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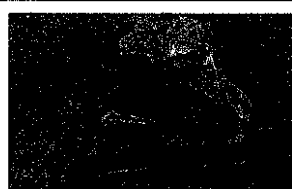
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Growing district draws heavy interest

P-CCS, now state's 6th largest, draws thousands of applicants

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools is currently in a hiring frenzy to fill nearly 100 teaching positions created when 72 teachers accepted an early retirement incentive, with the remainder additional hires to teach in a district that has jumped to sixth-largest in Michigan

"When you're one of the few districts that's hiring because of increased enrollment, you become inundated with applications," Supt. Jim Ryan said. "This is a quality district, and people want to teach here." The early retirement incentive was designed to allow the district to trade higher teacher salaries for lower salaries to save the district money. "The big fear was that we gave away

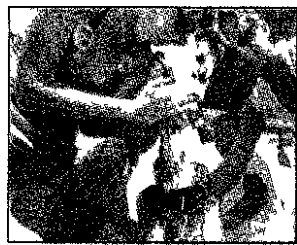
a big part of our culture and experience," Ryan said. However, today's young applicants are incredibly prepared with many certifications. The \$30,000 incentives will be paid over two years, with the first installment of \$20,000 to be distributed in January, and the remainder a year later. According to Patricia Brand, assistant principal of business services,

financial relief to next year's school budget will be \$700,000. The net impact on the 2006-07 budget is projected at \$445,000. And, according to Brand, the next six years will net savings in excess of \$800,000 a year. Donna Feldt, human resources employment coordinator, said the district went to a totally online job application system 15 months ago, thus far generating more than 6,100 applications. Feldt said a recent elementary teacher posting, which she said will probably result in about 20 positions being filled,

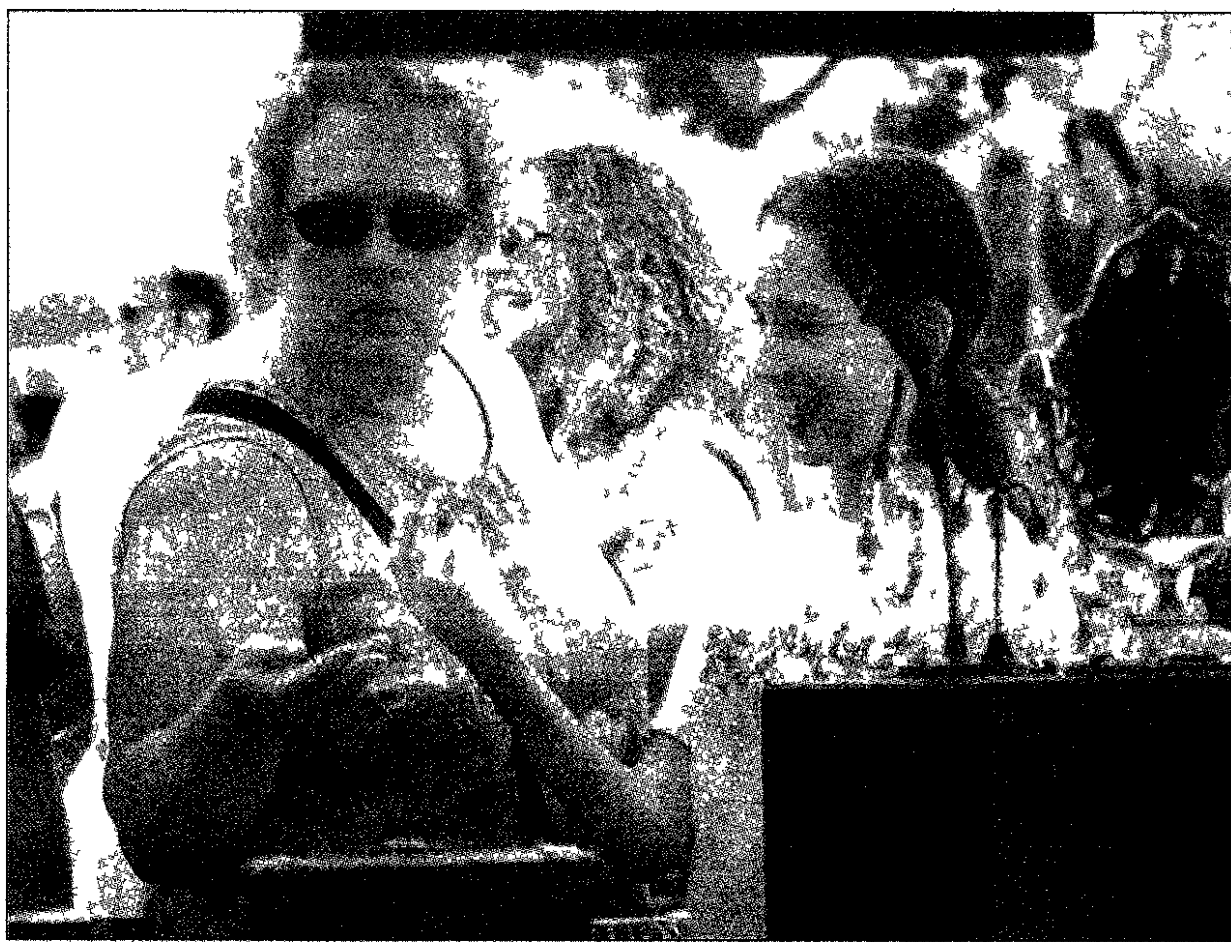
drew more than 1,000 applications. "During the last buyout (five years ago) we held a job fair and got a huge response, generating a lot of interest and a lot of applications," Feldt said. "In the past couple of years we haven't gone to any university job fairs. We put all our information online. However, we do continue to send job postings to all area universities." According to 2003-04 enrollment numbers from the Michigan

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Hot time in the old town



Lulu the greyhound gets a refreshing bath from Joanna Wojciechowski and Olivia Ziegler, with a little help from Ashley and Frankie Williams



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Eleven-year-old Bridget Droelle and her mom, Annette Droelle, shop for glass jewelry from Serendipity, owned by Arleen and Michael Parker, during last weekend's Art in the Park

Audit paints stable picture of budget

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township auditors have completed their annual examination of the township's financial statements and, though finding its accounting practices solid, presented the same budget picture township officials have been painting for months. While the township's financial condition is stable, with declining local revenues and further cuts in state funding possible, it's hardly rosy. Auditors from Plante Moran said in a management letter that while the township "should be commended" for its 2004 fund balance of \$4.1 million, that balance is expected to drop to \$3.6 million in 2005. They also said the building of a new township hall is expected to put stress on the township's cash flow and suggested the township embark on a five-year strategic plan. "We believe it would be helpful for the township to prepare a five-year forecast of its general fund budget," Plante Moran's Joseph Heffernan wrote. "If the forecast is to be most helpful, we believe it

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Water, art are hits as thousands weather heat for festival

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Here's how popular Plymouth's Art in the Park has become. Paul Goddard comes all the way from Oklahoma to be a part of it. Goddard, whose Hands Unlimited booth was one of some 475 artisan booths at the 2005 festival, was on hand last weekend, making plaster casts of men, women, children, couples and anyone else who wanted to pay the \$30 or so it cost. Goddard said he's been coming to the festival for eight or 10 years, and wouldn't miss it. "We do other shows in the area, but this is a great one," Goddard said of the Plymouth festival, which drew thousands of visitors to the downtown area Friday-Sunday. "The people and the promoter are great." That promoter, Plymouth's Dianne Quinn, said she was very happy with the way the 2005 festival turned out. Outdoor decorations such as weather vanes and other yard art once again appeared to be among the more popular items, but Quinn said perhaps



By mid-morning Saturday, Main Street was already crowded as thousands of visitors braved the heat

the most popular thing wasn't a piece of art at all. "We think it was a bottle of water, because it was so hot," Quinn said. "There's a lot of work to do, and there are details to take care of, but we were very pleased with the way things went." Cora Morgan of Roseville attended the festival with friends, and found plenty of items to like, including one she purchased. A

weather vane adorned with her beloved Michigan State University

"We're big MSU fans," Morgan said of her friends. "Everything we bought had something to do with Michigan State."

The festival featured thousands of original pieces of art, including paintings, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, glass, woodwork and photography. This year, the festival also served as the setting for "Dog Wash for Charity" event to benefit Paws with a Cause and a cut-athon benefitting the Make-A-Wish Foundation, both sponsored by To Dye For salon in Plymouth.

The dog wash raised just over \$500 for Paws With a Cause, while the cut-athon raised some \$1,200, according to Michele Gonzales, who owns To Dye For with husband Jeff.

"It went really well," Michele Gonzales said. "We like being business owners in downtown Plymouth because it's a small network community. Being in downtown gives us an opportunity to give back, to thank the community for supporting us."

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Roots right key for symphony director

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

After interviewing for the position of Plymouth Symphony Society executive director, Jennifer Philpot-Munson thought she was under-qualified for the position. However, the interviewing committee, after watching Philpot-Munson in action organizing a grassroots campaign to save Plymouth's downtown Penn Theatre, had a much different view. "The most amazing part of Jennifer is her drive and passion for the Plymouth community, and that's a big plus for us," said Ellen Elliott, music

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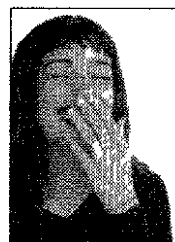
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Plymouth man happy to give kidney to ailing cousin

BY JULIE BROWN
STAFF WRITER

Steve Alexandrowski didn't hesitate when his cousin needed a kidney. Alexandrowski, a 33-year-old Plymouth resident and his cousin went to the University of Michigan Hospital June 13 for the transplant.

"I knew she needed one and I volunteered," he said. "She had polycystic kidney disease."

His cousin, in her early 40s, lives in Newport Mich. near Monroe. Alexandrowski and wife Renee have one daughter, 3. He has a Plymouth-based investment management and consulting company.

"I think what's needed is greater awareness of the new procedure," said Alexandrowski, a Rotarian and

'I knew she needed one and I volunteered. She had polycystic kidney disease.'

Steve Alexandrowski organ donor

vice president of the Plymouth Symphony. Incisions now are smaller, which means a faster healing time, less pain.

He started back to work after about two weeks and is now back pretty much full time. His cousin had some complications but is improving.

It looks like it's going to be fine, said Alexandrowski of his

cousin, who is home. He had some fatigue after surgery and spent two days in the hospital. "I read everything I could," he said, adding the hospital had an intensive physical and preparation for the transplant. He found the U-M Web site useful.

Business associate Larry Bird, a fellow Rotarian, describes Alexandrowski as a "very giving kind of person. That's the ultimate sacrifice to help someone stay alive while you're still living."

He definitely exemplifies what Rotary is all about," added Bird, who rents office space to Alexandrowski. "He's my hero."

Additional information on organ donation is available on the Web at www.giftoflifemichigan.org

NEWS BRIEFS

Blood drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army hosts a blood drive for the Red Cross from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, in an effort to alleviate a severe blood shortage across the state. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth. Walk-ins are welcome or appointments can be made by calling (734) 453-5464.

Band golf outing

The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Marching Band hosts its fifth annual golf outing Sunday, July 31, at the Fox Hills Golf Course.

Golfers can still register for 18 holes of four-person scramble while supporting one of their favorite community institutions. The cost of the outing is \$125 per person, which includes 18 holes with cart and dinner.

Registration and contact information can be found online at <http://www.pcmb.net/golfflyer> and clicking on the PCMB golf ball.

Youth education

Community Financial has received the Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award, which formally recognizes leadership within the credit union movement on behalf of financial literacy.

"Entries are judged for a variety of activities that support the personal finance education of young members and nonmembers," said Natalie McLaughlin, Community Financial education partnership supervisor. "There's a special history to the award, and it's indeed an honor to be selected."

The award was presented at the Michigan Credit Union League's 2005 Youth Summit held in Lansing. Community Financial won the award for Michigan credit unions with assets of more than \$200 million. Community Financial's entry will now go to the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) to compete against other states.

The Desjardins Award is named for Alphonse Desjardins, a credit union pioneer who was instrumental in forming the Canadian and U.S. credit union movements.

Community Financial operates 23 student-run credit unions in the communities it serves.

For more information, visit the credit union Web site at www.cfcu.org or call (734) 453-1200 or (877) 937-2328, toll free.

Grief workshop

Ward Presbyterian Church and Single Point Ministries is sponsoring a Saturday morning "From Grief to New Hope" workshop this Saturday, July 16th. This free workshop will

be presented by Cathy Clough and will run from 9:00 a.m. until noon with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Ward Church is located at 40000 Six Mile Road. For pre-registration or further information call Dorothy at Ward Church at (248) 374-5966. Pre-registration is helpful, but not necessary.

For information about additional grief support available, call the New Hope Center for Grief Support office at (248) 348-0115.

Marathon training

Train To End Stroke, a marathon training program offered by the American Stroke Association, will hold information sessions at 6 p.m. Monday, July 18, or noon Saturday, July 30, at the Plymouth District Library in downtown Plymouth.

This program is designed for people who want to get in shape, travel and raise money for a good cause. Choose to walk or run a full or half marathon in Arizona or Miami. All fitness levels are welcome.

For more information, call (248) 827-4214 or visit stroke-association.org

Blue Cross VP

R. Andrew Hetzel of Plymouth has been named vice president, Corporate Communications, at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

Hetzel is responsible for the company's strategic communications, advertising, employee communications and media relations. Prior to joining the Blues, Hetzel served as vice president at John Bailey & Associates Public Relations in Troy. He held several communications positions with the Michigan Legislature from 1995-2000.

Hetzel earned his bachelor's degree in journalism and international relations from Syracuse University. He is a member of the Public Relations Society of America and the International Association of Business Communicators.

He resides in Plymouth with his wife, Jennifer Hartke, and their daughter, Zoe.

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Running out of the shadows

Raising awareness about post partum depression

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER

When Christine Hughes gave birth to her third child, post partum depression hit her like a brick. To help get through it, she hit the bricks - in a pair of running shoes.

"At first I was just sort of bluesy. But in about three months, I was diagnosed with post partum depression. Things just weren't getting better, and I said back then that when they did get better, I was going to do something about this," said Hughes, of Canton.

What made things worse for Hughes is the fact she had to suffer through the travails of post-partum depression alone. That is until she found a support group in Ann Arbor.

"It just can't be like this, that in an area like southeast Michigan there isn't really anywhere to go for help," she said.

Hughes, along with other members of the Dirt Road Divas Running club, a women's running club she started three years ago, will host a July 30 run through Canton to raise awareness and cash to support the Post Partum Support Group of Michigan.

"The more I talk to other women, the more I find just about everyone has at least a mild case of it," said Heidi Shade, a mother of two from Plymouth who will participate in the run later this month. "Of course I want to support my divas, but also I want people to be more aware of post partum depression. We don't talk about it, and as women I don't know why we don't. We talk about everything else, but not this."



Members of the Dirt Road Divas, a women's running club based in Canton, will host a July 30 run through Canton to raise awareness and cash to support the Post Partum Support Group of Michigan.

Hughes started the running group before her youngest daughter, 14-month-old Ava, was even thought of. The women - 51 in all - meet regularly to run and talk and share some time for themselves and their health. The physical activity helped her deal with the stress of motherhood and the depression, but she also found that the more she talked with her running buddies, the more she realized she is not alone.

Hughes was at first secretive about her depression. She felt ashamed and was so exhausted that she felt like she wasn't being a very good mother, she said. She wound up confiding in her running club friends (though she admitted not having discussed the depression yet with her mother), and found out that about half of the women she talked to in her running group either had experienced post partum depression themselves or knew someone who had.

Hughes was able to find a good psychologist, and the support group in Ann Arbor, and is managing the depression now, but that wasn't always the case.

They tell you to see a psychologist, but there really is no one to refer you to. It's no wonder that so many women are suffering alone," she said.

To help raise awareness about resources, the Dirt Road Divas decided to run for a cause, and organized the Pounding Pavement & Dirt for Post Partum Depression run at the end of this month.

"Post partum depression is one area that has never been covered when it comes to events like this," said Dirt Road Diva Kristen Brant, a Canton mother of three who also suffered with the effects of post partum depression. In just this group, we've all participated in runs for cancer, leukemia and heart disease, but there are no events for this.

It's awareness that the group hopes to raise - even more than the money, which will help buy supplies for the Post Partum Depression Support Group, a totally self-sustaining group which is free for its members to use.

"We need for people to be able to talk about this," said Brant. "This is as much for the husbands, the friends and the relatives of the women who

have post partum depression as it is for the people who are depressed. They need to know there is help out there."

Though Dana Beck of Livonia did not have post partum depression, the mother of three feels sad for those who have.

It's just so unexpected, and once you have it, post partum depression is so hard to deal with, Beck said. "People can be so critical and they tell women to snap out of it. But you can't just snap out of it without help. You can't just fix yourself."

For more information about the Pounding Pavement & Dirt for Post Partum Depression 5k, 10k and 25k walk and run, e-mail Christine Hughes at echughes96@yahoo.com, or visit the Web site at cantonconnection.fcstorm.net. The run will be at 7:30 a.m. Saturday July 30 and will start and finish at Independence Park in Canton, at the corner of Denton and Proctor roads.

For more information about the Post Partum Support International group, contact Melisa Schuster at (734) 302-0033.

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Giveaway days aim to spotlight Ann Arbor Road

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Driving 45 mph in either direction along Ann Arbor Road, it's easy for drivers — and potential shoppers — to miss many of the stores and businesses that make up that corridor.

Members of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's Ann Arbor Road committee recognized that fact, and wanted a plan to bring more recognition — and, obviously, more business — to those businesses.

What they came up with is an eight-day giveaway festival they've dubbed 'Ann Arbor Road Days,' which take place July 16-24 at more than 40 businesses along the corridor.

People don't recognize there's a lot of shopping and businesses available on Ann Arbor Road," said Pat Pulkownik, who manages the PMC Center on Ann Arbor Road and chairs the Ann Arbor Road committee. "We hope to make it a week that people will be drawn to some of the things they normally drive right past."

"At 45 miles an hour, you don't see everything, she added. "With flags and balloons waving, people take a look."

Participating businesses encompass a wide variety of fields, from real estate to banks, from sporting goods to restaurants. Most of them will be handing out some sort of discounts, but many will be giving things away.

Some businesses will be doing extra activities. For instance, Keller Williams Realty is taking the opportunity to host its grand opening from noon-5 p.m. Saturday, with a barbecue and a DJ, face painting, free health screenings, a moon bounce and

children's identification kits, among other attractions.

And at Greko Printing (on Ann Arbor Road next to Boulder's Restaurant), owner Tony Grech is bringing in a few carnival rides and some live entertainment Friday-Sunday, July 22-24. Grech said there will be some 7-9 carnival rides plus three local bands, including Bennie and the Jets and the Bonnie Rocket all-female band. Grech was also trying to land Plymouth's own Sarah Lenore to do a set.

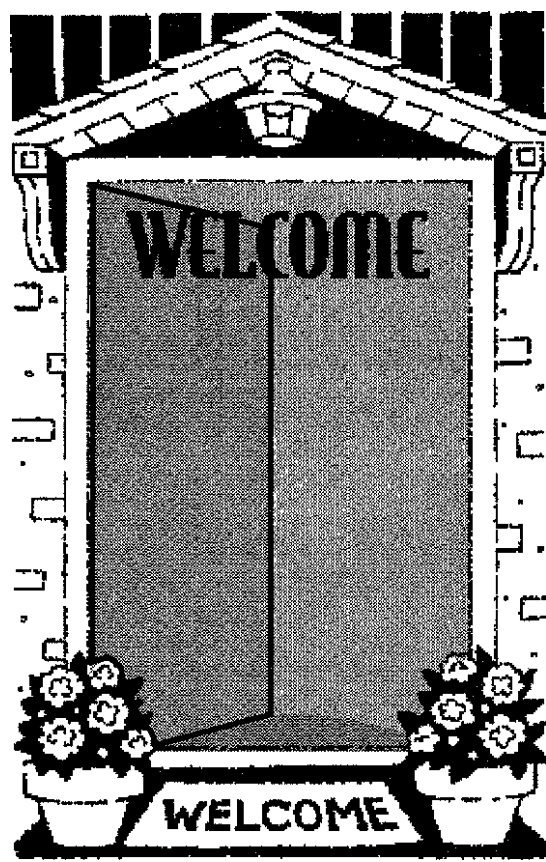
Discounted wrist-bands will be sold for the carnival rides, but Grech is providing the other entertainment free of charge. Detroit Piston guard Lindsay Hunter, who lives in Plymouth, will be on hand to receive a 'Hometown Hero' award, Grech said.

"We started out wanting to do some free entertainment, and it just turned into this," Grech said. "I've been in Plymouth 20 years, and Plymouth has been awesome to me. They've always supported me, so I try to give back, and this is a perfect opportunity to do that."

Participants can pick up a coupon sheet from any of the participating businesses. Shoppers who get the sheet validated at 10 different participating businesses will be eligible for a grand-prize drawing, including a red-white-and-blue scooter courtesy Canton Scooters of Plymouth.

"This is the first time we've ever done anything like this," said Fran Toney, executive director of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. "The businesses are really getting into the spirit. We're hoping everyone will ask, 'When are you doing it again?'"

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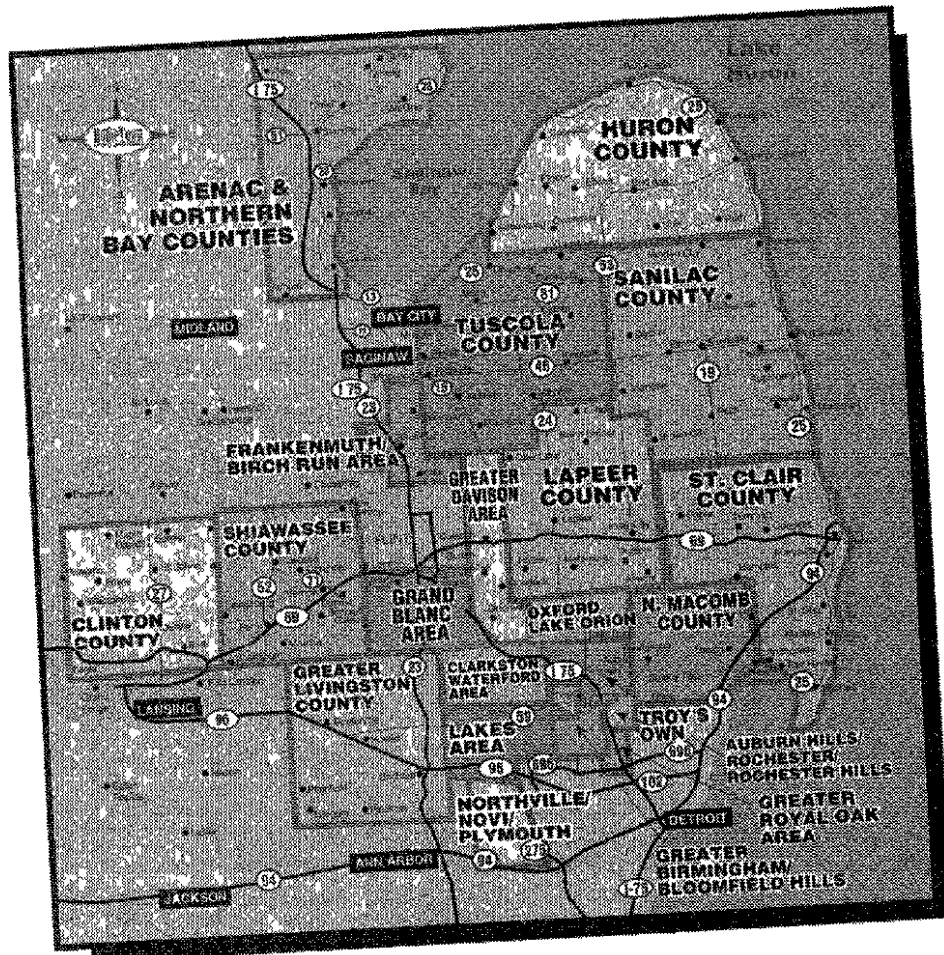
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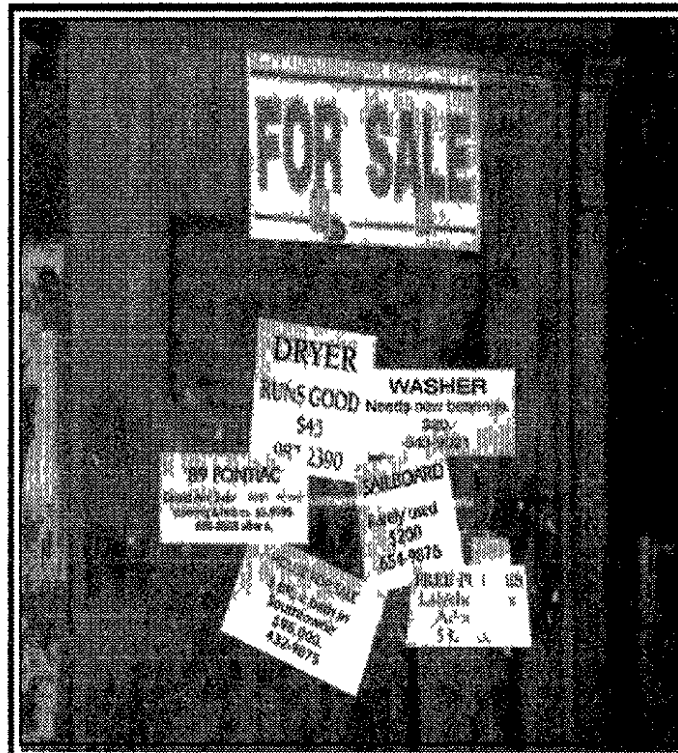
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- Rimsky Korsakov's Capriccio Espagnol and Ginastera's Danzas Del Ballet Estancia
- Nov 12 Made in America 8 p.m. OLGC Features Normal Fischer on cello and composer Joan Tower
- Dec 3-4 2005 Nutcracker Ballet times to be announced
- Salem High Auditorium Performance featuring Plymouth Canton Ballet Company artistic director Dawn Greene and Judge Ron

Lowe as guest narrator for Twas the Night Before Christmas

- Feb 11 Beethoven & Friends 8 p.m. OLGC Jeffery Zook piccolo Lowell Liebermann composer and Celebration Strings and Middle School String Orchestra
- March 11 The Planets Music of the Spheres 8 p.m. OLGC Features Plymouth Counsellors Youth Chorale Susan Lindquist director Ann Arbor Youth Chorale Dr Richard Ingram director
- April 28, Pops Dinner Auction, Sounds of the Silver Screen 6 p.m. Laurel Manor Includes music from *The Sound of Music To Kill a Mocking Bird Batman Dances with Wolves Prince of Thieves Lord of the Rings* and others

SYMPHONY

FROM PAGE A1

Librarian and youth artist competition coordinator for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. In the past, we had directors who knew nothing about the community, and had to take time to learn about the people."

