennis courts.

"I was looking for a fastball," said Simcox, downplaying his homer. "I saw it and the rest of it was luck."

Shamrocks head coach John Salter described the home run as "sweet," because it came one pitch after Cooper struck out Greg Marrone and was on the verge of escaping the jam.

"There were two outs and they were one out away from getting out of it with nothing (against them)," Salter said. "And then Matt Walters doubled with the bases loaded right after that to make it 5-0."

Salter said Walters' two-run double down the left-field line also was key, because it is tougher psychologically to try and come back from a five-run deficit instead of three.

And with the way Henderson (six hits, eight

strikeouts) threw it was more than enough offense.

"He pitched great," Salter said. "He was able to get his curve ball over for strikes, and he's just a smart pitcher."

According to Henderson, who also pitched a shutout in the 2004 regional final, the first-inning cushion helped his confidence. Other than two-hit performances by Phil Doerfler and Reid Cuddy, he held the Jaguars at bay.

"The early runs help a lot," Henderson said. "I can put the ball over the plate more and have more confidence going inside. And it helps knowing I have the fielders behind me, too, (that) they'll pick it up."

Henderson must have really felt in control of the situation after Catholic Central tacked on three more runs in the second to make it 8-0.

Singles by senior Eric Vojtkofsky (2-for-3, one run) and Simcox (2-for-3, three RBI, two runs), sandwiched around a walk by Marrone loaded the bases with one out. Senior Josh Szatkowski (2-for-3, two RBI, two runs) then singled to center to drive in two runs and a throwing error enabled Marrone to score.

The Shamrocks weren't done. In the fourth, senior Eric Vrtis (1-for-2, one RBI, two runs) doubled home Szatkowski and then Canton resident Dominique Fischer stepped up to the plate.

Fischer (2-for-3, two RBI, one run) drove a pitch over the 385-foot mark in left-center field to conclude the afternoon's scoring.

"It felt real good," said Fischer, who has been playing well since replacing injured senior Matt Rodeghier as CC's third baseman last month. Coaches were making jokes about it, but I haven't hit a ball that far in a while."

Salter said he thought Fischer's homer was more impressive than the one hit by

Simcox.

That was even more amazing, the coach said. "By that late in the game the balls were wet. They threw the (home run) ball back in (and) it weighed a ton. It was like hitting a shot put. To hit a heavy ball that far was amazing."

The big showing meant a lot to Fischer, having taken place near his hometown and coming after a hushed appearance in Saturday's regional semifinal against Westland John Glenn.

"I was really determined," Fischer continued. "We wanted to make the next round and everybody on the team knows if one person has an off day the next guy will be able to step up. That's what I wanted to do."

Actually, Fischer had to wait two days to contribute. CC won the semifinal against the Rockets, 4-3, but the rest of the regional was pushed back two days due to heavy rain. Finally, the Shamrocks learned of their opponent for the final when the Jaguars (24-11) defeated Detroit Henry Ford, 16-0 earlier Monday.

But rain started to fall again after Allen Park's victory, and by the time it stopped and groundskeepers could get the field ready it was 2:30 p.m. — about an hour past the game's scheduled starting time.

"They really worked hard, the Plymouth people, to get it ready," Salter said.

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There was nothing pretty about it, but all that mattered to Redford Catholic Central head varsity baseball coach John Salter was the result.

The Shamrocks nipped pesky Westland John Glenn 4-3, in Saturday's Division I state baseball regional semifinal on a bases loaded walk to senior Eric Vrtis, scoring senior Greg Marrone (Plymouth). Because of the downpour that followed, however, the rest of Saturday's scheduled action was postponed to Monday.

"I told the kids when we started the tournament that you're going to have some one-run games and that not every game is going to be a blowout," said an obviously relieved Salter following the victory.

With runners on second and third and no outs in the seventh, John Glenn head coach Matt Howton ordered Rockets senior pitcher Dan Cover to walk CC senior Eric Simcox to set up a force at home.

That strategy worked when senior third baseman Tim Bingham (2-for-4) made a diving stab of senior Josh Szatkowski's grounder, jumped to his feet and threw to senior catcher Brett Schwartz.

But Vrtis was patient and didn't chase a bad pitch," noted Salter.

It was the 11th walk of the day issued by Cover, who conversely only gave up four hits — all singles. The defeat ended his season with a personal mark of 8-3. "Danny's pitched phenomenal

all year," said Howton, whose team finished 15-18. "He gave up a walk. That's baseball, those things happen."

Howton said he didn't consider taking Cover out in the seventh despite his high pitch count and the muggy conditions.

"He pitched a lot of complete games," Howton said. "I wanted him in there, no question about it."

It was CC's Salter sweating it out in the top of the seventh with the score tied 3-3. Cover led off with a single up the middle off of Shamrocks reliever Bobby Henderson, who took over in the sixth from starting pitcher Marrone. But Henderson fielded Bingham's sacrifice bunt attempt and forced the courtesy runner at second and then picked Bingham off first.

"Bobby did a nice job defensively," Salter said.

According to Howton, there was no shame losing to a team that came into the contest with an overall record of 23-11.

"CC is a great team and their kids played hard," he said. "I give them all the credit in the world. It could have gone either way."

Despite the loss, Howton praised his team — particularly the seniors — for working hard all season and "setting a standard at John Glenn that all other classes are going to have to live up to. I'm proud of them."

Right from the start, Cover had trouble throwing strikes and it cost him with runs against him in the first and second.

In the first, Mike McDonald scored on a groundout to second base by Marrone, robbed of a single by Carlington. After the Rockets tied the score on an RBI single to center by freshman Chris Kangas, Cover walked the bases full. McDonald then drew his second base on balls in two at-bats, forcing force home the tiebreaker and giving CC a shortlived 2-1 lead. In the fifth, Glenn made it 2-2 on a squeeze bunt by junior Nate Lopez. Setting up the run was a walk to Cover, a bunt single by Bingham and a balk.

But Marrone left a runner at third when he retired junior Ryan Sharp on a hard-hit ball to second.

The Shamrocks took a one-run lead for the third time in the fifth, getting their first hits of the day in the process. After senior catcher Eric Vojtkofsky walked, Marrone singled and both runners moved up on Simcox's sacrifice bunt. Szatkowski then scored courtesy runner Brian Kirkendall with a line-drive single to left.

CC could have added a couple more runs if not for another outstanding defensive play by Carlington. He ranged to his right and backhanded a shot up the middle, off the bat of Vrtis, then flipped to Lopez who threw to first for the double play. Glenn again tied it in the top of the sixth as senior Tom Cichowski led off with a single and moved to second on a sacrifice by Kangas. With two out, against relief pitcher Henderson, Schwartz bounced a single into center to plate Cichowski to make it 3-3.

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Observer All-Area girls team shines on the track

FIRST TEAM

Jenna Hudy Jr Liv Franklin (shot put) The junior cleared 33 feet in every meet this season winning five of seven dual meets Hudy had a season best throw of 35 feet 9 5 inches

At the regional Hudy took third in the shot put and fourth in the discus At the WLA meet she placed third in the shot put (34 6) and fourth in the discus (107 10)

She ranks No 6 all time on the Franklin list in the shot put and seventh in the discus Jenna worked extremely hard in the off season going to several camps and clinics Franklin coach Dave Bjorklund said She spent a lot of time in the weight room to improve her strength and throwing technique She improved a lot in the shot put and came on strong in her first year throwing the discus

Jenna is a team leader among throwers And after back to back third places at the regional we expect big things from her next season

Anna Wilson Sr Salem (discus) The two year captain's senior season was highlighted by her first place finish in the discus at the WLA meet and gold medal winning effort in the shot at the Division 1 regional meet Her season best efforts were 119 10 in the discus and 35 9 in the shot

Anna has been a solid and imperative portion of the Salem women's team since her freshman year said Salem coach Kevin Conte She has been a great leader with the throwers as well as with the whole team Anna has the ability to lead by example but is also a very vocal leader Anna will be a fan tastic addition to the University of Michigan track program but will be greatly missed here at Salem

Alyssa Supplee Jr Franklin (high jump) The junior was undefeated in dual meet this season and cleared 5 feet in every meet this season (both dual and invitational)

Supplee broke her own school record of 5 6 in a dual vs Plymouth and set another school record at the WLA meet by clearing an area best 5 7 tying a Western Lakes mark

She is a two time WLA champion and finished third at this year's regional after a regional runner up and state qualifying performance in 2004

Alyssa is one of the best athletes we've ever had at Franklin Bjorklund said She has a great vertical leap and has worked hard this year to improve her technique to jump at the upper heights

She is a pivotal point scorer on the team running the 400 and 800 relays as well as the 100 and 200 dashes This season she established herself as one of the best high jumpers in the state with some of the heights she has cleared We expect big things from Alyssa next year

Jennifer Anderson Sr Wayne (long jump) Headed for the University of Michigan in the 2004 Division I state long jump champion finished sixth in Saturday's Midwest Meet of Champions in Delaware Ohio with a leap of 16 8

As a senior Anderson took fifth in Division I (16 11 5) after winning the regional (17 1 5) She was also WLA champion (16 2 7 5) and recorded an area best jump of 17 2 in a dual meet at Plymouth

Jennifer has always been a hard worker and very focused on the long jump Wayne coach Kevin Miller said She's always the last person on the track

Not having a track (under construction) this year dampened the practice she should have been getting

Anderson's best jump as a junior was 18 9 in a dual meet at Salem

The advanced placement student carries at 3 2 grade point average

Jennifer Perkins Sr Liv Stevenson (pole vault) The senior captain was Stevenson's third highest point producer and set the school record in the pole vault by clearing 10 6 She had the ninth best vault at the Division I meet at 10 2 5

The four year varsity member was also voted best Field Event performer by her teammates and helped Stevenson qualify for the state meet in the 400 relay (50 9)

Jenny brought in great senior leadership to the team this year and was determined to do well and maintain the high status she so rightfully deserves in her events Stevenson coach Kelly Graham said She will be tough to replace next year

Perkins a Scholar Athlete was a regional and Public Schools of Livonia Invitational champion in the pole vault

When I started working with Jenny three years ago I knew she was a special athlete Stevenson vault coach Michael Willifong said Her consistent determination work ethic and drive to be number one is something that I admire out of an athlete

Taleece Jackson Soph Red Thurston (100 meter hurdles) A transfer student from Albion Jackson's first year with Thurston turned out to be an exceptional one

She won the regionals in the 100 and 300 hurdles with season bests of 14 78 and 45 70 respectively At the state meet she placed seventh in the 100 hurdles and 10th in the

ALL-AREA GIRLS TRACK

2005 ALL OBSERVER GIRLS TRACK TEAMS FIELD EVENTS

Shot put: 1 Jenny Hudy Jr Livonia Franklin 2 Kyndra Abron Fr Livonia Churchill 3 Robyn Whalen Soph Franklin
Discus: 1 Anna Wilson Sr Salem 2 Alicia Krueger Sr Lutheran High Westland 3 Amy Bodnar Sr Livonia Stevenson
High jump: 1 Alyssa Supplee Jr Franklin 2 (tie) Brittany Petty Soph Plymouth Kasey Butler Jr Stevenson
Long jump: 1 Jennifer Anderson Sr Wayne Memorial 2 Megan Wilson Soph Franklin 3 Brittany Lockhart Jr Salem
Pole vault: 1 Jennifer Perkins Sr Stevenson 2 Allie Vraniak Jr Salem 3 Mina Pirzadeh Jr Canton

RUNNING EVENTS

100 meter hurdles: 1 Taleece Jackson Soph Redford Thurston 2 Dana Eldred Jr Salem 3 Stephanie Misco Jr Livonia Ladywood
300 hurdles: 1 Andrea Lang Sr Salem 2 Tauri Rothermel Soph Ladywood 3 Casey Lynett Soph Franklin
100 dash: 1 Tiffany James Sr Wayne 2 Aisha Moore Soph Wayne 3 Yvette Nickens Fr Churchill
200: 1 Elizabeth Sturdy Sr Stevenson 2 Ashley Parker Fr Westland John Glenn 3 Lauren Schwewe Soph Lutheran Westland
400: 1 Lache Wilkins Jr Churchill 2 Nicole Schmidt Sr Churchill 3 Alicia Fedrigo Jr Churchill
800: 1 Laura Friedman Sr Salem 2 Lisa Arrowsmith Jr Stevenson 3 Amber Cicala Soph Stevenson
1600: 1 Kristen Frey Soph Stevenson 2 Erica Hope Soph Churchill 3 (tie) Rachel McFarlane Fr Churchill Lauren Kane Sr Salem
3200: 1 Heather Sirko Sr Stevenson 2 Kylene Cieslak Jr Churchill 3 Hannah Cavicchio Soph Salem

RELAY EVENTS

400: 1 Wayne (Tiffany James Sr Amanda Dye Sr Natassia Goines Fr Aisha Moore Soph) 2 Stevenson (Marnie Kulling Jr Jennifer Perkins Sr Diane Burek Jr Elizabeth Sturdy Sr) 3 Churchill (Yvette Nickens Fr Nicole Thornsberry Soph Alicia Fedrigo Jr Mandi Coppola Soph)
800: 1 Churchill (Yvette Nickens Fr Mandi Coppola Soph Alicia Fedrigo Jr Lache Wilkins Jr) 2 Wayne (Tiffany James Sr Amanda Dye Sr Jennifer Anderson Sr Aisha Moore Soph) 3 Salem (Lindsay Miles Sr Allie Vraniak Jr Brittany Lockhart Jr Lynden Gault Sr)
1600: 1 Churchill (Nicole Schmidt Sr Alicia Fedrigo Jr Tauri Rothermel Soph Lache Wilkins Jr) 2 Salem (Lindsay Miles Sr Allie Vraniak Jr Brittany Lockhart Jr Laura Friedman Sr) 3 Stevenson (Amber Cicala Soph Brittany Mrcek Fr Rebecca Rehberg Jr Lisa Arrowsmith Jr)
3200: 1 Stevenson (Amber Cicala Soph Heather Sirko Sr Lisa Arrowsmith Jr Kristen Frey Soph) 2 Churchill (Nicole Schmidt Sr Rachel McFarlane Fr Erica Hope Soph Kylene Cieslak Jr) 3 Salem (Allison Janda Jr Hannah Cavicchio Soph Marisa Carpinelli Jr Laura Friedman Sr)

COACH OF YEAR

Keith McDonald Livonia Churchill

300 She established Thurston school records in both events during her first meet of the season

Meanwhile her versatility enabled her to finish third in the long jump at the regionals and qualify for the state meet Coach Al Chambo said that third place showing was the first time the entire year that she finished lower than second place in any individual event

She hates to lose noted Chambo We are expecting many more great races from her in the future

Andrea Lang Sr Salem (300 hurdles) Lang excelled in both the 100 and 300 hurdles this season finishing first in the City Meet and WLA meet in both events She also crossed the line first in the 300 hurdles at the Division I regional meet and second in the 100 A two year state qualifier she was voted Salem's 2005 Athlete of the Year and finished her career unbeaten in both events in the WLA

Andrea is the classic leader by example said Salem coach Kevin Conte She shows up every day and works as hard as she can Andrea is the keystone to Salem's hurdles team She will be sorely missed next season

Tiffany James Sr Wayne (100 dash) The senior finished fourth in the 100 in Saturday's Midwest Meet of Champions with a time of 12 6

She placed sixth in both the 100 (12 58) and 200 (26 25) in the Division I state meet She was regional champion in the 100 and placed second in the 200

At the WLA meet James swept both the 100 and 200 meter dashes

James led the area in the 100 (12 0) and 200 (25 8)

Tiffany spent a lot of time training over the winter lifting weights and preparing for the season and you could see she was toned and ready to go Miller said She meant business and wanted to prove it She was on a mission She's just an all around athlete

James who carries a 3 5 GPA in advanced placement classes is headed to the University of Detroit Mercy

Elizabeth Sturdy Sr Liv Stevenson (200) The senior captain won the team's Perseverance Award and was a state qualifier in both the 100 (12 34) and 400 relay (50 9)

Her best time in the 200 was 26 5

The scholar athlete and four year varsity member was the team's fourth leading point scorer in 2005

I can remember watching Liz run when she was a sophomore Graham said it didn't seem that long ago but she was a sound ing force back then She has put in so much hard work dedication and effort into perfect

ing her talents She struggled early but with sheer determination confidence and hard work excelled into the athlete she is

Her success all came together when it was most important helping her team achieve a regional championship as well as hitting her own personal goals of going to the state meet in an individual event

Lache Wilkins Jr Liv Churchill (400) The junior had an outstanding regional figur ing in four first place finishes including the 200 (26 0) 400 (59 1) 4 x 200 relay (1 46 8) and 4 x 400 relay (4 06 2)

She went on to finish seventh in the Division I state meet in a school record time of 58 16 and helped Churchill to times of 1 45 64 and 4 08 8 in the 800 and 1 600 relays respectively

In the WLA meet Wilkins took second in the 200 (26 3) and 400 (59 6) and helped Churchill to firsts in the 800 and 1 600 relays

Lache's nickname is Machine Churchill coach Keith McDonald said She works hard never breaks down and always gives you a great performance

She is our leading scorer with over 150 points She is a joy to coach and watch Her teammates have tremendous confidence in her ability When they're in a relay with Lache they're thinking Get the baton to Lache

Laura Friedman Sr Salem (800) Friedman set the Salem record in the 800 meter run with a clocking of 2 16 71 She finished fifth at the Division I state meet in the event and was the regional conference and city champion

Laura is a passionate hard working and determined athlete said Salem coach Kevin Conte She puts forth a lot of effort every day in school and sports She sets her goals high and works diligently until she reaches them

Along with running both track and cross country Laura also ice skates competitively so she definitely knows how to manage her time

Kristen Frey Soph Liv Stevenson (1600) The sophomore was Stevenson's second leading scorer who broke the school record in the 1 600 with a time of 5 07 1 including an eighth place finish at the Division I state meet

At the regional Frey took first in the 1 600 and second in the 3 200 She was WLA runner up in both events Her best time of the season in the 3 200 was 11 22 1

She was also Public Schools of Livonia Invitational champ in the 800 and 1 600 (Her best time this season in the 800 was 2 22 7)

I have been very proud of how successful Kristen has been these last two years being a track athlete Graham said She is such a

dedicated and hard worker which has paid off for her She has such a great range of talent that she excels in any distance event

Frey is also a member of the All State Academic Team

She is a total team player and has done everything I have asked her to do Graham added And she has done it to the best of her abilities I'm very proud of all her accomplishments that she has attained this year She definitely deserves it

Heather Sirko Sr Liv Stevenson (3 200) The senior finished first in Saturday's Midwest Meet of Champions held in Delaware Ohio breaking her own school record with a time of 10 53 2

Sirko one of the most decorated distance runners in Stevenson history was the Division I state runner up in the 3 200 (10 54 9)

The team captain's best time in the 1 600 was 5 08 3

At the regional Sirko placed first in the 3 200 and was second in the 1 600 She swept both races at the WLA meet She was also Public Schools of Livonia Invitational champ in the 3 200

The team MVP top point scorer and Academic All State selection is headed to the University of Michigan

Having the opportunity to coach Heather has been very exciting and fulfilling for me Graham said I have not had many athletes who are so determined work so very hard to succeed and strive for continued improvement and success while maintaining a wonderful attitude She is unique and I'm glad that I have had the opportunity to see what a wonderful person she is while at the same time an exceptional athlete

She is very hard on herself and she has put into her events has paid off

400 relay Wayne (Tiffany James Sr Amanda Dye Sr Nastassia Goines Fr Aisha Moore Soph) This quartet captured the Division I regional and led the area with a state meet time of 50 84

Dye a senior won Wayne's Zebra Pride Award for the second straight year She also excels in the classroom taking advanced placement courses

Amanda stepped in wherever we needed her Miller said She ran cross country last fall for us and had never competed in track She ran a 1 01 split in the 400 but she sacrificed herself for the relays

Goines a freshman shows a lot of great potential for the future according to Miller She ran hurdles for us with not much practice he added She's one to keep your eye on

Moore a sophomore ran a personal best 12 2 in the 100 and 26 8 in the 200 The regional runner up in the 100 (12 28) was a state qualifier and added third in the 200 Moore was also third in the 200 at the WLA meet

She was Wayne's anchor leg We knew if we were close and Aisha got the handoff we could win the race Miller said Aisha's an all around runner Anything she does she does it well

800 relay Churchill (Yvette Nickens Fr Mandi Coppola Soph Alicia Fedrigo Jr Lache Wilkins Jr) This quartet posted the 13th best time at the Division state meet (1 45 64) after winning both the regional (1 46 8) and WLA (1 46 8) titles

These four plus Nicole Thornsberry make for a powerful punch in the 4 x 200 McDonald said Any four of the five can run and do well for us Their commitment to working together for the team has shown throughout the sprint corps I am excited (and lucky) to have them all back next year They give us so many options not only in the 4 x 300 but in all the sprint races

They just kept getting better as the season progressed They work hard in practice and push each other They expect a lot of each other and it showed on the track late in the season

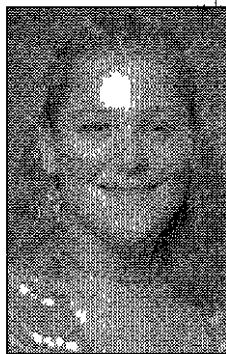
1 600 relay Churchill (Nicole Schmidt Sr Alicia Fedrigo Jr Tauri Rothermel Soph Lache Wilkins Jr) This foursome took 14th in Division I (4 08 8) after firsts at the WLA (4 07 7) and regional (4 06 2) meets

I as well as the team was confident in this group McDonald said The team knew that they would come through with a win if they needed it This particular set of athletes went undefeated in the 4 x 400 going into the state meet

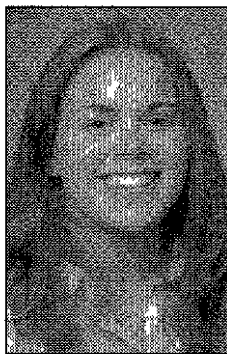
Having three of the four back looks great for us next year as well This is a pride relay at Churchill Whether you're a sprinter or a distance kid if you want the meet on your shoulders and you like the pressure this is the relay I already have a number of kids who want to be part of this next year

3 200 relay Stevenson (Amber Cicala Soph Heather Sirko Sr Lisa Arrowsmith Jr Kristen Frey Soph) This foursome placed third in the Division I state meet with a school record time of 9 23 24 after winning both the regional (9 34 33) and Western Lakes (9 35 97) titles convincingly

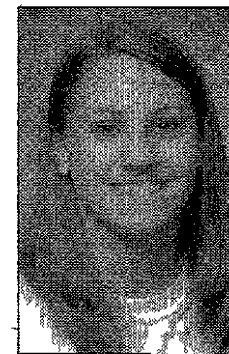
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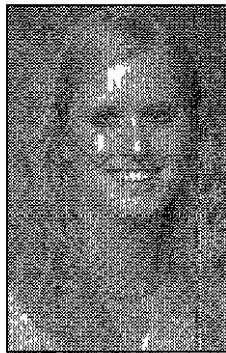
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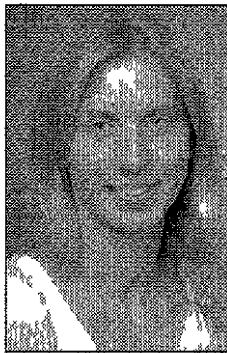
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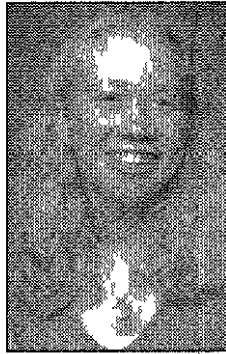
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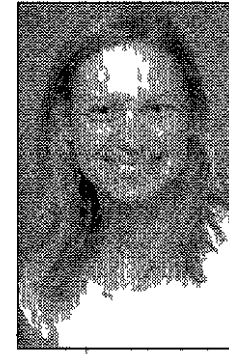
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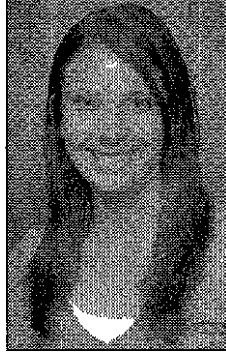
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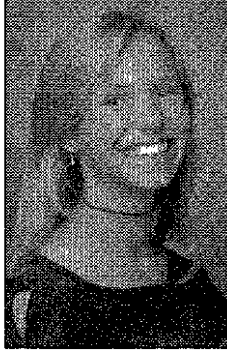
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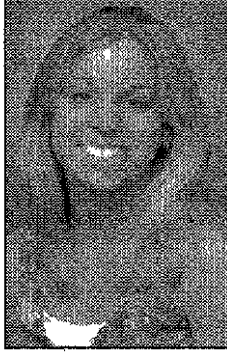
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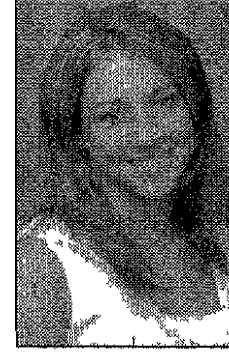
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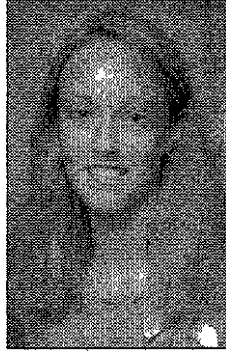
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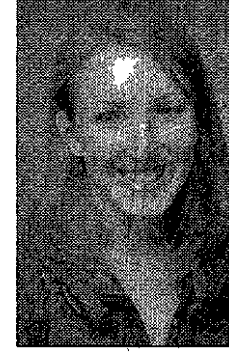
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Tauri Rothermel Churchill



Amber Cicala Churchill



Lisa Arrowsmith Stevenson

Michigan track and went 9 30 4 at the Flint Mott Relays after going 9 36 9 at the Stevenson Invitational

Arrowsmith was a state qualifier in the 800 (22 9) after placing second in the regional Cicala placed third at the regional and clocked a season best 2 22 8 in the 800

Sirko ran a 2 19 split at the state meet

Frey's best time in the 800 this year was 2 22 7

They started the season with a vision of improving upon last year's sixth place finish Graham said They demonstrated the resolve determination and talent to attain their seasonal goals of placing higher than last year and breaking the school record

OBSERVERLAND GIRLS TRACK LISTING

FINAL OBSERVERLAND GIRLS TRACK LISTINGS

SHOT PUT

Jenna Hudy (Franklin) 35 9 5
Anna Wilson (Salem) 35 9
Kyndra Abron (Churchill) 35 6 5
Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 34 10 25
Christien Guyton (Plymouth) 34 3
Erin Lovell (Franklin) 34 1
Sarah James (Franklin) 33 2
Maggie Fisher (Salem) 32 11
Lauren Brown (Franklin) 32 8
Kailee Hobbins (Churchill) 32 5

DISCUS

Anna Wilson (Salem) 119 10
Alicia Krueger (Luth Westland) 117 0
Amy Bodnar (Stevenson) 112 6
Robyn Whalen (Franklin) 111 9
Jenna Hudy (Franklin) 107 10
Kailee Hobbins (Churchill) 100 9
Nicole Bergeski (Churchill) 98 5
Sabre Alexander (Clarenceville) 98 2
Lauren Krupski (Churchill) 97 6
Sarah James (Franklin) 97 2

HIGH JUMP

Alyssa Supplee (Franklin) 5 7
Brittany Petty (Plymouth) 5 4
Kasey Butler (Stevenson) 5 4
Megan Kmet (Franklin) 5 1
Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 5 1

Lynden Gault (Salem) 5 0
Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 4 11
Kara Piorowski (Stevenson) 4 11
Izabela Paszkowska (Canton) 4 11
Meghan Matheny (Canton) 4 11

LONG JUMP

Jennifer Anderson (Wayne) 17 2
Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 16 6
Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 16 4
Megan Wilson (Franklin) 16 2
Natalie Wasio (Thurston) 15 10
Ashley Parker (John Glenn) 15 9
Dana Eldred (Salem) 15 6 75
Kinshasa Lynah (Plymouth) 15 6
Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 15 5
Christien Guyton (Plymouth) 15 4 5

POLE VAULT

Jenny Perkins (Stevenson) 10 6
Allie Vraniak (Salem) 10 0
Mina Pirzadeh (Canton) 9 7
Katalin Dugan (Churchill) 9 3
Jackie Demers (Churchill) 9 0
Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 9 0
Marla Winkler (Stevenson) 8 6
Lauren Yockey (Franklin) 8 0
Ruth Pranschke (Luth Westland) 8 0
Courtney Mack (Plymouth) 7 6
Katie Hale (Plymouth) 7 6
Liz Kemp (Luth Westland) 7 6
Jennifer Olmstead (Churchill) 7 6

Autumn Misiolek (Stevenson) 7 6
Jessica Murray (Canton) 7 6
Kari Prowar (Stevenson) 7 6

100 METER HURDLES

Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 14 8
Andrea Lang (Salem) 15 8
Dana Eldred (Salem) 16 4
Stephanie Misco (Ladywood) 16 5
Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 16 5
Casey Lynett (Franklin) 16 7
Jessica Murray (Canton) 16 9
Elyse Gieschen (Luth Westland) 17 0
Natalie Jedruszko (Churchill) 17 0
Meissa Bailey (Salem) 17 1

300 HURDLES

Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 45 7
Andrea Lang (Salem) 47 2
Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 48 1
Brittany Petty (Plymouth) 49 5
Casey Lynett (Franklin) 49 7
Diane Burek (Stevenson) 49 8
Stephanie Misco (Ladywood) 50 2
Melissa Bailey (Salem) 50 3
Mallory Lukas (Churchill) 50 3
Kristen Oltersdorf (Stevenson) 50 9

100 DASH

Tiffany James (Wayne) 12 0
Aisha Moore (Wayne) 12 2
Elizabeth Sturdy (Stevenson) 12 4
Megan Wilson (Franklin) 12 5

Yvette Nickens (Churchill) 12 7
Tuana Davis (Canton) 12 7
Mandi Coppola (Churchill) 12 7

Lauren Schwewe (Luth Westland) 12 8
Nicole Thornsberry (Churchill) 12 8

Alyssa Supplee (Franklin) 12 9
Lache Wilkins (Churchill) 12 9

200

Tiffany James (Wayne) 25 8
Lache Wilkins (Churchill) 26 0
Ashley Parker (John Glenn) 26 3
Elizabeth Sturdy (Stevenson) 26 5
Lauren Schwewe (Luth Westland) 26 6
Aisha Moore (Wayne) 26 8
Megan Wilson (Franklin) 26 9
D'Angela Pitts (Canton) 27 1
Lynden Gault (Salem) 27 1
Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 27 2
Yvette Nickens (Churchill) 27 2

400

Lache Wilkins (Churchill) 58 16
Brittany Lockhart (Salem) 1 00 8
Nicole Schmidt (Churchill) 1 01 0
Alicia Fedrigo (Churchill) 1 01 2
Brittany Mrcek (Stevenson) 1 01 3
Natalie Wasio (Thurston) 1 01 5
Ashley Parker (John Glenn) 1 01 5
Kinshasa Lynah (Plymouth) 1 01 7
Laura Friedman (Salem) 1 02 0
Allie Vraniak (Salem) 1 02 6

Kat e Tuom (Clarenceville) 1 02 6

800

Laura Friedman (Salem) 2 16 71
Kristen Frey (Stevenson) 2 22 7
Nicole Schmidt (Churchill) 2 22 7
Amber Cicala (Stevenson) 2 22 8
Lisa Arrowsmith (Stevenson) 2 22 9
Allison Janda (Salem) 2 23 6
Kylene

ROCKS

FROM PAGE C1

But Warren drowned out the drops, focused on the ball and squeezed it tightly in his mitt. He then fired a strike to catcher Andy Psilis, holding the runner at third.

It proved to be only a temporary game-saving play for the Rocks, but it was spectacular just the same.

The fact that Salem was even playing in Saturday's regional final was pretty amazing, considering a month earlier the falling Rocks owned a 5-11 record.

"I think things started coming together for us when we beat Southgate Anderson earlier in the season," Cardenas said. "They were ranked in the top 10 in the state at the time, so we knew after that we could play with ranked teams."

Like a rolling stone, the Rocks seized momentum following their rugged start and finished with a flurry, going 13-

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4 heading into Saturday's games. Pioneer entered the game with a confident swagger for good reason. It was 38-1-1, ranked No. 1 in the state, and just a couple of hours removed from a 10-0 semi-final shellacking of Sahne.

"We played up to their level, which is what I expected us to do," said Salem coach Dale Rumberger.

Cardenas said he and his teammates weren't satisfied with just giving the Pioneers a battle.

"We thought we could win and we're disappointed we didn't win," he said. "It hurts to know how close we were to playing Tuesday in the quarter-finals instead of Pioneer."

Regina's Nemitz too much for Churchill

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

While Livonia Churchill's softball team was battling through two rain-delayed Division 1 regional games Monday afternoon, Harper Woods Regina's squad conducted batting practice.

More importantly, as Charger ace pitcher Bridget Long was flinging over 100 pitches Monday, the Saddlelites' All-State hurler, Nicole Nemitz, was resting her powerful left shoulder.

On Tuesday, Regina's rejuvenated bats and Nemitz's rested arm combined to subdue Churchill, 8-1, in a Division 1 quarterfinal contest played at Carleton-Airport High School. The season-ending loss left the Chargers with an impressive 26-7 record — an eight-win improvement over 2004's 18-11 mark.

Nemitz, a junior, did everything except drive the Saddlelites' team bus Tuesday. She dominated the Chargers from the circle, allowing just one base runner (Shannon Cleck was hit by a pitch in the third) while striking out nine. At the plate, Nemitz went 3 for-3 with a walk and she delivered the game's first run with an RBI triple in Regina's four-run third.

"Nemitz was the best pitcher we've faced this season, both velocity-wise and with the variety of pitches she throws," said Churchill coach Carrie Korican. Bridget was throwing a little slower today than she has all year, but she pitched two games yesterday and was a little tired and sore. Everything considered, I thought she did an admirable job because Regina has a great hitting team.

"Overall, I thought we had a

great season. Our defense was awesome. We only committed about 15 errors all year. Our hitting was extremely strong, too, until we got to the playoffs and we started to see better pitching. When our hitting slowed down toward the end of the year, we squeaked out some wins with our defense and pitching.

Regina coach Diane Laffey, whose defending Division 1 champs will take a 38-3 record into Friday's semi-final game, said her squad benefited from getting both its regional games in Saturday.

"We didn't hit the ball well in either game Saturday," Laffey said, so we took batting practice Sunday and Monday. The extra practice must have helped because we hit the ball well today.

Churchill has a nice team. They had one bad inning where they made a few mis-

takes and we scored four runs. At this stage of the tournament, it's hard to come back when you're down by four."

The Saddlelites' big third inning was built on RBI hits from Nemitz and Andrea Ligotti, and a pair of Churchill fielding miscues.

"Before that inning, we had gone through pretty much the entire season without having a defensive breakdown that snowballed into a bunch of runs," Korican lamented.

Regina iced the win when it scored four times in the fourth. Nemitz, Emily Blair and Jillian Wagner had RBI in the inning.

The Chargers scored their lone run in the seventh when Brynn Kerr walked, Caitlyn Sidor reached on an error and Long delivered a run-scoring single.

Long gave up seven hits and struck out four in her complete-game effort.

CHIEFS

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a two-run single to knot the score at 2-2.

Belleville knocked Conlon from the game with a four-run fifth inning that was highlighted by five hits, including Davenport's two-run double. Freshman Hillary Payne relieved Conlon with two outs in the fifth and set down all seven batters she faced.

"When I went out to the circle to talk to Molly (in the fifth), she told me her ball wasn't moving," Arnold said. "So I made the decision to take her out. I was really pleased with how Hillary performed. She did a nice job."

"I can't say enough good things about the career Molly had at Canton. Her record speaks for itself."

Curtis said the key to beating Canton was patience.

We knew we were going to be facing a great pitcher in Molly Conlon, and we knew that we would have our share of strikeouts, Curtis said. Molly moves the ball in and out, up and down as well as

anybody. But I told them to try and lay off Molly's rise ball and just try to put the ball in play."

The Chiefs looked like they may duplicate their earlier victory over Belleville when they tallied two runs in the first on RBI singles from Conlon and Melissa Cienuch. Tiger left-fielder Hilary Ivan prevented a third run from scoring when she threw a runner out at the plate to end the inning.

Trailing 6-2 in the seventh, Canton scored when Payne's two-out double plated Katie Osburn, who had singled. The curtain fell on the Chiefs' brilliant season moments later when center-fielder Cindy McGoldrick made a diving catch of Melissa Cienuch's sinking liner.

"Cindy was a little down early in the game because she had struck out a couple of times," Curtis said. "But I told her, Cindy, you're going to be the star before this game is over. I didn't think it would be defensively but that was a great catch."

Canton's semifinal win over Southgate Anderson was worthy of a showing on ESPN Classic. Conlon and Titan

starting pitcher Ashley Roell hooked up in a pitcher's duel that was scoreless through the first 10 innings. Conlon struck out 17 and worked out of a bases-loaded, no-out jam in the fifth.

The Titans broke the ice in the top of the 11th when, with two outs, Roell singled and scored on sophomore Chelsey Wlodkows double in the right-center field gap.

Roell retired the first two Chiefs easily in the bottom of the inning and then worked a 2-2 count on Canton lead-off batter Brittany Scero, who fouled off two pitches before singling up the middle. Rachel Wade and Osburn delivered clutch singles to load the bases for Canton cleanup hitter Lauren Delapaz, who laced a game-winning double to deep left-center field, scoring Scero and Wade.

"I just wanted to make contact and put the ball in play," said Delapaz, who admitted to being a little nervous prior to her game-winning hit. "Before we hit that inning, coach Arnold told us he knew we could do come back, we just had to go out and prove it."

PCA

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Michigan Independent Athletic Conference), and you don't do that unless you have a very good team.

"When we met as a team before the season started, our goal was to win the regional. Well, we put ourselves in a position to do that, but we fell just a little short. I thought the kids played hard all season. I credit our seniors for a lot of the success we had this year."

PCA was done in by an inconsistent defensive effort in Saturday's finale. It committed six errors — four of which came in the first two innings when Southfield built an insurmountable 9-2 lead. SC tacked on three more runs in the third and one in the fifth to secure the mercy rule-shortened contest.

In almost all the games we lost this season we didn't play good defense," said Johnston. "We came back and won in spite of errors in a couple of games, but you can't make a lot of errors against a team as

good as Southfield Christian."

SC outthit PCA, 14-6. Plymouth scored both its runs in the second on RBI hits from Jordan Johnston and Adam Catallo. Andrew Shumaker and Eric Immerfall both ripped doubles to open the inning.

PCA advanced to the final by upending Allen Park Cabrini, 3-0, in the regional semifinal. Eagles starting pitcher Stephen Sumner and Shumaker combined on a two-hitter. Sumner, who worked the first 5 2/3 innings, carried a no-hitter into the fifth before the Monarchs loaded the bases with two outs. Shumaker entered and promptly shut the door on the rally.

The Eagles, who managed just three hits off Cabrini pitchers Ray Wojtala and Matt Chidester, scored single runs in the first, third and sixth innings.

"The key to this win was our defense and pitching," Johnston said. "We didn't commit any errors and both Stephen and Andrew pitched well."

Sophomore outfielder Matt Saagman played a pivotal role

in all three PCA runs. Saagman walked, stole second and eventually scored on an error in the top of the first. He then ripped a sacrifice fly in the third to score Catallo, who had singled, stole second and reached third on a passed ball.

Saagman scored an insurance run for the winners when he walked to lead off the sixth, stole second and scored on an Aaron Ciborowski single.

"It was a good matchup for us," Johnston said. "Cabrini has some good young players. They have six freshmen and only two seniors who start, so they should be tough down the road."

Sumner, who struck out seven while yielding just two hits, improved to 5-1 with the win. Shumaker earned his second save of the season.

POST-SEASON HONORS

Seven PCA players were rewarded for their efforts when they were named to the Division 4 All-District team last week. The players honored were Ciborowski, who hit 516, Immerfall, Bobby Ums, Sumner, Nathan Bixler, Saagman and Shumaker.



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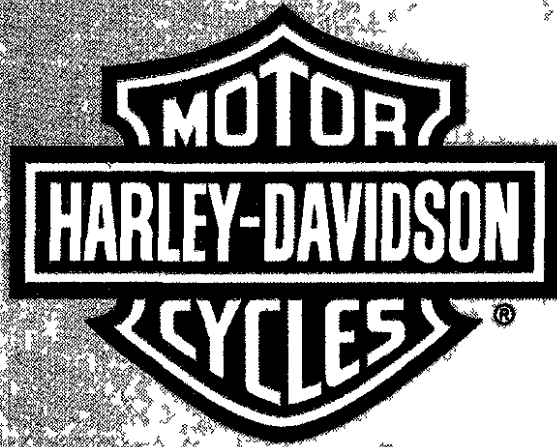
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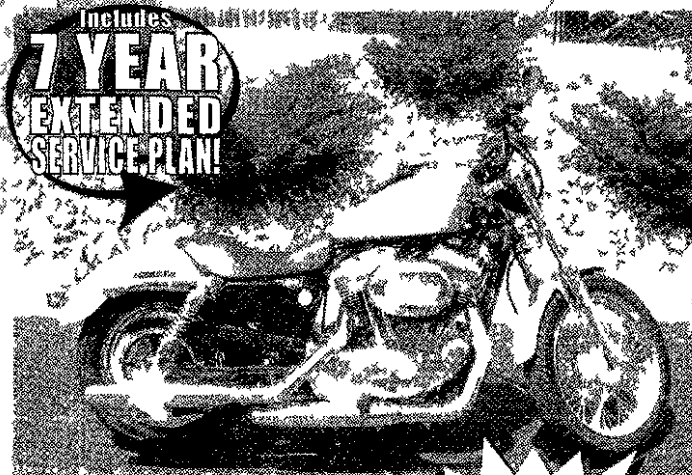
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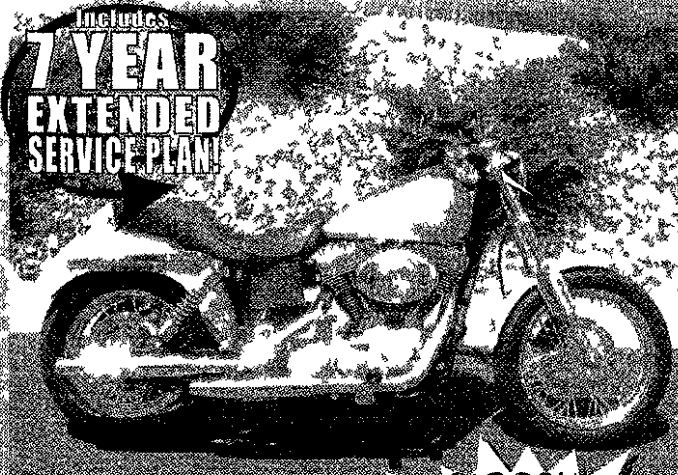
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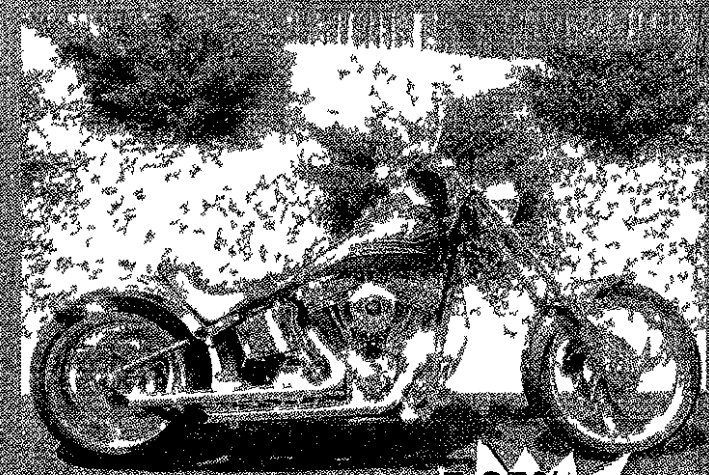
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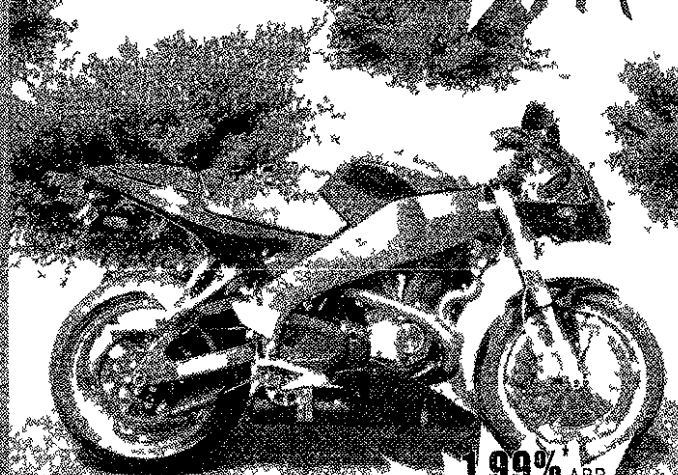
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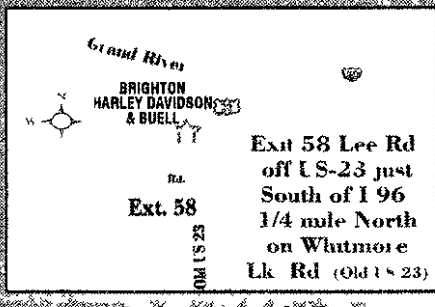
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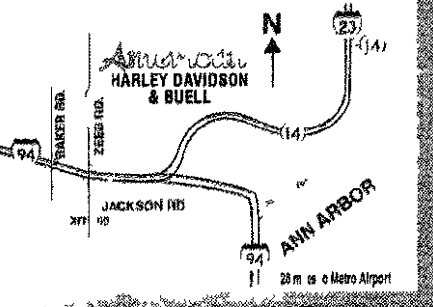
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UNATTACHED