Philpot-Munson, 33, a Plymouth native, is a 1989 graduate of Canton High School and a 1995 graduate of the University of California-Berkeley who got her master's degree in anthropology at the University of Chicago in 1998.

However, she grew up around the arts, as her mother is an artist and musician, and Philpot-Munson played classical piano for 13 years.

She replaces Angela Han, who had been PSS executive director since November 2003. Han leaves in August to pursue graduate studies in arts administration at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Many associated with the Plymouth Symphony are hoping Philpot-Munson can attract a younger demographic to concerts.

"The goal this year is to get the message out, increase participation and audience base, said Philpot-Munson. "We'll be looking at increasing our brand awareness and refreshing our image."

A lot of people who are transplants to Plymouth don't know what the Plymouth Symphony has to offer, she said. "We're looking to attract the culturally aware, those people who are DSO (Detroit Symphony Orchestra) subscribers, who don't know the talent we have locally with (conductor and music director) Nan Washburn."

Washburn said she's thrilled with the possibilities Philpot-Munson brings to the PSS.

"We need to be more viable in the community and be out more with the public, said Washburn of collaborations with community groups and organizations. "Certainly, with what Jennifer has done with the Friends of the Penn and growing up in Plymouth, she has such a great feel for the community."

Philpot-Munson, who is the chair of Friends of the Penn, said she will - for the present time - remain in that position,



Jennifer Philpot-Munson (center), shown here with Penn Theater supporters Michael Hatsios and Elaine Altridge, is the new executive director of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

and doesn't see any conflicts. "Not at all, this is really a great alliance," said Philpot-Munson. "We work with some of the same people in the community service organizations, nonprofits, the city commission. I consider it something that is mutually beneficial."

The Friends of the Penn eventually wants to use the theater as a venue for old movies and community arts center. However, Philpot-Munson doesn't see the symphony moving from its current Our Lady of Good Counsel location to the Penn.

"Unfortunately, the Penn is too small a venue for the PSO," she said. "But, a small arrangement - like chamber music and youth performances - could perform there."

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday August 8 2005 in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 S Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT (05-1)

Consider Canton Township initiated amendment to the following articles:

Article 2.00 - General Provisions

Section 2.10D.4 - Amend language to Design Requirements relative to Private Roads or Streets and amend adding an asphalt cross section for private roads

Article 21A.00 - Light Industrial Research District - LI R

Section 21A.02 - Establish secondary retail and service use as a permitted principal use

Article 21.00 - Light Industrial District - LI 1

Section 21.02A - Establish secondary retail and service use as a permitted principal use

Section 21.02B - Delete secondary retail and service use as a special land use

Section 21.02B.7 - Add language to establish a canine training facility as a special land use

Article 16.02 - Community Commercial District - C 2

Section 16.02B.9 - Add language to establish a canine training facility as a special land uses and pet day care

Article 17.00 - Regional Commercial District - C-3

Section 17.02B.12 - Add language to establish a canine training facility as a special land uses and pet day care

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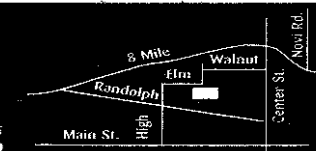
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Plymouth professor picks up honor

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The PECASE award is the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. Government on scientists and engineers who are in the early stages of their careers. Gavin was among 58 recipients — 20 like him who were nominated by the National Science Foundation and 38 others nominated by other government agencies. He is the only professor from Michigan to receive the award this year.

"These presidential awardees are the young people who will lead our nation's progress in science and engineering as they leap the fences, cross the boundaries and build

the blocks of new and exciting areas of science," said Arden L. Bement, Jr., NSF director. "They also pass on to many students their imaginative thinking, built into creative educational activities, a form of leadership that can influence career choices and help invigorate the science and engineering enterprise."

Gavin received the award for his innovative research in physics theory related to the Big Bang. His research involves data from experiments conducted at a large "atom smasher" called RHIC at the federal government's Brookhaven National Laboratory in Long Island, NY.

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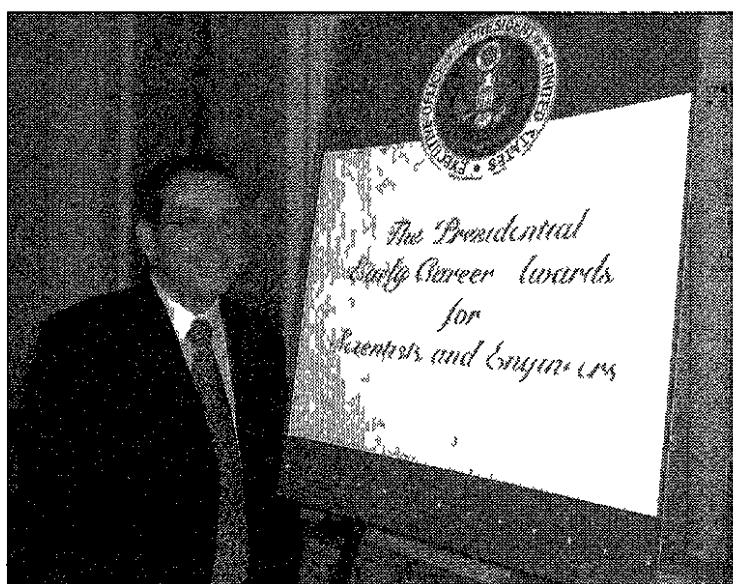
Sean Gavin of Plymouth, shown here outside the White House during a trip to Washington, D.C., recently picked up the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

of the universe. Gavin's research analyzes these collisions to look for evidence of quark gluon plasma, the same state of matter thought to exist

shortly after the Big Bang. He also developed a community outreach project tied to his research that will train K-12 teachers to help students better understand scientific theories in a historical and social context.

"As a child, I was captivated by the human drama of scientific research portrayed in popular books like 'The Double Helix' and in stories about Einstein, the Manhattan Project and Marie Curie," said Gavin, explaining his reason for developing a training course for teachers.

"But growing up in lower-middle class Manhattan, I somehow found those inspiring books by myself, not in school. In recent years, that got me to thinking about how I, as a university educator, could bring the excitement of science to similarly disadvantaged



Sean Gavin of Plymouth just before he picked up his Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers presented by President Bush.

children in urban Detroit. Gavin, who lives in Plymouth with his wife, Kara, earned a bachelor's degree in physics from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, and both a master's and Ph.D. in physics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has been a member of the physics faculty at Wayne State since 1998 and is currently an associate professor.

AUDIT

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should be combined with a strategy discussion by the township board, and a discussion of alternative methods of raising revenue and paying for services.

Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said the township's problems can be traced more to a drop in revenue than any increase in expenditures. Since 2001, revenue in the township has dropped more than \$700,000, while expenses are up just \$300,000.

One of the bigger drops has come in building permits and license fees, which have dropped more than \$500,000 since 2001.

"We're built out," Edwards said of building revenue. "I've been telling the same story for months, and it hasn't changed. Revenues are declining more quickly than expenses are rising. Every time we turn around, a revenue source is declining."

The decline in revenue is making it harder for the township to subsidize its \$8 million police/fire budgets, which is why the township is asking voters for a 1.63-mill renewal and a .5631 increase for its police/fire millage Aug. 2. Public safety expenditures in

2004 were \$7.8 million, up more than \$800,000 from 2001.

"Police and fire costs are rising rapidly, but we've been able to balance that in other departments," Edwards said. "But that's getting harder to do as revenues decrease."

The \$13 million township hall project has also been a drain on the township's cash flow, a problem Edwards said will be corrected when the existing township complex property is sold. That is likely to come after the construction of the new hall is complete, however.

Auditors suggested the township consider alternatives such as external financing or borrowing from the water/sewer fund to help bridge the gap between construction of the new hall and sale of the existing property.

But Edwards said the township has done a cash-flow analysis, and predicts that, while things are going to be tight, the township should make it through 2005.

"It looks like we're going to be fine," he said. "It's been very tight, and we still have to pay our bills. It's going to be close, but we're making it."

Link establishes European connection

Link Engineering of Plymouth announced the establishment of Link Europe GmbH, a new member of the Link family of companies. Company officials say was established to "focus all of our sales, testing services, and support activities in Europe. With growing sales in the region, it is crucial that we provide the same level of support to our customers there as we are noted for in all other regions of the world."

The general manager for Link Europe is Michael Rohde, who comes to Link from Federal-Mogul, where he worked in the areas of testing and project management. His six years of experience at Federal-Mogul and eight years of experience at Lucas Automotive "provide a wealth of experience that will assist him in providing outstanding service to our customers in Europe," Link officials said. Rohde will work closely with

Denis Rhode, who has worked with Link for years on many projects in the region, to support Link customers throughout Europe. Both have extensive testing experience. Denis also has extensive NVH expertise.

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DISTRICT

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Department of Education, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has jumped to the sixth-largest district in the state, with an audited enrollment of 174,899 students in general, special and adult education.

Plymouth-Canton surpassed Dearborn, which has 174,700 students, and is on the heels of Livonia Public Schools, which has an enrollment audited at 178,848.

Bob Hayes, director of student services, said the state collects official data on the fourth Wednesday in September and the second Wednesday in February, as well as an onsite audit of students.

"I'd be willing to bet we will overtake Livonia, which has been losing students," Hayes said.

FILLING UP

Plymouth-Canton Community Schools has become the sixth largest school district in the state, according to 2003-04 figures available from the Michigan Department of Education. The top nine districts are:

District	Enrollment
Detroit School District	153,034
Utica Community Schools	28,849
Gr Rapids Public Schools	22,401
Flint City School District	20,028
Livonia Public Schools	17,848
Plymouth-Canton Schools	17,489
Dearborn City Schools	17,470
Lansing Public Schools	16,780
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OUR VIEWS

Policy not road to name selling

In the wake of the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education's decision to implement a policy that would allow the board to consider selling the naming rights to its facilities, we say

Calm down, people!

With the amount of media attention this story has gotten — a crew from *Good Morning America* was reportedly in town last week — you'd think the district was ready to start tagging its schools with everything from Cheetos to Pepsi.

And when media attention focuses on such a small part of an issue, it's easy for that issue to get blown out of proportion, which is what we believe has happened here in "Renaming-gate." The board has debated this kind of policy for a number of years, so this isn't new news. However, media outlets which don't cover the district regularly find this one nugget "sexy" and splash it all over the place as if it were fresh.

We don't like the idea of naming our schools after corporations any more than anyone else. But take a closer look at the issue, and what is revealed is a conscious decision by a cash-strapped school district to look at methods — any methods — by which it can infuse its budget with some much-needed capital.

The state Legislature has proven it will be no help in procuring significant additional school funding. With a languishing economy, state sales tax and lottery revenues are down. And there appears to be no real interest, in Lansing or anywhere else, to change Proposal A.

The political reality of public school funding leaves districts with no choice but to come up with "out of the box" ways to find money. The board simply decided to have a policy in place "in case corporate money becomes available."

Of course, approving the policy places the district on a potentially slippery slope. Development director Tom Sklut figures it'll be up to five years before any money is seen from the public sector, but what if McDonald's comes to Canton next year and wants the new elementary to be called "Mc-Cherry Hill?"

Sklut said the policy allows the board to consider such offers, it doesn't require acceptance. He also said part of the board's direction is to pursue options such as alumni funding and sponsorships of individual facilities, like baseball fields or gymnasiums, and programs.

Obviously, we'd prefer the school district didn't start handing out building names to any corporation which drafts a check. We also trust board members to protect the integrity of the district.

But with so little help coming from Lansing, it's tough to blame them for trying to find solutions to the district's problems. It is, after all, what they were elected to do.

Nonprofits can learn from new United Way

Earlier this year, the boards of United Way Community Services and United Way of Oakland County did something to strengthen and sustain the work of the United Way mission for years to come. Board members voted themselves out of a job in order to create a new United Way which serves all of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties (with the exception of Plymouth, which continues to have its own United Way).

It took leadership and commitment to develop the new model. It meant that many leaders of business, labor, government, education and human services had to look beyond their own small community and/or personal and professional interests and reach out to create a more focused, regional organization that will impact the region for years to come.

The new organization — United Way for Southeastern Michigan — is more than a fund-raising organization. The new United Way is committed to measurable, sustainable community change for years to come.

Bigger is not automatically better, but we believe the new organization has the focus, talent and organizational structure to effectively and efficiently serve southeast Michigan. The new leadership has taken the best of both and created a new organization that will strengthen some very practical services needed in the tri-county area.

One of those is a new 24/7 call center which will offer comprehensive information and referral services on health and human service needs. The center is expected to launch by the end of the year.

The best is yet to come for the greater community and region as a result of the new United Way.



LETTERS

Legion thanks

On behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, Beasley-Zalesny Unit 112, we would like to thank the many people who generously donated close to \$3,000 during our recent poppy drive. These poppies are handmade by hospitalized veterans and the money that was donated is used exclusively to help local veterans and their families.

Also, our appreciation to Farmer Jack, Busch's and Leo's Coney Island for allowing our presence in front of their stores during the poppy drive. Amazingly, many people had no idea what the significance of the poppies was or the importance of the role that our veterans have had in maintaining our way of life.

It was very refreshing to talk to a couple of men who happened to be from England and France. In their countries they celebrate with a national holiday, so grateful are they still to those men who helped liberate their countries.

I was proud to tell them my uncle had been part of that Normandy invasion. It would be nice if we could all share the deep sense of appreciation these men still have for the sacrifices that were made on their behalf!

Eunice Taylor
Plymouth

Facts aren't 'sexy'

It's time someone stood up for the school board and the superintendent regarding their decision to decline the housing committee's recommendation to send Rolling Oaks and Heather Hills subdivisions to Farrand Elementary.

Unlike all members of the housing committee, Dr. Ryan and the board did not feel that the proposed move offered a true long-term solution to the overcrowding situation and in fact agreed that it simply shifted the problem to Farrand Elementary.

For many of the following reasons, they felt the proposal was short-sighted:

- Farrand would lose both art and music rooms to accommodate us, yet the No. 1 "want" in the bond proposal, developed by citizens, was to add 17 classrooms to existing elementary schools to put back permanent art and music classrooms.

- We were moved back to Bird from Farrand when enrollment reached 508 students. With this move, Farrand, using the HC's enrollment projections, would have been back up to 500 students. When would we be moved again?

- Fifty-two percent of the children involved in the move were from grades 3-5 where no overcrowding existed at Bird based on the HC's projections. Why move these children? Why not consider overflow when class size limits are exceeded, as is done in seven of 15 elementary schools?

- Fourteen out of 15 elementary schools are overcrowded and a new school will open in '06-'07. Shouldn't a

district-wide redistricting happen in the near future and, if so, will our children be moved again (for the fourth time)?

- Isn't it time to consider why more than 500 pre-K students are housed in elementary schools when such severe overcrowding exists?

I know this isn't as sexy to read as "whispers in hallways" or supposed letters stating that Farrand Elementary shouldn't even be allowed in the district. Unfortunately, facts don't lie.

Truth be told, the superintendent and the school board met personally with us because we were never given the opportunity to meet with the Housing Committee to discuss the proposals we worked so hard to develop in the 10 days we were given.

We asked repeatedly to sit down with the Housing Committee in an open forum and were denied. If this is the hostile and unrelenting method directed at the HC which Ms. Goeke refers to, shame on her if she wouldn't ask for the same. If they felt so strongly that their proposal was sound, why deny us the opportunity to debate the issue?

Hulsing was chosen as an alternative because they are the only elementary school under capacity and it currently utilizes five classrooms for pre-K. A teacher from Bird would have been moved, not because Hulsing teachers aren't good enough, rather because one entire classroom would have moved and an additional teacher was needed. Again, not sexy, just fact.

As for maligning our community, we've been called elitist snobs with condescending attitudes who talk about Farrand children and school in disrespectful terms. I personally told a reporter from this newspaper the two best teachers my daughter ever had were at Farrand and the trailer park kids should be going to Bird because of their extensive bus ride.

Guess it wasn't sexy because he chose not to print it. As for elitist, those other Bird parents still pointing fingers at us because we're still attending "their" school driving up classroom sizes should take a look at all other elementary schools. Oh yeah, they don't care about those "other schools, who's the elitist here?"

As for Mr. Coleman, current enrollment projections provided at the June 14 board meeting indicate that no classroom at Bird elementary will exceed the district limit and no child will be faced with being bused to another school as you mentioned. Thankfully, Dr. Ryan was brave enough to recommend alternative solutions to the school board, which it accepted as a short-term solution until a district-wide long-term solution can be developed. I applaud its decision!

Gary Winkler
Rolling Oaks homeowner

No tickets

Why no tickets?

Many of the streets around downtown Plymouth during Art in the Park were clearly posted "No Parking, Police Order." Yet, on Friday afternoon I observed block after block of parked vehicles in violation of the order with no evidence of enforcement.

The city clearly missed an opportunity for revenue and it did not ensure the safety of the citizens and art fair patrons.

Dale Phillips
Plymouth

Good police

I am writing this letter reference a very positive experience I just had with the Plymouth Township Police Department.

On Thursday, July 7, my family and I had gone to bed thinking the house was secure for the night. At around 11:45 p.m. I was woken up by a knock on my door. I went to the front door to find an officer from Plymouth Township P.D. on my steps.

The officer was driving down my street and he saw my garage door open. Apparently when we tried to shut the door earlier it hit something and reversed and we never noticed it didn't shut. The officer saw the door open and he stopped to let us know.

I don't believe every officer who notices an open garage door would stop and notify the homeowner, but this one did. My wife's car was unlocked and we had numerous items in the garage. The open door was an open invitation to steal from the car or the garage. Getting woken up to be informed about the door was far better than waking up in the morning and calling 9-1-1 to report a theft.

With the millage coming up next month, I feel the voters should be aware of how important it is that we support the police department that we have. We have an excellent police department that provides exceptional service and protection. We can't afford to lose that. Vote yes on the millage August 2.

Sean Furlong
Plymouth

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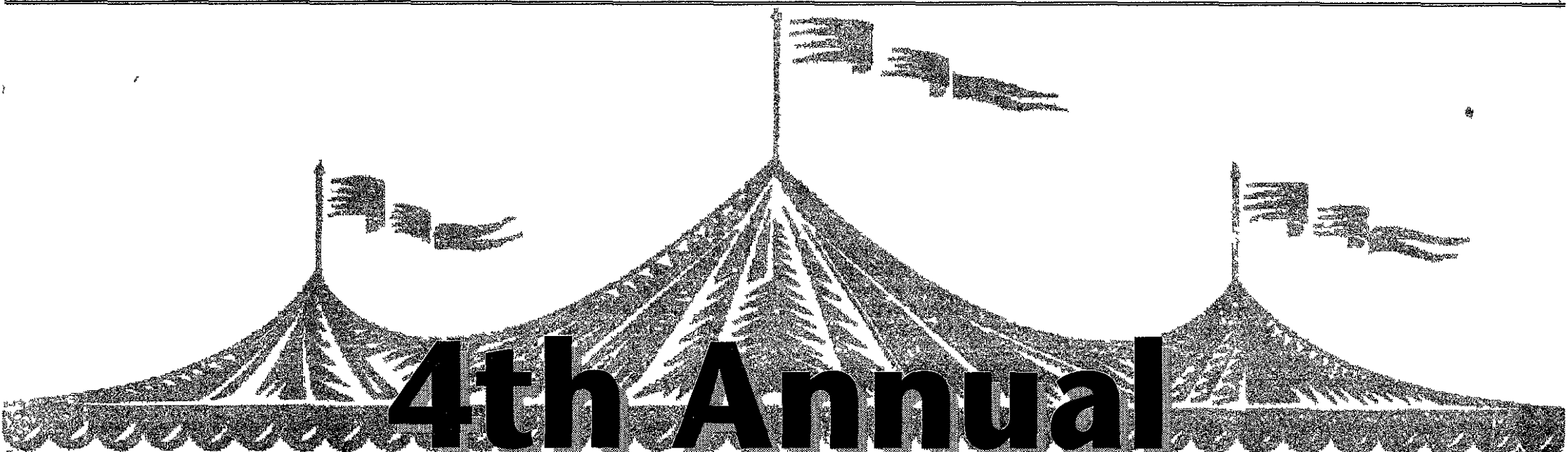
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— Nan Washburn, symphony conductor, on the success the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra has had in incorporating contemporary music in its programming.

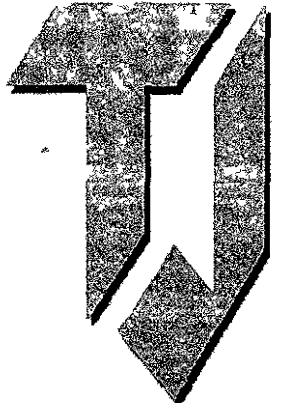


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Have a cool cut during hot weather

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

So you're a little hot about your lawn looking burned? With the weather so hot this summer, what can you do? Should you even water when the thermometer hits 90 degrees so many days in a row?

Sure, says Gary Eichen, plant health manager for Mike's Tree Surgeons in Troy. "You can do it two ways. If you haven't been watering, you can let the lawn slide into dormancy or you can put a little on to prevent the grass from dying."

Grasses grown in Michigan can handle a significant amount of heat. Dormancy is a natural process.

If you do water, you don't need much, as Eichen dispelled some of the watering "rules."

People tell you to water deeply once or twice a week for the grass to be watered thoroughly and that's just not true," Eichen said. Grass spreads its roots around, so all it needs is a little watering 15 to 20 minutes a day, preferably earlier in the day.

Watering should be done between 9 and 11 a.m. or 2 and 4 p.m., Eichen said.

If you water at night, all that excess water has been sitting overnight, Eichen said. Kentucky bluegrass is susceptible to leaf diseases, and sitting water can create conditions that make that grass more susceptible.

Mowing is most important to lawn maintenance. The blades of grass should be 3 to 3 1/2 inches and cut with a sharp blade.

When you mow as high as possible, you are protecting the plant from stress."

PLEASE SEE **LAWN, B4**

Tips on watering

Below are some watering tips from the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority. (The report came from information gathered by SOCWA's Healthy Lawn and Garden Technical Advisory Committee, with members from Wayne and Oakland counties.)

■ Home lawns in Michigan require 1/2 inch to 1 1/2 inches of water per week.

Dr. Joe Vargas of the pesticide research laboratory at Michigan State University completed research that found that light frequent watering can reach grass roots, but that differs from traditional recommendations in garden books for infrequent deep watering.

■ Light frequent watering cools the grass and reduces stress. When grass is watered every other day, it typically won't be water-logged or prone to disease, but will maintain an active biological system on the soil surface.

■ If there is no rain, the lawn should be watered for 30-40 minutes every other day. (This regimen should help with water

conservation when the Detroit water system imposes watering restrictions.) If you water daily only a 15- to 20-minute watering is needed.

■ Grass roots are short (less than 4 inches long), so any excess water is lost to the system and is a waste. The length of the grass roots is determined by growing conditions the season of the year and soil conditioning - not just by the amount of water received.

■ The best time to water is between noon and 4 p.m. when the grass is under the most stress. Watering late in the day isn't encouraged, because evening moisture may encourage disease.

Watering at any time of day (when needed) is better than not watering at all. Establish a watering routine and follow it.

■ Watering lightly after fertilizing helps carry nutrients to the root structure, where they can be gradually used to support plant growth. When light watering follows fertilization, fertilizer moves into the soil and doesn't usually run off into storm sewers, lakes, streams or groundwater.

A list for the lawn

- Let short grass blades fall back onto the lawn.
- Use a sharp mower blade. A dull blade will tear grass and provide an entry for diseases. Sharpen the blade at least twice a year - more if possible.
- Mow when the grass is dry.
- Keep the mower deck clean. Wash the mower's underside after each use. A clogged deck won't mulch or discharge properly.
- If clippings are visible five or six days after mowing, mow more frequently. You may need to cut at intervals of four or five days during the rapid spring growing season.
- When grass is mowed tall, it grows more slowly and therefore needs less frequent cutting. Taller grass experiences less stress when it is cut because it still has ample foliage surface.
- Tall grass grows more slowly, needs less water, needs less fertilizer, reduces weeds and has fewer insect problems.
- Growing tall grass encourages deeper roots. More roots, in turn, help the grass store water and resist drought. Tall grass also shades the soil, reducing evaporation and cooling the crowns of grass plants.
- In contrast, shorter grass means shorter roots that require more water and nutrients to compensate for what they cannot obtain directly.
- Increased grass length provides more leaf (grass blade) surface for photosynthesis. Increasing the height of the grass by 1/8 inch results in more than 300 square feet of more leaf surface for each 1,000 square feet of lawn.

Accents

New site

Michigan Design Center has launched its all-new Web site, www.michigandesign.com.

MDC, which serves the design professional, is at 1700 Stutz Drive in Troy, north off Maple between Crooks and Coolidge.

The site includes a searchable database of showroom information, such as product categories, manufacturer line listings, and basic contact information for each showroom in the building.

The site also includes online appointment scheduling for Designer on Call, MDC's consumer outreach program that offers a complimentary one-hour consultation with a professional interior designer on site at the design center.

Among other elements are an online event calendar for both trade members and consumers, online registration features for special events, leasing information for prospective tenants, and a features section.

Consumers interested in products from MDC showrooms may call Designer on Call toll-free at (888) DIAL-MDC between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or visit the Web site.