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SEEKS

PROFESSIONAL MALE
SWPF 57 long brown hair looking for an educated man 35 35 who likes politics reading and going to movies ☎529129

MAKE IT HAPPEN

Separated WF 40 N/S mother of 3 seeks SHM 40 48 for friendship. Maybe we can spend the rest of our lives together ☎679724

BEAUTIFUL EYES AND SMILE

Sports oriented BF 39 two teenage daughters physically challenged loves jazz sports gospel picnics amusement parks See king SF 29-45 ☎223080

LET ME GET TO KNOW YOU

SBF 27 53 N/S works in customer service likes opera reading baking art museums seeks man 25-32 N/S with same interests for LTR ☎624260

STARTING OVER

Employed widowed grandmother 56 loves old school music playing cards concerts and park walks Searching for a similar man 48-62 ☎648146

IT'S ALL GOOD

Cool SBF 31 58 N/S likes to bowl fish skate and travel seeks SBM 19 35 N/S to share honest friendship romance quality time together ☎476802

VERY CARING

AF 45 53 110lbs attractive active very independent loving down to earth health-conscious vegetarian enjoys movies fine dining and traveling Seeking W/AM 40 50 H/W proportionate ☎609537

HOPE IT'S YOU

SBPF 38 independent 55 average build H/W proportionate fun loving genuine and attractive would like to get to know someone with similar qualities and interests ☎692383

OPERA FAN

SBPF 46 56 school teacher night college student N/S laid back somewhat reserved seeks BM 40 52 N/S for friendship and dating ☎638537

FORMER MODEL

SWF 50 56 slender intelligent creative passion for music and dancing Seeks partner 38 50 who is attractive and fit to share this interests and more ☎600106

LOYAL

SWF 44 Lao N/S blonde/blue professional chef (cake decorator) green thumb petite enjoys cooking boating seeks compatible SWM 40 50 N/S for dating and possible relationship ☎956732

HAS ZEST FOR LIFE

Youthful blonde 60 52" with family values shapely medium build professional N/S light drinker enjoys travel theater dining out and much more. See king well groomed financially secure gentleman 55 68 similar characteristics ☎697194

TALK TO ME!

SF 43 likes movies dining shopping the zoo time with my kids Seeking honest good looking sincere man 38 46 ☎911415

SEXY REDHEAD

SWF 48 54" 175lbs Cancer N/S seeks man 32 55 for possible romance ☎684879

WHY NOTTRY?

SF 43 nice easygoing affectionate seeks nice honest man 45 58 to share talks good times simple dates and then we'll see what happens ☎679157

EBONY SEEKS IVORY

DBF 42 53 140lbs full figured seeks to date SWM 40 50 in the Mount Clemens area ☎455323

GOOD MAN WANTED

Attractive SBF marriage minded 5 6 average build 40 Capricorn N/S seeks BM 40 51 N/S to enjoy life and more ☎692032

PRECIOUS ONE

SWF very pretty a young 39 medium dark/green works in medical field seeks attractive SWM outgoing honest caring sensitive and creative for best friend more ☎230588

HONESTY REQUIRED

Beautiful full figured SBF 35 is looking for tall dark handsome SBPM who is honest and down to earth to spend time with ☎401088

RESCUE ME!

SBF 41 55 average build enjoys church family shopping much more Looking for SBM 43 47 professionally employed N/S who knows how to treat a woman ☎408635

MR RIGHT

Are you a tall big handsome man that could be my Mr Right for a SWF 58 attractive loving and fun lets share life together ☎443339

BEAUTIFUL MIND WANTED

Beautiful full figured SBF 35 enjoys comedy and romance bowling walks in the park See king tall dark handsome SBM 33 50 ☎481293

STILL LOOKING

Attractive tall SBF 48 N/S business woman Enjoys fishing boating movies long walks Seeking 35+ w/same interest N/S ☎525043

BROWN SUGAR AND SPICE

SF 47 years young 55" very outgoing loves family fun life Would like to spend time with someone 40 60 who loves jazz concerts movies dinners week end getaways ☎208051

HEY, OVER HERE

Attractive SBPF 52 55 125lbs with herpes N/S feminine humorous works out Seeking SCM 47 57 N/S fit for possible LTR race unimportant ☎611221

WHERE ARE YOU?

SBF 24 Aquarius N/S seeks WF 21 27 friendship maybe more ☎693223

ATHLETIC, ATTRACTIVE

sexy SWF 27 56 Libra N/S graphic designer seeks man 26 37 N/S who enjoys life for friendship maybe more ☎667756

LOVE & COMMUNICATION

are the best things! Very passionate and romantic SWF 59 5 6 medium build redhead N/S seeks down to earth WM 50 65 not into games ☎669032

LOOKING FOR MY FRIEND

SWF 51 54 light brown/blue N/S N/D/Grunds with grown children and grandchildren loves flea markets garage sales and church Seeking WM 49 60 smoker ok ☎669889

ENJOYS THE SIMPLE THINGS

Attractive DBF early 60s feels much younger N/S plans to retire soon stays physically active would like to hear from friendly honest man 56 68 N/S ☎672174

LETS GET AWAY

SBF 27 5 7 slim build Taurus smoker enjoys reading writing and shopping seeks man 24 32 just as a friend ☎673171

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

I could be it! Attractive SWF 50 5 105lbs willing to try just about anything with the right person! Seeking SBM 32 50 for special relationship ☎418068

SEXY REDHEAD/GREAT LEGS

DWF 54 142lbs 56 enjoys blues animals gardening homeowner no kids Seeking SM 5 10+ N/S social drinker for LTR ☎548938

CUTE AND CLASSY

SBF mid 50s seeks attractive gentleman 50+ with similar interests quiet evenings ☎574342

JOURNEY WITH ME

through life's adventure DWF 50ish slim blonde enjoys to romance travel life to its fullest Seeking financially secure WM 55 65 Lets unravel life's mysteries together! ☎605996

SEMI-RETIRED

SBF 61 58 165lbs very care free loyal honest enjoys reading flea markets antiques long walks and travel Seeking BM 58 61 with similar interests ☎649333

STUDENT

HF 18 55 long black/brown likes going out on the town Looking for a fun guy 18 23 who can make me laugh! Must be respectful ☎648023

RETIRED BUT ACTIVE

SWF 62 54 N/S independent happy good humored free spirited enjoys playing cards travel boating vacationing walks music dining more ISO sociable SWM 55 67 who's active and has a great sense of humor ☎654265

FIND ME

Attractive DWF 50 loving and sincere seeks same in non smoking SWM 45+ for dating and relating Lets talk! ☎655541

VERY ATTRACTIVE BLONDE

Refined full of life easygoing well dressed professionally employed affectionate romantic kind early very youthful 60s 53 feminine shapely fit enjoys dining travel music theatre dancing family and friends See king a handsome educated gentleman over 50s N/S with a youthful passion for life Serious replies only ☎652360

SOULMATE SEARCH

Slender DWF 57 yr old JF looking for her soulmate any sincere successful JM between the ages of 54 64 please respond ☎589875

HAPPY & SECURE

DCF 68 52' long dark brown/brown N/S N/D with positive attitude enjoys leisurely drives movies and dining out Seeking man 58 75 for LTR ☎669606

58 YEARS OLD ENTREPRENEUR

Pretty SWF successful kind compassionate lots of fun looking for her knight and shining armor any caucasian sincere successful spiritual 55 80 ☎592074

LOVELY AND LOVING

Attractive 52 year old blonde/green 55, nice figure romantic wanting to meet a very romantic affectionate SM 42 52 who will treat her like a queen ☎617628

CAN U MAKE ME LAUGH?

Spontaneous SWF 61 5 4 average build happy independent humorous enjoys boating cards music dining walks travel golf Seeking good humored SM w/similar interests for companionship ☎962703

LONESOME

Senior WF retired 54 active honest healthy! Needs the attention of a WM 65 75 enjoys everything easy to please So hurry up and call me! ☎449585

I LISTEN WITH MY HEART

Attractive DWF late 40s Cancer N/S seeks special no games WM 45+ N/S for caring quality committed relationship Lets create sparks and watch them fly ☎639272

FRIENDS FIRST

SBF 28 Aquarius N/S is looking for a friend SBM 28 38 N/S Must have a sense of humor must be hard working trustworthy and goal oriented ☎759073

GREEN-EYED LADY

Slender SWF 30 5 7 110lbs loves outdoor activities like fishing and hunting Seeking a man who has the same or similar interests ☎976510

GET TO KNOW ME

Easygoing sensitive SWF 31 enjoys dining out romance laughter the outdoors traveling honesty and more Seeking sensitive sweet trustworthy SWM 30 45 for friendship maybe more ☎206883

FUN TO BE AROUND

Loveable energetic athletic SF 30 N/S loves shopping movies plays Looking for a down-to-earth understanding lovable caring SM 29-39 ☎257129

SLIM AND PETITE

Easygoing active DWF retired ISO fun male 60+ who likes bridge tennis reading hiking animals kids popcorn willing to don a tuxedo now and then ☎271793

LET'S BE HAPPY TOGETHER

Pretty slender Ukrainian lady 54 Catholic 10 years in the US Seeking caring relationship with warm hearted independent man who enjoys family theater travel ☎512135

THICK AND HEALTHY

SBF 30 55 240lbs N/S N/D no kids enjoying Seeking nice looking SM 20 35 w/no kids N/S for friendship possibly more ☎534802

SPONTANEOUS SPIRIT

Italian SWM 39 64 average build N/S likes to stay active enjoys romantic weekend getaways spending time outdoors all kinds of music seeks woman 35 42 N/S for LTR ☎688188

WELL, HELLO

SM very young looking 50 5 7 180lbs medium build employed self reliant D/D free easy going and easy to get along with enjoys biking and cooking Seeking S/DWF 40 55 200 350lbs ☎597126

EASYGOING GUY

SWM 51 61" 210lbs college graduate financially secure homeowner bodybuilder seeks petite SWF 35 50 sexy attractive to enjoy dining out movies for LTR ☎255073

SERIOUS WOMAN WANTED

SBM 46 looking for that special person for LTR someone who enjoys walks movies sporting events cuddling at home Please be shapely independent and know what you want in life ☎692418

KIND & EASYGOING

gentleman SWM 42 6 195lbs auburn hair/beard affectionate and considerate enjoys cooking gardening music fishing nature cats Seeking honest good natured woman 35 65 race open who loves romance and affection ☎633485

SWEETHEART ATHEIST

SWM 46 58" 205lbs soft brown hair blue eyes loves old cars and a girl that melts in my arms No drugs booze kids ☎114917

LOOKING FOR A LADY

SWM 38 Scorpio smoker seeks WF 28 47 for a long term relationship ☎679744

AGE IS JUST A NUMBER

Mature attractive lady sought by handsome WM 42 brown/blue active homeowner interested range from outdoors to movies to dining and dancing ☎683230

VERY INTERESTING

Well maintained SWM 56 who enjoys keeping in touch with current events heart to heart talks and silly conversations Lets meet over coffee and see what develops ☎259844

OPEN TO ALMOST ANYTHING

Optimistic outgoing SWM 46 enjoys most activities yet open to new ideas and adventures seeks spirited spontaneous SWF age open ☎547524

TAKE A CHANCE

SWM 35 musician enjoys quiet evenings talks Looking for someone special to share life laughter nights on the town and just having a good time ☎679436

PSST

Hey lady I'm alive WM with perfect smile all I want is fun I'm 40 I'll treat you right Wise conduct is a pleasure to the wise Share some peace? ☎595394

ARE YOU THE ONE?

Sweet SWM 36 56 130lbs brownish/blue Leo enjoys fast cars boats adventure not into bar scene Seeking sweet SWF 25 41 for possible relationship ☎437557

STARTING OVER

SWM 36 Aquarius smoker enjoys checking out local bands dining in and spending time with that special person seeks WF 22-40 for LTR ☎680035

LITTLE WILD

SWM 40 Taurus N/S easy going enjoys sports music of all types seeks woman 25 50 just as a friend ☎680902

SWM, DESIRES SBF

Call me if you desire a nice shape bl/eyed blonde 48 yrs old 180lbs Desires one on one friendship and definitely romance ☎672855

TENNIS ANYONE?

SWM 46 61 200lbs athletic kind caring hard working looking for one special girl to settle down with ☎67036

WHY WAIT?

Honest independent SWM 27 60 180lbs athletic Scorpio smoker seeks woman 23 37 smoker for possible romance ☎692275

SEXIEST MAN IN THE WORLD

SBM 33 Cancer smoker seeks attractive BF 18 33 smoker for friendship possibly more I won't let you down ☎693132

FIT, ATTRACTIVE, AND FUN

Considerate easygoing down to earth SWM 40s enjoys music reading sporting events seeks SWF for friendship and companionship ☎262919

GREAT GUY

Male 50 61 220lbs athletic build handsome with sense of humor and own business intelligent N/S enjoys good communication and honesty Seeking attractive slim WF 35-50 inner beauty good communication ☎264893

LOOKING FOR MY SMILE

Retired DWM 59 sweet pea looking to meet pretty S/JF 55 65 who enjoys dining out movies dancing and romance Me 72 and cuddly ☎497872

SEEKS BROWN-EYED GIRL

Good looking friendly SWM 41 51 180lbs no children N/S easygoing enjoys movies music social travel dining Seeking very attractive pretty SH/A/WF 38 39 friendship possible relationship ☎760359

STARTING ANEW WITH

just me and you! Sociable gentlemanly SWM 40 likes to go to interesting places Seeking nice female companion LTR ok no marriage right now ☎660062

PICK A WINNER

SWM 50 attractive healthy looking youthful light hearted enjoys doing fun things and going to interesting places Seeking lady to spend time with ☎730508

ROMANCE AND YOU

over due? If you are a SWF 40 55 decent-looking and some what romantic then we might connect This gentle optimistic SWM could make you really happy ☎799032

LOOKING FOR SOULMATE

SBPM 36 56 Leo N/S seeks attractive SW/H/F age and height open who is outgoing honest and seeking friendship leading to LTR ☎837750

BORED AND RESTLESS

This blind date can be very interesting Call me A good guy! SWM 40s seeks SWF ☎891601

NEW TO THIS

WM 45 loves exercise playing music and more Looking for a WF with similar interests A plus if you like classic rock ☎647670

WILLING TO SHARE

SWM 47 511 smoker muscular build carpenter enjoys wood working art music spending time outdoors seeks SWF 35 55 who is mature not into games ☎681688

MAGIC IN THE MAKING?

Mystical man SWM 39 trusting and warm hearted enjoys life's adventures exploring and taking new chances Seeks a mysterious magnificent female companion ☎234512

I REALLY BELIEVE

Do you believe in love at first sight? Interesting SWM easy to talk to active adventurous seeks pleasant playful SWF 35 50 ☎686509

NEED A SEXY LADY

SWM 48 average build hard working loves to have fun looking for a sincere woman 45 50 for LTR Redford area ☎604036

NEW DREAM TEAM?

Spending time with this bright enthusiastic optimistic yet realistic SWM who is looking for a nice gal 40s or 50s ☎550046

MUSCULAR AND ATHLETIC

SWM 46 62 209lbs brown/blue degreed outgoing person ally enjoys outdoors workout new activities seek friendly SF age/location open ☎531308

ROMANTIC BUT REALISTIC

Youthful easygoing SWM 46 likes movies concerts boating Seeking attractive SWF 40s 50s with a lively spirit good sense of humor But will consider others ☎642092

GENTLE AND SENTIMENTAL

Easygoing agreeable cute SWM 40 eager to please willing to try new things seeks fairly attractive and friendly SWF for dating and relating ☎210772

GREET AND MEET

SWM 50 looks young fit active enjoys fishing picnics water sports Seeking easygoing friendly light hearted SWF age open ☎241526

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

ROLLER HOCKEY

High Velocity Sports has added several roller-hockey camps to its summer schedule

- A power-skating camp will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon June 20-24, and from noon to 3 p.m. July 25-29,
- A stick-handling camp will be offered from noon to 3 p.m. June 27 to July 1,
- A "Shoot-to-Score" camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon July 18-22, and from noon to 3 p.m. Aug. 8-12,
- A power-skating/stick-handling camp will be from noon to 3 p.m. July 25-29, and
- A passing/positioning camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 1-5

Other hockey-related camps at High Velocity Sports include floor hockey on Aug. 15-19 and a learn-to-skate camp from July 11-15 and Aug. 22-26. Both camps will run from 9 a.m. to noon.

WHALERS GOLF

Individuals are invited to participate in the Plymouth Whalers' eighth annual golf outing, which is scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 at Northville Hills Golf Course in Northville

Proceeds from the outing will go directly into the Whalers Player Education Fund

All participants will receive 18 holes of golf with cart, a continental breakfast, full use of the golf range, putting green and locker-room facilities, an invitation to the post-outing buffet, and hole-in-one prize opportunities

Interested golfers or corporate partners can contact Whalers' Director of Marketing and Corporate Sales Rob Murphy or Whalers Educational Consultant Andy Madden at (734) 453-8400

V-BALL CAMPS

In 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 costs \$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

■ Plymouth volleyball coach Kelly McCausland will run a camp July 25-27 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. for students in grades 6-10 from in the Plymouth high school gymnasium. The cost is of the camp is \$65. For more information, contact McCausland at (734) 223-1737.

WRESTLING CAMP

The Canton High School wrestling camp will be held June 27-30 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the school's gymnasium. There will be two sessions per day.

The camp is designed for kids between the ages of 8 and 18 and no previous wrestling experience is required to participate. Campers will be split into groups based on their experience level. The cost for the camp is \$50.

To register, contact Canton Coach Casey Randolph at (734) 697-2083 or e-mail Randolph at c_randolph44@yahoo.com

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

High Velocity Sports in Canton will host the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympics regional soccer qualifier June 24-26.

First- and second-place teams earn a berth in the AAU Junior Olympic National Tournament set for late-July in New Orleans, La.

The age groups run from U9 to U18 for both boys and girls teams. The entry fee is \$250 per team. For further information, contact HVS at (734) HV-SPORT.

CANTON-SALEM

The annual Canton and Salem girls basketball camps will be held the weeks of June 20-24 and June 27 to July 1.

The first camp will be for girls entering eighth and ninth grades and run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Salem and Canton coaches, as well as varsity team members, will serve as instructors at the camps.

BASKETBALL CAMPS

The second camp is designed for girls entering fourth through seventh grades.

The cost of each camp is \$70. Each camper will receive a basketball and a T-shirt.

For more information, contact either Fred Thomann at (734) 484-7746, Brian Samulski at (734) 673-2555, or the Plymouth-Canton Community Education Department at (734) 416-2937.

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

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 Roster 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 com-

SOCCER CAMPS

muntes is a highlight and an honor. The friendships we've built with the kids over the years make it like a mini-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. 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.

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 Department, 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.

T-BALL LEAGUE

The Detroit Jaguars continued their dominance Friday in the Midwest Division of the W-League with a 2-1 United Soccer Leagues triumph over the host Fort Wayne (Ind.) Fever at Hefner Stadium.

The Jaguars are 7-0 in the division, while the Fever falls to 1-5.

Fort Wayne's Claire Ward opened the scoring at the 2-minute mark from Nicole Halls, but the Jaguars responded with two goals before the first half ended.

Livonia Stevenson High graduate Melissa Dobbyn, who will be a sophomore this fall at the University of Michigan, scored in the 30th minute on an assist from Abby Shepherd.

Kristi Swaving scored the game-winner eight minutes later on an assist from Marissa Sarkesian (Salem High/Texas A&M).

Goalkeeper Kathryn Cumming made 10 saves in the victory.

Rachel Murphy stopped sixth shots for the Fever.

The Jaguars return to W-League action Friday on the Road at the London (Ontario) Gryphons.

FIRE PREMIER 4, BUCKS

In Premier Development League men's action Saturday, the host Chicago Fire Premier (5-0-1) defeated the Michigan Bucks (3-4-0) for the second straight game.

Chicago's David Leung and Jeff Rowland staked the Fire

Sarkesian assists Jags in 2-1 victory

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Premier to a 2-0 halftime lead and Nowaf Jaman scored twice in the second half before the Bucks' Kevin Taylor cashed in on a penalty kick in the final minutes.

The last time the Bucks' franchise experienced a four-game losing streak was in 1996 during the minor league club's inaugural season.

Not a bit of history we wanted to be a part of," Bucks first-year coach Paul Snape said. "I still think this could be a very good team by the end of the season - not by how we played, but because of the players we have. But that won't do us any good if we don't even qualify for the playoffs."

Only two of the Great Lakes Division team qualify for the PDL playoffs that follow a 16-game regular season.

"We have to turn things around soon," said Snape, noting that Indiana missed the playoffs last season with an impressive 11-5 record.