For art's sake

James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features, have suggestions about keeping your framed paintings clean.

"Whether at the Louvre in Paris or in your own home, in cleaning art, don't squirt cleaner directly on the glass because it could seep under the edge and ruin the painting beneath it," they write. Instead of spraying furniture polish on the frame, spray it on a cloth and then wipe the frame, otherwise you'll get the polish on the painting, they write.

Tree and bulb sale

The ordering period for the annual Fall Tree Seeding and Spring Tulip Bulb Sale of the Oakland Conservation District will take place during the month of August.

For order forms and pictures of the trees and bulbs offered through the sale, visit the district's Web site, www.oakland-cd.org. For order forms and a catalog, call the district's office at (248) 673-4496. Pickup dates will be 1-5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1.

Ignore media-center glitches and enjoy ultimate home theater



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Last week I wrote about the downside of adopting a media-center PC, a computer that takes the place of your VCR, digital video recorder (DVR), stereo, DVD player, and CD changer.

Now for the good news. Although putting Windows in charge of your entertainment center is riskier than a night at the roulette table, the benefits mostly outweigh the hassles.

I'm speaking in particular of computers equipped with the Windows XP Media Center

Edition 2005 operating system (also known as MCE). I've knocked Windows a lot over the years, but this is one stellar interface. It's attractive, easy to use, and packed with great features.

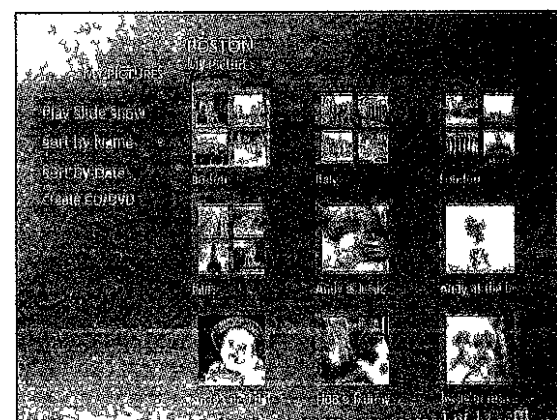
For instance, suppose you want to see photos of your recent vacation. Just slide your camera's memory card into the PC, and in a few seconds you'll be treated to a gorgeous full-screen slideshow, complete with Ken Burns-style pans and zooms.

If you're into music, you'll love

MCE's jukebox capabilities. It not only plays your entire MP3 and WMA library, but also lets you stream Internet radio. Prefer FM radio? Most systems can tune in local stations.

There's even a plug-in for Napster that gives subscribers easy access to the service's million-plus song library.

MCE also offers some killer DVR features. For starters, you don't have to pay any fees for the elec-



The superb Windows XP Media Center Edition 2005 interface gives couch potatoes many reasons to stay put.

PLEASE SEE **BROIDA, B4**

GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

Water gardens
The Michigan Kot and Pond Club's eighth annual Pond Tour will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday July 16 featuring eight ponds clustered in Birmingham, Bloomfield and Bingham Farms. The tour will start at the Conant Elementary School parking lot, 4100 W. Quarton Road, off the west side of Telegraph between Maple (15 Mile) and Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-15. Advance tickets and tour booklets are available at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 N. Merriman between Ford and Warren roads in Westland (phone

(734) 421-5959) and The Pond Place, 3505 W. Highland Road in Milford (phone (248) 889-8400). For more information, call Bruce Modetz at (734) 425-7490 or visit www.mkpc.se.com. Proceeds from the event will be donated to local charities.
Open Days
Seven private gardens in Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Bloomfield Village will be open to the public as part of The Garden Conservancy's Open Days program 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday July 17. Call The Garden Conservancy toll free at (888) 842-2442 for information.
Garden City
The Garden City Garden Club will host

the 12th annual Garden City Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday July 23, rain or shine. Tickets are \$6 and may be bought at Garden City City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt at Barson's Greenhouse, 6414 N. Merriman, and from club members. Tickets will also be sold at each home and the Garden City Historical Museum, 6221 Merriman, the day of the walk. For more information, call Paula Reich at (734) 525-2524 or Cheryl Guck at (734) 525-7299. The self-guided tour will feature seven beautiful gardens, including five ponds. Refreshments will be available along with a bake sale at one home.

Home theater is possible, even with moderate budget

Theresa of Canton asks "We are finishing our basement and are considering putting in a home theater. What things should we consider and should a home theater even be an option when working with a moderate budget?" You can absolutely have a home theater on a moderate budget. It is important that you make wise decisions during construction and with your final electronics equipment.



Design Solutions
Terri Guastella

on the Internet about this subject.

Now that your equipment is selected, you need to address the acoustics of the room. Remember that hard surfaces reflect sound and this reflection can distort the dialogue and make the sound effects harsh. Since your home theater will be located in the basement, I would recommend that you carpet the floor and have acoustic ceiling tiles installed. The walls can be constructed of traditional drywall, but you should consider insulating the walls around the home theater room. If possible, you may want to insulate the ceiling as well. If your budget allows, acoustic fabric panels can be hung on the walls to further absorb sound waves.

The television should be front and center, and at eye level, so that no viewer strains his or her neck to see. The speakers will sound better when they are on stands or mounted on the wall, rather than set atop bookshelves or cabinets. The three front speakers should form a line with the TV, parallel to the seating area, with the two rear speakers positioned opposite each other on either side of the listeners, slightly above ear level. Again, the specifics of your exact system should be discussed and laid out with an electronics home theater professional.

You should make your home theater feel like the real thing or as close to it as possible. A nice feature to add in a home theater is a tiered or stair-stepped floor, which allows people sitting in the back row to have an unobstructed view of the television over the viewers in the front row. This can be done in a basement with standard height ceilings.

Prior to carpeting, you can have a platform built that is large enough to accommodate your back row seating and with enough walking space to get in and out of your seat. This platform needs to be about 7 inches high and you should have the platform carpeted like the floor. This gives even a small home theater room a big-theater feel.

When choosing your seating, many manufacturers offer the reclining theater seats just for the home theater market. You can also choose to do two reclining sofas. This is a great option and for less money than theater seats. Recliners are not a must, some people just prefer comfortable, standard club chairs. This is a personal choice and you need to think about how you and your family like to watch movies when making this decision. You can go to www.thisoldhouse.com and type "theater chair" in the search box for more ideas.

Another consideration for your home theater is lighting. In a small area, I would recommend two switches. One switch is for recessed lights, located up by the equipment. This will need to give you adequate light for locating the perfect DVD or plugging in the newest video system. The other light should operate wall-mounted sconces that go around the perimeter of the room. It is imperative that this switch should be on a dimmer to only allow as much light as you need. In a larger room, you may want to consider a third switch that would operate perimeter rope lighting at the floor.

There are many choices in lighting for home theaters, but you need to keep flexibility in mind when choosing your lighting. This is not a place for fluorescent fixtures. Your lighting needs may change in this room depending on the movie being viewed and that is where dimmer switches can offer this flexibility.

Throughout this entire process, remember that the success of your home theater does not lie in the most expensive equipment, but rather how comfortable and enjoyable your new home theater is.

Good luck and pass the popcorn!

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella with your questions at exclusiveinteriordesign@hotmail.com.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Landscaping
English Gardens hosts free seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays at all six stores including locations in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), Royal Oak/Troy (phone (248) 280-9500) and Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900). Landscaping Ideas will be the topic July 20. The right landscaping can increase the value of your home by 15 percent. Learn how to create a workable outdoor area and add color to your yard and garden. English Gardens' seasonal favorites and proper planting tips to ensure your success will be featured. Pests and Other Plant Problems will be the topic July 27. Learn about some common problems that occur during the gardening season. A bevy of solutions will be provided.

of France, including Paris vest pocket and public gardens, the fabled gardens of Giverney and Villandry, the Rothschild Garden and Le Val Rahméd, and learn design lessons that can be used in Michigan gardens. In French Gardens, a class offered at The Community House in Birmingham. The class will take place Wednesday July 20. Fee is \$42. The Community House is at 380 S. Bates. To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. Instructor Pam Palechek owns and operates Petal Pushers and has been designing and maintaining commercial and residential gardens and landscapes for 20 years. She has been a senior instructor with the Michigan School of Gardening since its inception.

noon, come prepared with questions. Refreshments will be available and children may meet Tailgate the Clown. Thousands of hybrid daylilies are now in bloom, as well as a large variety of perennials. All plants are 20 percent off.

Summer celebration
Tollgate Gardens' fourth annual open house, A Summer Celebration, will take place 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday July 16. Tollgate Gardens, at Michigan State University's Tollgate Education Center and Cross Vine Quilting are presenting the free event. The MSU Tollgate Education Center is at 28115 Meadowbrook Road in Novi. Call (248) 347-3860 Ext. 212 for more information. More than 20 gardens, including rose, enabling children's and xeriscape, may be visited and more than 100 quilts will be on display in the gardens. The quilts, created by local artists, exhibit current and traditional trends, with a few antique quilts added to offer comparisons. Volunteers will be available throughout the gardens to answer questions and guide visitors.

Daylily dig
Merrittscape Inc. will have its annual Daylily Dig 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday Sunday July 16-17. You pick 'em, we dig 'em. Merrittscape Inc. is at 5940 Cooley Lake Road in Waterford. Call (248) 681-7955. Visit Merrittscape.com for directions. Daylily lectures will take place at

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Clean the condenser frequently to extend the life of refrigerator

A few days ago my wife Valorie purchased some ice cream and put it into the freezer section of our side-by-side refrigerator.

I always like to test the ice cream before I share it with my loved ones and that's exactly what I was doing when I noticed how easily I could remove it from the container. The ice cream scoop slid right through it without the usual difficulty. Normally the ice cream in our freezer section is as hard as a rock (Valorie always buys ice cream with a very low sugar content and that's why it gets frozen hard. The lower the sugar, the harder the freeze.)

On this day, I wondered why the ice cream was still frozen but not as hard as it should be. I noticed that the chute where the ice cubes travel to the dispenser on the front of the door was jammed with ice cubes. As I reached into this area from the inside of the door, I noticed that the ice cubes were all frozen together. That meant that the dispenser door on the front had not closed all the way

and allowed warm air to travel to the inside of the freezer. No wonder the ice cream was soft and I'll bet that refrigerator was running constantly for several hours.

I'm going to watch that door for the next few days or I may need to clean it with a Q-tip dipped in some alcohol. I listen for the flapper door to close after I get some ice cubes in a glass. It's a good habit to get into. I also expect to clean the condenser underneath the refrigerator. I know it's only been a few months since I did it last, but the temperature and humidity are so high right now that it just makes me think of how important a clean condenser is to the life of a refrigerator.

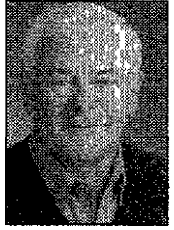
I always like to explain that a condenser on a refrigerator is similar to the radiator on a car. Air has to travel through it, and it removes the heat, or you will have an overheated engine. The condenser under the refrigerator is filled with dust, lint, animal hair and other things which can cause the compressor to burn out and also increase energy consumption during operation.

If that compressor burns out because you didn't clean the condenser, the amount of the repair costs will ensure you clean it from now on. It's a hard lesson to learn when you have to fork over near \$600 for a service call.

Here's how you clean it. Purchase a condenser brush from your local appliance parts store or hardware store. It's a long skinny brush that allows you to get into difficult areas. Pull the electrical plug on the refrigerator and get out the vacuum cleaner because you're going to use the crevice tool along with the condenser brush. Take off the front bottom kick panel on the refrigerator and this will allow you to get into the condenser tubing. Clean it as best you can and make sure you don't jam the fan blade on the condenser fan motor located on the back side of the refrigerator. If you haven't cleaned it in some years, it might be wise to pull out the refrigerator, remove the cardboard cover on the lower backside and clean it from the area as well. Be sure to put back into place the cardboard piece you removed. It is there to direct air into the proper movement.

Remember the cleaner the condenser, the longer the refrigerator will last you.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455 7281. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? Email your question to kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net and your question will be forwarded.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

HOME CALENDAR

Art collecting

Edsel & Eleanor Ford House president John Franklin Miller takes visitors on personally guided tours of the estate and discusses topics presented for the first time during Twilight Tours at the estate this summer. Ford House is at 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores. All Twilight Tours begin at 6:45 p.m. Reservations are required. Call (313) 884 4222.

The tour Wednesday July 20 includes refreshments on the home's terrace overlooking Lake St. Clair. Tour cost is \$15 per person. The Secrets Behind the Paintings Art Collecting in the Early 20th Century will be the topic July 20. Miller will delve into the secret stories and mysteries behind the great art at Ford House and the individuals who helped the Fords amass their collection. Lord Duveen, William Valentiner and Robert Hudson Tannahill Duveen famous as the rich man's dealer charmed the Fords into acquiring a distinguished collection of Italian and British Old Masters. Valentiner then director of the Detroit Institute of Arts served as a valued intermediary. Tannahill a cousin of Eleanor Ford was a distinguished connoisseur and collector who counseled the Fords in their acquisition of the important Impressionist and Post Impressionist paintings in their collection.

Kids pillow

Haberman Fabrics 905 S. Main in Royal Oak offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels.

Call (248) 541 0010 e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com in Kids Pillow Monday Wednesday July 25 27 youngsters ages 8-11 will learn fundamental sewing skills and sewing machine basics while making a simple square pillow. Fee is \$60 see the supply list for notions and supplies (all additional materials can be bought at the end of the first class session). Participants will have fun learning about fabrics applying trims and construction.

Meadow Brook Hall

Daily summer tours are offered to Aug 31 at Meadow Brook Hall on the Oakland University campus in Rochester. The summer tour 75 and Still in Style: A Celebration of Fine Furnishings and Interior Decoration at Meadow Brook Hall highlights basics of furnishings of the Hall and the fine shops the Wilsons employed to design distinctive pieces of furniture and art displayed throughout their home. The guided tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and includes a tour of Knoke Cottage. Tours are scheduled 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily. Admission is \$15 for adults \$10 for seniors free for ages 12 and under. The Meadow Brook Hall Museum Shop is open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. The shop sells a variety of unusual items and Meadow Brook Hall mementos including books on Meadow Brook Hall. For more information call the Visitor Services Desk at (248) 364 6200.

Cranbrook House and Gardens

Visit Cranbrook House - Detroit's oldest manor home - and its glorious gardens during Thursdays at Cranbrook or Sundays at Cranbrook. Cranbrook House is the former residence of Cranbrook founders George and Ellen Booth. It is at 380 Lone Pine Road between Lahser and Cranbrook roads in Bloomfield Hills. Thursdays at Cranbrook will continue until Oct 27 offering guided tours of historic Cranbrook House at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. Thursdays. Fee for the Thursday tour is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. Stay after or come early for a salad buffet lunch at noon in the Oak Room for an additional \$15. Now through Oct 30 take a guided tour at 3 p.m. Sundays with a garden visit. Fee for the Sunday tour is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors. Reservations for the lunch and tours are required. Call (248) 645 3149. Cranbrook House was designed by famed architect Albert Kahn in 1908. The English Arts and Crafts style home is filled with rare antiques and surrounded by more than 40 acres of beautiful gardens, fountains, and sculpture.

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



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tronic program guide, as you do with TiVo. You can schedule TV recordings over the Internet, copy recorded shows to a Pocket PC or portable media player, and record two or more shows simultaneously (if the PC includes multiple tuners).

Want to burn a recorded show to DVD? You don't even have to get off the couch - all it takes is a few presses of the remote.

In short, it's easy to fall in love with MCE, even with the handful of glitches I listed last week.

As for the systems themselves, I'm partial to those built

to resemble stereo components, like the ABS Ultimate E2 Media Center (www.buyabs.com), HP z555 (www.hp.com), and WinBook PowerSpec MCE 410 (www.winbook.com).

At \$999, the PowerSpec is the bargain of the bunch, especially if you pair it with WinBook's 30-inch LCD (\$899). That gives you a complete home theater (minus speakers) for under \$1,900.

If you want more horsepower, consider the Ultimate E2. The model I tested (priced at \$1,500) includes dual TV tuners and built-in Wi-Fi - features not available on the PowerSpec.

The system I'll miss most is

HP's z555. In addition to two TV tuners, it comes with an HDTV card that can receive over-the-air HD signals. There's something very energizing about watching "free" HDTV.

At \$1,999, the z555 is priced outside my budget. But here's a secret: I can add that same HD card to the WinBook system for about \$100.

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

'Bare bones' tour offers early peek at designer showhouse

The public will have a two-day opportunity to tour - in its "bare bones" state - the house and grounds of the 2005 Designer Showhouse and Gardens at Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills, presented by the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Volunteer Council.

The Bare Bones tour will take place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6, and 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 7, at 945 Cranbrook Road.

Tickets are \$5 per person at the door. No on-street parking is permitted, but free parking for visitors is available across the road from the house, in the lot of Congregational Church of Birmingham on Cranbrook Road, west of Woodward, between Lone Pine and Long Lake roads.

In the weeks after this tour, more than 25 Detroit area interior designers and two landscape architects will refurbish and furnish the house and grounds to display their design talents for three weeks of public tours in October.

The showhouse is a major fund-raiser that benefits the education and outreach programs of the DSO, which offers young musicians opportunities to participate in Michigan's most comprehensive pre-professional training program for orchestral, chamber and jazz musicians.

For general information, call the showhouse information



The public will have an opportunity to see this house and grounds at Cranbrook in its 'bare bones' state, before it is refurbished and furnished by interior designers and landscape architects as the 2005 Designer Showhouse and Gardens.

line at (313) 576-5477. For answers to other questions, call the Volunteer Council office at (313) 576-5154.

Sitting on nearly 4 acres of rolling terrain, the charming cottage, designed by Albert Kahn, was built in 1928 and enlarged to 6,000 square feet with additions in the 1950s and 1960s.

The property also includes a delightful 800-square-foot carriage/guest house with an adjacent three-car garage, and an additional two-car garage/workshop.

The property's late-summer gardens will also be open to Bare Bones visitors, with existing trees and shrubs identified and labeled. Garden lovers will be able to browse through selections from five garden boutiques available on the grounds.

Pontiac-based Goldner Walsh Nursery has tended the gardens for years. Landscaper Jim Slezinski said that a purple leaf beech tree planted at the new house in the 1920s is now one of the largest of its kind in

Oakland County. Bare Bones visitors will learn about the history of the home and its residents during the tour.

In 1942-43 the home was rented to Charles Landbergh, who came to Detroit at the invitation of Henry Ford to advise on converting automotive manufacturing facilities to the production of bombers during World War II.

In 1949, the property was bought by Helen and Roger M. Kyes, both of whom became active in the Detroit area community.

Helen Kyes played a major role in establishing what is now Oakland University in 1957, and in starting the Meadow Brook Music Festival a few years later.

Roger Kyes was an executive vice president of General Motors Corporation, and served on the boards of the DSO and the Detroit Grand Opera Association.

The Cranbrook Educational Community recently acquired the property.

LAWN

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Eichen said "Lawns get

'mower burn from getting too close to the crown. The biggest mistake they make is where they are cutting too close. When you mow off the

blades, you can see the brown crowns."

Slow-release fertilizers can be used when it is hot out, but lawn growers shouldn't feed the lawn too quickly, as that depletes moisture.

Salt in the quick-release fertilizer can destroy the crowns of the grass blades.

Michigan grasses tend to grow in May and September.

On the front page are some other mowing pointers from a lawn care report to be published soon by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority.

(The report came from information gathered by SOCWA's Healthy Lawn and Garden Technical Advisory Committee.)

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Author sends message of keeping the faith

By LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Karen Correll Buscemi was 10 pages into her second failed writing project when suddenly the plot for a novel sprung into her head after having a little conversation with God. Julia Davis, a troubled teen, finds God, of all places, through a site on the Internet.

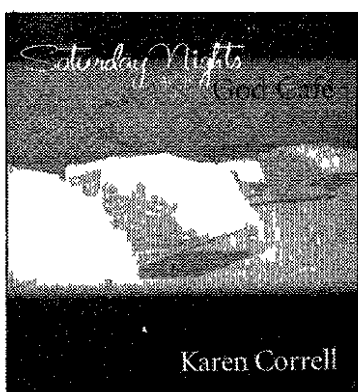
The next day Buscemi sat down to outline the girl's desperate search for answers after the death of her alcoholic mother. It all seemed so clear that Buscemi simply started typing word after word of "Saturday Nights at the God Cafe."

"I really think it was a gift from God," said Buscemi. "Sometimes life got in the way and I would write on and off again. I knew I needed to set some goals for myself and began writing five pages a day. Within a few months I had the book done."

It wasn't difficult to find a publisher. Before long Buscemi was signing copies of her inspirational novel at Christian book stores.

Buscemi doesn't think it's far fetched for someone to find answers about God on the Internet. Back when she was growing up in Westland, Buscemi was able to ask questions in the Catholic classrooms at St. Damian School. Today, she continues to pursue her faith at Kensington Church in Troy.

By day, Buscemi edits Signature magazine, a Third Street Publication (a division of Detroit Newspapers) aimed at readers in the Birmingham/Bloomfield and Grosse Pointe areas. At night and on weekends she writes the novels about God with the support of her husband, Frank Buscemi, and 8 year old son Noah Correll. Her freelance articles have appeared in The Detroit News, The Mirror



Karen Correll Buscemi uses the Internet to help a troubled young girl find God in the first of a series of books.

Newspapers, The Daily Tribune, Style Magazine, TOWN Magazine, and Downtown Birmingham Magazine.

"There are a lot of good Christian Web sites out there, message boards where kids can talk to other kids," said Buscemi of Royal Oak. "It's a good way to discover more about God or religion. If they're not comfortable talking about it they can go and be anonymous."

Buscemi never discussed God with other students at Franklin High School in Livonia, or later at Eastern Michigan University. Today she talks quite easily about the subject.

"I never really openly talked about God," said Buscemi. "It felt like such a funny topic to talk about. It took me a while to realize this was a great topic to discuss with people."

Buscemi's faith in God helps her resolve everyday trials and tribulations. Shortly after the first copies of her book rolled off the presses, the publisher violated their contract. Buscemi eventually regained publishing rights and presently is waiting for a response from two publishers thanks to friends. One sent the book to Pat Robertson who recommended Christian

publishers Thomas Nelson Inc and Integrity.

In the meantime, Correll continues to work on the second book in The God Cafe series of four, "Hannah's Rights." Hannah is the person Julia meets on the Internet in the first book.

"You have to remember that you should never give up on God. There are times when it can be frustrating, almost hopeless that this will never happen. You just can't lose your faith that what is supposed to happen for you, happens for you. I want to get it republished," said Buscemi. "More than anything people told me the story reached them. There were parts in the book that made them cry. One girl asked if I had alcoholism in my family. No, but she did, and she said I portrayed it accurately."

Like the character in the book, Buscemi did lose a parent at 16. But unlike Julia Buscemi stayed out of trouble by becoming involved at school. In addition to cheer-leading she sang in the choir and served as a class officer.

"I'm still multi-tasking," said Buscemi, 36. "I've always been a writer. When I hit 28 or 29 I realized I could do this for a living. In fourth grade I wrote plays that my teacher would let me produce. In seventh grade I wrote my first 127 page novel."

"It feels so good to work on these books. I know it's my purpose in life. The message in the first was about including God in your decisions. The message of the second book is for people who say they feel a void in their life and try hard to fill that with alcohol, drugs. The void is God in their lives. They need to fill themselves up with God."

For more information about Buscemi's books, send e-mail to kbuscemi@comcast.net



Karen Correll Buscemi is working on her second book in The God Cafe series. She expects to complete it by fall.

RELIGION CALENDAR

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

JULY

Picnic

Presented by Single Point Ministries 7 p.m. Friday, July 15 at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Tiger Baseball

Presented by Single Point Ministries meet at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Northville at 5:15 p.m. Friday, July 15 for hotdogs, chips and pop prior to leaving for the game by bus. Cost is \$12 adults, \$8 kids. Call (248) 374-5920.

Life Line Screening

Appointments begin at 9 a.m. Friday, July 15 for screening to reduce the risk of having a stroke at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Screenings range from \$109 to \$129 (includes osteoporosis screening). For an appointment call (800) 697-9721. Pre registration required.

Labyrinth walk

1:4 p.m. Saturday, July 16 at Farmington First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River. This sacred path is designed to help you find peace and clarity through movement. Many uses for prayer, meditation and spiritual renewal. For more information call (248) 474-6573.

Red Cross blood drive

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 17 at St. John Neumann Parish, 44800 Warren west of Sheldon canton. Call (734) 459-9704 or (734) 397-8495 for an appointment.

Serengeti trek

Vacation Bible school where kids are wild about God's love 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 18-22 for preschoolers age 3 to 4 and children through sixth grade at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer west of Newburgh Westland. To add to the wild week, VBS participants and members of the congregation are invited to experience Titos Sompá artistic director of Mbongi Dance Theatre Project on Friday evening, July 22. For more information call (734) 722-1735.

Summer events

Children go wild about God at a

Serengeti Trek vacation Bible school July 18-22 at Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland Farmington. Summer worship is at 10 a.m. with nursery provided. Adult Bible school at 7 p.m. Sunday. This study is based on Rick Warren's book "The Purpose Driven Life" and continues to July 31. Call (248) 374-5880.

On a safari

Gospel Light's Prayer Safari Vacation Bible School, a free community program for ages 3-12. Includes games, snack, bible stories, crafts and skits. 6:20-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 18-22 at Lake Pointer Bible Church, 42150 Schoolcraft Plymouth. Call (734) 420-0515.

Vacation Bible School

With safari theme 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 18-22 at Hosanna Tabor Lutheran Church, 9600 Levee Road. Redford. Call (313) 937-2233.

Kingdom of the Son

A Prayer Safari 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 18-22 for children age 4 (must be 4 by July 18) through grade 6. Closing program and Carnival 6 p.m. Sunday, July 24 at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail. Call (734) 453-5534 or visit www.plymouthbc.org.

Safari fun

Each night kids will be introduced to five different characters: Zack the Zebra, Gigi the Giraffe, Elaine the Crane, Lug the Elephant and Roary the Lion. 6:20-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 18-22 at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Livonia. No charge. Call (734) 464-0990.

Family movie night

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 20 in the Activity Center at St. Aidan's Parish, 17500 Farmington Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

Lighthouse cafe

Single Point Ministries presents a coffee house for age 30 and older 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 22 in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Northville. For \$5 you get games, fellowship, music, snack and specialty coffee. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

Vacation Bible school

Ranch House Kids theme 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, July 25-28 at Newburgh United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail Livonia. Cost \$10 per child. Please register by July 17. Call (734) 422-0149 or visit www.newburghumc.org.

Serengeti Trek

Vacation Bible school 9 a.m. Monday

Friday, July 25-29 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Soccer camp

6:30-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 25-28 an opportunity for the beginning and intermediate soccer player (boys and girls ages 5-11) to go to a soccer camp to learn and develop the proper skills and knowledge of the game. The mini-camp offers small group instruction allowing individual attention for each and every player at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road (north of I-96) Livonia. Cost is \$20 includes instruction, snacks and a soccer ball and water bottle to take home. Fee payable at the time of registration. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items not required to enroll. For more information call Linda Hollman at (734) 522-6830.

Second language classes

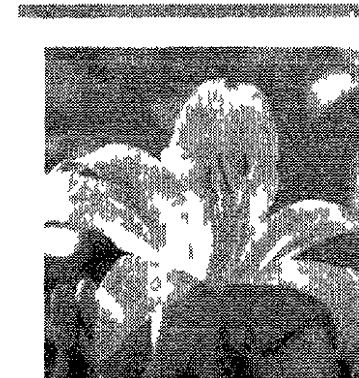
Conversational English is now being offered 7 p.m. Monday-Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington north of I-96 Livonia. No charge. For interested adults of all ages/backgrounds. To register call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

Mobile health fair

Garden City Presbyterian Church sponsors a free mobile health fair in conjunction with the Presbytery of Detroit. 1-6 p.m. Wednesday, July 27 at Garden City Park corner of Cherry Hill and Merriman roads. For more information call (734) 421-7620.

Men's seminar

All men are invited to attend Dad's That Make a Difference, a seminar based on materials from Man in the Mirror Ministries. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 30 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road north of I-96 Livonia. Fee is \$15. To register or for more information call (734) 522-6830. David Delk, president of Man in the Mirror writes about fathering. There are many goals we have as fathers for our children, but what's it we ultimately want for our children? I think our ultimate goal should be God's ultimate goal: to help our children live a life of faith and dependence on Him. This is not an easy job, but I want to share 3 simple principles that can help you on your fathering journey: show unconditional love, administer discipline, and be honest and vulnerable.



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ARTHUR HAZEN

Age 91 of Howell died Saturday, July 9, 2005. Born March 15, 1914 in Northville, MI. Son of Carl and Jenny Ashe. He graduated from Walled Lake School District, was retired as an air craft inspector for General Motors GM Air Transport and owned and operated Hazen's Blueberry Farm. Dear father of Dennis of Howell, three grandchildren, two great grandchildren and his fiancée Neva Eisner of Howell. Arthur was preceded in death by daughter Barbara and wives Constance and Edna. Visitation was Wednesday, 2-4 & 6-8 PM with funeral service Thursday, July 14 at 11:00 AM from MacDonald's Funeral Home, 315 N. Michigan Ave., Howell, MI 517-546-2800.

DEBRA LYNN PROGAR

Age 51 died July 7, 2005. Loving mother of Emily (Bryce), Billings, Dearest sister of Maureen, Barbara, Carol, Tommy & Robert. Also survived by many nieces & nephews. A gathering will be held Thursday, July 14, 2005, 2:00 pm at the Jarzembowski Funeral Home, 18957 W. Warren Ave. Until time of Memorial service at 5:00 pm.

DORIS EMILY TUTOR

Age 83, July 11, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Archie. Dear mother of James, Donna, Ada Jean (Johnnie) Cleveland, Linda (Barry) Schaffer, Archie (Terry) and Brian (Cheryl). Dearest sister of William Marsh and Robert Marsh. Also survived by 11 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Livonia resident over 40 years. Visitation at the R.G. & R.D. Harris Funeral, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Thursday from 12:00 until time of Funeral Service at 2 p.m. Please sign the online guestbook at www.rggharris.com.

EUGENE B STEININGER

July 10, 2005. Age 79 of Bloomfield Hills. Dear brother of Betty, Charles, Ruth, Charlotte and Helen. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Memorial service Thursday, 11:00am at Christ Church Cranbrook, Lone Pine Rd. west of Woodward, Bloomfield Hills. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorials to Christ Church Cranbrook, 470 Church St., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48303. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com.

KIMBERLY A (WEEKES) DUFFINEY

Died at home at 12:30 AM on July 9, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Robert M. Of Livonia. Hospice Ann Arbor MI. Of Livonia. He was born in November 25, 1934. He was 1952 graduate of Livonia Bentley High School and a 1956 graduate of Alma College where his Delta Tau Gamma brothers knew him as Army. Bob's humor, courage and resilience shine on as his enduring legacy in his surviving former wife Joan Armistead of Farmington Hills, his three beloved sons: Patrick Armistead of Brighton, David Armistead of Williamston, Dennis Armistead of Lansing, and his beloved daughter Heather (Armistead) Pastor of Auburn Hills, as well as 11 grandchildren aged 13 to 1 year old. A memorial service celebrating the life of Robert Armistead will be held on Sunday, August 7 at 1:00 pm at Northville United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48167. Donations to University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan, or Big Brothers/Big Sisters are suggested in lieu of flowers.

MARGIE J KUCKELMAN

Peacefully at her daughter's home July 9, 2005. Beloved wife of the late Walter F. Loving mother of Michael, Sr. and Mary Hopkins. Dear grandmother of Michael Jr., John, Krystin, Claire David and Elizabeth. Graveside services were held privately. Memorial service Friday, 11:00am at the Academy of the Sacred Heart, 1250 Kensington, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304. Memorial tributes to Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mt. Elliott, Detroit, MI 48207 or the Academy of the Sacred Heart, Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons, (248) 549-0500.

WALTER ALLEN STELLBERGER II

Age 78 passed away on July 7, 2005 after an extended illness. He was born on 5-16-27 to Walter & Angela (Schick) Stellberger in Detroit, MI. Husband of 56 years to Patricia (Long) Father of Walter III, Patricia (Gottlieb), Barbara (Duca), Eleanor Christine (Boyce), Brother to Joyce (Fogg) in San Diego, CA. Grandfather of 7. He worked for 32 years as a Science Teacher at Cooley HS in Detroit. After retirement he volunteered for many years as a Probation Officer in Livonia, MI. He loved to travel and be outdoors. Memorial mass is on Friday, July 15 at St. Gerards, 21300 Farmington Rd., Farmington.

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

ROBERT LORD ARMISTEAD

On July 6 in Arbor Hospice Ann Arbor MI. Of Livonia. He was born in Detroit on November 25, 1934. He was 1952 graduate of Livonia Bentley High School and a 1956 graduate of Alma College where his Delta Tau Gamma brothers knew him as Army. Bob's humor, courage and resilience shine on as his enduring legacy in his surviving former wife Joan Armistead of Farmington Hills, his three beloved sons: Patrick Armistead of Brighton, David Armistead of Williamston, Dennis Armistead of Lansing, and his beloved daughter Heather (Armistead) Pastor of Auburn Hills, as well as 11 grandchildren aged 13 to 1 year old. A memorial service celebrating the life of Robert Armistead will be held on Sunday, August 7 at 1:00 pm at Northville United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Rd., Northville, MI 48167. Donations to University Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan, or Big Brothers/Big Sisters are suggested in lieu of flowers.



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Side dish

Slurpee turns 40

The Slurpee turned 40 On Monday, 7-Eleven® launched a monthlong celebration of Slurpee's 40th birthday. The 7-Eleven stores are introducing retro Slurpee cups and flavors, airing original Slurpee radio spots from the 1960s, and offering prizes and promotions as part of the Slurpee Summer Prize Fest, including free music downloads and the chance to win one of four MINI Cooper convertibles.

Still served at a chilling 28 degrees, Slurpee enjoys worldwide popularity and is available in 14 countries and U.S. territories.

'Slurpee is truly an iconic American brand,' said Wendy Liebmann, founder and president, WSL Strategic Retail. 'Slurpee was one of the defining icons of American pop culture in the 1960s. Forty years later, it still resonates with a broad base of consumers who see it as their big chilly drink of choice.'

Four color-changing Slurpee mugs feature graphics representing the decades of the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. Tinted bright blue, yellow, orange or green, the 38-ounce refillable mugs dramatically change colors when a cold Slurpee hits the mug designed to fit any car cup holder.

Retailing for \$2.49, the price includes the mug, one Slurpee fill-up and free Wonka candy.

Throughout July, 7-Eleven is giving away one free music download on all standard Slurpee cups. The store chain will be giving away four grand prize MINI Cooper convertibles, one for each decade of the Slurpee's 40 years of popularity and each painted a bright Slurpee color. Customers can register to win at participating 7-Eleven stores nationwide or online at www.slurpee.com.

For complete details on all Slurpee 40th birthday activities, please visit www.slurpee.com. 7-Eleven, Inc. and The Coca-Cola Company are sponsors of the Slurpee Summer Prize Fest.

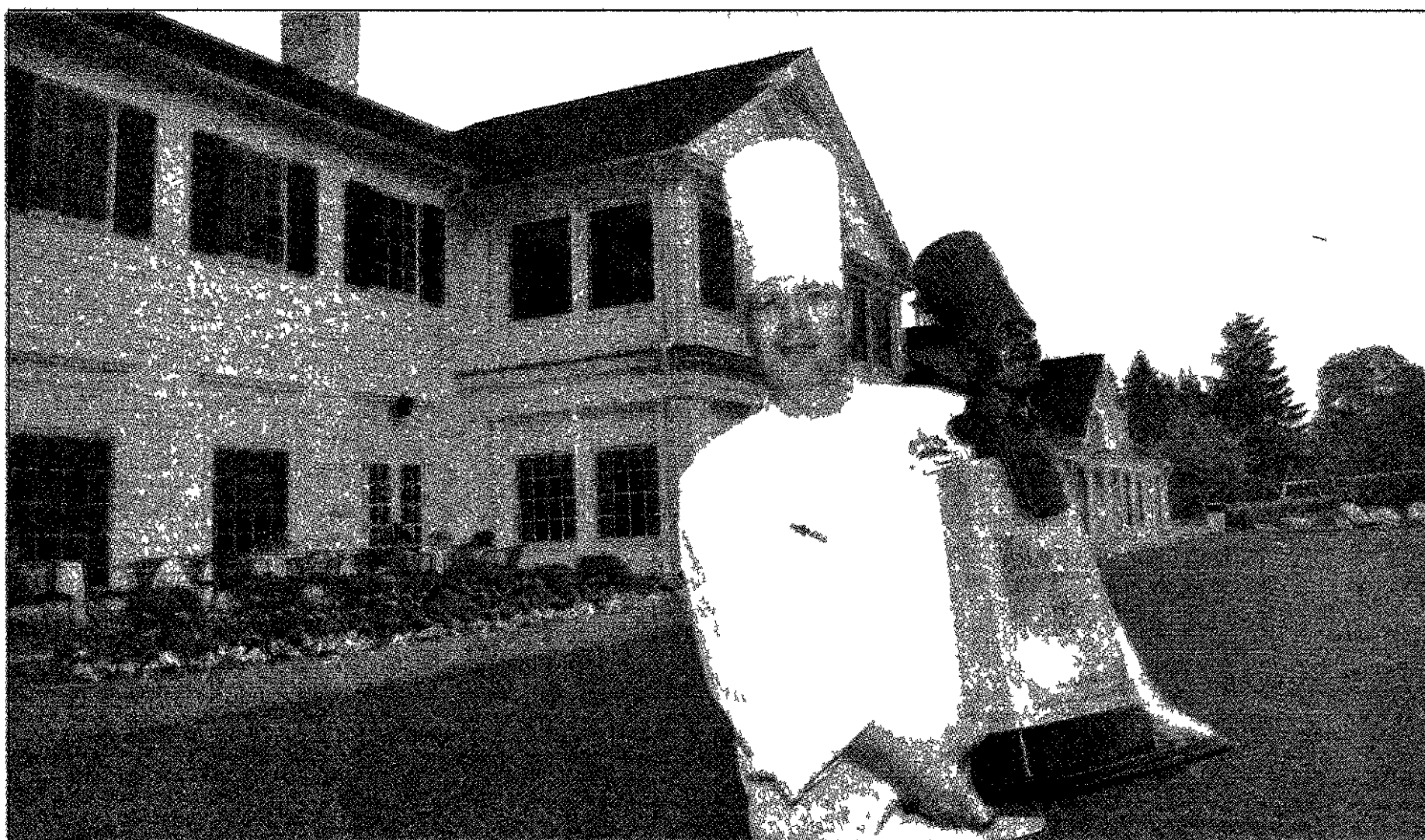
First TOPZ opens

TOPZ, offering the "leanest burgers in America" has opened its first Michigan franchise at 1937 W. Maple at the Cambridge Crossing Plaza, across from the Troy Motor Mall in Troy. Restaurant officials say the chain offers "great tasting healthier food without unnecessary fat, calories and cholesterol."

"Our menu features 'lean' selections, but with lots of flavor and variety," said owner Brian Halbeisen. "TOPZ has reinvented classic American food with fresher, healthier versions that people are craving."

In addition to Angus burgers, TOPZ features turkey burgers, garden burgers, grilled chicken breast sandwiches, grilled ahi tuna sandwiches, gourmet salads, air baked aero fries and onion rings along with real fruit and low fat ice cream shakes.

TOPZ is open daily. Guests may dine in in the dining room or take out. For more information, please call (248) 655-5200.



Brian Walsh, executive chef at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, was honored as the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine's 2004 Chef of the Year.

Simple and elegant

Chef of the Year strives for creative dishes

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

Oakland Hills Country Club executive chef Brian Walsh often asks staff to "give me a Jackie."

He's referring to Jacqueline Onassis because the stylish former first lady influences Walsh's culinary creations and standards.

Simple and elegant, he describes the icon and his food philosophy. Something that stands the test of time.

A reproduction photograph of Onassis is mounted and clearly visible in all four of the country club's expansive kitchens.

But always striving to meet what Walsh imagines Jackie would have liked to dine on has served the graduate of the Culinary Institute of America well.

Michigan Chefs de Cuisine recently named him the 2004 Chef of the Year, a coveted prize created in honor of Certified Master Chef Milos Cihelka, formerly executive chef at the Golden Mushroom.

"I was surprised," Walsh said of winning the award. "I was not expecting it. I guess we had a high-profile event with the Ryder Cup. Last summer, Walsh successfully led the Oakland Hills kitchen staff through the process of serving the dignitaries, PGA players and corporate executives who turned out for the world-renowned golf tournament."

"It's nice to be put in the spotlight, but like I told my crew, like anybody who's ever won anything, you know it's not just you. It's a team award."

On the other hand, Walsh himself spent five years preparing for



Walsh oversees all food operations at Oakland Hills Country Club, a job requiring 12-hour days a minimum of six days a week. His wife, Mitzi Wilson (left), is a pastry chef there.

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Lavender is part of the culinary landscape

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When lavender is in season from early summer onward, its color and fragrance hang over the Santa Barbara County area of the California coast. Locals there are generous, as they're prepared to share it with visitors, along with other flowers and fruits, their olive groves and vineyards, and culinary treats such as offshore lobsters and prawns.

The food-curious will find that local flavors include Mediterranean influences as befits the region's 'California Riviera' reputation, with more than a dash of other styles (a free culinary booklet and a Web site offer guidance for visitors).

Meanwhile, the home cook can conjure up a sample of local taste with the following lavender-flavored ice cream recipe. It's from sous chef Rick Mancilla of Bouchon Santa Barbara restaurant, who says, "I chose this dessert for this particular time of year because it is light and refreshing. The fresh berries mixed with the fragrant honey and lavender gelato definitely put me in a summer mood."

He adds that driving past a sea of lavender while he was wine tasting and berry picking through Santa Barbara County back roads is one of his first memories of the area. This dessert

brings me back to that wonderful day.

The ice cream is accompanied by tules, the French for tiles - for which these thin, crisp cookies were originally named. You can use fresh, unsprayed lavender flowers from your garden for this dessert, or look for them in a farmers market.

HONEY AND LAVENDER GELATO WITH TULE COOKIES

For the Honey-Lavender Gelato

- 4 egg yolks
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 tablespoons chopped fresh lavender flowers
- 1 cup cream whipped to soft medium peaks

In a large bowl, beat eggs and set aside.

In an unheated saucepan, mix cornstarch and sugar, then, over high heat, gradually stir in milk, honey and lavender. Bring to a boil, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and slowly pour milk mixture into the large bowl with the eggs, stirring, return combined mixture to saucepan.

Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until the sugar is dissolved and the mixture

PLEASE SEE LAVENDER, B9

MICHIGAN LAVENDER FEST

What: Two days packed with information and activities will make up the third annual Michigan Lavender Fest July 16-17. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Events include lectures, cooking demonstrations, garden strolls, children's activities, talks on beekeeping and birding, live music and storytelling. Refreshments and lavender products will be for sale. The original poster created for the festival poster is on display at Gabriel's Garden French Market Place, 109 S. Main in Romeo, and will be refilled off.

Where: The farms involved are Gabriel's Garden Lavender and Herb Farm, 14000 34 Mile, Romeo, and Yule Love It Lavender Farm, 960 Yule Road, Leonard.

Admission: \$5 per person and includes entry to both farms. Kids under 12 are free.

For more information: Visit www.michiganlavenderfest.com or call (586) 336-0418.

Meet Gaja winery's fifth generation

Barbaresco, a wine region within the Piedmont in northeastern Italy, along with its sister region Barolo, produces legendary red wines from the nebbiolo grape.

Since vintages 1996-2001 in the region are all rated over 90 out of 100 points, and vintage 2000 is rated a perfect 100 points, there has been great enthusiasm for these wines.



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

given credit for raising the prestige of Italian wines to new heights.

Angelo joined his eponymous winery in

INNOVATOR ANGELO GAJA

Angelo Gaja resides in the town of Barbaresco and is owner and president of Gaja Winery, established in 1859. This makes him the fourth generation to run the company. He is also one of the world's great winemakers and generally

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1961 and began his effort to improve the power and concentration of his wines by severely pruning nebbiolo vines to eight to 10 buds per vine, instead of 20 to 24, reducing yield and improving quality. By 1969, Angelo began to experiment with barrique (60-gallon French oak barrel) aging of Barbaresco, which had been aged traditionally in very large casks.

Gaja also pioneered the production of estate-owned single-vineyard wines because he believed that the distinctive character of his wines was representative of the place where the grapes were grown. In addition to his signature Barbaresco, Gaja produces five single-vineyard nebbiolo wines: Sorì San Lorenzo, Sorì Tildin and Costa Russi grown in Barbaresco plus Sperss and Contessa from Barolo.

In 1978, he began planting non-indigenous grape varieties with the Piedmont's first cabernet sauvignon (Darmagi) followed by chardonnay (Gaia & Rey) and sauvignon blanc (Alteni di Brassica). Not to be confined to the Piedmont, Gaja invested in Tuscany in 1994 with the purchase of a Montalcino estate where he produces two Brunello di Montalcino namely Rennina and Sugarille.

In 1996, Gaja acquired a 250-acre estate in Bolgheri on the Tuscan coast in the region where the heralded wine Sassicaia is made. With this purchase, he realized a dream of establishing new vineyards and building a new winery from the ground up. On this property he constructed a state-of-the-art winery where he produces three new wines known as Promis (a blend of merlot, syrah and sangiovese), Magari and Ca' Marcanda (both Bordeaux blends) that debuted in 2000.

FIFTH GENERATION

This year, Angelo's older daughter Gaia joined the family winery after earning a degree in economics. She has

WINE PICKS

SATISFYING SUMMER THIRST QUENCHERS

■ **Winner from Italy.** 2004 Masi Masianco (\$14), a blend of pinot grigio and verduzzo is a hit with lighter summer fare.

■ **Sauvignon Blanc:** With attractive melon, grapefruit and assorted citrus fruit tones, sauvignons are thirst quenching. Try 2004 Fritz, \$14, 2004 Chateau Souverain, \$14, 2004 Kenwood, \$13, 2003 Porcupine Ridge (South Africa), \$12, 2004 Pepi, \$9, and 2004 Bogle, \$8.

■ These simultaneously rich and elegant Sauvignons are best with grilled fish. 2004 Ferrari-Carano Fume Blanc, \$16, and 2003 Chalk Hill, \$25.

■ **Change of pace whites:** 2003 Tablas Creek Esprit de Beaucastel Blanc (\$35) matches lobster, scallops, softshell crab and shrimp or salmon with beurre blanc sauce, 2003 Tablas Creek Roussanne (\$27) for sea bass, curries, gumbo or salmon, 2003 Zaca Mesa Roussanne (\$25) for grilled halibut or rosemary roasted chicken, 2003 Zaca Mesa Viognier, \$15, 2004 Chateau St. Jean Gewurztraminer, \$15, 2004 Chateau St. Jean Johannisberg Riesling, \$15 (off-dry), 2004 Goats do Roam (South Africa), \$12, and 2004 Bogle Chenin Blanc, \$7 (off-dry).

■ **Pink wines (Rosés)** pair superbly with grilled salmon, sushi, grilled sausages or roast chicken. Try 2004 Tablas Creek Rose, \$27, 2004 Beckmen Grenache Rose, \$16, 2004 Handley Pinot Noir Rose, \$16, and 2004 Pedroncelli Vintage Selection Zinfandel Rosé, \$8.

All wines mentioned are available in the metro-Detroit area. If a retailer does not stock a specific wine, ask that it be ordered from the distributor.

represented Gaja Winery in Asia, Europe and the United States and most recently in Michigan. "I have completed several internships in the U.S. working for a wine retailer and a wine distributor, but I really enjoy working in the winery and learning how our wine is made, even though I thought I would prefer marketing and promotion," she said.

Growing up in Barbaresco, a village with 600 people and 80 wineries, Gaia was raised with wine in her blood. At 10 years old, her favorite science project at school was making wine, an experience she could not have had in the United States!

TASTING GAJA WITH GAIA:

■ 2003 Rossj-Bass Chardonnay (\$57) shows apple and melon fruit with honey notes. Balanced oak and crisp acidity make this a delightfully refreshing pour.

■ 2001 Sito Marengo (nebbiolo, merlot and cabernet) (\$50) demonstrates that merlot and cabernet complement nebbiolo. Soft tannins and

sweet black fruits make it approachable now.

■ 2001 Barbaresco (\$185) is the Gaja signature and this wine does not disappoint. It's delicious, full bodied and eminently ageable.

■ 2001 Sperss, Barolo (\$200) with full, rich, black fruits and balanced oak, illustrates why Barolo is King of the Piedmont.

■ 1999 Rennina Brunello di Montalcino (\$95) is bright, approachable and delicious. Because the wine comes from Tuscany, the grape variety is sangiovese.

■ 2001 Ca' Marcanda Magari, Toscana (\$71) is a Bordeaux blend from the Bolgheri region on the Tuscan coast, where the soil mimics Bordeaux and so does the wine.

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Delicious nutritious whole-grain salads are wonderful for summer picnic plates

Salads that go with the grain

Summer picnics are a good opportunity for delicious, nutritious whole-grain salads.

Whole grains are an essential part of a healthful diet. They are more nutrient-dense and provide more dietary fiber than refined grains so they keep you feeling full longer.

A whole-grain is one that has all three major elements of the grain: the outer layer, or bran, the large, middle section, called the endosperm, and the core, or germ. Processing removes the bran and the germ, which are therefore missing from refined breads and other refined grain products.

Whole grains and refined grains differ in a number of ways. Unlike refined grain products, whole-grain foods are rich in many substances that are cancer preventive, including antioxidants, vitamins E and B6, folic acid, zinc, selenium, copper and magnesium. They also contain more fiber. Whole wheat, for example, has five times the fiber of refined wheat.

Whole grains perform many health protective functions. They help control diabetes by regulating insulin and blood sugar levels. Their fiber also helps reduce cholesterol levels and alleviates problems like constipation and diverticulosis.

Longer-lasting benefits include protection against heart disease, ischemic stroke and possibly some types of cancer.

The following salad contains a healthful balance between a whole grain, vegetables, fruits and protein.

CREATIVE WHOLE-GRAIN SALAD

- 1/2 box (14 ounces) quick cooking brown rice or 3 cups cooked brown rice or whole grain pasta bulgur or quinoa
- 1/2 yellow or orange bell pepper cut in bite size pieces
- 1/2 tomato seeded cut into bite size pieces (optional)
- 1/4 cup chopped radish
- 2 scallions (1/4 cup) green and white parts or 1/2 cup chopped red or Bermuda onion
- 1/4 cup finely chopped dried fruit like apricots raisins dates figs currants
- 2 tablespoons toasted pine nuts sesame seeds or sunflower seeds or chopped almonds walnuts or pecans
- 3/4 ounces diced low fat mozzarella cheese
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1-2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh (or 2 teaspoons dried) chives or flat leaf parsley

- 2 tablespoons finely chopped (or 2 teaspoons dried) fresh mint cilantro or chervil
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste if desired

Cook brown rice or other whole grain according to package directions. (If using quinoa, rinse well before cooking to ensure bitter-tasting coating is removed.) Let cooked grains cool completely before adding to salad. Meanwhile in a large bowl place bell pepper, tomato, radish, scallions, dried fruit, nuts (or seeds) and cheese. Mix lightly with fork. Season to taste with salt and pepper, as desired.

When cooked grain is cool, fluff with fork and season to taste with salt and pepper. Add to bowl of salad ingredients, mixing lightly with fork. Into small container with tight-fitting lid, pour juice, oil and herbs. Seal tightly and shake well until combined. Add to salad and mix to combine with fork. Serve or pack into plastic containers. Refrigerated, leftovers will keep 2 days.

Makes about 4 cups or 4 servings.