The Bucks played Wednesday night in Kalamazoo before returning home Tuesday, June 28 at Berkley's Hurley Field against the West Michigan Edge. Kickoff is at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at the gate for \$9 (\$6 for youth under-19).

For more information, call (989) 781-6888 or visit www.bucksoccer.com

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings-June 7, 2005

A regular Study meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday June 12, 2005, at 1150 Canton Center S. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter moderator. Motion carried by all members present.

Motion to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call. Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo. Members Absent: Yack. Staff Present: Director Minghine, Director Faas, Judy Bocklage, Senior Planner. Adoption of Agenda. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

GENERAL CALENDAR, Item 1 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS SERIES 2005 (FBD) Motion by Bennett supported by McLaughlin to approve the resolution of the sale of the General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2005 \$9,450,000 to Oppenheimer & Company Inc and Robert W Baird & Company Inc. Motion carried by all members present.

RESULTS OF BIDDING, \$9,450,000, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2005, NEGOTIATED SALE DATE JUNE 7, 2005, AWARD DATE JUNE 7, 2005

YEAR	RATE	YEAR	RATE	YEAR	RATE	YEAR	RATE
2005	2.650%	2009	4.500%	2013	4.500%	2017	4.000%
2006	3.500%	2010	3.500%	2014	4.500%	2018	4.000%
2007	3.500%	2011	4.000%	2015	4.500%	2019	4.000%
2008	3.500%	2012	4.500%	2016	4.000%	2020	4.000%

Bendzinski & Co Municipal Finance Advisors acted as financial advisors to the Charter Township of Canton in the development marketing and sale of this issue. The premium of the FSA policy of insurance will be paid for by the issuer. As a result of the purchase of insurance the issue is rated as follows: Standard & Poor's Ratings Services AAA.

SALE RESOLUTION, Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan Minutes of a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held on June 7, 2005 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time. PRESENT: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo. ABSENT: Yack. The following preamble and resolution were offered by Bennett and supported by McLaughlin: WHEREAS by resolution adopted on May 10, 2005 (the "Bond Resolution") the Township Board (the "Board") of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan (the "Issuer") authorized the issuance of the Issuer's General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds Series 2005 (the "Bonds") for the purpose of refunding all or a portion of the cash rentals due under certain Limited Tax Full Faith and Credit General Obligation Contracts of Lease dated as of September 30, 1998 and September 1, 2000 (the "Prior Contracts") by and between the Issuer and the Charter Township of Canton Building Authority (the "Authority") with respect to all or a portion of the Authority's Building Authority (Library) Bonds (Limited Tax General Obligation) dated October 1, 1999 (the "1999 Prior Bonds") and Building Authority Recreation Bonds (General Obligation Limited Tax) Series 2000 dated September 1, 2000 (the "2000 Prior Bonds"), and WHEREAS, the Issuer has received an offer to purchase the Bonds from Oppenheimer & Co. Inc (the "Underwriter") and the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the Issuer to accept said offer and WHEREAS the Issuer desires to sell the Bonds to the Underwriter pursuant to a bond purchase agreement between the Issuer and the Underwriter dated June 7, 2005 (the "Bond Purchase Agreement"), in the amount, at the price with the interest rates and other terms specified in the Bond Purchase Agreement. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT 1 The offer of the Underwriter presented to the Issuer to purchase the Bonds in the principal amount at the purchase price and with such other terms as set forth in the Bond Purchase Agreement between the Issuer and the Underwriter (the "Bond Purchase Agreement"), is hereby accepted and approved. 2 Any officer of the Issuer as may be necessary is directed to execute and deliver the Bond Purchase Agreement on behalf of the Issuer in accordance with law and this Resolution. 3 It is hereby found and determined that (a) certain proceeds of the Bonds shall be used to refund the Issuer's cash rental payments pursuant to the Prior Contracts with respect to the callable maturities of the 1999 Prior Bonds due on October 1 in the years 2009 through 2020 inclusive October 1 2015 and October 1 2020 and the 2000 Prior Bonds due on October 1 in the years 2011 through 2013 inclusive October 1 2015 and October 1 2020 (the 1999 Prior Bonds and 2000 Prior Bonds being refunded being collectively the Refunded Bonds) for the purpose of advance refunding the Refunded Bonds and (b) a present value savings shall exist upon the sale of the Bonds and the refunding plan described above. 4 The payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be secured by a municipal bond insurance policy from Financial Security Assurance Inc ("FSA") the premium of which shall be paid by the Issuer on or prior to the closing of the Bonds. The terms and conditions set forth in the Commitment Letter from FSA to the Issuer are hereby approved. 5 Upon delivery of the Bonds the proceeds of the Bonds shall be used as provided in Exhibit A hereto. 6 J.P. Morgan Trust Company, National Association, Detroit, Michigan is hereby selected and appointed as Transfer Agent and as Escrow Agent (as each term is defined in the Bond Resolution). 7 The Bonds are hereby designated as "qualified tax exempt obligations" pursuant to Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended. 8 The circulation of the Preliminary Official Statement and its use by the Underwriter is hereby ratified and approved and said Preliminary Official Statement is hereby deemed "final" for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 of the US Securities and Exchange Commission. 9 The Final Official Statement dated as of date even herewith is hereby approved and its use by the Underwriter is further approved. 10 The officers, agents and employees of the Issuer are authorized to take all other actions necessary and convenient to facilitate sale and delivery of the Bonds in accordance with law and this Resolution. 11 All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. AYES: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Zarbo. NAYS: None. RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Township Clerk I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton County of Wayne State of Michigan at a regular meeting held on June 7, 2005, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act being Act 267 Public Acts of Michigan 1976 and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Township Clerk **STUDY SESSION ITEMS, Item 1 Update - CityView Software Purchase by MSD** A number of questions were generated by the May 3rd study session presentation. Those questions and their responses are being provided at this time to give the Board additional time to study and evaluate the responses. **Item 2 GIS Mapping Website** The presentation consisted of a brief demonstration of the GIS Mapping Website that will be rolled out to the public shortly after the Study Session. **OTHER** There will be a Board Meeting on June 14, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at 1150 Canton Center S. Administration Building First Floor Board Room Canton Michigan 48188. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. 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.canton.mi.org after Board Approval.

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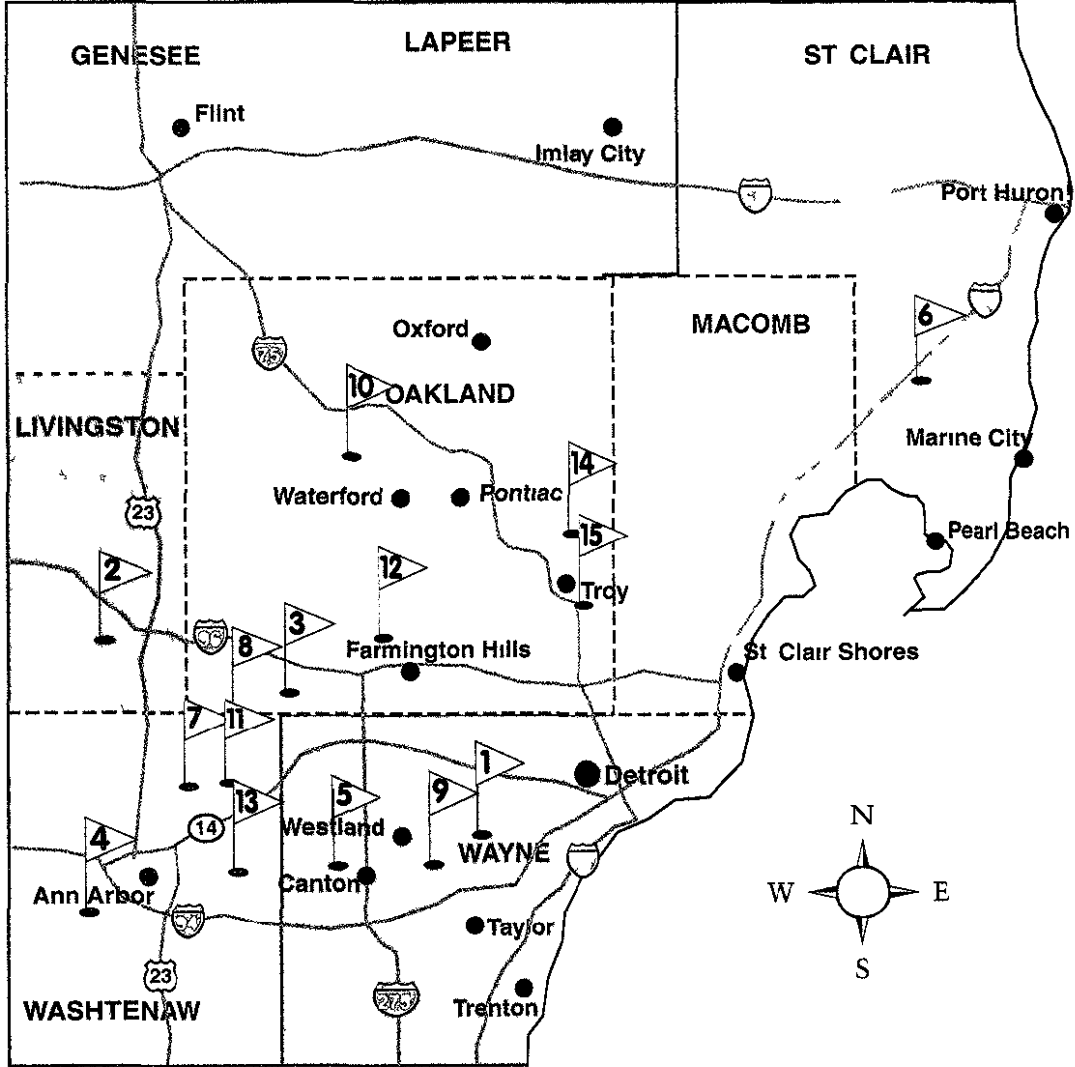
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Here is this weeks list of who hit a Hole in One... and where!

Inkster Valley Golf Club
Bill Whitworth III on 6/7/05
Hole #: 4 Par: 3
Club Used: 7 Iron

Ron Sawmiller on 6/8/05
Hole #: 10 Par: 3
Club Used: 4 Iron

Marino Apollinar on 5/31/05
Hole #: 10 Par: 3
Club Used: 8 Iron

Pheasant Run
Paul Eberly on 4/21/05
Hole #: 17 Par: 3
Club Used: 2 Iron
Witness: Phil Schnepf
Comments: First Hole in one

Greg Schorpa on 5/12/05
Hole #: 17 Par: 3
Club Used: 5 Iron

Jonathan Farris on 5/31/05
Hole #: 23 Par: 3
Club Used: 9 Iron
Witness: Frank Storgi
Comments: First Hole in one

Tangelwood
Doug Fitchett on 4/1/05
Hole #: South 8 Par: 3
Club Used: 5 Wood

James Fedewa on 4/22/05
Hole #: West 3 Par: 3
Club Used: Ping 8 Iron
Witness: Bob Hewelt

Sookja Kim on 5/11/05
Hole #: West 5 Par: 3
Club Used: 7 Wood
Witness: Gajo Kim

Dearborn Hills
Dan Myler on 5/23/05
Hole #: 14 Par: 3
Club Used: 9 Iron
Witness: Anthony Audit
Comments: 1st hole in one ever!

Rolling Meadows
Mike Thompson on 5/27/05
Hole #: 3 Par: 3
Club Used: 6 Iron
Witness: Jeff Ward

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Manager Gerry Behaylo
Directions I 94 ex 1157 south to Palms Rd left to St. Clair Hwy left 2 mi
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Take advantage of summer heat to improve your home

(NAPSI) — Summer has roared into southeast Michigan with a vengeance, but the warm weather can be useful for more than just swimming parties and back yard barbecues.

The sunny summer days offer plenty of opportunities to repair and improve your home. A handy checklist can help get your home in shape. Just don't overdo it in the heat, and always think safety first especially when working on a ladder.

Before summer gives way to fall, consider completing the following home maintenance and improvement jobs:

- Check roofing, gutters and drainage spouts, windows and doors, concrete and brick work, floors and subfloors for cold weather damage. Call in contractors to help with any large repair jobs you can't tackle.
- Touch up paint damaged by winter weather.

- Ready your garden for sunny days by installing an outdoor irrigation system to save you time.
- Seal your deck for outdoor living and entertaining.

- Clean and repair the pool.
- Consider a new home cooling system to make your home more comfortable.

The latest air conditioners come in attractive exterior colors. Air conditioners now are available in such designer colors as champagne, Bermuda, stone, jet black, gun metal, terra cotta or chocolate to complement homes, landscaping and lifestyles.

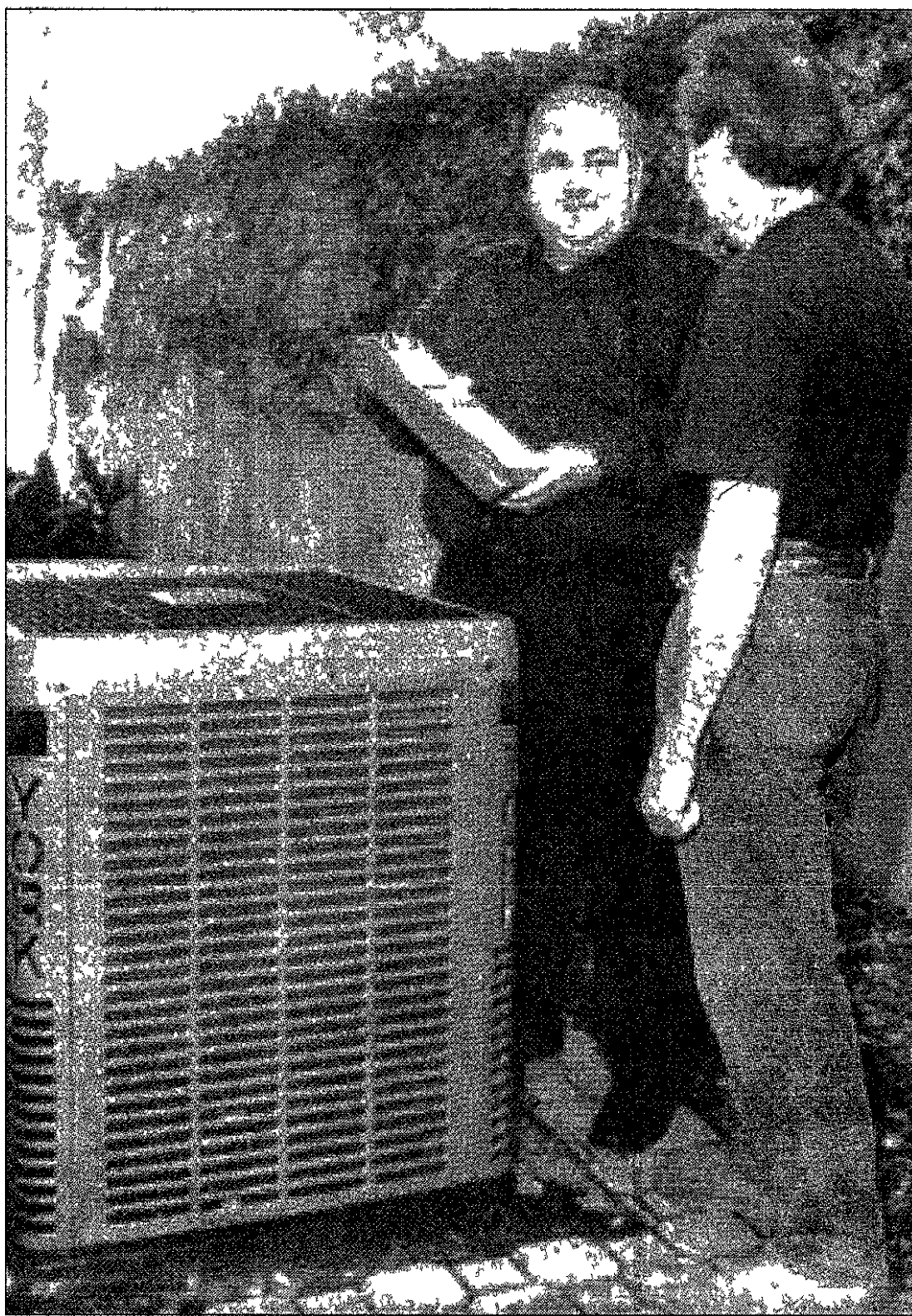
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The latest air conditioners come in attractive colors that match a home's exterior or landscaping. Contact a heating and cooling retailer to learn about the new makes and models available to help keep your home cool even during the worst of the summer sizzle.



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Refinance stragglers get second chance

The silver lining in our slow economic recovery in the real estate market is that even though we are rapidly approaching summer there remain some wonderful mortgage refinance opportunities.

In spite of the Federal Reserve Bank's repeated increases to the federal funds rate, mortgage interest rates are still about as low as we have seen them all year — near their 40-year lows. If you did not refinance your home over the past few years, you are still in luck.

There is a poor general rule out there that states it's a good idea to refinance if you can improve your interest rate by 1 percent over two years. The rule, which is too broad and it has too many exceptions, wasting a ton of money.

For example, homeowners who are currently sporting mortgages that carry private mortgage insurance (this includes most FHA mortgages) may realize an economic benefit in less than even a year, or several months. The same is true with borrowers with home-equity loans or non-tax-deductible debt.

I usually give my refinance customers a one-page analysis showing a "before and after" look at their pending refinance action. That sheet shows the cash-flow benefit and contains a simple break-even analysis, in months, so they can see how soon they will realize an overall monetary benefit for their efforts.

I often see break-even points of three months or less, and almost always less than two years.

Believe it or not, homeowners who plan to remain in their current properties for less than five years often have the most to gain by refinancing now and their breakeven point can be immediate, if required. For these borrowers, because they do not need a mortgage to span a full 30-years, they can get one with a cheaper interest rate that has fixed-rate for a shorter term, like five years.

Today's TIMBIT: The only way to be certain that you are in a mortgage that is optimal for your situation is to ask a trusted mortgage professional to analyze it for you. Using an inaccurate "rule of thumb" can cost you thousands of dollars.

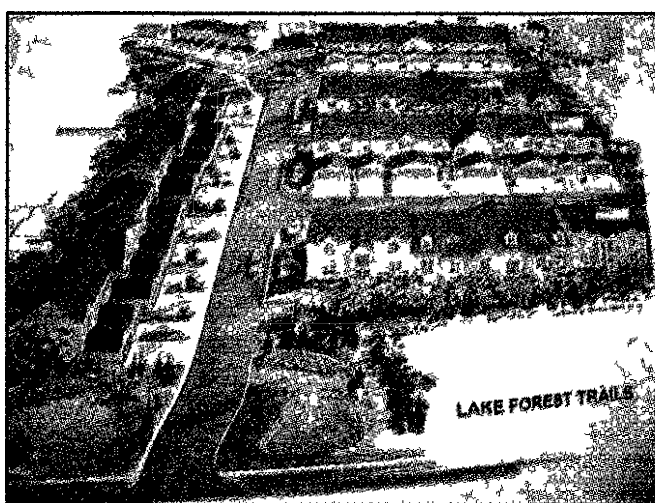
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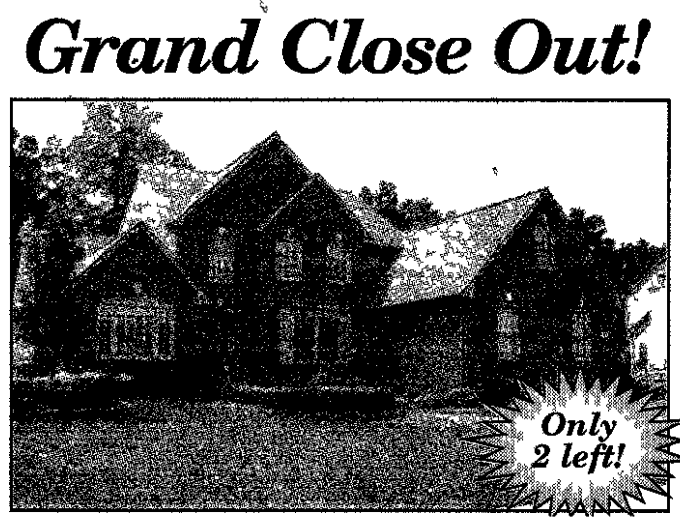
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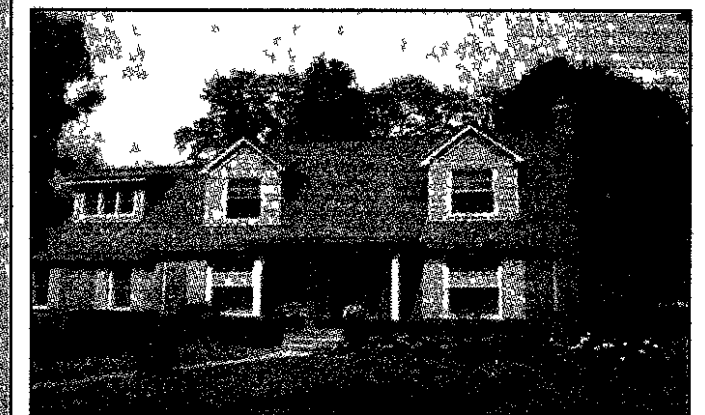
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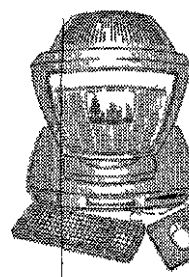
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<p>DEARBORN Rare W Multi Family Rental opportunity for multi family income. Brand new vinyl siding (May 2005), newer roof (00), 2 car garage, upper rents for \$810, lower \$600. Basement w/laundry facilities. Sep elec copper plumbing.</p> <p>(E21DUN) 734 455 5600 \$149,900</p>	<p>RIVERVIEW Lovely Colonial Original owner's in this 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home w/basement. 2 car attached garage w/ opener. FR w/replace & doo wall. Large master BR w/master BA. Many updates. n well cared for home. 1 year warranty.</p> <p>(E39WIL) 734-455 5600 \$199,000</p>	<p>TAYLOR You Can Have It All! Charming 3 bedroom 1.5 bath brick/vinyl ranch offering 2 car garage, updated roof, windows, carpet & kitchen flooring. Large laundry room, cute Florida room, all appliances & 1 year home warranty.</p> <p>(E43MON) 734 455-5600 \$109,897</p>	<p>NOVI Estate Sale Ranch Condo Roomy 3 BR 1.5 BA 1 story condo. Full basement, carpet, newly painted, newer furnace & windows. 1st floor laundry, DR, spacious LR w/lots of windows. Enclosed deck, pool, park & lake. Warranty.</p> <p>(E74REN) 248 349 5600 \$132,500</p>	<p>LIVONIA Most Wanted List This hot new listing is located in the heart of Livonia and has just what you're looking for: Great floor plan with large living room, updated kitchen, FR/DR, finished basement w/lav deck, fenced yard, attached 2 car garage.</p> <p>(E50MER) 248-349-5600 \$174,900</p>
<p>REDFORD Gorgeous Custom Ranch 3 bedroom brick ranch offers FR w/triple 2.5 car attached garage on double lot, hardwood floors, attic fan & marble sls. Updated furn, C/A, w/windows, roof & bath. Part finished basement. Breathtaking landscape.</p> <p>(E54DEB) 734 455-5600 \$178,000</p>	<p>WESTLAND Immaculate Colonial Sitting on a premium lot backing to lush green preserve. Totally private offering 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, great floor plan, spacious kitchen opens to family room w/doorwall to paved patio + 2 car attached garage & bsmt.</p> <p>(E15CRA) 734 455 5600 \$225,000</p>	<p>CANTON Great Location For this 2 bedroom end ranch unit. Crown molding, neutral colors, open floor plan, partially finished bsmt, lg rooms w/lots of closet space. This unit was the original model. Complex offers clubhouse & pool.</p> <p>(E30SOU) 734-455 5600 \$129,900</p>	<p>NOVI Super Condo Exquisite. This one won't last! Impressive upgrades. Ground level 1 BR w/wheelchair access. Extra large bath. Neutral decor, freshly painted. View of woods. Shows like a model. Access to Walled Lake.</p> <p>(E55SLA) 248 349 5900 \$87,500</p>	<p>NOVI Entertain In Style Elegant 4 bedroom 2.2 bath colonial w/formal LR & DR, open floor plan w/sland kitchen open to FR w/fireplace den, professionally finished LL, first floor laundry, sidewalks, in sub & Novi schools.</p> <p>(E11MUL) 248-349-5600 \$419,900</p>
<p>ROMULUS This Could Be Yours Updated vinyl windows, roof, family room, carpet & paint. C/A & newer storm doors. Doorwall off kitchen, finished basement & offering in this 3 bedroom 1.5 bath tri level. 1 year home warranty.</p> <p>(E26FOR) 734 455-5600 \$124,899</p>	<p>DETROIT Great Home! 3 bedroom vinyl ranch offering partially finished basement, 2 car garage, newer furnace, windows, electric & roof. Above ground pool w/deck. All this at a great price.</p> <p>(E91SAL) 734 455-5600 \$79,900</p>	<p>BELLEVILLE Awesome Bi-Level With water view offers 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home w/open floor plan, oak kitchen w/valued ceilings and master suite, 2 car attached garage + playscape and much more.</p> <p>(E35VIC) 734-455 5600 \$185,900</p>	<p>LIVONIA Awesome Townhouse Condo Features newer carpet, updated kitchen, updated bath, 1.5 car attached garage, two doorwalls lead to a private deck, finished basement, custom drapery & neutral decor. T/O indoor pool at clubhouse. Must see!</p> <p>(E50UNI) 248-349-5600 \$178,900</p>	<p>DEARBORN Exceptional Home Wonderfully updated 3 BR home w/dated kitchen & baths, newer family room, fireplace in LR, formal dining room, finished basement, No oak deck w/retractable awning, newer furnace, A/C, roof, windows, etc.</p> <p>(E55CLM) 248 349 5600 \$199,900</p>
<p>PLYMOUTH Walk To Downtown This spacious open floor plan offers easy to clean, hardwood flooring in kitchen & foyer, & high traffic areas. Freshly painted w/out a coat of T/O. Added room in partially finished basement.</p> <p>(E19ANN) 734-455 5600 \$169,800</p>	<p>NOVI Well Maintained Condo Upper case unit is very nice & updated. All major appliances stay. Very clean, private entry and attached garage.</p> <p>(E29ROC) 734-455 5600 \$119,500</p>	<p>CANTON Pride Of Ownership 3 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial w/updates. T/O offers GR w/fr/c master bedroom w/fr/c ceiling, master bath & W/C 2 doors, leading to brick paved patio, sprinkler system & in v s ble fence. Full bsmt plumbed for bath.</p> <p>(E89NOR) 734 455 5600 \$289,900</p>	<p>NOVI Welcome Home Spacious open floor plan, call to me style, ranch. Great open w/ lots of windows, 2 fireplaces & 1st floor laundry, 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath, 2.5 car garage w/w/ kitchen crown moldings & Nov schools.</p> <p>(E60TEN) 248 349 5600 \$169,900</p>	<p>BERKLEY Ever Popular Area Aggressively priced 3 bedroom ranch. All carpet replaced 5/05. Inter or painted 5/05 & exterior painted 5/05. 2.5 car garage. A app's included. Home warranty. Imm occup. Fenced ea yard. Move in condition.</p> <p>(E58PRI) 248 349 5600 \$169,900</p>
<p>CHESTERFIELD TWP Exceptional Condition This 3 bedroom brick ranch boasts many updates including new roof, HWH furnace, windows & updated kitchen, hardwood floors & ceramic tile. FR w/French doors to sprawling yard + part finished basement.</p> <p>(E11WYL) 734 455 5600 \$187,000</p>	<p>REDFORD Wonderful Updated Home 3 bed oom 1.5 bath brick ranch w/2 car garage finished basement, new w/windows, furnace & C/A. Large kitchen w oak cabinets, beautiful hardwood floors, all sitting on a dead end street.</p> <p>(E32SAR) 734 455 5600 \$149,900</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE Elegance At Its Best Enter into a galle y foyer leading to a stately musc conservatory, luxurious master suite, executive kitchen w/volume ceilings, crown moldings & granite. T/O hardwood floors & 5 BR, 4.2 BA, custom LL w/walk out.</p> <p>(E04CLA) 734-455 5600 \$1,097,500</p>	<p>NOVI Country In The City Great opportunity! A most 5 ac as 4 bed ooms for mal LR & DR plus FR w/fireplace. Kitchen w/appl's, finished LL offers area plus game room, 2.5 baths, busy day? Relax on your back deck or in the hot tub. Nova Sch's.</p> <p>(E70BYR) 248-349 5600 \$315,000</p>	<p>LIVONIA An Absolute Must See This ranch offers so much you love the many updates including updated kitchen w/oak cabinets & premium flooring. Updated paint, carpet, interior & exterior doors & more. FR w/triple & doorwall to deck. Fin bsmt & gar.</p> <p>(E51ROY) 248-349 5600 \$209,000</p>
<p>CANTON This One Is Waiting For You Move in & enjoy this spacious 4 bedroom brick ranch w/hardwood floors, eating area in kitchen, FR w/fireplace & doorwall leading to brick paved patio. Great finished basement & 2 car attached garage.</p> <p>(E86EME) 734 455-5600 \$254,900</p>	<p>GROSSE ILE Elegance At Its Best Spacious custom built 4 bedroom 3.5 bath colonial on approx 1/2 acre of offers 2 car attached garage, finished basement w/br & bath. Updated kitchen w/Cor counter tops, furnace, C/A & roof. A1 app's.</p> <p>(E86MAN) 734 455 5600 \$364,900</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE Cute One Bedroom Condo Great opportunity to live with in walking distance to downtown. Charming small condo complex on wooded setting. Cozy & well cared for. Water and gas included in monthly association fee.</p> <p>(E25FAI) 248 349 5600 \$105,000</p>	<p>WEST BLOOMFIELD Stunning & Spacious 4 BR 2.1 BA colonial w/hardwood floors, custom kitchen, French doors, crown moldings & large garage. Jetted tub in master bedroom. Huge yard backs to commons for those relaxing even ngs. West Blm Sch's.</p> <p>(E48CAR) 248 349 5600 \$399,000</p>	<p>FARMINGTON HILLS Like Having Your Own Park Lovely newer 3 BR 2 BA home w/versatile FR w/triple lg open kt w/lot's of space. Deck overlooking woods, playhouse or workshop. Woods with trails. Lots of storage. Large 2 car garage. Private front yard.</p> <p>(E76SAL) 248 349 5600 \$245,900</p>
<p>ALLEN PARK Clean Updated Move In! 3 bedroom bungalow, clean updated, move in! 1.5 car garage w/opener, basement, large bedroom up. Newer windows, roof, C/A, updated furnace, central air, & newer landscaping. All appl's & HPP.</p> <p>(E33QUA) 734 455 5600 \$154,900</p>	<p>LONDON TWP This Home Is Waiting For You 3 bedroom 2.5 bath updated Hickory kit, floorwall in dining room to deck, newer roof in 04, 2 car attached garage, hardwood floors, & some appliances stay. All this sitting on approx mately 12 acres.</p> <p>(E08PLA) 734 455 5600 \$259,900</p>	<p>SOUTH LYON Desirable Hampton Square 2 BR 1.5 BA brick colonial w/winey roof. Spacious living room. Doorwall off dining room leads to private deck. End unit with lovely trees. Close to parks, bike trail and downtown. Great Location.</p> <p>(E29HAM) 248 349 5600 \$139,900</p>	<p>NOVI Immaculate Colonial 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home w/updated kitchen, brick fireplace, newer windows, garage door, roof & sprinkler. Natural hickory park like backyard. Walk to schools & historical downtown. 1 year home warranty.</p> <p>(E81NCEN) 248 349 5600 \$319,900</p>	<p>CANTON Stunning Cape Cod Features dramatic 2 story GR, FR, master suite w/French doors, leading to Tre sed hot tub, gourmet kitchen & formal dining or study. South facing custom deck w/awning. Extra large private lot.</p> <p>(E26SOU) 248 349 5600 \$349,900</p>
<p>LIVONIA This Home Is Fabulous Gorgeous 3 bedroom 2.5 bath ranch w/beautiful windows, floors, ceilings & walls, big closets, gas fireplace & recessed lighting in kitchen. 2 car attached garage, basement & newer finished in Owner closed in 05.</p> <p>(E16WOO) 734-455-5600 \$299,900</p>	<p>NOVI Sellers Have Outgrown This Home Lovely updated 3 bedroom 2 bath home w/newer oak kitchen, custom deck, 6 panel doors, eaded pass front door, Pella windows & more. Appliances stay. Lots of activities in the sub.</p> <p>(E12VAL) 734-455 5600 \$214,900</p>	<p>WIXOM Want To Save Money? Cute & cozy 2 bedroom co op ranch home. Clean & move in ready. Finished basement w/ workshop & laundry. Sun porch with patio, open floor plan, walk to shops, clubhouse, pool. Adult 55+.</p> <p>(E20HEL) 248 349 5600 \$55,000</p>	<p>WEST BLOOMFIELD Meticulously Kept Spectacular one of the best premium lots in Chelsea Park. Formal living room & dining room, 2 story FR w/2 way fireplace. A cooks delight kitchen. Grand master suite, princess suite and Jack and Jill bath.</p> <p>(E43CHE) 248 349 5600 \$710,000</p>	<p>PLYMOUTH One block From Downtown Updated & sharp 3 BR 3 full BA. Hardwood floors T/O. New in 03, oak windows, 2 furnaces, 2 A/Cs, vinyl siding, electric, 7.5 gas, H2O glass block basement windows, 2nd floor terrace, cedar deck & private living.</p> <p>(E95UNI) 248 349 5600 \$257,900</p>
<p>FARMINGTON HILLS Beautiful Landscaping Spacious 3 BR 1.5 BA brick ranch, 2 car heated attached garage, basement, FR w/ice machine, tile floor & skylights, stone fireplace in LR & ovely outdoor living in garden w/lights, mature trees & deck.</p> <p>(E61GRE) 734 455-5600 \$231,900</p>	<p>LIVONIA Renovated Brick Ranch Classic 3 bedroom 1.5 bath ranch on beautiful lot offers updated windows, roof, furnace, C/A, electric, humidifier, ducts, kitchen appliances, & so much more. Also 2.5 car garage & partially finished basement.</p> <p>(E07JAC) 734 455 5600 \$196,900</p>	<p>NORTHVILLE Walking Distance To Town Contemporary condo w/many upgrades. Hardwood floors, heated floor in master bath. Large W/C in LL. W/O. Two large bedrooms, 2 car attached garage on a wooded setting. All appliances. Large deck off DR.</p> <p>(E00MOU) 248-349 5600 \$325,000</p>	<p>SOUTH LYON Super Sharp Colonial 3 BR 2.5 BA home w/FFL. Large oak kitchen, hardwood floor, ample cabinets & pantry. Family room w/large patio. Roof & windows 04. Stamped concrete patio. Bay window, A appliances. Must see!</p> <p>(E01DEE) 248 349 5600 \$234,900</p>	<p>WIXOM Beautifully Maintained Very nice 3 BR 1.5 BA home w/open floor plan, neutral decor, vinyl siding, central air, 2 car attached garage. Private yard and many updates. All this and a one year home warranty.</p> <p>(E34WEN) 248 349-5600 \$194,900</p>
<p>LIVONIA Charming Brick Ranch Nicely maintained 3 bedroom 1.5 bath home w/C/A, glass block windows in 2004, new roof 2000, part a y finished basement w/lots of storage space & cathedral ceilings throughout.</p> <p>(E16ARI) 734 455-5600 \$169,900</p>	<p>CANTON Outstanding Colonial Spacious 4 bedroom 2.5 bath home w/2.5 car attached garage, partially finished basement, FR w/full brick fireplace leading to a 3 seasons room, hardwood floors under carpet in LR & DR. Updated roof & windows.</p> <p>(E71HIL) 734-455 5600 \$265,900</p>	<p>PLYMOUTH Walk To Town Fabulous location for this 2 bedroom 1 bath condo. Neutral decor, open floor plan, doo wall to deck. All appliances stay.</p> <p>(E52PIN) 248-349 5600 \$122,900</p>	<p>DEARBORN HEIGHTS Just Pack Your Bags! This 3 BR brick ranch home is move in ready. Updated carpet, paint, electric & much more. Super local on. Garage, fenced yard, appliances & one year home warranty. No used. Quick occupancy, better hurry!</p> <p>(E79MCK) 248 349 5600 \$119,900</p>	<p>REDFORD This Is A Charming 2 BR ranch w/lots of updates. Home boasts updated kitchen, newer windows, roof, furnace and HWH. Home is well maintained with neutral decor. Kitchen has white cabinets. Nice yard and oversized 2 car garage.</p> <p>(E47FIV) 248 349-5600 \$78,900</p>

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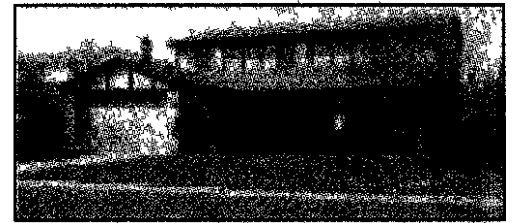
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CUSTOM BUILT ESTATE HOME ON 3+ ACRES Lovely home in the country 3500 SF in the LL walkout Beautiful property Inground pool Additional 1.87 acres also available 349-6200 (25054719) \$799,900



PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
LOVELY DET CONDO IN PLYMOUTH! Meticulously maintained 3BR 2.5BA Home Open flr pln w/lg wndws Spacious WIC in 2 bdrms spa tub in mstr Grt kit w/hdwd flrs lots of cabs 349-6200 (25036271) \$315,000



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
New Construction w/Fall Completion will incld 4BR 2.5 BA 2294 SF, 2 car att gar 9 w/o bsmt maple cabs & granite counters visit www.samsellshouses.com (25061491) \$314,900



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IT'S ALL BEEN DONE FOR YOU! Popular Sunflower Lg 4 BR Col 2.5 BA den, fin d bsmt and fantastic 18x36 pool \$27000 recently invested for your pleasure (23S45752) \$299,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Great Opportunity Here! Excellent neighborhood in Northwest Livonia loc on a cul-de-sac lot House needs some work to make it your own but tons of potential 2034 SF 4BR 2.5BA colonial (25061682) \$279,900



CANTON 734-591-9200
Contemporary open feel 3 BR 2 1/2 BA over 2000 SF 1st floor Mstr BR & Laundry cath ceil hdwd in kit foyer & powder room Stylish loft (25036002) \$279,900



CANTON 734-591-9200
Great curb appeal on this 4 BR 1.5 BA Eat in kit & din rm Deck off mstr BR natural FP in FR Close to expressways great neighborhood (25053205) \$226,900



LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Charming 7 yr old Colonial that sits 100 ft from road Almost 1/2 acre lot Newer carpet 6-ceil fans 3BR 2.5 BA High efficiency gas FP insert Drive thru gar (25065385) \$226,500



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
IN THE CITY BUT OUT OF THIS WORLD is this 4BR 2BA colonial w/ remod dream kit w/ island counter & built-ins FP 2 full BA MBR w/ WI shower & jetted tub attd 2 car gar AG pool (B314) \$219,900



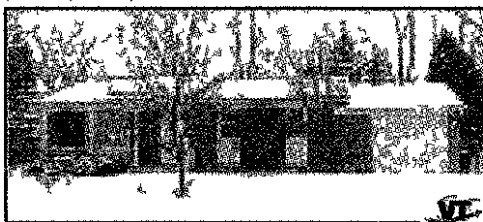
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WAYNE CUSTOM BUILD ON RAVINE LOT 1 865 SF 3 BR brk bung FP cove ceils frm dining room sunroom C/A & part fin d bsmt 2 car gar Extremely clean (W321) \$219,900



DETROIT 734-455-7000
CHARMING 5 BR COLONIAL! 2.5 BA 2.5 car gar Featuring 2 natural F/P lib w/bar 2nd flr sunporch many new windows alarm formal dining rm & kit w/lg breakfast rm (23A13975) \$215,000



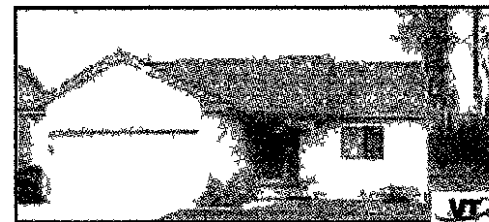
LIVONIA 734-455-7000
INCREDIBLE PROPERTY! This home is very unique Bsmt is under gar used as a hobby rm Tons of updates incl siding, gutters, wndws doors roof crct bx plumbing, crpt furn, C/A HWH (23F15684) \$199,900



CANTON 248-348-6430
RANCH IN FELLOWS CREEK SUB! Cul de sac location! 3 BR 1.5 BA! Kit updated w/oak cabinets solid surface counters Vinyl unfin d bsmt Great deck off FR Brck/vinyl exterior 349-6200 (25003127) \$189,900



TAYLOR 248-348-6430
COMFORTABLE AND INVITING Cozy 3 BR 1.5 BA Colonial w/a newer open kit Natural FP in FR Some new windows & doorwall Beautifully fin d bsmt 349-6200 (24134371) \$187,500



HOWELL 248-348-6430
GREAT 3 BR 2 BA RANCH BUILT 2001 Light and bright with open floor plan Great Rm w/vitd ceiling & doorwall to deck Neutral t/o Over 1300 SF 1st flr laundry and 2 car att gar 349-6200 (24127744) \$182,900



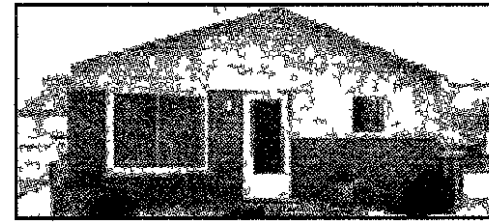
SOUTHFIELD 248-348-6430
BREATHTAKING 8TH FLR VIEW Upscale 2/2 condo w/cstm audio/video system incl 42 wall-mounted Plasma TV DVD & glass shelves Cstm office, fresh paint new alcove lighting 349-6200 (25034156) \$167,900



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
SERENITY GARDENS IS THIS GORGEOUS RANCH Has a dream kit MBR has lav & walk in closet Newer RF furn, C/A & wndws Oversized lot 2 level pond & perennials part fin d bsmt 12x12 barn (H200) \$160,000



NOVI 734-591-9200
Great location 2 BR, beautiful cherry cabs appls stay Bright LR & Din Area w/pergo flrs Updated 1.5 BA Fin d Rm in bsmt Brick paver patio Dir access to gar (25031766) \$154,900



LIVONIA 248-348-6430
TOTALLY UPDATED LIVONIA RANCH 2 BR (possible 3rd in bsmt) 2 BA Updates include roof furn C/A vinyl siding wndws doorwall & berber crpt Wood burning stove for those cool evenings 349-6200 (25042783) \$146,800



REDFORD 734-591-9200
Best Buy! 1436 SF broadfront brick bungalow on double lot in desired golf & CC sub 3BR 1.5 BA, fin d rec rm sun porch 1.5 car att gar (24148804) \$144,900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
3 BR RANCH Brick and vinyl home with newer windows including bay Newer furn and central air Partially fin d bsmt fenced yard gar Move in quickly (W114) \$122,500



WALLED LAKE 734-455-7000
3 BR CONDO Walled Lake access dock privs Beautiful wood deck End unit extra privacy New wndw A/C units 04 Freshly painted Separate storage Carpet allowance \$3,000 (23L152) \$119,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
Charming bung in the Westwood School District Updtd Kit & BA, Nwr hot water tank entry doors rf, & storm wndws Over sized gar and cement in 1998 (25070568) \$109,900



PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
LESS THAN \$80,000 1st flr 55+ condo w/view of courtyard Newer wndws roof & furn Pool & clubhouse Assoc dues inc water, gas & heat Perfect for seasonal change or investor 349-6200 (25060864) \$75,900

BRIGHTON 248-348-6430
OUTSTANDING LAKE VIEWS AND ACCESS All sports lake! 3 4 bdrms 2 full BA w/fin d w/o Many updates in this rebuilt home! 2 car gar 349-6200 (25012911) \$219,000

DETROIT 734-326-2000
IT'S NOW OR NEVER Move in immed to this 3 BR 2 story aluminum Col w/full bsmt some nwr wndws remod kit & BA Natural woodwork t/o & Lg rms (N773) 25057834 \$84,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Beautifully decor w/updts 3BR 1.5BA New kit w/ hickory cabs 03 New wndws 00 A/C furn 00 Rf 02 Siding trim gutters 02 (25013334) \$214,900