Per serving: 342 calories, 13 g total fat (2 g saturated fat), 48 g carbohydrate, 12 g protein, 4 g dietary fiber, 160 mg sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research.

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Grill salmon with cilantro noodles

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Can we use one more twist for the salmon that's a top favorite on menus these days? You bet, especially when it's about carefree summer cooking at its best

This new recipe for grilled salmon and noodles pairs sweet and smoky grilled salmon with a light Asian noodle salad, and it would work well both for a quick weeknight family meal, or for spur-of-the-moment entertaining

"No need to cook noodles or wash a pot for this dish," says Diane Morgan, who developed the recipe. "Rice vermicelli just needs to soften in a bowl of hot water while the grill heats. The glaze and salad dressing are a snap to make - everything is ready to eat in 30 minutes"

Morgan is one to trust on salmon. Her new cookbook, *Salmon* (Chronicle, \$24.95 paperback) features 75 of her other salmon recipes. While developing all these recipes, she says, "What became clear to me is how versatile salmon is, not only suitable to a wide range of preparation techniques, but what an affinity it has for so many flavors"

"The sweet and salty combination of honey and soy, classic in many Asian dishes, is perfect for salmon. The glaze doesn't dominate the natural flavor of salmon, it enhances it"

Ingredients for this honey-soy recipe include Asian sesame oil. "Sesame oil comes in two basic types," she explained when asked about this. "One is light-colored and the sesame seeds have not been toasted before the oil is expressed. Asian sesame oil is darker with a lovely, stronger flavor and fragrance because the seeds are toasted before the oil is expressed"

Morgan's tip for getting the best of fresh. "The key to ensuring a fantastically flavorful cookout is starting with fresh, quality ingredients, especially when your menu includes salmon. When shopping for salmon or any seafood for that matter, remember that

fresh fish should never smell fishy. Look for fillets that are moist and freshly cut, not flat and browned at the edges. The skin should be silvery and bright"

HONEY-SOY GRILLED SALMON WITH CILANTRO NOODLES

- Three 2 ounce packages rice vermicelli
- 4 center cut salmon fillets (about 6 ounces each)
- Olive oil
- Sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 5 tablespoons lite soy sauce
- 3 tablespoons honey
- 3 tablespoons Asian sesame oil
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- Vegetable oil for brushing
- 1/2 cup packed fresh cilantro leaves coarsely chopped
- 2 tablespoons black sesame seeds

Prepare a medium-hot fire in a charcoal or gas grill. While the grill is heating, soak the rice vermicelli in a large bowl of hot water until softened, about 20 minutes

Brush all sides of the salmon with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper. Make the glaze for the salmon by combining 1 tablespoon soy sauce, 2 tablespoons honey, and 1/2 teaspoon ground pepper. Set aside. To make the dressing: In a small bowl, combine 4 tablespoons of soy sauce, 1 tablespoon honey, the sesame oil and lemon juice. Set aside

To grill the salmon: Brush the grill grate generously with vegetable oil. Place the salmon, skin side up, directly over the medium-hot fire. Grill until beautiful grill marks are etched across the fillets, about 2 minutes. Turn the salmon skin side down. Brush the salmon flesh generously with the glaze. Cover the grill and continue grilling the salmon until almost opaque throughout, but still very moist, about 3 minutes longer. Transfer to a plate and set aside

Drain the rice vermicelli and pat dry with paper towels. Toss the noodles with the dressing, cilantro, and sesame seeds. Divide the noodles among 4 entree plates. (Though the noodles are soaked in hot water to

soften, they are warm or at room temperature when served. Morgan says.)

Place a salmon fillet in the center, on top of the noodles, and serve immediately. Makes 4 servings

Nutrition information per serving: 600 cal, 27 g fat, (4 g saturated), 95 mg chol, 1,128 mg sodium, 53 g carbo, 36 g pro, 1 g fiber. AP recipe developed by Diane Morgan courtesy Wine Market Council

Wine suggestion for this meal

Chardonnay is the choice of John Gillespie, Wine Market Council president. "With its ripe fruitiness, full body and creamy texture, chardonnay has the weight to stand up to salmon's richness but still enough acidity to offer contrast to the salty soy sauce," he says. "Choose a chardonnay that is not oaked so the true fruit character of the grape stands out. An Oregon pinot gris would also be a welcome match"

A tip from Gillespie for summer dining and wining: all fresh food about keeping wine cool

"If you prefer white wine outdoors, don't worry about an ice bucket to keep it cold. A chilled bottle of wine will stay chilled for about an hour - just don't place it too close to the hot grill. Some people even drop an ice cube in their wine if they prefer it colder"

He adds that one of the great things about chardonnay is that it is lower in acidity than many white wines, and never needs to be icy cold. So even if you take it out of the refrigerator a half hour before guests arrive, you are good through dinner

"The only exception would be if you are outdoors and it is very warm - then using an ice bucket in the yard makes sense. Pinot gris needs a little more chill, but people tend to err more often by having their white wines too cold instead of too warm. When you have wine and food together, you don't want any wine to be very cold, as icy cold wine won't marry as well with the food"

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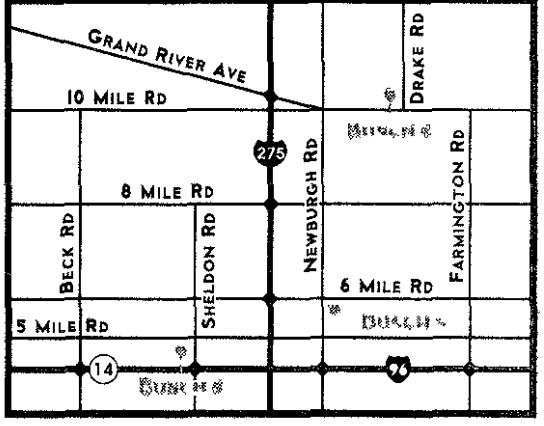
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This much is the same Westland John Glenn High's football program will stage a benefit golf outing and pig roast on Saturday, July 23

But Rockets varsity football coach Todd DeLuca said there is a new location for the pig roast

It will be 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at John Glenn, located at 36105 Marquette (between Newburgh-Wayne roads) Cost for the pig roast is \$10 (adults), \$5 (children under-12) or \$25 (family of four)

The roast originally was slated for the Wayne-Ford Civic League

As for the golf, it will begin with an 8 a.m. shotgun start at Fellows Creek Golf Course, located at 2936 Lotz Road, Canton

There is an \$85 fee for those competing in the golf outing, which includes 18 holes, cart and the pig roast

For more information, call DeLuca at (734) 419-2329 or JV coach Dan Massey at (734) 674-8242

Alumni hoops at GC

The Garden City High School Girls Basketball Alumni is planning a game for 7 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at the high school

Lady Cougar alumni who are interested in participating should call (734) 635-2388 or (734) 306-8763

Jeff Suspeck basketball camp

The 11th Annual Jeff Suspeck Memorial Basketball Camp will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at Schoolcraft College, at 18600 Haggerty in Livonia

All children between the ages of 9 and 14 years old are invited to attend this one-day camp for free

The camp is sponsored by the Jeff Suspeck Foundation which was founded in memory of Jeff Suspeck, who passed away in 1994 Suspeck's family formed the foundation to provide opportunities for underprivileged youth, but all children are welcome to attend

Glen Donahue and Joe Charnley run the camp along with other volunteer players and coaches who knew Suspeck

To obtain registration material, call (248) 478-0662 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., or e-mail jsuspeckcamp@hotmail.com

Lunch will be provided courtesy of White Castle Systems Inc

Hole-in-one

Livonia resident Paul Mercier aced his tee shot on the 125-yard fourth hole at Idyl Wyld Golf Course July 9

Mercier, who has been golfing for the past 12 years, achieved his first hole-in-one with a nine iron

He shot an 83 for the 18 hole round

Iron-willed Plymouth trio completes grueling Ironman event

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth residents Lynda Racey and Jon and Lynn Banas encountered a few waves when they dove into Idaho's bone-chilling Coeur d'Alene Lake for the start of last month's Ford Ironman Triathlon, a push-your-body-to-the-absolute-limit endurance test that includes a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and a 26.2-mile run

But the waves created by the 2,000-plus competitors kicking legs and stroking arms were mere ripples compared to the waves of emotions Racey and the Banases experienced when they crossed the grueling event's finish line several hours later

It's so exhilarating when you finish,' Jon Banas said "You realize that you've accomplished something that less than 1 percent of the population will ever do, and you think about all the sacrifices you've made to get to that point. You're so overcome with emotion that you don't know whether to laugh or cry"

So you do both,' Lynn Banas added, smiling Racey said she'll never forget the feeling she experienced when her first triathlon journey ended

It was fantastic," she said "When you cross the line, they announce your name, where you're from and your age over a loud speaker, Racey said "Then they say, 'You are now an Ironman. It's pretty emotional"

TRAINING DAYS

Three exs — exhilaration, exhaustion and excruciating sacrifice — are all common elements when it comes to preparing your body to complete an Ironman Triathlon — but they don't necessarily fall in that order

The 30-week training regimen the three Plymouth residents and Lynn Banas' brother, Doug Soho, endured leading up to their trip to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, was more exhausting and excruciating than it was exhilarating

Six days a week, the Banases and Racey would meet at 5:30 a.m. at Lifetime Fitness in Canton for a two-mile swim. Soho, a former Plymouth resident, trained in Seattle, Wash., where he is stationed while serving as a pilot with the United States Air Force, and in the Middle East, where he would get sent periodically to fly C-17 transport planes over Afghanistan and Iraq

Following their pre-dawn swim, the three Plymouth residents headed off to their demanding jobs — Racey is an attorney for the Wayne County Airport Authority, Jon Banas is a senior manager for finance reporting at TRW, and Lynn Banas is an advertising account direc-

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Plymouth residents (from left) Jon Banas, Lynn Banas and Lynda Racey stand behind the bike Jon Banas used during the Ford Ironman Triathlon, which was held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, on June 26. All three — along with Lynn Banas' brother Doug Soho — completed the endurance event's 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run in less than 17 hours.

O&E golf tourney tees off Aug. 13

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Observerland golf enthusiasts have just one month to prepare for the annual Observer & Eccentric Open, which is set to tee off Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13 and 14, at Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses in Livonia

The event annually attracts many of the area's top amateur golfers, who will be shooting to unseat defending men's champion Gary Kraus and defending women's medalist Janina Jacobs. Kraus, who carries a 1 handicap, fired a 36-hole total of 145 (one-over-par), which was two shots lower than runner-up Matt Lee in the 2004 championship flight

Jacobs captured the women's 18-hole title with an impressive 76, besting second-place finisher Molly Gibson by seven strokes

The men's 36-hole medal-play tournament will kick off Aug. 13 with an 18-hole round at Whispering Willows Golf Course. It will conclude with Sunday's 18-hole second round at Fox Creek. The entry fee is \$95 (cart not included) and the maximum handicap allowed is 20. All participants must have a current U.S.G.A. index in order to play

The 18-hole women's tournament will be held Aug. 13 at Whispering Willows. The entry fee is \$50 (cart not included)

Entries for both the men's and women's tournaments are due no later than 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6. The field will be limited to the first 200 golfers who register

For more information, call (248) 476-4493. Entry forms can be picked up at Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses

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Salem graduate Anna Wilson's collegiate track-and-field uniform will be a couple shades darker of blue when she competes for the University of Michigan next year. Wilson excelled in both the shot put and the discus events for the Rocks.

Giving it a 'shot'

Former Salem track-and-field star is ready to shine for Wolverines

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If someone would have approached Anna Wilson four years ago and told her she'd be attending the University of Michigan one day on a partial track-and-field scholarship, she probably would have looked at them as if they were one of the aliens in the movie *War of the Worlds*

Wilson was an exceptional athlete her freshman year at Salem, but basketball was her first love

In fact, track-and-field wasn't even on her athletic radar screen

"I was a basketball and softball player," Wilson said, recalling her early days at Salem. "I wasn't into

any of the individual sports"

That is until former Salem track coach and current Plymouth football coach Jay Blaylock recruited Wilson to at least try the shot put and discus during the spring of her ninth-grade year

She not only liked the throwing events, but she found that she was pretty good at heaving the two distinctively different pieces of metal great distances

Coach Blaylock convinced me that track would help me in basketball, so I dropped softball and gave it a shot," Wilson said "It's one of the best decisions I made in my four years of high school"

PLEASE SEE WILSON, C4

On the fast track

Redford eight-year-old Molly McDonald (left) captured all three of her running races for her age at the Redford Township Junior Olympics, held last week at Hilbert Middle School. Molly won the 35, 50 and 75 meter races. But there were many other excellent performances from youngsters throughout the Observer coverage area. For results and more photos, please see page C3.



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IRONMAN

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UNPAID OVERTIME

Instead of kicking back and enjoying a little R&R following a long day at the office, the trio spent their evenings either running several miles or pushing the pedals of their bikes up and down Hines Drive

'Getting up at 5:30 in the morning was the toughest part for me,' Racey said. But I knew Jon and Lynn would yell at me if I didn't show up, so I was there every day, she said, laughing

'When we decided to do this late last year, I pretty much told all my friends and family, 'I'll see you in six months. In fact, one of my best friends came over to my house the other day, and she said 'You know what? I haven't been over here since December

Last month's triathlon was Jon Banas second, so he knew better than the other two what to expect

'You have to train 15 to 20 hours a week to prepare for an Ironman Triathlon, Jon Banas said. "When you add that to the 40 to 50 hours a week we worked on our jobs, it didn't leave a lot of time for socializing. It was a little easier for Lynn and I because we married, but you definitely need your family and friends support to get through it."

BEYOND THE CALL

While the Banases' and Racey's preparation for the triathlon was demanding, it didn't come close to matching the inconveniences that Soho had to tolerate

Soho, who serves as a pilot for American Airlines when he's not activated by the military, spent more time running in the sizzling desert the past six months than most camels

Doug could get called out at any time to fly in Iraq, Afghanistan or Qatar, which made it more challenging for him to train,' Lynn Banas said

But he took his bike with him wherever he went. When he was in Iraq, he was stationed at the Baghdad International Airport, so he did some of his training runs in 110-degree heat

Despite the obstacles, Soho finished with a time of 10:19 and barely missed qualifying for the Ironman Triathlon World Championship in Kona, Hawaii

ON YOUR MARK...

Anxiety, anticipation and excitement filled Racey and the Banases as they lined up along the shores of Coeur d'Alene Lake for the start of the race. When the starting gun sounded, the once-tranquil body of water was filled with over 2,000 sets of churning legs and wind-milling

arms, making early navigation of the water tricky

'With all those people diving into the water at the same time, it wasn't as much swimming as it was surviving,' said Jon Banas, half-joking. The swimming part is difficult because of the endurance, but the adversity aspect is just as tough

'At one point in the lake, I went under for a second,' Lynn Banas said. "Another competitor actually pulled me up and asked me if I was OK. Going in, I thought the running part would be the most difficult because it was the last thing we had to do. But it turns out the swimming was the toughest. I was relieved to get out of the water."

NO REST FOR WEARY

The biking stage of the event is draining, but its degree of difficulty doesn't match that of the 26.2-mile run to the finish line

Of the 2,056 competitors who started the race at 7 a.m. on the morning of June 26, 1,657 (or roughly 80 percent) finished

'I shattered my leg four years ago in an accident, so I thought the running part would be the most difficult,' Racey said. The volunteers who are lined up along the course really help you get

through it. They really encourage you. At one of the aid stations, the men were dressed like cheerleaders and they yelled out, 'Go Lynda, go,' when they saw my name under my number

There were five blind competitors in the triathlon, which was very inspiring to me. And one man who finished the race had only one leg

Racey finished in 16:49 to earn a medal and the rare distinction of having completed an Ironman race

'I had to run as fast as I could the last couple of miles because I knew I was getting close to the 17-hour mark,' Racey said. "If you didn't finish before 17 hours, you got a DNF (did not finish). I didn't train seven months to get a DNF."

They had aid stations set up every mile of the run, so toward the end I promised myself I was just going to make it to the next station," Lynn Banas said. "I would stop at each one and grab something to drink and walk while I drank it. But with about three miles to go, I realized that if I stopped again, I might not start again, so I didn't stop at the last couple of stations."

Lynn Banas, whose goal was to finish within the allotted time of 17 hours, crossed the tape in 14:54

Jon Banas said he hit the

dreaded 'wall' that many long-distance runners hit about five miles from the finish line

"I was drained and really losing motivation to keep going," Banas remembered. "Plus, there is a big, steep hill at that point on the course. But I told myself that once I got to the top of the hill, the rest was downhill, so I kept going."

Jon Banas finished in 11:13, which was about 45 minutes off the goal he had set for himself

LET'S DO IT AGAIN

When asked if they'd ever want to compete in another triathlon, all three triathletes smiled and nodded

"But not right away," Racey quipped

As a reward for their recent labors, the Banases and Racey are taking a vacation out west in August. The vacation will include some triathlon-like events, but there will be no training necessary

They'll no doubt swim on their much-deserved hiatus, but nowhere near 2.4 miles

They're all taking along their mountain bikes, but only for leisurely treks through the woods — not 112-mile jaunts. And they will be running — from their hotel rooms to the swimming pool

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Winning pitcher John Filecchia was the star of the opening game 3-1 win for the Rams, yielding just three hits in six innings of work. Filecchia struck out six and walked just three batters

Despite Filecchia's gem, the Rams trailed 1-0 heading into the final frame when Scott Cam delivered a two-run single to give his team the lead

BASEBALL

Sam Palace added a seventh-inning RBI hit to give the winners some insurance heading into the bottom of the frame

Dan Lentz recorded the save, striking out two while giving up a single walk

The Longhorns lone run came in the fourth when Todd Kalmbach's ground ball to second base scored A J Scheidt, who had reached on a single

Longhorn starter Mike Orcek sparked for the losers, shutting out the Rams on just three hits in the six innings he

was on the mound

In the nightcap, the Rams jump to an early 4-1 lead after four innings and hung on for a 4-2 victory over the Longhorns, who out-hit the Rams, 7-3

Steve Antonioti was the winning pitcher, giving up just one earned run in 6.3 innings. Antonioti whiffed 11 batters and walked just one

Palace was the Rams hitting star, going 2-for-4 with two RBIs. Jesse Christner went 1-for-3 while Nate Recknagel and Matt Nickels both added one RBI each. The pair of setbacks dropped the Rams to 9-12-1 overall

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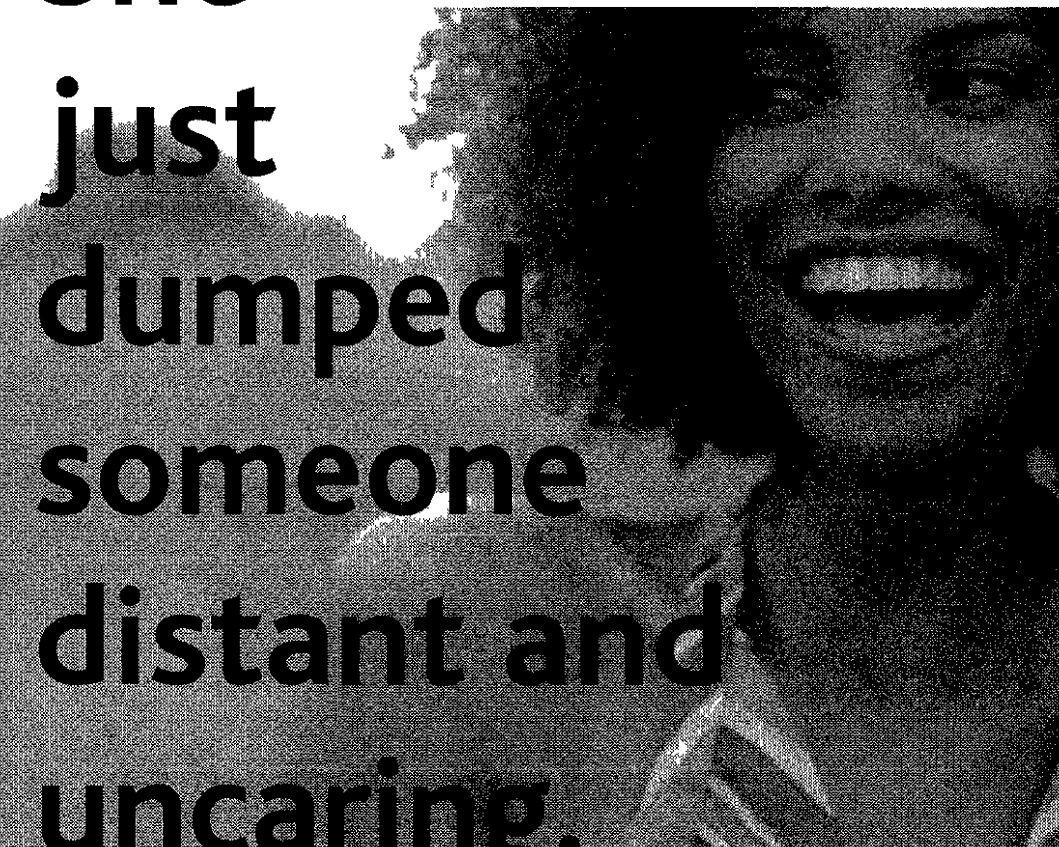
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47th REDFORD TOWNSHIP JUNIOR OLYMPICS July 16 at Hilbert Junior High BOYS RESULTS BANTAM DIVISION

Softball throw (age 6) 1 Luke Bessesen 60 feet 4 inches 2 Joseph Choma 30 8 age (5) 1 Jeffrey Rothley 41 4 2 Tristin Rehling 27 10 3 Kevin Reich 26 7 (age 4) 1 Hunter Septer 25 1 2 Bryce Burgess 15 8 3 Liam Rehling 15 4 (age 3) 1 Antonio Iuliano 12 8 2 Jack Lewalk 8-9 3 Sean Rankin 2 6 (age 2) 1 Ryan Hawver 10 8

Long jump (age 6) 1 Luke Bessesen 7 0 2 Joseph Choma 6 1 (age 5) 1 Tristin Rehling 6 0 2 Jeffrey Rothley 5 5 3 Kevin Reich 5 1 (age 4) 1 Nicholas Snage 4 0 2 (tie) Liam Rehling and Hunter Septer 3 2 each (age 3) 1 Jack Lewalk 2 9 2 Antonio Iuliano 2 7 3 (tie) Matthew Pletzer and Sean Rankin 1 0 each (age 2) 1 Ryan Hawver 1 0

35-meter dash (age 6) 1 Joseph Choma 7 31 seconds 2 Luke Bessesen (age 5) 1 Luke Hawver 7 25 2 Tristin Rehling 3 Kevin Reich (age 4) 1 Hunter Septer 9 0 2 Liam Rehling 3 Bryce Burgess (age 3) 1 Antonio Iuliano 13 4 2 Jake Lewalk 3 Matthew Pletzer

50 dash (age 6) 1 (tie) Luke Bessesen and Joseph Choma 10 51 each (age 5) 1 Luke Hawver 10 23 2 Kevin Reich 2 Tristin Rehling (age 4) 1 Hunter Septer 14 86 2 Bryce Burgess 3 Liam Rehling (age 3) 1 Jack Lewalk 15 83 2 Sean Rankin 3 Antonio Iuliano

75 dash (6-and under Heat 1) 1 Luke Hawver 14 69 2 Kevin Reich 3 Tristin Rehling (Heat 2) 1 Luke Bessesen 15 35 2 Joseph Choma 3 Bryce Burgess

SOFTBALL DIVISION
Softball throw (age 8) 1 Ryan Browne 105 0 2 Austin Lloyd 71 0 3 Nicky Slagle 70 8 (age 7) 1 Brayden Burgess 49 0 2 Daniel O'Neill 39 4 3 Aaron Chalmers 37 0

Long Jump (age 8) 1 Ryan Browne 9 3 2 Nicky Slagle 7 7 2 Zachary Bessesen 7 5 (age 7) 1 Aaron Chalmers 6 5 2 Devin Gordon 5 10 3 Evan Hawver 5 6

35 dash (age 8-Heat 1) 1 Zachary Bessesen 7 11 2 Payton Ward 3 Luca Mendoza (Heat 2) 1 Ryan Browne 6 19 2 Nicky Slagle 2 Paul Meloche (age 7 Heat 1) 1 Evan Hawver 7 4 2 Ben DiDonato 2 Brayden Burgess (Heat 2) 1 Daniel O'Neill 8 14 2 Aaron Chalmers 3 Blake Shillingford

50 dash (age 8 Heat 1) 1 Ryan Browne 8 7 2 Zachary Bessesen 3 Paul Meloche (Heat 2) 1 Nicky Slagle 9 53 2 Lucas Mendoza 3 Payton Ward (age 7 Heat 1) 1 Evan Hawver 10 28 2 Brayden Burgess 3 Aaron Chalmers (Heat 2) 1 Daniel O'Neill 10 81 2 Ben DiDonato 3 Devin Gordon

75 dash (age 8 Heat 1) 1 Ryan Browne 11 83 2 Zachary Bessesen 3 Paul Meloche (Heat 2) 1 Nicky Slagle 14 23 2 Payton Ward 3 Austin Lloyd (age 7 Heat 1) 1 (tie) Daniel O'Neill and Evan Hawver 14 45 each 3 Brayden Burgess (Heat 2) 1 Ben DiDonato 16 0 2 Aaron Chalmers 3 Blake Shillingford

PEE WEE DIVISION
Softball throw (age 10) 1 Curtis Smith 116 3 2 Nathan Rothley 107 4 3 Brady Wenson 87 4 (age 9) 1 Patrick Wiermaa 98 0 2 Lucas Myers 79 0 3 Evan Wenson 61 0

High jump (age 10) 1 Curtis Smith 3 9 2 Nathan Rothley 3 5 3 Brady Wenson 3 2 (age 9) 1 Patrick Wiermaa 3 0

Long jump (age 10) 1 Curt s Smith 9 1 2 Nathan Rothley 8 7 3 Collin Rankin 8 4 (age 9) 1 Jimmy Adamowicz 7 0 2 Patrick Wiermaa 6 9 3 Alex Shillingford 6 2