REDFORD 734-591-9200
Updtd 4BR 2BA 1175 SF 2 car gar fin d w/o bsmt brk ranch overlooking wooded ravine! Visit www.samsellshouses.com (25072301) \$164,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
PERFECTION AT ITS BEST Cape Cod-wooded lot Watch the deer from your kit Daylight bsmt hdwd flrs entry level sumptuous mstr ste 2603 SF of pure luxury (23N8223) 25041327 \$479,000

FARMINGTON HILLS 734-591-9200
This is the one you've been waiting for Well-maintained ranch in West Lake Sub Spacious corner lot w/ brk paver patio Updates galore Refinished hdwd floors (25038970) \$189,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Brk Ranch w/one of a kind vitd ceils updtd kit and refinished hdwd floors Fin d d bsmt with home office or BR full BA & bar (25044911) \$171,900

REDFORD 248-348-6430
UPDATES! Newer kit BA c/a furn rf wndws HWH copper plumbing & fresh paint Den on 1st flr Perfect turn-key starter home! 349-6200 (25027415) \$104,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
HERITAGE FARMS OF CANTON! Beautiful 4 BR Colonial-Professionally fin d d bsmt 3 car gar FR w/FP gourmet kit formal dining & LR library & 1st flr indry (23O7421) 25037777 \$409,900

GARDEN CITY 734-455-7000
SUPER HOME! You'll love this brick ranch Fin d d bsmt 2 full BA Newer roof A/C deck copper plumbing kit carpet circuit box HWH Call today! (23F30600) 25009543 \$164,900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Nothing to do but relax Great 3 BR 2.5 BA brk ranch w/Liv Schools Wonderful Fin d Bsmt w/full BA 2 car gar all updated & appls stay too (25048918) \$164,900

ROMULUS 734-326-2000
LG 4 BR 2 BA BRICK RANCH Located on 3 lots Large kit and BR Extra lots can be sold or built on One year warranty included A must see! (B363) 25031996 \$144,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
APPROACHABLE LUXURY Amazing views from many windowed condo in Central Park of Canton Highly upgraded in every way Tennis courts pool & clubhouse (23V47547) 25018818 \$334,475

HIGHLAND 248-348-6430
A REAL FIND! Great 2 story w/open floor plan FR w/FP 3 bdrms fin d d bsmt spacious kit lg deck for entertaining nice yard & landscaping 349-6200 (24143086) \$199,900

NORTHVILLE 248-348-6430
QUAINT CAPE COD! Short walk to downtown! 3BR 2 full BA Updtd kit & BA GR w/vitd cell/FP Hdwd flrs Updtd plumbing & electric Andersen windows! 349-6200 (25003568) \$349,900

SOUTH LYON 248-348-6430
ADULT CONDO UPDATED 2 BR/2 full BA Great living area w/3-season Florida rm & fin d bsmt All appls stay Assoc fee incl water heat outside maint pool 349-6200 (25049156) \$71,900

CANTON 734-455-7000
4BR 2.5BA Col Det Condo Low assoc fee Frmi LR & DR 1st flr indry FR w/FP Mstr ste w/full BA separate shower & jet tub (23S41523) 25006710 \$299,500

INKSTER 734-591-9200
Brick Bung 4 BR bright kit leading to deck 2 car oversize gar Bsmt newer roof & A/C Some appliances stay (25028595) \$124,900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
A rare & unique blend of early century character & new construction amenities Ext remod Cstm trim work cherry hdwd flrs 2 full BA 1st flr office/den (23A40810) 102304051024 \$319,900

SOUTHFIELD 248-348-6430
Many updates in this cozy ranch incl a remod kit & hdwd flrs Spacious rooms possible 3rd BR in bsmt Lots of storage nice yard w/picket fence 349-6200 (25048106) 105104051007 \$146,500

CANTON 248-348-6430
Updts galore New paint in/out rf gutters furn patio All new lite fixtures 7 ceiling fans 3-seasons fla rm 349-6200 (25055871) \$254,900

LATHRUP VILLAGE 248-348-6430
CLEAN AND READY Move right in to this awesome ranch! 3 BR fin d d bsmt hdwd floors and 2 car gar 349-6200 (25041908) \$189,000

PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200
Stunning bung w/enormous GR addition w/vitd ceil flr to ceil stone FP & Dining Area Mstr ste w/sitting area & full BA (25052277) \$249,900

WEST BLOOMFIELD 248-348-6430
CONDO OVERLOOKING WOODED AREA Spacious rooms w/new crpt t/o Dramatic LR w/FP Lg mstr BR w/ WIC laundry rm in unit Roof 5 yrs old 1car gar 349-6200 (25016884) \$154,900

DETROIT 734-326-2000
BRICK TUDOR! Come see this 4 BR 2 full BA w/ lots of updates Newer high eff furn wndws newer roof vinyl windows 2 FP screened sun porch & hot tub (P171) 17176 \$174,900

LINCOLN PARK 734-326-2000
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Malibu Maxx is demonstrative of both the peril and promise of being General Motors Corp. these days.

The promise: The 2005 Maxx, a five-door, hatchback and stretched version of Chevrolet's Malibu sedan, is one of the most innovative "crossover" models that GM yet has designed, deftly combining characteristics of sedans, wagons and SUVs into an interestingly styled, and nice-to-drive, new phenomenon. Interpreted in the most generous light, Malibu Maxx indeed both bolsters the Chevrolet brand itself and demonstrates that GM is capable of competing effectively in a U.S. automotive market where the old lines between segments have been melting away.

In some ways, Maxx is really what Pontiac's ill-fated Aztek crossover of a few years set out to be. The problem with Aztek is that GM went a little too big with the size and a little too crazy with the iconoclastic design. You could even argue that the five-passenger Malibu Maxx pulls off the crossover trick about as effectively as Chrysler's six-passenger Pacifica does, though at a lower level of price and appointments and utility.

The peril of Malibu, however, is kind of a flip side of its promise. What in the name of Alfred Sloan took General Motors so long to execute a winning vehicle that seems to represent such a simple notion? Some observers say that Malibu Maxx is just a modernized version of a 1970s Malibu wagon.

Actually, it also reminds me of the first vehicle I ever purchased: a late-Seventies model Chevrolet Chevette. Apparently, Malibu Maxx is actually the first hatchback that Chevy has produced since the Chevette. And that's why Maxx also represents the peril that still lies ahead for GM.

In any event, Chevrolet clearly is wooing some import sedan and wagon buyers with Malibu Maxx, a goal made more accomplishable by the fact that Maxx shares the same Epsilon mechanical platform that is used by the nimble Saab 9-3. The car exudes fun, beginning with its exterior styling, a much more civilized and stylized crossover look than that accomplished by, say, Aztek.

Standard on every Maxx is a 3.5-liter, V6 engine



The Malibu Maxx gets 22 m.p.g. in the city and an impressive 30 m.p.g. on the highway.

that makes 200 horsepower and 220 pound-feet of torque, coupled with a four-speed automatic transmission. Fuel economy is estimated at 22mpg in the city an impressive 30 mpg on the highway. Malibu Maxx is plenty reliable in standard driving applications, providing enough pep for most situations, smooth handling and predictable braking. But don't expect to be slammed back in your seat by its accelerative powers or feel like you're riding some kind of sure-footed big cat when it comes to handling.

Maxx comes only as a four-door wagon (five doors with the hatch, of course) and is available in LS and LT trim levels. Inside, the LS includes features such as air conditioning, a six-speaker stereo with a CD player and driver-information center, a tilt-and-telescoping steering wheel, premium cloth seats with height and lumbar adjustment for the driver, power windows, mirrors and door locks, keyless entry, a multadjustable 60/40 folding rear seat and a rear cargo shelf.

Two standard features I especially liked: Every Maxx comes with adjustable pedals, which help you configure the driver's seat more adeptly for a range of driver sizes while still maintaining everyone's torso a comfortable and safe distance from the steering

wheel. I also liked the fixed sunroof over the rear seats, which contributes to the cabin's overall open feel and enhances the perception of roominess that also is augmented by the fact that Maxx is several inches longer overall than the Malibu sedan. The sunroof even comes with a nifty retractable shade!

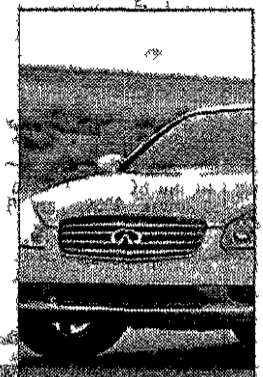
The LT adds luxury features including a remote vehicle starter - handy, though it's a bane to some environmentally oriented consumers because people tend to waste gasoline with it - front heated leather seats, foglights, heated outside mirrors and front-heated leather seats. You can even get a rear DVD-based entertainment center in Malibu Maxx.

Perhaps best of all, rear gate opens fully up and out of the way, and the rear seats fold flat to accommodate long and bulky cargo. An innovative two-level, removable shelf in the back adds to the adaptability of the cargo space. And it even can serve as a table for tailgating.

At suggested retail prices of under \$26,000 even for the LT version I drove, Maxx truly stands for Maximum.

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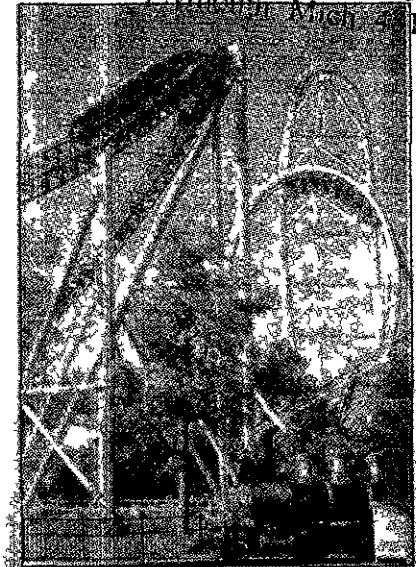
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Catch up on what movies are out this weekend and what will be released for this summer's movie season.

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Not only was the The Ground Round Grill & Bar in Livonia recently remodeled, but the menu was upgraded as well.

■ Music D15

Metal and horror mix at the Token Lounge in Westland on Wednesday, June 22, as former Rob Zombie guitarist Riggs and his band Scum of the Earth headline the 18 and over show.

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The group that claims to be siblings and that guy who used to sing about colors.

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Hot Ticket

JAMbalaya turns Pontiac into a dancing street festival

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Spicy hot Barbecue Cajun. Heck, if the folks in New Orleans can handle that heat in their mouths during scorching summer months, Michiganders can too.

Southern style food, hoops, music and a kids' carnival highlight the free JAMbalaya Street Festival that dominates downtown Pontiac Friday through Sunday, June 24-26.

JAMBALAYA STREET FESTIVAL

What: A mix of cultural entertainment on the streets of downtown Pontiac.

When: 4 p.m. to midnight Friday, June 24, 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday, June 25, and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, June 26.

For more information: Visit www.pontiacfestivals.com

Headlining the festival (and the one area where patrons must buy tickets) is the Isley Brothers on Friday, June 24, at the newly renovated Phoenix Center, an outdoor park concert area on the rooftop of the Phoenix Parking Structure.

There's also zydeco, rock and other music from bands like The Average White Band, Koko Taylor and her Blues Machine, Zydecrunch and more.

To honor Pistons fever, basketball fans can check out the NBA Rhythm 'n Rims tour, a traveling basketball showcase that includes NBA talent (names to be announced) and hands-on participation. Last year Tayshaun Prince, Elden Campbell, Darwin Ham and Rick Mahorn attended.

"R n R merges the excitement and competition of an NBA game with the sound and energy of a concert resulting in a great experience for our fans around the country," said Gail Hunter, vice president of NBA Events and Attractions.

This is the third year for JAMbalaya.

"We had a great event last year and pretty amazing attendance," said festival promoter Jonathan Witz.

About 250,000 people attended in 2004 and this year Pontiac Mayor Willie Payne expects the same.

"This year, we offer the return of the extremely popular Rhythm 'n Rims basketball exhibit, and a great mix of music, arts and crafts, as well as cultural and summer cuisine," Payne said.

Nearly 20 restaurants will feature food including those celebrating the South like Andre's Louisiana Seafood, Bert's Jazz Marketplace, Union Jacks and Harbor House.

While many festivals struggle for sponsorship, to help keep events free, JAMbalaya isn't short of help this year. GM is the leader this year.

Payne said the event is an important "quality of life" initiative for the city of Pontiac. Proceeds from beverage sales will benefit local charities.



The Isley Brothers headline JAMbalaya and is the only concert with an admission fee.

MUSIC

Admission: Free with the exception of the Isley Brothers concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 24, at the newly refurbished outdoor Phoenix Plaza, located on top of the Phoenix Center parking garage at Saginaw and Waters street in downtown Pontiac off Wide Track Drive. Tickets \$22.50 available at the door, at Ticketmaster outlets or by calling (248) 645-6666.

The shows:

Friday, June 24 - 5 p.m., NBA artist TBA, 6 p.m. Valarie Barrymore & The Foundations of Funk, 7 p.m. The Basiks, 8 p.m. Mystery Train with Jim McCarty, 10 p.m. Jagged Edge.
Saturday, June 25 - 11 a.m. Sax Maniacs, noon NBA Artist TBA, 1 p.m. Saoco, 2 p.m. Saline Fiddlers, 3 p.m. Katrina Carson, 4 p.m. Whoo Doo Band, 5:15 p.m. Nadir, 6:45 p.m. Impact, 7:9 p.m. Average White Band.
Sunday, June 26 - 11 a.m. Paul Miles, noon NBA Artist TBA, 1 p.m. Blackman & Arnold, 2 p.m. Zydecrunch, 3 p.m. Black Merda, 4 p.m. Al Hill, 5 p.m. NBA Artist TBA, 5:45 p.m. Larry Lee & The Back in Day Band, 7:15 p.m. Koko Taylor.



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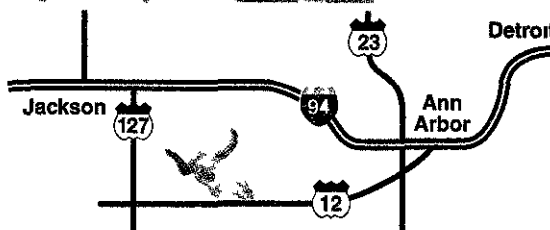


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New rides at Cedar Point give visitors a new perspective

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

We took a chance going to Cedar Point last week because reports were calling for 35-40 percent rain.

But those in my life who love thrill rides wanted to go on a weekday before most schools let out for the summer, to avoid two-hour lines for the new rides.

So on a Thursday, we arrived at the park at about noon. We hit five rides in five hours. Not bad, the thrill-seekers said.

We rode the Iron Dragon, maXair, Thrill Dragster, The Magnum and Power Tower.

For those of you who aren't into coasters or thrill rides, one ride per hour might not seem like very much. But for those riders who love them, it's a lot — especially if you consider that for more than 90 minutes we also ate lunch and took shelter from a massive rainstorm.

Here's our day at the rainy park.

As the weather was unpredictable that day, the park was pretty quiet. First stop, the Iron Dragon — the coaster that takes riders through a smooth, fast, scary scenic view of trees and rivers. The wait: 10 minutes. Not bad.

'For some reason it's more thrilling the second time around,' my coaster man said.

Next stop, the Top Thrill Dragster, the park's 16th coaster. One of the big ones. The waiting time was estimated at 20

IF YOU'RE GOING

■ Start at the back of the park and work your way to the front. As you're walking, keep your eye out for short lines.

■ If you wear eyeglasses, get a strap that goes around the head to secure them. If not, you'll have to remove them for rides like MaxAir and Power Tower and you do want to see the view.

■ Consider going when rain chances are slim, but do exist. OK, you might not get to ride all the rides, but you probably wouldn't anyway because the lines are so long. If the weather calls for 30 percent rain, the crowds will be less, hence shorter lines. The risk: It could rain all day.

■ Bring a rain poncho.

■ Do the reservations. Some rides accept reservations that are made once you arrive. Highly recommended.

■ Drink water because you'll be standing in a lot of heat under the sun. Bring sunscreen.

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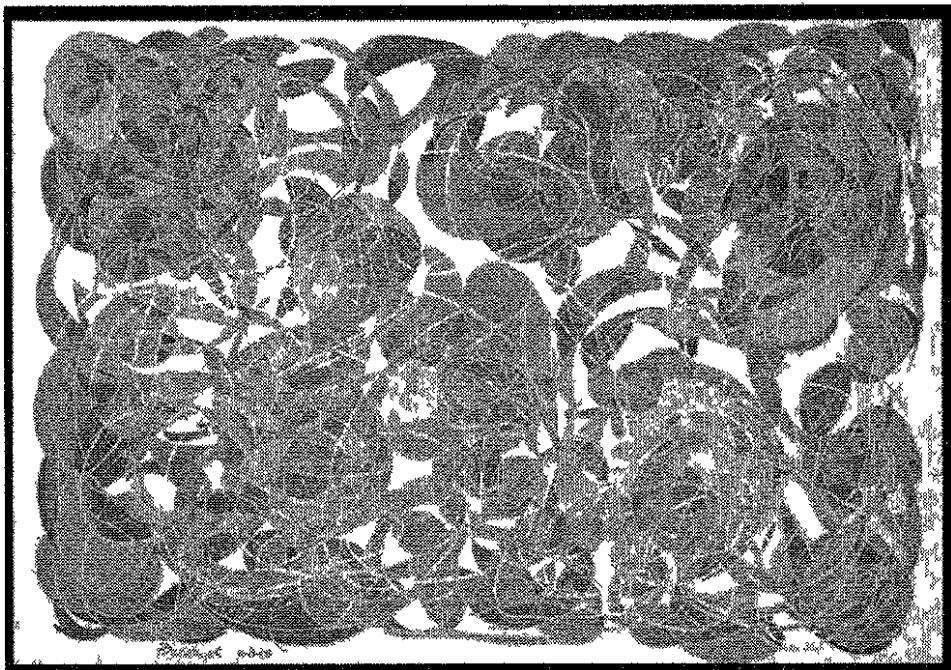


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Johnny 'Bee' Badanjek, the drummer for Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels exhibits his paintings and drawings at the Symmetry Gallery in Troy

Johnny 'Bee' artist

Mitch Ryder drummer raps the canvas

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Not surprisingly, Johnny "Bee" Badanjek's art has rhythm. "People say that," said the drummer for Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels turned painter "But I'm waiting for the real art guys and what they say"

Badanjek's works go on display through July 9 at the Symmetry Gallery in Troy. The small gallery, located in a former industrial space, opened last December and presents a variety of mediums, as well as one- and two-person shows that change monthly.

It's obvious from Badanjek's comments he's as serious about art as he is humbled by it. When he told friends he wanted to paint, they told him was disillusioned, you know, a successful rock musician whose creative ego had gotten the best of him.

But Badanjek actually started painting at age 4. He simply gave up on the pursuit when "he got sidetracked as a drummer." Badanjek is entirely self-taught.

The exhibit features 13 of his pieces, including several large-scale abstract oil paintings and a series of pencil drawings. Colorful, bold and kinetic, Badanjek's works contain variations on a shape that

he describes as "my swirly stuff." The forms also bear a resemblance to musical notes.

"I'm trying to find my own style," he said. "Art is an energy, you know. I needed a new energy, and painting is a new language. I didn't say I'm Picasso or Matisse, but I love painting."

Favorite artists include Picasso, Jackson Pollock, Arshile Gorky and Vincent van Gogh.

"I thought it had great energy about it," said Symmetry Gallery director and founder Deb Ehassen of Badanjek's work.

Ehassen likens it to movement and dance on the canvas. "I think there's something that's

definitely coming across," she added. "And he's an intelligent artist. He doesn't just pull from other artists. I think he understands their essence."

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BRUSH STROKES

What: Paintings & Drawings by Johnny "Bee" Badanjek, an exhibit of works by the drummer for Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels.

When: Through July 9, regular gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

Where: Symmetry Gallery, 1433 Rochester Road, Troy.
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When: Show extended to continue through July 17 shows are 8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m. Sunday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

Where: City Theatre 2301 Woodward, Detroit

Tickets: \$19.50-39.50 call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com, for information call (313) 872-1000

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

We delight in the Rat Pack by virtue of the notorious performers' reputation alone

"They were the American dream, and they were bigger than life," said Sandy Hackett, writer and co-producer of *The Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey & Dean*

The musical play about the lives of the Rat Pack guys continues through July 17 at City Theatre, the former Second City Theatre complex, in downtown Detroit

The stars personas led us to believe they boozed and womanized nonstop, but Hackett, the son of comedian Buddy Hackett, knows from personal experience, the members of the Rat Pack did more than have a good time

"All these guys were friends of my

father's," said Hackett, a comedian, actor and show producer

Hackett was age 4 when Frank Sinatra and others from the Rat Pack spent time at his childhood home. But Hackett had a close relationship with Joey Bishop

"He was Uncle Joey to me. I have recollections of Joey distinctly. Joey took me to his house, to the studio, he taught me how to box"

So it's not surprising that Bishop inspired Hackett to create *The Tribute*, and that Hackett is playing the man he grew up calling his uncle

As the story goes, a few years ago Bishop telephoned Hackett to tell him about a Rat Pack movie being made by HBO. Bishop wanted Hackett to play him. While Hackett didn't get the part, "it set me off on a path of curiosity," he said

Hackett started to research the Rat Pack, viewing photographs and watching archival footage of the famous Las Vegas performers

In creating *The Tribute*, Hackett stayed clear of impersonations and instead explored Sinatra, Bishop, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. as human characters

"The set-up is that they're having a big party in heaven, and God can't sleep so



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"The Tribute to Frank, Sammy, Joey & Dean," is a theatrical musical, rather than an impersonation show

God is sending them back to do a show," said Hackett. "From then on, they're doing a show and they're doing it like it's the '60s, but it's not."

The Tribute is jam-packed with famous Rat Pack musical numbers from the era and others

A live 10-piece orchestra accompanies the performers

"The music is great, if you're any kind of musical aficionado," he said. "I can't imagine anybody coming to the show and not having a good time."

Plus, there's all the attitude and a little swagger

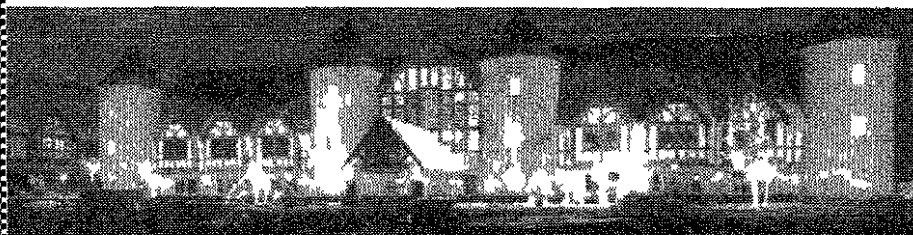
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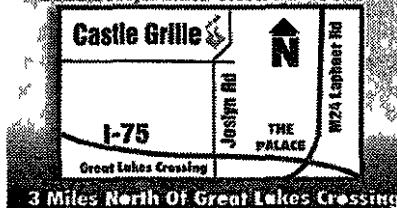
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On stage



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Beauty and the Beast, a tale for young audiences teaches how to see beauty inside others

Tradition of children's plays continues at Hilberry Theatre

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to the fantastical world of theater, children probably make for a better audience than adults

That's one reason the Hilberry Theatre annually stages a summer production just for kids

It's different in a very wonderful way. The children give you a spontaneous response to everything that you're doing on stage, said Lavinia Hart, the Wayne State University assistant professor of theater charged with directing this summer's children's show, *Beauty and the Beast*.

The play opens June 22 and continues on select days through July 9 at the Hilberry Theatre on the Wayne State University campus in downtown Detroit.

Based on the classic children's tale, the play adaptation sets the story in seaside England and unfolds several transformative voyages, with the first turning the young and arrogant prince into the Beast.

The sea plays such an important figure. The voice of the sea represents the vehicle of enchantment, said Hart.

BEAUTY INSIDE

What: The Hilberry Theatre's production of *Beauty and the Beast* for children

When: 10:30 a.m. June 22, 25, 28-30 and July 1, 5-6 and 8-9

Where: Hilberry Theatre, 4743 Cass Avenue at Hancock on the campus of Wayne State University, Detroit

Tickets: \$8. Advance reservations are strongly recommended since performances sell out. Call the box office (313) 577-2972 or visit www.theatre.wayne.edu

And the play has a lyricism and a sense of the rhythm of the sea that will be visually stunning to the children.

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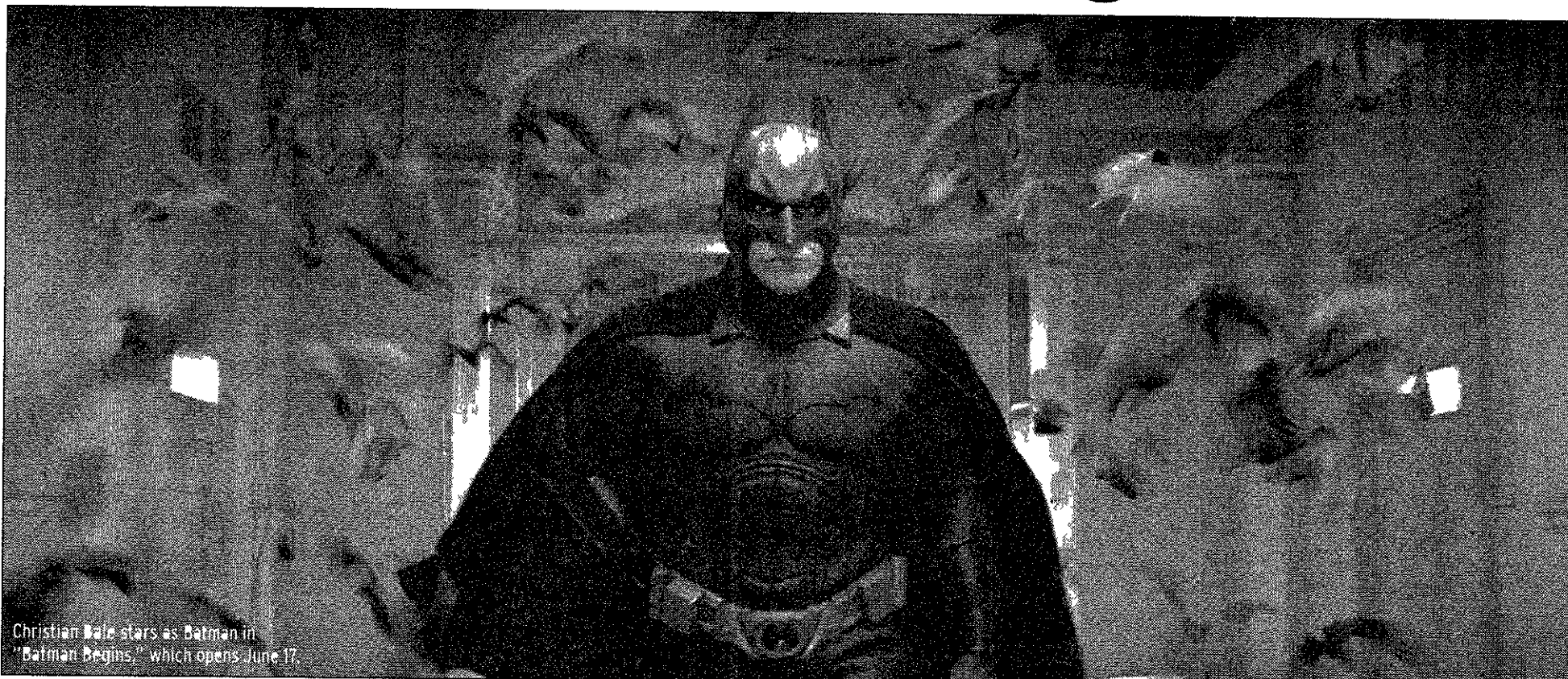
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Christian Bale stars as Batman in "Batman Begins," which opens June 17.

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Hollywood's summer lineup taps TV remakes, sequels

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Hollywood never fails to offer up plenty of on-screen experiences come summertime

But the season's lineup looks particularly reminiscent. Yes, the sequels used by the industry to capitalize on past hits are back in full force. But the latest trend draws on American television nostalgia.

"It's no secret that Hollywood wants to go with the sure thing," said David MacGregor, a screenwriter and playwright from Livonia who teaches film studies at Wayne State University. "And increasingly, they're drawing their materials from remakes of television shows."

Indeed, television do-overs headed for theaters this summer are

abundant. *There's The Honeymooners*, based on the classic television sitcom starring Jackie Gleason, except Cedric the Entertainer takes on the lead role of Ralph Kramden. *Herbie Fully Loaded* has teen star Lindsay Lohan driving the

famous VW bug and headed for the world of NASCAR. *Bewitched* brings us Nicole Kidman portraying everybody's favorite '60s sitcom witch with an adorable nose wiggle. *The Dukes of Hazzard* returns with Jessica Simpson as Daisy in a remake

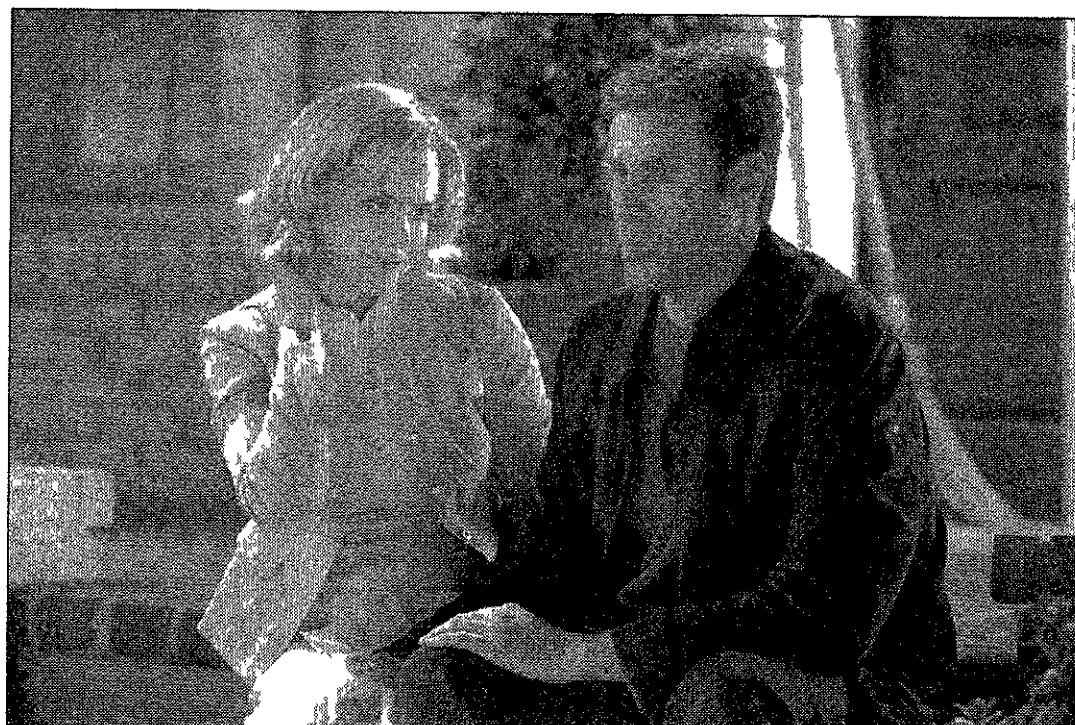
of the television series about the good old boys and the General Lee.

At first glance, one might conclude Hollywood's plot makers just got lazy. But there might be more variation and adaptation going on that meets the eye.

Bewitched, in particular, unfolds the story in a novel, witty way. Kidman is a real witch who's just been transported to our world. Then she lands a role on a television series called *Bewitched* and falls in love with her husband, co-star played by Will Ferrell.

"It's kind of a post-modern version of *Bewitched*," said MacGregor. "It's like let's go back and look at it with a wink."

Notable film remakes look good for family film outings. *There's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* starring Johnny Depp as Willy Wonka, and *Bad News Bears* with Billy Bob



Nicole Kidman and Will Ferrell star in the modern movie version of the hit television show *Bewitched*, slated to open June 24.

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MOVIE DATES

- *The Honeymooners*, currently playing
- *Batman Begins*, opens June 17
- *Herbie Fully Loaded*, opens June 24
- *Bewitched*, opens June 24
- *War of the Worlds*, opens July 1
- *Murderball* opens July 8
- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, opens July 15
- *Bad News Bears*, opens July 22
- *The Dukes of Hazzard*, opens Aug 5
- *Grizzly Man*, opens Aug 5

Note: Opening dates are subject to change



PHOTO BY FRANK MASI | COURTESY OF PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Tom Cruise teams up with director Steven Spielberg for "War of the Worlds" Based on the H G Wells novel about an alien invasion of Earth, the movie scheduled to open July 1

Thornton as the coach charged with transforming the misfit little league team

On the sequel front, the big revisits are *Batman Begins*, starring Christian Bale in the story of how Bruce Wayne became the Gotham City crusader, and *Star Wars Episode III - Revenge of the Sith*, already playing

Despite the appeal of these sequels, the summer's big blockbuster is likely to be *War of the Worlds*, with Tom Cruise in the lead role and Steven Spielberg directing the adaptation of H G Wells' novel about an alien invasion of Earth

"I think *War of the Worlds* is pretty huge," said Chris Walny, director and founder of Detroit Docs, which hosts an annual documentary festival and other film events in Detroit. Given the cast, director, special effects and reported \$200 million budget, movie-goers will likely flock to this one

At the other end of the spectrum, there are a couple of documentaries that might manage to pique the interest of the mainstream film-goer this summer, Walny said

Murderball follows a group of quadriplegic hard-core sports

enthusiasts as they prepare for the Paralympic Games. It's action-packed and "kind of like Royal Oak on a Thursday night with all the motorcycle guys but they're quadriplegics," said Walny

Equally thrilling, if not frightening, is *Grizzly Man*. The movie

documents a couple of grizzly bear activists and their close encounters with the animals. While the movie sounds like a *National Geographic* bore, nothing could be farther from the truth.

"You literally see him (one of the activists) almost being eaten,

and the camera goes black," said Walny, adding, "Both films are just shocking. They're probably way more exhilarating than *War of the Worlds*"

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Amphitheater	7:45 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Chautauque Express
Teen Spot	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Battle of the Bands

Friday, June 17

Amphitheater	5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	Nicole Meredith (Local Vocalist)
	7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	The Bob Guiney Band
Village Stage	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	The Walt Lipiec Quartet (Big Band)
	8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Jim Paravarites (Frank Sinatra Tribute)
Teen Spot	6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Battle of the Bands

Saturday, June 18

Amphitheater	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Take 2 (Oldies Duo)
	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Trilogy (Top 40 Rock N Roll Oldies)
Village Stage	12:00 p.m.	Mister Laurence & His Play Money Band (Kids Entertainment)
	6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	elmoThumm (A Cappella group)
	8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Canton Concert Band
Teen Spot	4:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Battle of the Bands Showdown

Sunday, June 19

Amphitheater	11:00 a.m.	Timekeepers (Kids percussion show)
	2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Voyage (Oldies and Top 40)
Village Stage	10:00 a.m.	Song Sister Julie Austin (Kids Entertainment)
	12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	The Sheila Landis Trio (Jazz)

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Table hopping

Ground Round

Livonia eatery gets a new look

BY MARY QUINLEY
CORRESPONDENT

About a year ago, after a lengthy hiatus from their weekly visits after work to the Ground Round Grill & Bar in Livonia, Rick Simon and Richard Flucht decided to go back to the popular gathering place to check it out. They were impressed.

The attitude and the morale of the employees is much better, said Simon of Belleville. "It's fun to be here!"

Flucht agrees. The owner actually works the floor. That makes a statement in itself," said the Rochester Hills resident.

Naturally, food and drink are part of the two friends' Friday night ritual. Sometimes they order either buffalo wings, nachos, potato skins or the Pot O' Gold sampler, a combo of mozzarella cheese sticks, egg rolls and onion rings with sides of marinara and mandarin orange dipping sauces.

Flucht, who is partial to shrimp, especially

enjoys the open-faced quesadilla topped with Margarita-flavored grilled shrimp and two cheeses that is served with sour cream and salsa. Appetizer prices range from \$5.99 to \$9.49.

A NEW LOOK

In January 2004, Sam Matar and his wife, Mona, purchased the Ground Round.

"We listen to our customers," said Matar of Riverview. "I have the best product (for) the best value."

An extensive facelift, inside the restaurant and out, included fresh paint, new carpet, an updated menu, the return of a Ground Round tradition of popcorn at every table, and the installation of additional TV screens in the lounge (there were a dozen at last count).

The Livonia location, a wireless hotspot for Internet access, is the only Ground Round in the metro Detroit area. Matar has plans to open two more restaurants in Wayne County.



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On a recent evening, Mike Whitney and his wife, Sandy, relaxed as they enjoyed dinner at the Ground Round.

The food is excellent. The sir loin tips have just the right amount of seasoning," said Mike Whitney, referring to the buffalo tenderloins platter served with blue cheese, cole slaw and French fries.

Sandy Whitney was pleased with the taco salad she ordered. "It was very fresh—the tomatoes were excellent," she said. The smoke-free atmosphere in the 140 seat dining room was a welcome perk for the couple from Riverview.

Matar credits the success of his eatery to three factors: The daily presence of himself and/or his wife, the availability of two private rooms for special occasions or meetings (no room fee), and, the recent introduction of using fresh ground round meat to prepare burgers.

Matar said that the menu "is made for everybody (and) each guest will find something they like." Starter options feature quesadillas, egg rolls, chicken tenderloins and potato skins

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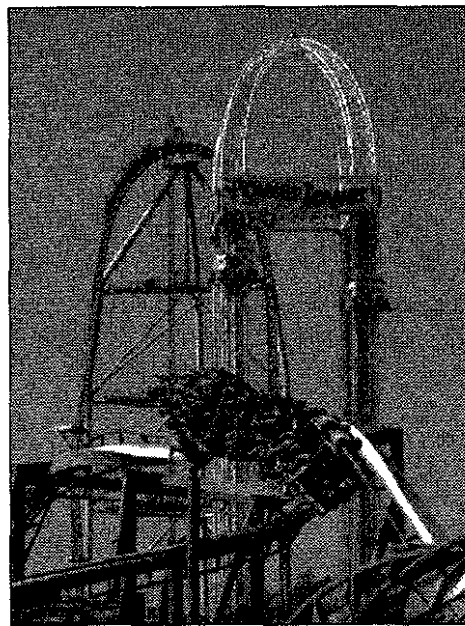
minutes but it was actually more than 90. At one point, the ride, which reaches 120 mph on a straight line in four seconds, and then goes up a 420-foot hill that rotates 90 degrees and free falls down in spirals at 270 degrees stopped with people on it.

It shot fast. Went up the hill and suddenly went rolled back down into the starting place. Workers said because of the weather, they thought rain may have been coming. Everyone waited, even those sitting in the car, and then the ride continued. And they all exited with a smile.

Yowzie! When the rain came, everyone huddled under the benches. We didn't have rain ponchos, but food service employees were nice enough to give us plastic garbage bags to wear. It helped. The rides were closed for more than an hour. We thought we should go home for the day but then thought let's just wait in a line while everyone else is seeking shelter.

We did so at the maXair. When the sun finally broke around 4:30 p.m. we waited in line just about 20 minutes.

The ride is 84 feet high and swings guests like a pendulum 140 feet while they sit on wheel that spins them counter clockwise — moving at 70 mph. Sometimes you're looking down at the sky and up at the ground. It's more intense than it looks from the ground. At some points you feel



Coasters will take you higher and whirl you around

weightlessness, then another second you feel the G-forces on you.

It's absolutely wild. After the ride, the rain came again. We left by 5 p.m.

We'll return to the park later this summer. Not visiting all the rides in one day gives us something to look forward to. Then again, they're so intense you almost need to ride them twice.

And how lucky we are here in Michigan that traffic permitting, it's less than three hours away.

Beyond bad

'Peter Rottentail' lives up to its name

I guess I'm a little late with this one, which would have been more appropriate for the Easter season.

Then again, some things are never appropriate. Such is the case of *Peter Rottentail*, a tale of the Easter Bunny gone bad. Really bad.



Beyond Bad

Greg Kowalski

Rancid bad. Stupid bad. Cheap bad. I could go on. But what's really awful is that this had real potential to be a goofy horror film. Instead it's an amateurish mess, shot on video with a cast that hasn't got the slightest clue of what the word "acting" means.

In the story, a third-rate kids party magician who can't even pull a rabbit out of a hat is humiliated at a kid's birthday party for his failures and commits suicide. This is after he drinks a magic potion that was given to him by some bum on the street who promises that it will make his magic work.

Sure. Some bum gives you a bottle to drink and you do?

But that's just the beginning. The magician returns to earth 13 years later reincarnated as a giant rabbit, complete with top hat. He is out to take vengeance on those who laughed at him and sets forth on a murderous spree, stabbing people with a carrot or chopping them with a meat cleaver. He kills several people,

which is odd because in the opening sequence it appears that there are only three people at the birthday party.

Anyway, there also are two pot-smoking morons cleaning out a house who accidentally resurrect the magician as Peter Rottentail.

There are various running times given for the film, ranging from 65 to 80 minutes. In all cases, it is far too long. After five minutes or so, the whole thing bogs down into a pool of stupidity.

Just about everything is rotten in this film. Even the sequence in which Peter chops a guy's head with a meat cleaver is boring. You really have to be bad to make a head-chopping boring. There are a few more plot elements, but they're not worth describing.

Pete's costume looks to be exactly what it is — a cheap rabbit suit, probably left over from someone's Halloween party.

I'm sure directors John and Mark Polonia (who?) thought they were being oh-so clever when they added the "boing-boing" sound to every hop Pete takes.

And what's really intriguing is the strip club that serves as the location of a couple of scenes. It consists entirely of a pinball machine on which one character leans. That's it. There isn't even another person in the scene.

All in all, this movie stinks worse than 1,000-year-old Easter egg.

Greg Kowalski searched all over to find this stinkeroo. Oh well. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or by e-mail at gkowalski@oe.homecomm.net.

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counsels and guides the main characters.

Subsequent voyages bring Beauty and her father into the story, giving the prince an opportunity to show he is beautiful on the inside and to win Beauty's heart.

"Then there's the magical return when the beast is magically transformed," said Hart.

"Each voyage shows a sense of journey, as people undergo changes and as they're growing as human beings."

The production, which is appropriate

for children in elementary school and above, runs about 50 minutes and has no intermission. Both undergraduate and graduate-level theater students audition and appear in the summer children's productions, which became an annual offering more than 20 years ago.

"The plays are typically based on fairy tales or fine children's literature. It's great to work with these stories with their wonderful universal themes," said Hart, adding, "I love being a part of an artistic production that is going to touch children and remind them of great ideals."

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At the movies

Idea for 'Sharkboy' came from director's son

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capsule reviews of films opening this week

The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl in 3-D — Robert Rodriguez has repeatedly proven himself as a filmmaker of infinite resourcefulness, serving as director, writer, cinematographer, editor, visual effects supervisor and sometimes even composing the score. Here, he confirms what he cannot do: come up with a single original idea. *Sharkboy and Lavagirl* reportedly sprang from the mind of 7-year-old Racer Max Rodriguez, the director's son, who is credited with having written the script. No offense to the kid, and not to squelch his enthusiasm, but it shows.

The story is incoherent and painfully repetitive and, in his father's hands, the movie has the chintzy look of one of those Saturday afternoon sci-fi flicks. Pity, since our young hero, Max (Cayden Boyd), is supposedly so colorfully imaginative that his daydreams about Sharkboy (Taylor Lautner) and Lavagirl (Taylor Dooley) get him in trouble at school. PG for mild action and some rude humor. 96 minutes. One star out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP movie critic

High Tension — This incredibly gory movie comes from France, a country not exactly known for its proud slasher-flick tradition or for producing films with only about 10 minutes of dialogue. But director Alexandre Aja and Gregory Levasseur, with whom he wrote the bare-bones script, drew their inspiration from the United States.

Aja remains extremely faithful to the conventions of the movies he grew up watching and loving, like *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* and *Halloween*. Two young women (Cecile de France and Marwenn) travel to a remote farmhouse for the weekend to study for exams.