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50 dash (age 10 Heat 1) 1 Curtis Smith 6 23 2 Brady Wenson 3 Nathan Rothley (Heat 2) 1 Collin Rankin 6 37 2 Daniel Gordon 3 Peter Moral

75 dash (age 10) 1 Curt s Smith 9 95 2 Brady Wenson 2 Nathan Rothley (age 9) 1 Jimmy Adamowicz 12 06 2 Lucas Myers 3 Patrick Wiermaa

MIDGET DIVISION
Softball throw (age 12) 1 Justin Polules 97 10 2 Michael Gordon 48 4 (age 11) 1 Kenny Walker 106 0 2 Josh Bessesen 78 0 3 Brendan Gordon 54 10



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The Junior Olympics at Hilbert Middle School gave youngsters such as Redford's Ryan Browne a chance to shine

High jump (age 12) 1 Michael Gordon 3 0 (age 11) 1 Joshua Bessesen 3 7 2 Kenny Wacker 3 1 3 Brendan Bordon 3 0

50 dash (ages 11-12) 1 Michael Gordon 8 2 2 Joshua Bessesen 3 Brendan Gordon

75 dash (ages 11 12) 1 Michael Gordon 12 56 2 Joshua Bessesen 3 Kenny Walker

100 dash (ages 11 12) 1 Michael Gordon 15 32 2 Joshua Bessesen 3 Kenny Walker

GIRLS RESULTS
BANTAM DIVISION
Softball throw (age 6) 1 Alyse Meadows 26 7 2 Suzanna Rothley 20 9 3 Mikayla Tanner 17 10 (age 5) 1 Audrey Kopitz 25 0 2 Emma Mandoza 18 3 3 Katy Lewalk 15 1 (age 4) 1 Erika Browne 14 8 2 Alexandra Snage 8 11 3 Rachel Sexton 8 11 (age 2) 1 Nora Meadows 4 9

Long jump (age 6) 1 Susanna Rothley 6 8 2 Mikayla Tanner 4 9 2 Alyse Meadows 4 3 (age 5) 1 Audrey Kopitz 5 0 2 Emma Mandoza 4 9 2 Nadia Sexton 4 6 (age 4) 1 Melissa Rothley 4 11 2 Rachel Sexton 3 11 3 Erika Browne 3 10 (age 2) 1 Nora Meadows 1 0

35 meter dash (age 6) 1 (tie) Kaitlyn Murray and Suzanna Rothley 7 74 each 3 Mikayla Tanner (age 5) 1 Gabrielle Taylor

786 2 Audrey Kopitz 3 Emma Mandoza (age 4) 1 Melissa Rothley 8 89 2 Alexandra Snage 3 Rachel Sexton (age 2) 1 Nora Meadows

50 dash (age 6) 1 Alyse Meadows 10 66 2 Suzanna Rothley 3 Mikayla Tanner (age 5) 1 Gabrielle Taylor 10 53 2 Audrey Kopitz 3 Nadia Sexton (age 4) 1 Melissa Rothley 11 86 2 Rachel Sexton 3 Nora Sabatin

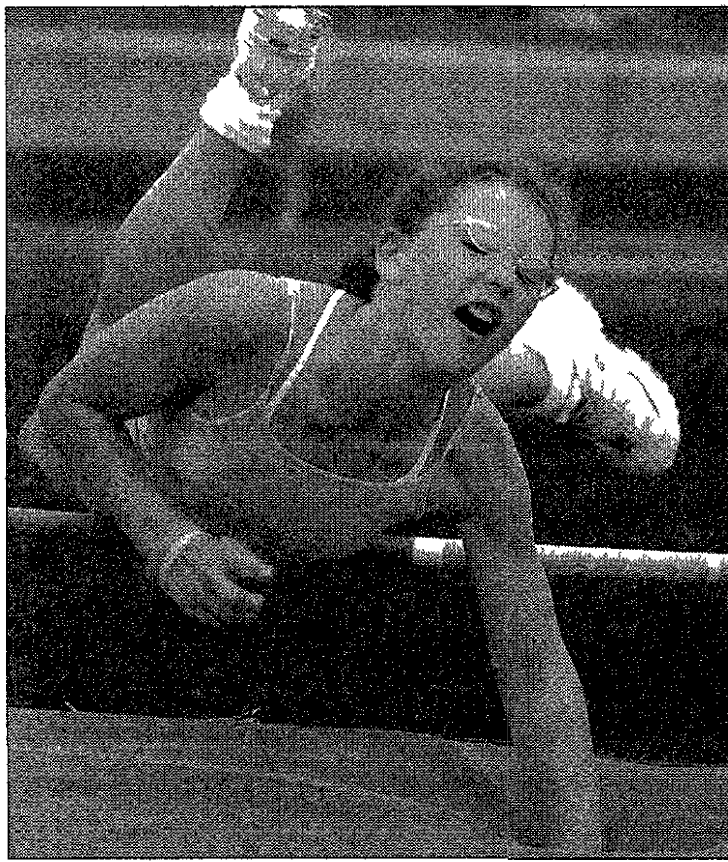
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SQUIRT DIVISION
Softball throw (age 8) 1 Shyanne Munoz 65 6 2 Jacquelyn Reynolds 40 9 3 Erin Yee 39 7 (age 7) 1 Sarah Williams 36 0 2 Jessca Reich 32 8 3 Amy Kam 29 0

Long jump (age 8) 1 Molly McDonald 8 7 2 Shyanne Munoz 6 11 3 Jacquelyn Reynolds 5 5 (age 7) 1 Hannah Powless 7 3 2 Jessca Reich 7 2 3 Tiffany Iuliano 6 2

35 dash (age 8) 1 Molly McDonald 6 63 2 Shekiah Smith 3 Jacquelyn Reynolds (age 7 Heat 1) 1 Jessca Reich 7 11 2 Katie Gordon 3 Amy Kam (Heat 2) 1 Hannah Powless 7 07 2 Tiffanie Iuliano 3 Sarah Williams

50 dash (age 8) 1 Molly McDonald 9 07 2



Ten-year-old Andrea Redding of Redford gives it her all during the recent Junior Olympics

Shekiah Smith 3 Jacquelyn Reynolds (age 7-Heat 1) 1 Hannah Powless 10 06 2 Katie Gordon 3 Amy Kam

75 dash (age 8) 1 Molly McDonald 14 02 2 Jacquelyn Reynolds 3 Shekiah Smith (age 7 Heat 1) 1 Katie Gordon 15 57 2 Amy Kam 3 Sarah Williams (Heat 2) 1 Hannah Powless 14 02 2 Jessica Reich 3 Tiffanie Iuliano

PEE WEE DIVISION
Softball throw (age 10) 1 Andrea Redding 87 0 2 Kamaria McFall 75 0 3 Ashley O'Neill 69 0 (age 9) 1 Allison Anderson 70 0 2 Rachel Reynolds 68 0 2 Reguel Urban 64 0

High jump (age 10) 1 Camille Traylor 3 1 2 Andrea Redding 3 1 3 Lindsey Petrella 3 0 (age 9) 1 Reguel Urban 3 5 2 Rachel

Reynolds 3 4 3 Kennedy Wood 3 3
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35 dash (age 10) 1 Camille Traylor 6 07 2 Lindsey Petrella 3 Andrea Redding (age 9 Heat 1) 1 Rachel Reynolds 5 78 2 Michelle Traylor 2 Kennedy Wood (Heat 2) Hunter Iuliano 5 78 2 Mackenzie Rogers

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75 dash (age 10) 1 Camille Traylor 10 67 2 Andrea Redding 3 Ashley O'Neill (age 9 Heat 1) 1 Rachel Reynolds 10 84 2 Allison Anderson 3 Jarce Barstow (Heat 2) 1 Michelle Traylor 11 06 2 Kennedy Wood 3 Reguel Urban

MIDGET DIVISION
Softball throw (age 12) 1 Natalie Petrella 85 3 2 Sarah Wood 68 5 3 Hope Karrick 65 3 (age 11) 1 Tiffany Browne 77 11 2 Jen Lichtmen 77 0 3 Rebecca Reynolds 70 9

High jump (age 12) 1 Natalie Petrella 4 2 2 Sarah Woods 4 0 3 Riley Wood 3 8 (age 11) 1 Jahmela Morgan 3 6 3 Tiffany Browne 3 2 3 Charleigh Barstow 3 0

Long jump (age 12) 1 Riley Wood 8 11 2 Natalie Petrella 7 100 3 Sarah Wood 7 0 (age 11) 1 Jen Lichtmen 7 9 2 Tiffany Brown 7 5 2 Angelica Woods 6 0

50 dash (age 12) 1 Riley Wood 8 15 2 Natalie Petrella 3 Hope Karrick (age 11) 1 Tiffany Browne 8 1 2 Jen Lichtmen 3 Angelica Woods

75 dash (age 12) 1 Riley Wood 11 31 2 Natalie Petrella 3 Sarah Wood (age 11) 1 Jen Lichtmen 10 87 2 Tiffany Browne 3 Angelica Woods

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'We Are GC'

Youth baseball teams dominate Farmington tourney

BY TONY WIDMER
CORRESPONDENT

In the movie "Jaws" there was a great line. It went "We gonna need a bigger boat." Well, after recent baseball tournaments in Farmington, the line should be "We're gonna need a bigger trophy case."

The Garden City Youth Athletic Association sent five teams to Farmington for tournament games June 25-26. There were teams in the 8-Under, 9-Under, 10-Under, 12-Under and 14-Under brackets. Some games were hard-fought victories, some maybe not so hard-fought, but at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday when all five championship games were played there was green and/or gold on every field. All five teams made it to the championship game in their group.

Meanwhile, several of those teams will play this weekend in

the Pinto World Series held at Moeller Field in Garden City.

Looking back at the wonderful weekend when all five GCYAA teams competed, here are some observations.

The 14-Under team played some great games, but fell short by just a few runs in the championship game. They did bring home a second-place trophy for their efforts. The 12-Under team brought home their second tournament championship (they won in Allen Park June 11-12). The 10-Under team also won the championship in their age group.

I have to admit that when it comes to the 8-Under group I am quite partial. I am one of the coaches and my son Bryan plays on the team.

The 8-Under Gladiators — managed by Dave Ferraccolo and coached by Jim Montroy, Jack Murray and myself — created quite a buzz due to their



All five Garden City Youth Athletic Association baseball teams made it to the championship game June 25-26 in Farmington. Those teams gathered for a group photo. Included are the 8-Under, 9-Under, 10-Under, 12-Under and 14-Under squads.

dazzling defense and overpowering hitting and won their tournament for the second weekend in a row (Milan, June 18-19).

The hitting was quite impressive with speedsters like Brendan Spehar in the leadoff spot and Austin Gonzalez hitting the ball like some other

Gonzalez in the major leagues. Nick Montroy, Sheldon Varhol, Alex Calhoun, Zak Fritz, Brendan Ferraccolo and Tyler Harnos all came up with clutch hitting.

Brandon Richards came up with some big catches in the outfield, Jake Priess was stellar on the pitcher's mound with

some great defensive plays by Bryan Widmer at shortstop and Kyle Murray at second base.

The most special part of the weekend was when the 9-Under team finished off their opponents. All of the players and coaches that hung around to see the final Garden City

trophies handed out came onto the field for one huge city picture.

Garden City conquered and plundered and returned home with their spoils of victory. As we walked out to the parking lot Sunday, we could hear the chants "We Are GC, We Are GC."

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WILSON

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'AMAZED' AND BLUE

Earlier this year, Wilson's decision was rewarded when she accepted a partial athletic scholarship from the U-of-M's track-and-field coach, who was impressed by Wilson's exemplary efforts during her senior season, which included a first-place finish in the discus at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet and a gold-medal performance in the shot put at the Division I regional meet held at the P-CEP track-and-field facility.

My first year of throwing, I learned how important technique is, Wilson said. You can be really strong, but if your technique is bad, you're not going to do well.

Under the guidance of Blaylock, Wilson recorded personal-best efforts of 28 feet in the shot and 90 feet in the discus as a freshman.

Thanks to a golden work ethic and countless hours in the weight room, she graduated from Salem in June with PR's of 35-11 in the shot and 119-10 in the discus.

THIS LOSS WAS GOOD

Wilson's year-round commitment to succeed in track-and-field led her to many wins — as well as a very inspirational loss.

"I've lost 57 pounds since my freshman year," said Wilson. "The biggest reason for my weight loss is that I work out 365 days a year now. I rarely take a day off. I'm not only in better physical shape now, but I have a lot more confidence than I used to have and I feel better about myself. My grades have improved quite a bit, too, since my freshman year."

Wilson, who graduated with a 3.5 grade-point average, thrived on the basketball court during her freshman and sophomore seasons. However, her hoop career was jolted when she was cut following tryouts for the varsity team her junior season.

"I was one of the team captains of the junior-varsity team my sophomore year, so I was pretty surprised when I got cut from the varsity team," Wilson said. "But once that happened, I focused more on the weight room and on getting in shape for the track season."

HAMMER TIME

Wilson's strength and athleticism will be broadened at U-of-M, where she will be asked to throw the hammer and the javelin, as well as the shot put and discus.

"The coaches have already told me that they think it will be an easy adjustment for me," Wilson said. "I'm looking forward to trying something new."

The initial plans call for Wilson to major in kinesiology at U-of-M.

I'd like to get into the sports therapy field once I get my degree, Wilson said.

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Tigers earn 6-1 triumph

The Michigan Tigers baseball team recently walloped Washtenaw Community College, 6-1.

Leading the charge were Shaffee (3-for-4 with two stolen bases and two runs), Matt Biddinger (3-for-4 with a double) and Scott Cherry (3-for-3 with a double and two RBI).

Pitcher Tim Croll benefited from the offensive attack, hurling a complete game for his second victory of the season. He gave up just two hits and struck out six and lost his shutout bid in the sixth.

The Tigers scored three runs in the third and two in the fourth to break the contest open. In the third, Chris Mezignan's single drove in Derek Wozniak, who started the frame with a walk. Greg Wozniak followed with a two-run safety. A double by Cherry in the fourth plated two more Tigers.

Jason Johnson collected an RBI single in the seventh to cap the scoring.

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Judo cam has action, activity for the inspired

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

If you're looking for a recreational activity that offers physical fitness, builds self-confidence and provides more of a challenge than most, you might consider judo.

The martial art that originated in Japan in the late 19th century is adaptable for people of all ages and is a lifetime sport, according to Dave Wertheimer, a fifth-degree black belt and current vice president of Michigan Judo.

Wertheimer teaches an adult judo camp every Wednesday night through the end of July at the Farmington Training Center. He also presides over the Farmington Judo Club that is part of the Farmington Community Education program during the school year.

The camp teaches a wide variety of things, depending on what the individual's needs and interests are, Wertheimer said.

Some are there for self-defense, some for recreational activity, some for health and fitness and some for the actual sport of judo," he said. "Some begin by just checking it out, and some have been in it for years."

"It's one of those lifelong things. Some just want a little recreation and are tired of watching TV, or maybe they can't play football anymore. They enjoy the interaction with other human beings."

People in law enforcement use it to hone their skill and stay sharp on the self-defense side of things. For a husband and wife, it's just a recreational activity for them to get out and enjoy. Some people like golf, some like to throw each other around.

Some campers decide to take it further and enter competition or learn the katas, a series of moves and pre-arranged movements that form the basics of judo.

Generally those are reserved for the highest ranks," Wertheimer said, adding the katas are part of a promotional system for judoka (students) to achieve a higher level of expertise. "Others could care less. They just like to come in and get a sweat."

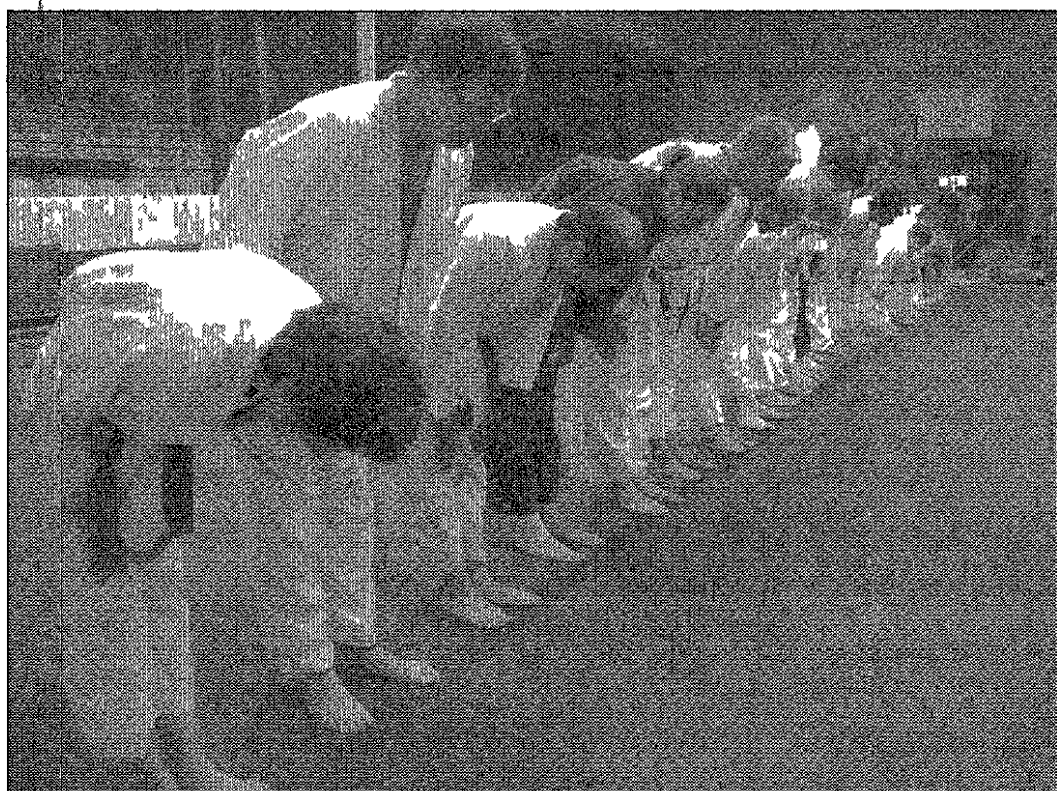
Some of the adult campers bring their children, such as Mark Lempert of West Bloomfield and Jeanette Peper, a German national and current Novi resident.

Brothers Evan, 8, and Eric Grossman-Lempert, 6-1/2, and Anne Marie Peper, 11, were among a half dozen kids outfitted in the traditional white judo uniform who participated last week.

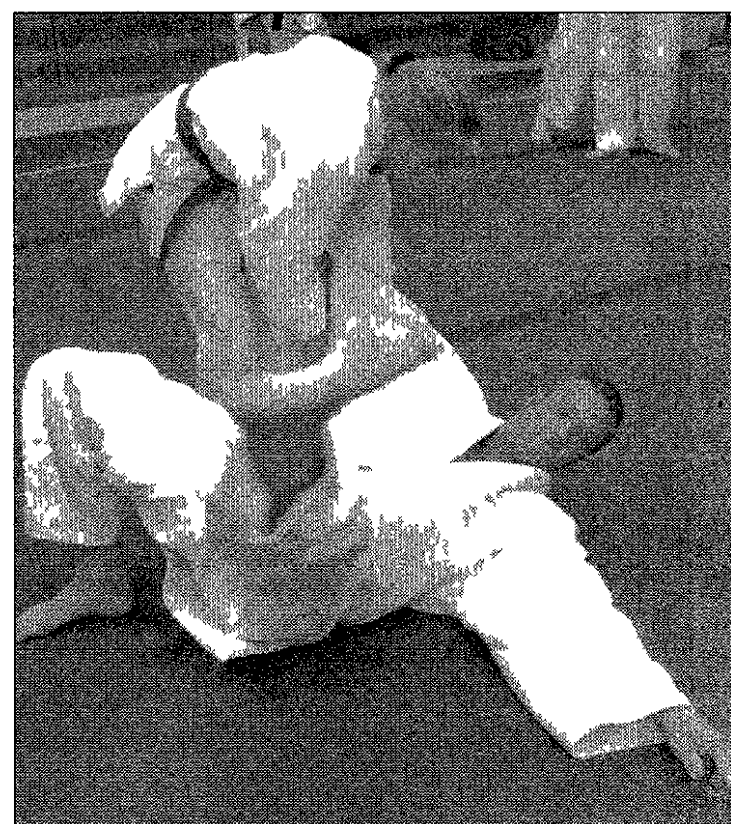
The oldest club members are in their 60s, and two men in their 80s took part in the recent world championships.

"The individual can get out of it what they put into it," Wertheimer said. "I try to show the basics. They can take it a little further or keep it right there. Do you want to lift 100 pounds or 10? Do you want to run fast on the treadmill or go slow? You have those options in judo, which makes it nice."

Do I want to do more stretching today, or do I want it for speed and accuracy to increase my reaction time? Do



Class starts with a bow as a sign of respect at the start of judo camp at the Farmington Training Center. The camp includes adults of all ages, male and female, with a wide range of ability levels and expertise in judo.



Balance and leverage help Jeanette Peper throw Jim Harrell despite his size. Peper started in judo at age 10 in her native Germany.

Do I want to do it more as a stretch activity, or do I want to bump the evening and get a free out of it?"

Example session begins with warm-up exercises to get the body in shape for judo and the first thing anyone is in judo is how to fall.

"We go into some falling activities to show you how to protect yourself not only in judo daily life," Wertheimer said. "We go into stand-up or throwing techniques and pinning techniques."

"So talk about the eastern philosophy of judo and giving instead of using force and aggression and throwing an opponent off balance."

Most of the campers and club members have attained a belt. The white belt is the beginning, there are two degrees of green belt, three degrees of brown belt, then multiple black belts.

Judo is the second most popular sport in the world after soccer, according to Wertheimer, a Novi resident who works for Farmington Public Schools in the technical services department.

It's popular in Europe and especially Germany, he said, noting he has many inquiries from Germans who come to work in the automotive industry.

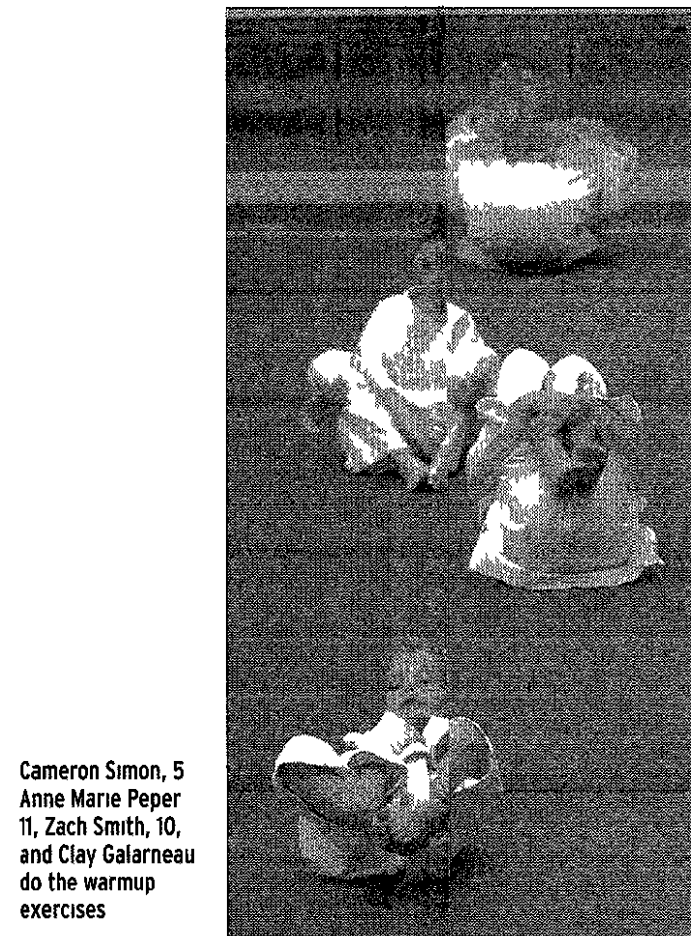
Wertheimer retired from combat years ago but has been practicing judo for more than a decade.

Wudo is a lifetime thing, said Wertheimer. He started in the early 80s, but he practices weekly.

The equivalent of hitting a home in judo competition is to win an opponent on his back with great force, speed and control. Points also are scored with elbow and choke holds.

Judo differs from other martial arts in its approach, Wertheimer added.

Karate is strength and power, said Wertheimer. It's meant to hurt somebody. Judo is more for defense. It can be aggressive, it's easier if you're committed and I redirect that."



Cameron Simon, 5, Anne Marie Peper, 11, Zach Smith, 10, and Clay Galarneau do the warm-up exercises.

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Local golfers tops at tourney

Young golfers from the Observer coverage area took first place in all three divisions of the recent 15th Annual Downriver Junior Golf Tournament at Taylor Meadows.

Leading the way was Westland's Steve South, who was the overall champion with a score of 71 in the 16-17 age division.

He edged Plymouth resident Matt Taubot, who finished with

a round of 72.

Garden City resident Hagan Risner captured the 15-under age division with a 1-over par 72, two strokes ahead of his closest competitor.

In the girls division, 14-year-old Shannon Warner of Livonia won her third straight division title with a round of 75.

Warner overcame a four-stroke deficit after four holes and had three birdie attempts

hip out before she had one finally drop on the 15th.

Other area participants in the 16-17 age division were Plymouth's Jimmie Vleck and Farmington Hills resident Arron Russ (tied for fifth with 78) and Derek Brcken of Garden City, who shot a 91.

Rusner and Warner were the only Observer-area participants in the other two divisions.