Doors creak and a tea kettle whistles and a creepy guy in a beat-up truck prowls the countryside, searching for someone to decapitate. R for graphic bloody killings, terror, sexual content and language. 85 minutes. Two stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP movie critic

The Honeyymooners — The movie version of the 1950s sitcom is a dim and dull morsel that's a true act of disrespect to the

memories of Jackie Gleason and Art Carney. The reincarnation of Gleason's blowhard Ralph Kramden leaves Cedric the Entertainer, Mike Epps, Gabrielle Union and Regina Hall adrift in an absolute snoozer virtually devoid of laughs.

Director John Schultz and his collaborators were well-intentioned, holding to a goodhearted story that avoids the sewer humor pervading many comedies. But they were unable to dream up the slightest hint of wit for their take on bus driver Ralph, sewer worker Ed Norton and their long-suffering wives.

John Leguizamo and Eric Stoitz co-star in the comedy, which plays like a series of clumsily connected skits as Ralph and Ed's latest get-rich-quick scheme endangers their wives' dream of buying a duplex. PG-13 for some innuendo and rude humor. 89 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

— David Germain, AP movie writer

Howl's Moving Castle — Japanese animation master Hayao Miyazaki (*Spirited Away*, the 2002 Academy Award winner for feature animation) presents a strange delight awash in visual splendor, understated humor and clever body-and-soul transmogrifications among its bonny band of weirdoes.

At its simplest, the film is the story of a teenage girl trying to undo the spell that turned her into an old crone. Adapted by writer-director Miyazaki from the children's book by British fantasy author Diana Wynne Jones, the film on deeper levels is a richly layered reflection on unreasoning patriotism, fealty to the state, war for war's sake and technology vs. mysticism and nature. Featuring the voices of Christian Bale, Jean Simmons, Lauren Bacall, Emily Mortimer, Blythe Danner and Billy Crystal. PG for frightening images and brief mild language. 119 minutes. Three stars out of four.

— David Germain, AP movie writer

Mr. and Mrs. Smith — If Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie have indeed become an off-screen couple and transformed into a singular entity known (at least on *Jimmy Kimmel Live*) as Brangelina, who could blame them?

After watching this movie, in which Pitt and Jolie co-star as married assassins, it would seem physically impossible for any human being with eyes and a pulse to

resist falling in love with either of them — or both of them at the same time.

They're frighteningly beautiful individually and have insane amounts of combustible chemistry together. But director Doug Liman's film isn't just a romance and it isn't just a comedy, though the banter is sufficiently snappy and the pacing is crisp.

At its core, this is a big, mindless action movie — a high-tech *The War of the Roses*. So checking your brain at the multiplex door is a good idea. PG-13 for sequences of violence, intense action, sexual content and brief strong language. 110 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

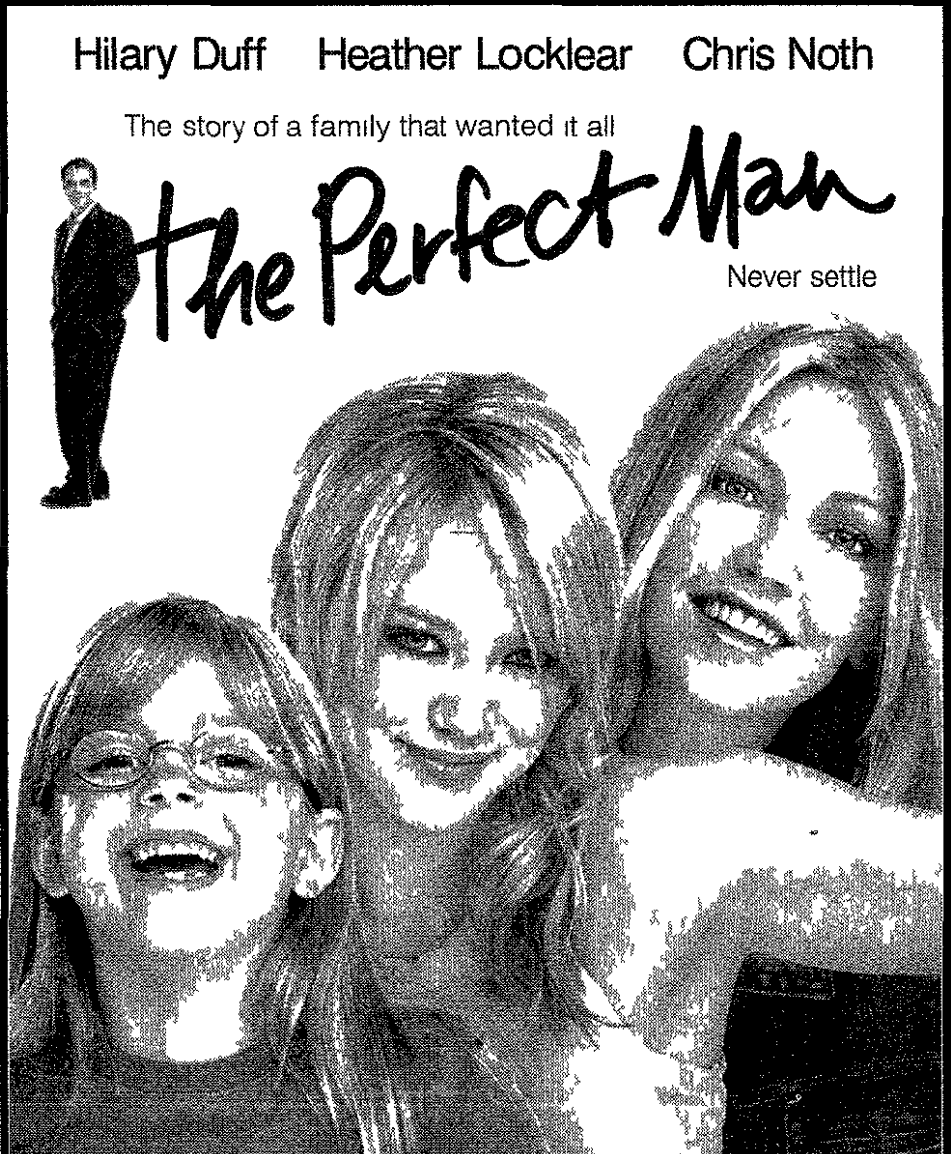
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Music

Scum of the Earth brings metal, horror show to Westland

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Want to experience blood-sucking freak show theatrics and explosive heavy metal that creates a live, horror comic-like concert atmosphere?

Wear something that you don't mind getting dirty because it's coming to the Token Lounge in Westland on Wednesday, June 22 as former Rob Zombie guitarist Riggs and his band Scum of the Earth headline the 18-and-over show.

The tour kicked off in New Hampshire this week to promote Scum's album *Blah Blah Blah Love Songs for the New Millennium*, a CD that includes growling vocals, horror film sound bytes, mecha-



Scum of the Earth will play Wednesday at the Token Lounge in Westland

nized beats and roaring riffs. Featured on *Blah is* Zombie drummer John Tempestra and his brother Mike from Powerman 500.

"There will definitely be more blood (than previous tours)," Riggs said. "I figured out more spots where I could douse people in blood and still play the songs — full carnival of carnage."

Rob Zombie fans should be pleased.

Riggs, known for his wild flailing energy on stage during his Rob Zombie days, has an interesting history about the band's name. In 1998, he appeared in the Rob Zombie video *Return of the Phantom Stranger* where carved in his guitar read the words *Scum of the Earth* that are also tattooed on his stomach. It's also the name of his publishing company.

"I always thought it was the coolest name for a band since I was a kid," he said. "There was that movie *Scum of the Earth* and I had some of these great (Scum) comic books that I really liked."

The single from *Blah*, *Get Your Dead On* is on the top five list of MTV2's *Headbanger's Ball*. The song *Bloodsucking Freakshow* includes crooning from Riggs's six year old son.

"I said to my kid, 'Come in here and sing in this.' I had to bribe him with all kinds of money and gifts because he was too scared to sing it, but he ended up doing it and it sounded cool."

Bluegrass thrives on Marbletown

Blue Highway, *Marbletown* (Rounder)

Recently deceased bluegrass pioneer Jimmy Martin can rest in peace knowing the genre is thriving. Fans have enjoyed excellent new CDs in the past few months by such acts as Crooked Still, NewFound Road, Last Train Home, Old School Freight Train and Danny Roberts, among others, and the latest release from Blue Highway may be the best of the bunch.

Marbletown offers 12 songs that show case the 10-year-old quintet's remarkable singing skills. Tim Stafford and Shawn Lane handle most of the lead vocals, but

all five members provide harmonies in an engaging variety of combinations.

There's plenty of impressive picking, too, and the material is first-rate — 10 original tunes and two covers, including the title cut by the Dire Straits. Mark Knopfler.

Among the highlights are Lane's mournful ballad *Tears Fell On Missouri*, Stafford's biographical *Wild Bill* — which breaks into a rootsy reel in the middle — and the instrumental *Three-Finger Jack*, two minutes of bluegrass heaven. Jimmy Martin's loving it.

Steven Wine AP

SCUM OF THE EARTH

Who: Heavy metal band featuring Riggs, former guitarist for Rob Zombie. Also performing, Brand New Sin and Society.

Where: The Token Lounge, 28949 Joy Road, Westland (734) 513-5030, www.tokenlounge.com

When: Doors open 9 p.m., Wednesday, June 22

Admission: 18 and over, \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. All Ticketmaster outlets or call (248) 645-6666.

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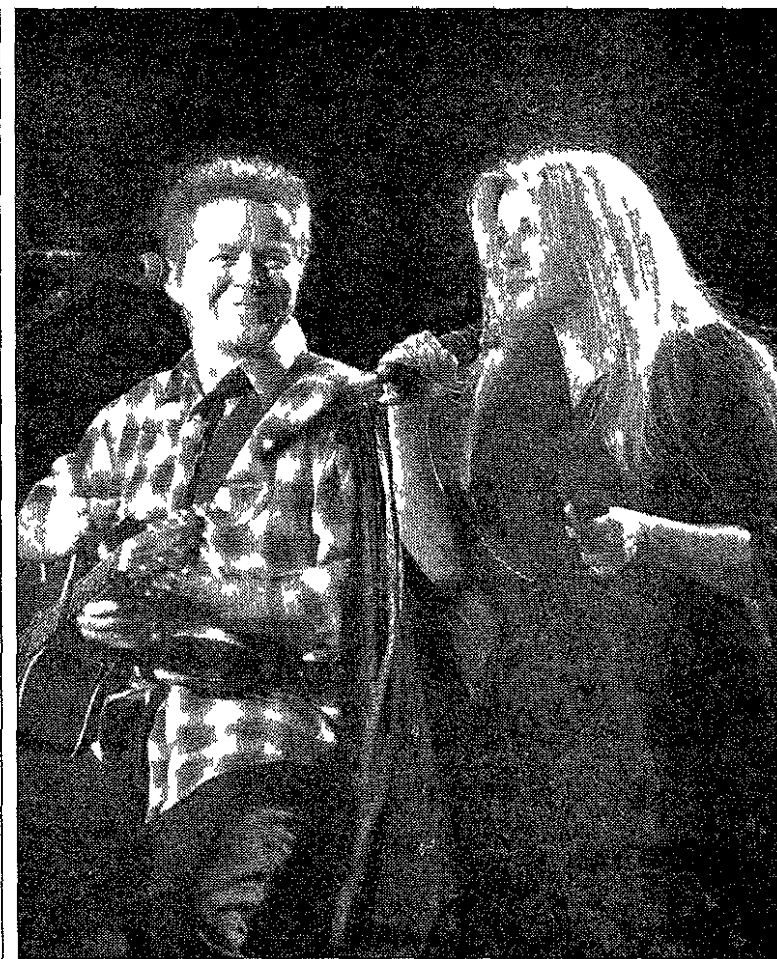
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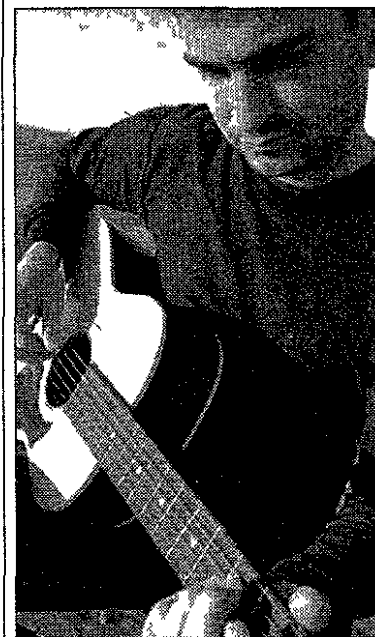
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Music

Coldplay's latest is uninspiring

Coldplay, *X&Y* (Capital)

The members of Coldplay have said they went back to the drawing board, shelving the first recording of *X&Y* because it lacked passion and was too precise. Sadly, those are exactly the problems with the final cut.

Coldplay's rise to superstardom has been an unlikely one. With irresistible melody and comfortable lullabies, the British band has become immensely popular with hits like *Yellow*, *In My Place*, *Clocks* and *The Scientist*.

On *X&Y*, however, their formula is too obvious to hide: 1. quiet start, 2. swelling chorus, 3. pretty, high singing and 4. some pseudo-poetic line about stars or lights, all to the effect of 'it's gonna be alright'.

Essentially, Coldplay writes every song for the scene in the movie where the guy rushes across hell and high water to kiss the girl as in the rain. Awwwww.

To be fair, there is enough here to please Coldplay fans. Like their last disc, *A Rush of Blood to the Head*, the memorable tunes are found on the

album's first half.

Of those, *Fix You* is the best. After a precious start, the song rebounds with a Coldplay trademarked burst of symphony and the whole band singing in concert. "Tears stream down your face / I promise you I will learn from my mistakes."

While the standard image accompanying Coldplay is of Martin thrashing at the piano, crooning blissfully, *Fix You* and other tracks illuminate the steady, important guitar playing of Jonny Buckland.

Though he sticks to repeating bright, melody-laden riffs, he still comes up with those riffs. Talk is built around one such line, a more somber, echo-y number about the need for, well, a chat.

The first single, *Speed of Sound*, is standard Coldplay, founded on an almost 80s piano part. As with most of their songs, it's polished enough to get the job done. But for those who fail to swoon at every time Martin hits those high notes, there isn't much to cling to.

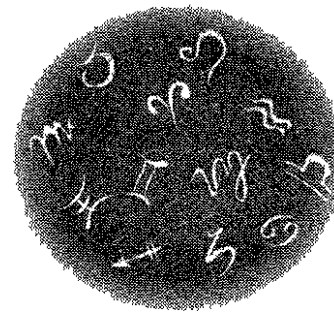
By the end of *X&Y*, you're more likely to be hitting the zzzs.

- Jake Coyle, AP Writer



Star struck

(June 16/18)
By Dennis Fairchild



ARIES (March 21-April 20)

You would be wise not to put too much trust in what people tell you over the next several days as the Full Moon approaches. They may not mean to lie or deceive, but they may be dealing in information that is at best secondhand. Make sure you ask a few questions to get the facts. Ram!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

Watch it, Bull! Do you turn the other cheek or do you go looking for revenge? It's a hard question to answer, and a lot will depend on how badly you've been hurt lately. Be aware, however, that if you do hit back, it's unlikely to be the end of matter. Count to 10 and take a deep breath or three. Bull!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

The question you must ask yourself now is: How can I profit from what I have learned since my last birthday? The answer, of course, is that you already have - through a vast increase in self-knowledge. And now, more than ever, you must realize that the only place you can find the Good Life is within. Gemini!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

With so many planets jockeying for position in your house of finances now, you may have a dilemma regarding business this week. If you feel that others are trying to manipulate you, the perfect opportunity to create or postpone negotiations is about to present itself as your birthday arrives. MoonKid!

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Now with Uranus retrograde, no matter how even tempered you consider yourself, people could rev up your emotions to dangerous levels in the days ahead. Be warned that if you lash out at others without a good reason, your reputation will suffer, as well as your hopes. Leo!

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Regardless of how self-disciplined you are, something will happen over the next few days that brings your emotional side to the forefront. Don't hate yourself for losing control, kiddo. Everyone needs to let off steam once in a while. Be yourself - but use caution, especially concerning money matters or employment! Virgo!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

This will be one of those weeks when little things annoy you more than big things, especially around the time of next week's Full Moon, when minor obstacles cause major headaches. Yes, other people can be petty and spiteful, but there's no point in being the same in return. Balancer!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You need to feel 100 percent right now. Scorp - which may mean having to cut down on over-spending, monitor your fitness or change your diet. Celestial influences are focusing on the health (financial as well as physical) angles of your chart. That's an opportunity you should take advantage of. Scorp!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Archers aren't always optimistic or gullible as some people perceive or believe, and if they carry on trying to pull the wool over your eyes, they're going to regret it. The days prior to Tuesday's Full Moon could lead to some emotional scenes, but it won't be you who is shedding tears. Sag!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

The time has come to think seriously about the path you're taking and to make the changes you know are inevitable. For a while now, you've been moving in the wrong direction. If you find that hard to believe, the events surrounding Monday's Sun sign change will open your eyes. Cap!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

If you want to remain on friendly terms with colleagues, don't try to force the pace or spring surprises, because they won't be amused. In fact, current planetary activity signifies that things may come unglued altogether if you assume that others are on the same wavelength as you. WaterBearer!

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Don't panic, but a parting of the ways is likely on the way. It may be an uncomfortable experience, but in time, you'll realize that it is the best thing for all concerned. Everything in life is in a constant state of flux. Accept that and find ways to make things work for you. Fish!

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Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top entertainment picks for the week. Filtered just for you.

Album

It could be one of the most talked about releases in the Detroit music community let alone the rest of the country. **The White Stripes** released their fifth album.

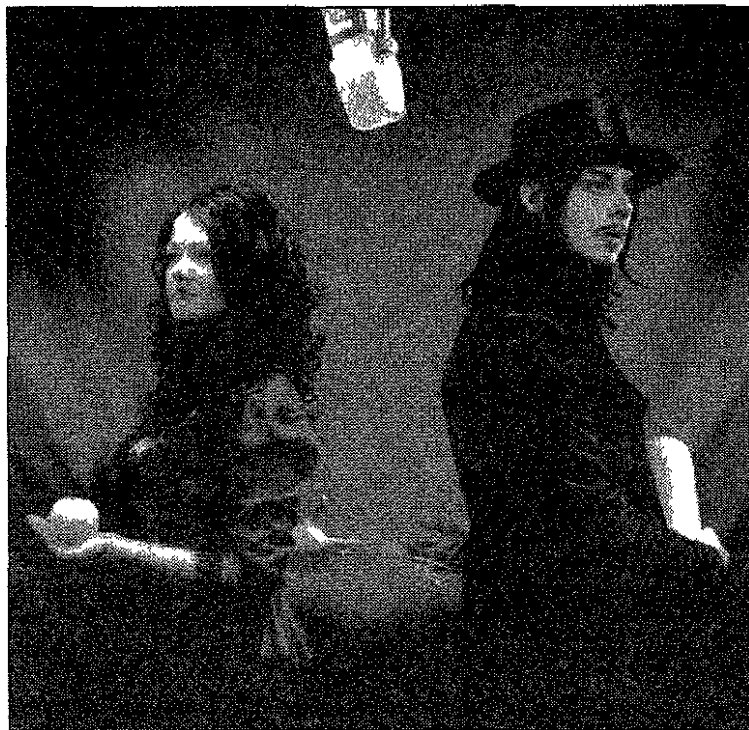
And it's definitely different.

Get Behind Me Satan finds Jack White looking for something beyond his patented guitar drum combination. Think back to your third grade music class and the weird instruments you knew how to play so well: the xylophone, the maracas, the marimba. OK, so maybe not the marimba, but you get the idea.

About half of the album's songs are familiar sounding to Stripes fans. *My Doorbell*, *Take Take Take* and *The Denial Twist* sound like old friends. However, songs like *The Nurse* involve crashing sounds and those above mentioned instruments.

I'm a bigger supporter of the more familiar sounding songs, but I'm slowly beginning to enjoy Jack and Meg's departure into greater musical ventures. I mean if I didn't I'm sure my elementary school music teacher wouldn't be too happy with all those countless hours of xylophone practice.

Alicia Dorset



Lie to me baby one more time. Meg and Jack's latest, "Get Behind Me Satan," was released last week.

Film

To escape a no air conditioning house in high school, I'd spend a day at the \$1 movie theater.

This year I've built the world's most intricate fan system - it begins in my basement and winds its way up the stairs to my bedroom. But even this master work is no comparison to the glory of an air conditioned venue.

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Hot 5

Detroit talks. I listen (sometimes other times I just write whatever I want). Here are the top five things I heard you talking about this week.

1 **Coldplay - X&Y** Look, most people don't have a *Good Feeling* about Coldplay. They liked this extremely accessible band better when they were called Travis. Or Radiohead. Or really, when anyone who sounds exactly like them released music before 2000 - and it helps if it doesn't sound readymade for a Nissan commercial. I'd be one of those people and if you like Coldplay, I'd suggest you check out any of the other above mentioned bands (pre 1998 albums only please) instead. And please for the love of all things holy, stay far away from Keane. Shudder.

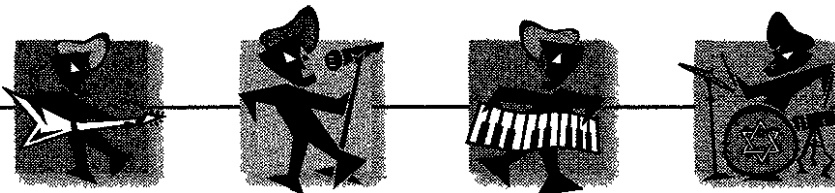
2 Speaking of **Chuck Klosterman** - speaking of referring to the fact he has called Coldplay the (insert expletive that begins in 's' and ends in 'st') band he's ever heard - his new book *Killing Yourself to Live: 85% of a True Story* comes out June 28. Klosterman is still the only reason to subscribe to *Spin* and, of course, a music snob.

3 **Summer vacation**. Every time a kid rides his bike past me while I'm on my way to write this column or tries to sell me lemonade while I'm working outside, I wish grownups still got summer vacations. Lucky jerks.

4 **My Morning Jacket** @ Meadow Brook in Rochester, Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Opening for Wilco. If you go to one "real" concert this summer, the definition of "real" being where you can sit on blankets in the grass, make it this one.

5 **PBD**. Or more commonly, Post Birthday Depression. The feeling you get after all the presents are opened, the dessert is gone, and everyone clears your house to leave behind a giant mess and a mystery stain on your couch. I've got it this week.

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