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- DIVISION 16-17**
 1 Steve South (Westland) 71
 2 Matt Taubot (Plymouth) 72
 3 Mike Gurreso (Novi) 75
 4 Ben Livernois (Grosse Ile) 76
 5 Jimmie Vleck (Plymouth) 78
 5 Arron Russ (Farmington Hills) 78
 5 David Bender (Dearborn) 78
 8 Michael J. Mazzola (St. Clair Shores) 79
 9 Alex McDonnell (Allen Park) 85

- 10 Ben Copple (Taylor) 88
 10 Christopher Munn (Detroit) 88
 12 Thomas Cameron (Grosse Pointe)
 13 Derek Brcken (Garden City) 91
 14 Kevin Giacchina (Southgate) 104
 15 Brent Hall (Southgate) N/A

- DIVISION 15-UNDER**
 1 Hagan Risner (Garden City) 72
 2 Eric Carnacchi (Dearborn) 74
 3 Ben Wicks (Allen Park) 75
 4 David Goad (Allen Park) 77
 4 Andrew Jasina (Trenton) 77
 6 Anthony Ball (Dearborn Heights) 78
 7 Beau Grandy (Southgate) 85
 7 Ethan Koldrma (Dearborn) 85
 9 Denny Barnard (Trenton) 77
 10 Dalton Rickard (Taylor) 88

- 10 Erik Tawredce (Wyandotte) 88
 12 Bryon A J Giacchina (Southgate) 89
 13 Miles Colbert (Oak Park) 91
 14 Jamison Palmer (Dexter) 95
 15 Max Boomer (Grosse Pointe Farms) 97
 16 Chris Ordo (Dearborn) 99
 17 T J Bacille (Romulus) 103
 17 Mike Kropik (Dearborn) 103
 19 Nick Freeman (Allen Park) 114
 20 Bryan Rourke (Allen Park) 117

- GIRLS DIVISION**
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CLARENCEVILLE FOOTBALL

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Participation cost is \$15. Campers will receive instruction on offensive and defensive fundamentals, along with a camp T-shirt.

If interested, contact varsity head coach Ryan Irish or athletic director Kevin Murphy (248) 473-8926, Ext. 216 or 217.

DOYLE BASEBALL CAMP

Plymouth Christian Academy will be hosting the nationally recognized Doyle Baseball School July 11-15. The school will instruct baseball and softball players ages 6-12 in hitting, throwing a fielding during the five-day instruction.

The school will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day at PCA, which is located at 43 Joy Road in Canton.

Doyle Baseball, which is its 26th year of operation, conducts satellite schools across the country and in Canada. More than 500,000 players have benefited from Doyle expert instruction including current and former major leaguers Walt Weiss, Derek Lee, Charles Johnson, Tino Martinez, Derek Bell, Dan Wilson and Jim Poole.

Doyle Baseball uses a step-by-step teaching approach that allows every player to improve and build confidence.

The tuition for the school is \$100 per player. To register, call Bob Unis at (734) 464-5725. For a free Doyle brochure, call (863) 326-6100.

COMETS FOOTBALL CAMP

The Westland Comets will host a youth football camp (ages 8-14) from 6-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Aug. 1-4, at Marshall Middle School.

The cost is \$25 (includes camp T-shirt and pizza) per player. For more information, call the WYAA Lange Building (734) 421-0640 (leave a message by July 19).

ROLLER HOCKEY

High Velocity Sports has added several roller-hockey camps to its summer schedule.

■ 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 Aug. 1-5.

■ 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.

SUMMER CAMPS

a learn-to-skate camp from July 11-15 and Aug. 22-26. Both camps will run from 9 a.m. to noon.

SOCCER MINI-CAMP

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, located at 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia (just north of I-96), will stage a soccer mini-camp for beginner and intermediate players (boys and girls ages 5-11) from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 25-28.

The cost is \$20 per student (includes instruction, snacks, soccer ball and water bottle). Fee is payable at registration.

Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired (items not required to enroll).

For more information, call Christ Our Savior Outreach Director Linda Hollman at (734) 522-6830.

SCHOOLCRAFT BOYS HOOPS

Schoolcraft College men's basketball coach Carlos Briggs will direct a summer basketball camp for boys in grades 1-12, Monday through Friday, Aug. 1-5, at the school's gym.

The cost is \$125 per person. Registration forms can be mailed or delivered to the Physical Education Building on the Livonia campus.

For more information, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5564, or visit www.schoolcraft.edu (click on Student Life, Athletics and Athletic Camps).

SCHOOLCRAFT SOCCER CAMPS

Schoolcraft College men's soccer coach Dominica Scicluna will offer four sessions of soccer camps for boys and girls ages 5-16, Monday through Friday, July 11-16, 18-23, 25-30, and Aug. 1-6.

Beginner and intermediate session fees are \$115 for the first member of each family and \$100 for each additional family member. Advanced session fees are \$140 and \$125.

Forms can be mailed or delivered to the Physical Education Building on the Livonia campus.

For more information, call (734) 462-4400, Ext. 5564, or visit www.schoolcraft.edu (click on Student Life, Athletics and Athletic Camps).

MU SOCCER ACADEMY

Madonna University will stage two sessions of summer soccer camps, conducted by men's coach Tino Scicluna and women's coach Mark Zathay, for boys and girls ages 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 18-22 and July 25-29.

The cost is \$210 per player (includes camp T-shirt). Half-day camper rate is \$100 per player. Group rates are available for eight or more players.

For more information, call Mark Zathay at (734) 432-5882 or e-mail mzathay@madonna.edu.

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www.stjohnwestland.org

CIRCLE G RANCH
 Newburg United Methodist Church
 36500 Ann Arbor Tr.
 Livonia
 ph (734) 422-0149
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 9:00 am - Noon
 Ages 4 - 5th grade
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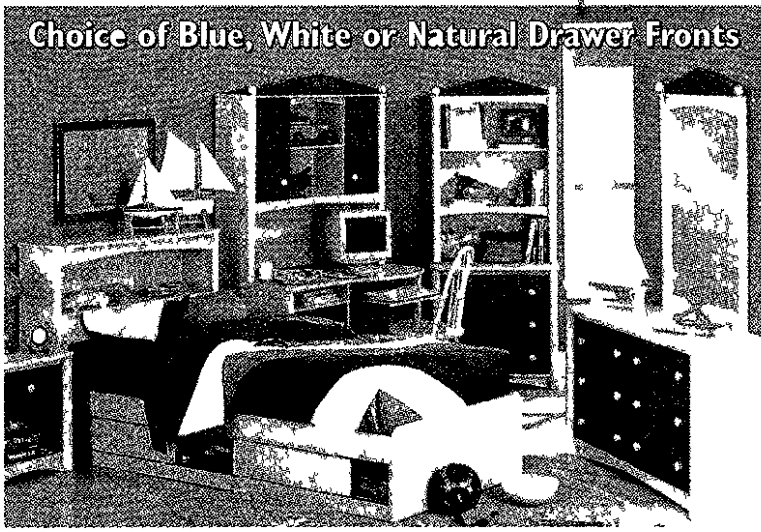
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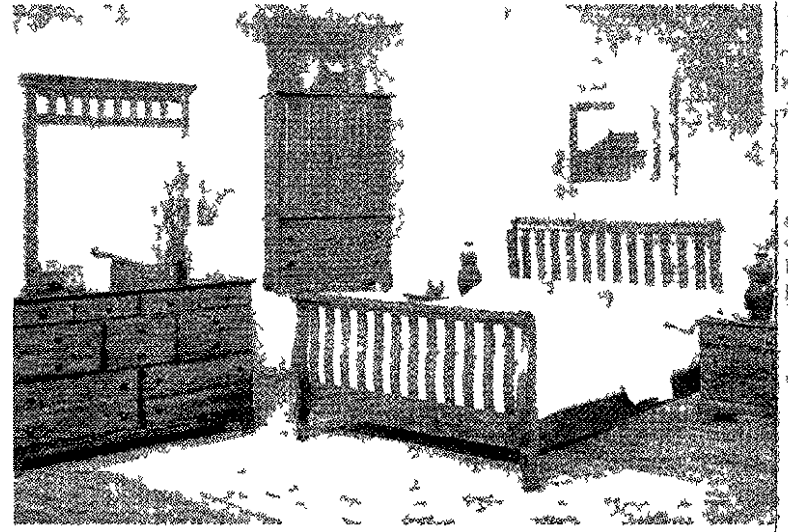
Kingdom of the Son A Prayer Safari
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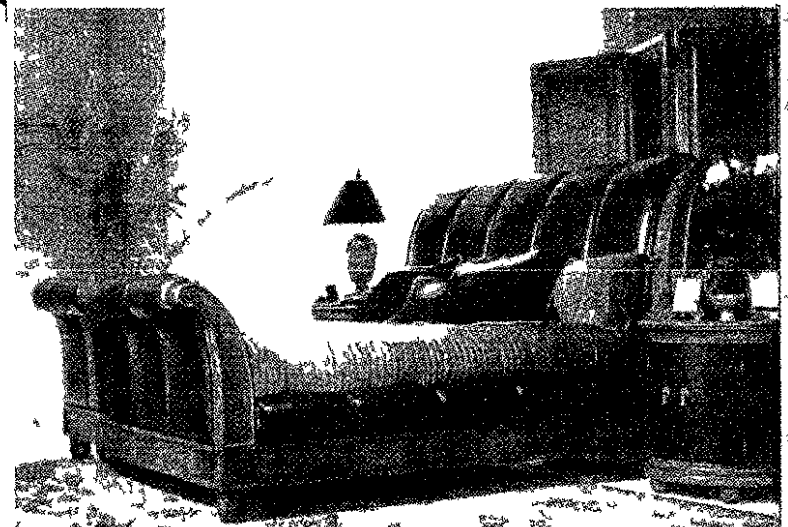


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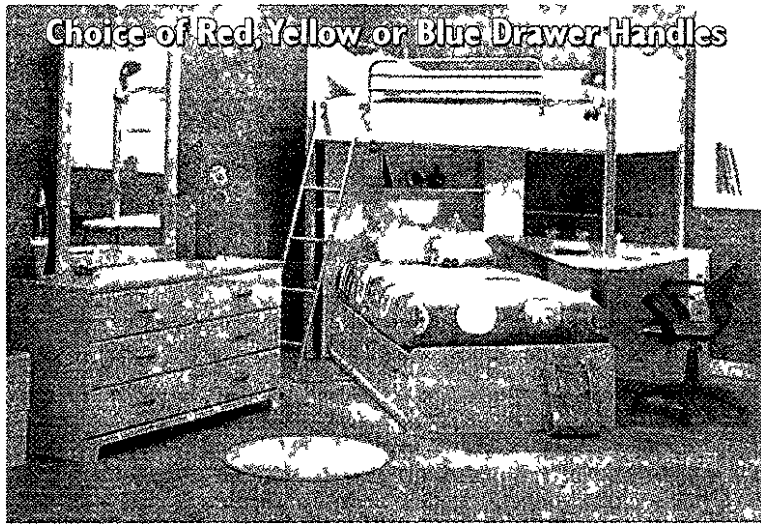


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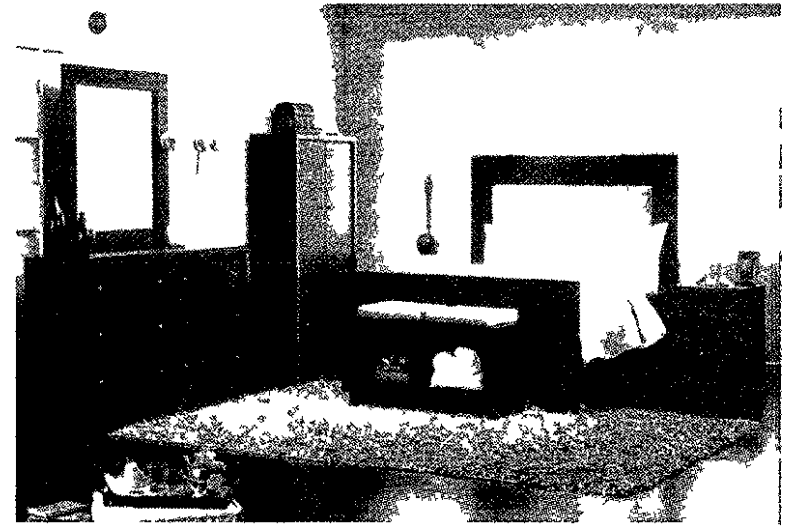
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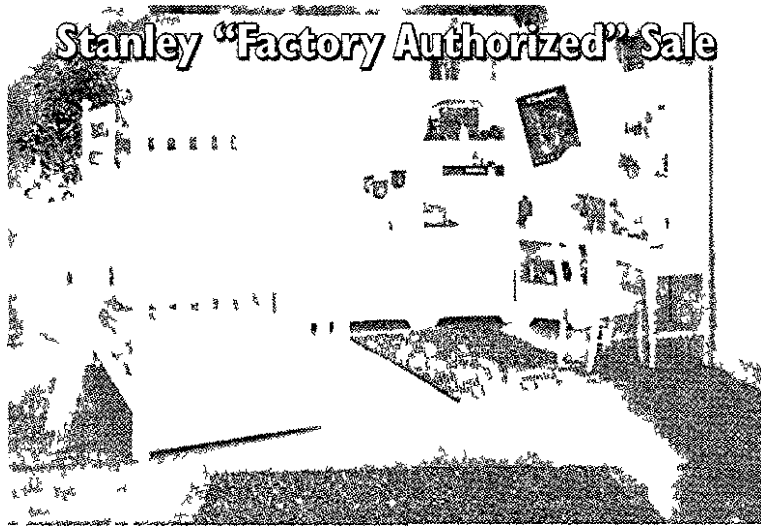
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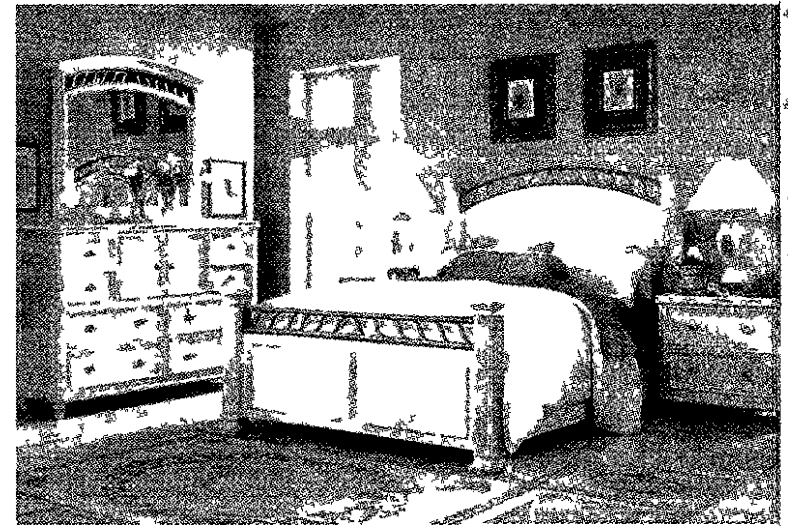


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 One Drawer Night Stand SALE \$348 Twin Over Twin Bunk Bed SALE \$838
 Full Size Panel Headboard SALE \$378 44 Student Desk & Hutch SALE \$938

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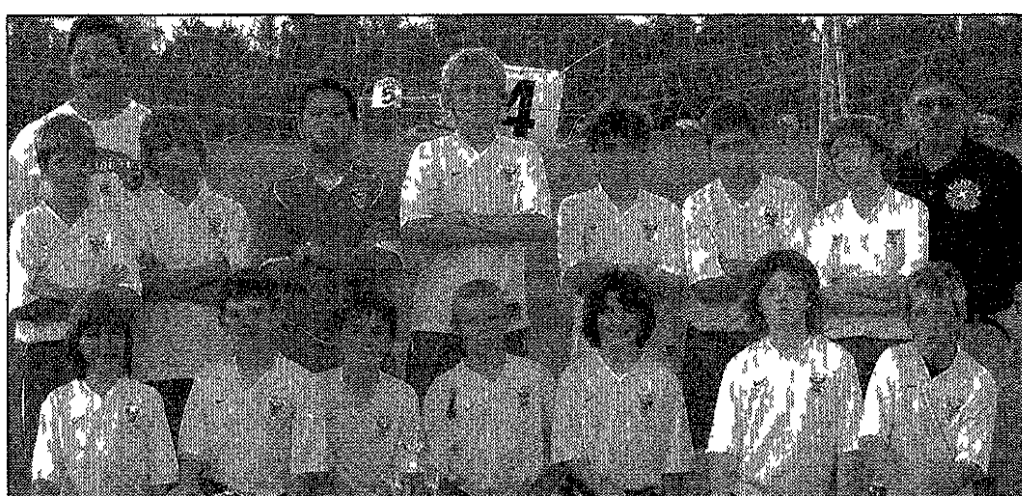
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Three cheers for award recipients

Canton residents Tricia Yost (left) and Kelly Brady were both honored at the 2005 Operation Friendship banquet held June 6 at DeCarlo's restaurant in Warren. Yost, the competitive cheerleading coach at Dearborn Divine Child, was presented with the 2004-05 Operation Friendship Championship Coach award after her squad captured the Catholic High School League championship earlier this year. Brady, a competitive cheerleader at Divine Child, was honored with the Scholar-Athlete award after earning a 3.7 career grade-point average. Brady, who will be attending Michigan State University in the fall, was a member of the National Honor Society and received the Michigan Merit award for her outstanding achievements in high school.



Rangers roll

The Canton Oaks Rangers, a U12 boys soccer team, recently completed its 2004-05 season with a 21-0-4 record. The Rangers captured the championship in the first and third indoor sessions at Total Soccer in Wixom. They also won their second consecutive Canton Cup in May and were co-champions of the spring, Western Wayne Suburban Soccer League's third division along with the Northville Cosmos. The team is trained by Doug Morrison and Chris Gregory and is sponsored by Canton Construction. Pictured are (top row l-r) Coach Chris Gregory, Jeremy Summitt, Philip Baciak, Tony Aguirre, Justin Heck, Doug Deykes, John Sarnecky, Conor Downey, Coach Doug Morrison (front row l-r) Ian Crawford, Tommy Dean, Jason Wensley, Paul Hagemeyer, Tanner Cottrell, Ben Burkman and John Gregory.

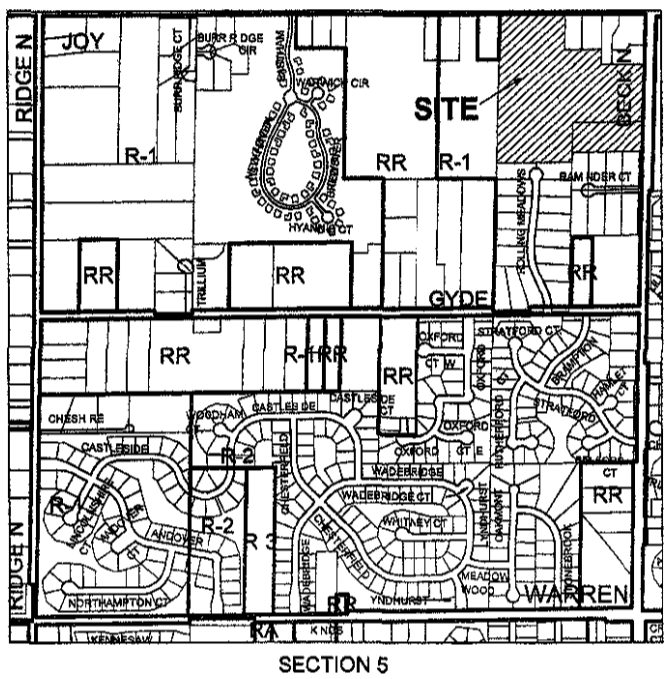
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PLANNING COMMISSION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY MICHIGAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Act 184 of the Public Acts of 1943 of the State of Michigan as amended and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday July 25 2005 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

WESTBURY ESTATES PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 017 99 0001 713 AND 017 99 0001 723. Property is located south of Joy and west of Beck Road. (Second Public Hearing.)



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday July 21 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson Chairman

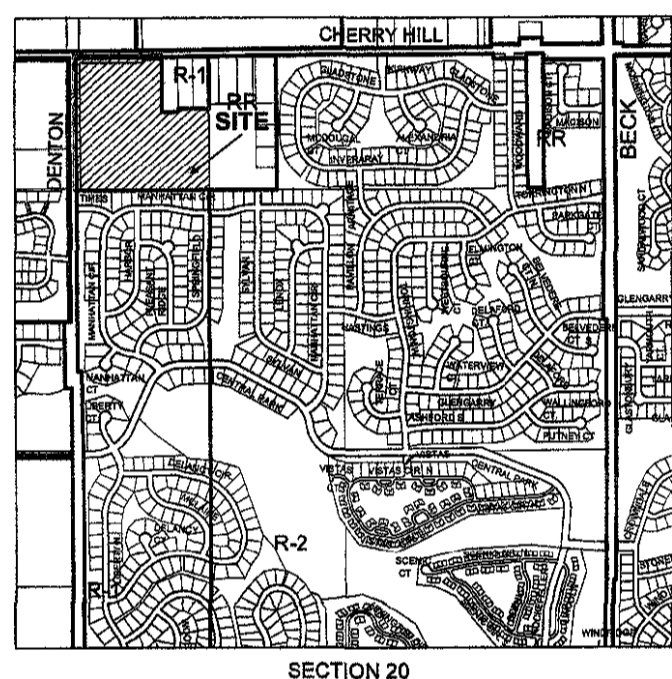
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CHERRY HILL GARDENS PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AMENDMENT NO. 1 - CONSIDER REQUEST TO AMEND THE PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S) 078 99 0009 707 (PART OF) AND 078 99 0010 000 Property is located south of Cherry Hill and west of Beck Road



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday July 21 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

Vic Gustafson Chairman

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

MIDDLESEX Division Docket No 05A0128AC

In the Matter Of DAKOTA GRACE THOMSON ALLING minor

CITATION
M.G.L. c. 210, § 6

To VERLIN J NANGLE last known of CANTON, MICHIGAN and/or any unknown or unnamed father and/or persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Social Services of said Commonwealth

A petition has been presented to said court by KURT L KLEFFELD and SARAH T. KLEFFELD formerly known as SARAH T. ALLING of MARLBOROUGH in the County of MIDDLESEX praying for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to DAKOTA GRACE THOMSON KLEFFELD

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT MIDDLESEX PROBATE & FAMILY COURT, 208 CAMBRIDGE ST., CAMBRIDGE, MA. 02141 ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10.00 AM) ON AUGUST 19, 2005

WITNESS HON ROBERT W LANGLOIS ESQUIRE First Justice of said Court as CAMBRIDGE this day July 6 2005

John R Buonomo
Register of Probate

ORDER OF NOTICE

It is ordered that notice of said proceeding be given by mailing to the Department of Social Services and by delivering in hand and if in hand service cannot be accomplished then by mailing by certified mail return receipt requested a copy of the foregoing citation to said persons fourteen days at least before said return date and if service is made by mail unless it shall appear that all persons interested have received actual notice by publishing a copy thereof in the CANTON OBSERVER 734-459-2700 a newspaper published in MICHIGAN publication to be once in each of three consecutive weeks the last publication to be seven days at least before said return day

WITNESS HON ROBERT W LANGLOIS ESQUIRE First Justice of said Court this day July 6 2005

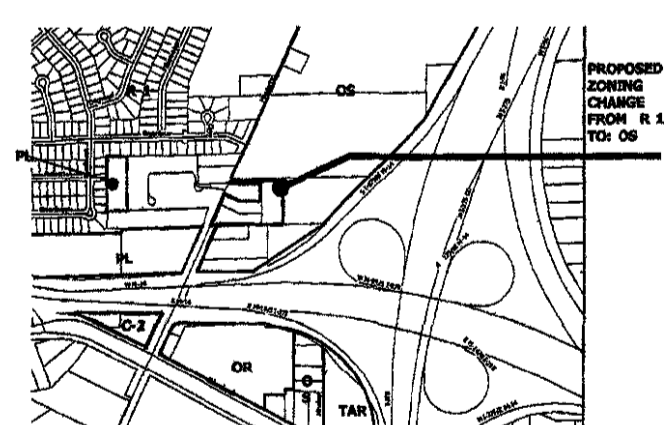
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
REZONE FROM R-1 Single Family Residential District
REZONE TO: OS Office Service District
DATE OF HEARING Wednesday July 20 2005
TIME OF HEARING 7:00 PM
PLACE OF HEARING Plymouth Township Hall 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a proposed petition to rezone parcels R-78 021 99 0026 000 R-78 021 99 0027 000 and a portion of R 78 021 99 0028 001 from R-1, Single Family Residential District to OS, Office Service District. The property address is 15000 Haggerty Road. Application 1882



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 008
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos R-78-021 99-0026-000, R-78-021-99 0027-000, and a portion of R-78-021-99-0028-001, and are on file in the Community Development Department

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building Community Development Department during regular business hours from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46555 Port Street Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734 453 8131 ext 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth Township MI 48170. At the public hearing the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No 99

PLEASE TAKE NOTE The Charter Township of Plymouth will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at all Township meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meetings/hearings upon one week notice to the Charter Township of Plymouth by writing or calling the Supervisor's Office 42850 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth MI 48170 Phone 734 453 3840 TDD users 800-849-3777 (Michigan Relay Service)

KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

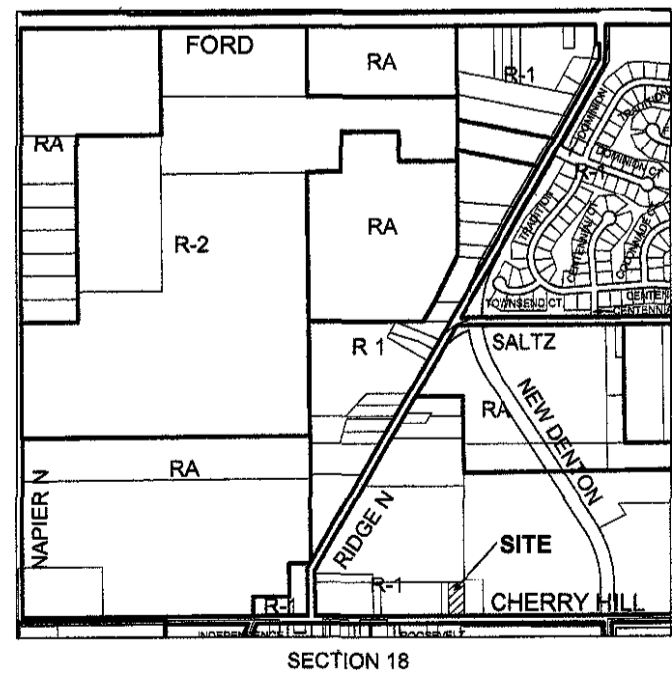
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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CHERRY HILL VILLAGE PLAZA PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) - (PRELIMINARY PLAN) CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO 072 99 0021 000 Property is located north of Cherry Hill and east of Ridge Road (First Public Hearing.)



Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building 1150 Canton Center S prior to Thursday August 4 2005 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

VIC GUSTAFSON Chairman

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SHURGARD STORAGE CENTERS

Notice is hereby given that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 07/29/05 at approximately 9:00 a.m. or thereafter at the following locations

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| Shurgard of Canton
2101 Haggerty Rd
Canton MI 48187
734 981 0300 | Robinson household
Smith household
Whitmore household
Wood household |
| Humbarger household
Neighbor household
Peltier household
TC Gators Restaurant equip
Merritt household | Shurgard of Taylor
9300 Pelham Rd
Taylor MI 48180
313 292 2950 |
| Shurgard of Canton South
45229 Michigan Ave
Canton MI 48188
734 398 5416 | Allam household
Cook household
Davis household
Devine household
Edwards household
Fossett household
Green household
Horn household
Kuhrt (4 units) household
Kortas household
Linares household
Mathis household
Mercer household
Miller household
Mitchell household
Murry household
Nundley household
Ogg household |
| Bryant household
Bryant household
Bryant household
Cash household
Earhart household
Gunn household
Harrison household
Hlavacek household
Lopez household
Naylor household
Robinson household
Rowe household
Sunquist household
Swinea household
Turrentine household
Wolf household | Shurgard of Westland
36001 Warren Rd
Westland MI 48185
734 326 6000 |
| Shurgard of Dearborn
24920 Trowbridge
Dearborn MI 48124
313 277 2000 | Gary household
Jacobs household
Mercer household
Mordh household
Newton household
Victoria Secret business |
| Chishtie household
Cooper household
Davis household
Ferguson household
Hanchett household
Hayes household
Helton household | Shurgard of Plymouth
41889 Joy Rd
Canton MI 48187
734 459 2200 |
| Shurgard of Livonia
30300 Plymouth Rd
Livonia MI 48150
734 522 7811 | Alsaidy household
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Pintore household
Rockets R Us business
Smith household
Hernandez household
Moore household |

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

COACHES WANTED

Assistant football coaches are needed for Livonia Clarenceville High School. Those interested should call athletic director Kevin Murphy at (248) 473-8926 Ext 217.

UD BASEBALL OUTING

University of Detroit Mercy baseball alumni and friends will hold a golf outing Monday Sept. 12 at Glenhurst Golf Course, located on Six Mile between Beech Daly and Telegraph roads, in Redford Township.

A dinner will follow at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall on Middlebelt Road, just north of Grand River, in Farmington Hills.

For more information call Bob Miller, Jr. at (248) 568-2448, or e-mail millsjr@aol.com.

FRANKLIN FOOTBALL

Livonia Franklin will stage voluntary summer weightlifting from 4-6 p.m. (varsity) and 5:30-6:30 p.m. (freshman and JV) each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the high school fieldhouse.

Team camp will be Thursday through Saturday, July 28-30, at Adrian College. (The registration deadline is June 16.)

Pre-season voluntary conditioning for freshman JV and varsity player will be from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, Aug. 3-5.

Official practice begins 8-11 a.m. and noon-3 p.m. Monday

Aug. 8. For more information e-mail kkelbert@livonia.k12.mi.us

U-M MICRO SHOOTOUT

The University of Michigan men's soccer team will stage its 14th annual 3 vs. 3 Micro-Soccer Shootout on Saturday July 16 at U-M's Mitchell fields.

The entry fee is \$80 per team with each team guaranteed four games.

The Shootout similar to basketball's Superball or Gus Macker is an all-day tourney with over 200 teams from age 7 through adult for both boys and girls with recreational and competitive divisions offered for each age bracket.

Registration forms are available at area soccer stores or can be obtained online at www.umsoccer.com.

Registration forms must be postmarked by July 6. All proceeds will benefit U-M men's soccer.

For more information call (734) 615-5141 or e-mail ldurkee@umich.edu.

SUMMER INLINE HOCKEY

Skateland West located at 37550 Cherry Hill Westland is offering summer inline hockey from July 12 through Aug. 31 for boys and girls ages 4-17.

Late registration is \$130 (includes eight games, eight practices, jersey, practice puck, trophy and season ending party).

Skateland West is open from

10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

For more information, call (734) 326-2801.

SUMMER TENNIS LESSONS

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation stage a series of summer tennis lessons at the Shelden Park tennis courts (Plymouth Road east of Farmington) including Session II, Monday through Thursday, July 11-14, and Session III, July 18-28.

The fee is \$40 for residents and \$45 for non-residents.

Registration is at the Parks and Recreation office, located inside the Livonia Community Recreation Center. For more information or to obtain an activity registration form, visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

THERAPEUTIC BOWLING

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation is offering a therapeutic bowling bonanza for persons with disabilities this summer.

The six-week sessions will be from 6-8 p.m. Mondays, beginning July 11, at Wonderland Lanes, 28455 Plymouth Road, Livonia (ramps available), and 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning July 13, at Merri-Bowl Lanes, 30950 Five Mile Road, Livonia (instruction and ramps available).

The cost is \$30 for residents and \$39 for non-residents.

(plus \$5 per event, which includes shoes and unlimited bowling for a two-hour period).

All ages are welcome. Pre-registration is required. You must fill out a separate WWCTR registration form, which are available at the Livonia Community Center, located at Five Mile and Hubbard roads. You can also download a form at www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

To obtain a form via mail, fax or e-mail, call Livonia Parks and Recreation at (734) 466-2410.

TENNIS COACH WANTED

Livonia Ladywood High School is seeking a JV girls tennis coach for the fall season.

Interested candidates should fax a resume to athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

Bucks get set for showdown

SOCCER

The Michigan Bucks soccer team keeps hanging on by a thread in its bid for a Great Lakes Division playoff spot.

On Saturday in Cleveland, the Bucks won 2-0 – the fifth consecutive “must-win” game that the team pulled out.

Opening the scoring for the Bucks (8-4-1) was Mkhokheli Dube with Chris Edwards tacking on the insurance goal.

For Edwards, who endured a nine-game scoring slump earlier in the season, it was the fourth straight game in which he found the back of the net.

Collecting his third shutout in a row was Jeff Wiese, who only had to stop four Cleveland shots.

The victory keeps the Bucks right on the heels of the Indiana Invaders (9-3) for the second and final divisional playoff spot.

‘I thought we played much

better tonight, but we did not do a very good job of finishing our chances,’ said Bucks coach Paul Snape. ‘Overall, I was proud of the effort and now we have all week to get ready for the big game.’

That game referred to by Snape is 7:30 p.m. Saturday against the Invaders at Berkley's Hurley Field.

Tickets for the divisional showdown contest will be available at the gate and are priced at \$9 for adults and \$6 for patrons age 19 and under.

Meanwhile, \$3-off discount coupons for adult tickets are available at Bucks Insiders or with a coupon from the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers. For more information, go to www.bucksoccer.com.

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Video Presentation



by Mary Lucero

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Mary Lucero's presentations have been acclaimed as outstanding programs on caregiving by professional and private caregivers alike because of the innovative and practical solutions she offers to improve the quality of care and life for the person with dementia. She is nationally recognized as a leader in the field of Alzheimer's caregiving and has received the Education Award by the American College of Health Care Administrators.

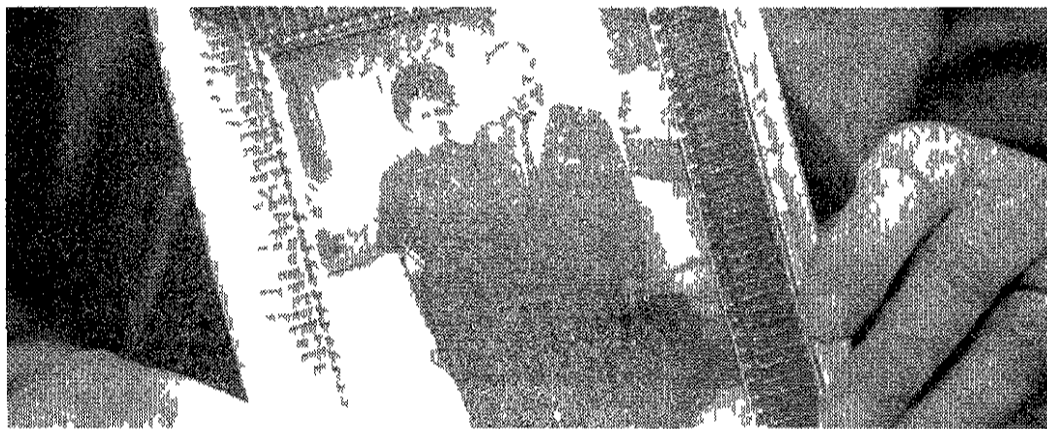
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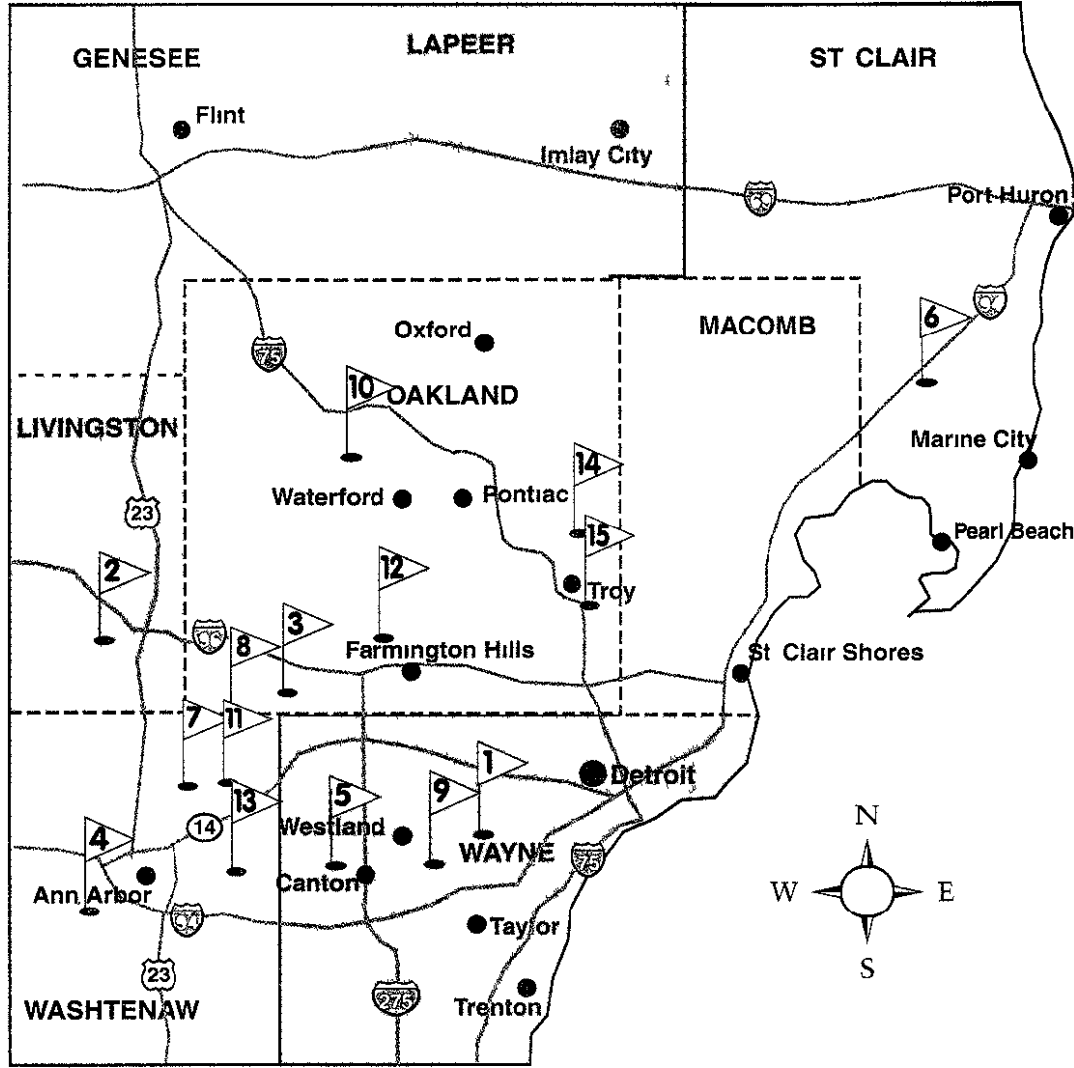
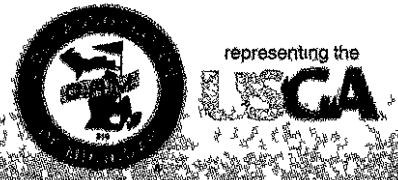
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Course Profile

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Sylvan Glen Golf Course has been a fixture in the City of Troy since 1922. Servicing more than 50,000 patrons per year, the course has become recognized as a family-oriented facility that caters to golfers of all skill levels. With four sets of tees ranging from 4,900 yards to 6,600 yards, this par-70 course offers a friendly layout to beginners but still provides a test for the most seasoned players.



Sylvan Glen is home to 34 golf leagues and annually hosts more than 50 golf outings ranging in size from 20 to over 100 players. The course features tree-lined fairways with very traditional greens and contour.

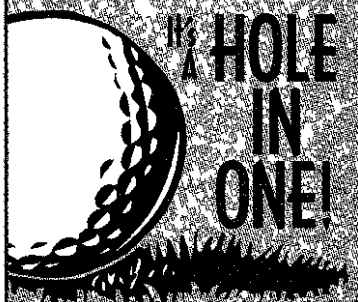
Sylvan Glen's Pro Shop offers a full line of merchandise and Camp Ticonderoga Restaurant is capable of handling groups of every size.

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Signature Hole #9 Long Par 4. Tree-lined with water in front of the green. Good drive dictates second shot approach.

Pro Tip #1 Accuracy from the tee will enhance your chances to reach the green in regulation.

For more information check out the Directory below and visit www.troymi.gov



Here is this week's list of who hit a Hole in One... and where!

Hilltop in Plymouth
Tom Yockey on 5/28/05
Hole #: 2 Par: 3
Club Used: 5 Wood
Witness: Joe Slavick and John Nelko
Comments: It was my first one and I am 37 yrs. old.

Pheasant Run
Fred Kendall on 6/20/05
Hole #: 7 Par: 3
Club Used: 6 Iron
Witness: Rick Fringle, Jim Shafer

At Day on 6/29/05
Hole #: 23 Par: 3
Club Used: 9 Iron
Witness: Roman Raxos

Rattle Run
Bob Blazewski on 5/24/05
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Club Used: 5 Wood
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No of Holes 18 Par 71 Yards 6700
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www.rattlerun.com
No of Holes 18 Par 72 Yards 6865
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Directions 1 94 exit 157 south to Palms Rd left to St. Clair Hwy left 2 mi
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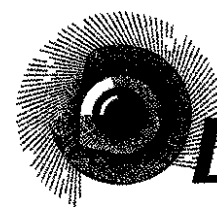
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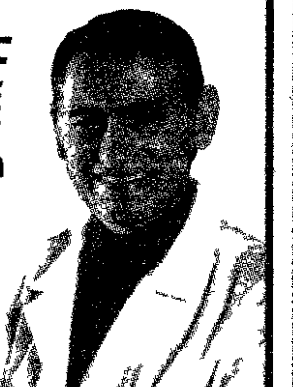
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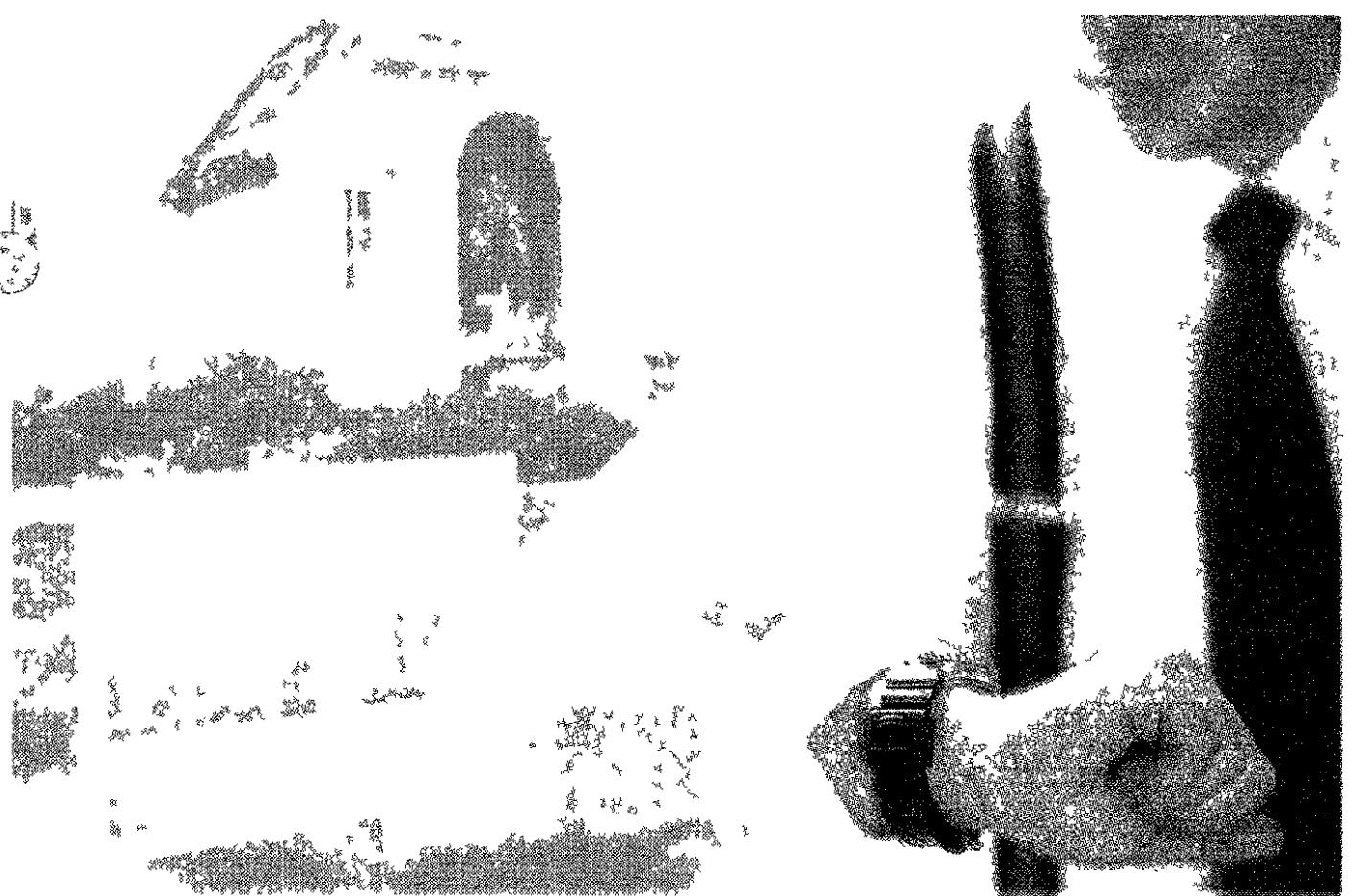
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Market conditions fluctuate with economy in real estate

BY DEB PASCOE
CORRESPONDENT

A slight decrease in sales of higher priced homes in Oakland County is leaving homes on the market longer and area real estate agents with a bit more time on their hands.

But the slight slump is hardly a cause for panic.

'Am I overly concerned? No,' said Tom Bauman, sales manager for Jack Christenson Realtors, Inc. in Troy. People in Oakland County are going to be OK, it just takes time.'

Bauman said the market in Troy and Rochester is 'flat at best' compared to sales transactions recorded in May and June on existing homes last year. Prices are also down by about \$2 per square foot in Troy and \$3 per square foot in Rochester, he said.

Bauman attributes the decline in both sales and home prices to the employment situation in Oakland County. The downsizing of Kmart's world headquarters caused many people to move away and troubles reported at Delphi,

EDS and Textron prompted layoffs.

'Families with two full-time working adults, because of layoffs, are down to one,' Bauman said. 'What's going on in the auto companies is really affecting inventory on \$1 million-plus homes. It's incredible,' he said.

People are reluctant to move up when they are uncertain about their employment. Agents are telling me day in and day out buyers are reluctant and it's directly related to employment.'

Nanci Rands, president-elect of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors (MCAR), agrees the characteristics of the current housing market are challenging. She, however, believes sales are 'pretty much on par' with last year's numbers, and remains 'cautiously optimistic.'

Composed of real estate agents, brokers, appraisers and affiliates in Macomb and Oakland County, MCAR provides political advocacy and education for its members and emphasizes ethical conduct.

Regardless of how challenging the market is

people are always moving in and out of the area and expanding the size of the homes they wish to live in or are downsizing,' Rands said.

She also believes low interest rates on investments and an uncertain stock market is making real estate the preferred financial investment.

'A lot of people who might have put money into the stock market are now putting it in real estate,' she said. 'They enjoy it every day and still have an anticipation of appreciation over a number of years. That, along with low mortgage rates, gives us a real boost.'

The best deals, she said, are in homes at the higher end of the price spectrum. But that's not to say those current owners are taking a major financial hit.

Sellers may have to take less, but they are still coming out well ahead when you factor in the very large appreciations in home values that were assigned each and every year up until about two to three years ago,' she said.

The current market, in Rands' opinion, is an exceptionally good time for buyers who want to

move up.

Bauman disagrees. He believes current homeowners are very reluctant to jump to the next level.

A lot of homeowners that have refinanced and got appraisals that were too high can't afford to sell,' he said, adding a seller at a recent closing had to bring \$20,000 to the table to complete the transaction.

Sales on properties valued less than \$400,000, however, are continuing to sell at about the average levels, with those price points from \$400,000 to \$700,000 taking more time.

Young families, Bauman said, make up the bulk of the home selling business in Troy and Rochester where buyers from Sterling Heights and Royal Oak are school district shopping.

Rands agrees first-time buyers and young families see Oakland County as the premier place to live. Creative financing options such as zero-down mortgage plans and adjustable rate mortgages are making those dreams a reality. 'It's definitely a buyer's market,' she said.

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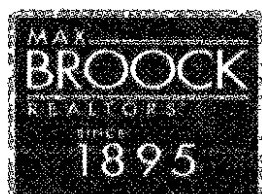
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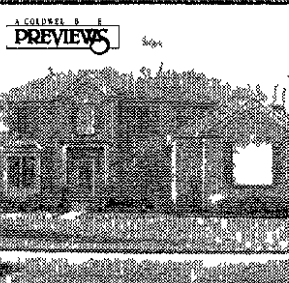
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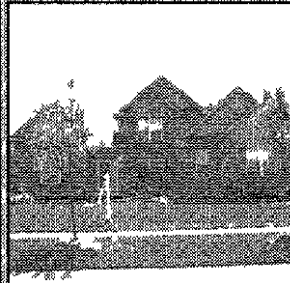
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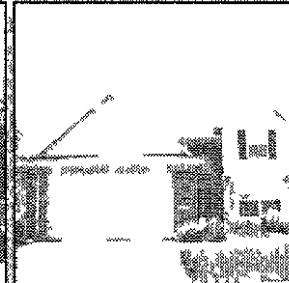
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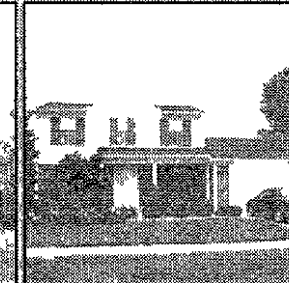
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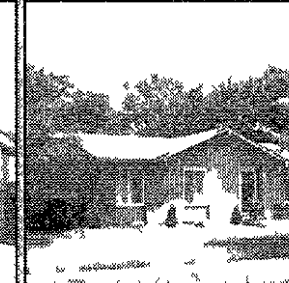
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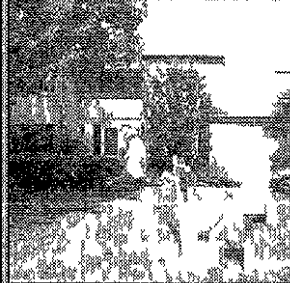
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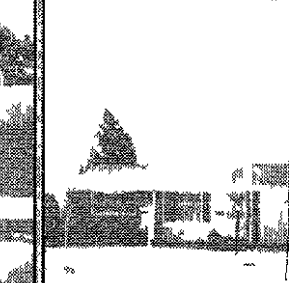
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GARDEN CITY \$149,900 A b ck bungalow on huge ot 2 BRs up 1BR man f spack kt w new fl & newer wndws & pantry HDWD f s to LR offe s covcd cng rntf esh y pa med new coppe plumbng updated BA newe fu & CA A app MLS# 25053212 734 453 6800



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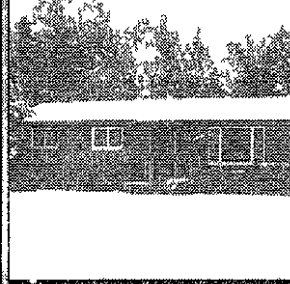
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LIVONIA \$235,000 Wonderful Home Is n Lke New Cond t on & Boats 3 Spacious Bdrms 2 1/2 Baths (inc lndng A Mstr) Imp esse ve Entrance Extra Lvg Space n The Lowe Level World Be Perfect Fo A Family Room Or In aw Qua ters MLS# 25087354 248 347 3050



LIVONIA \$194,900 Comp ete y updated f om top to bottom Chmng 3 BR 3 BA ranch Ga nte n k tchen New Pe go floo n g eat room Master w master bath Beautifuly f n shed basement w wet ba bath & mo e MLS# 25093953 734 453 6800



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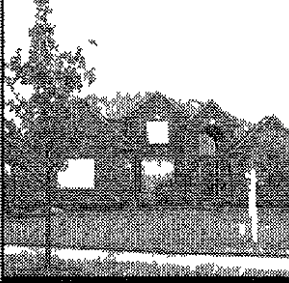
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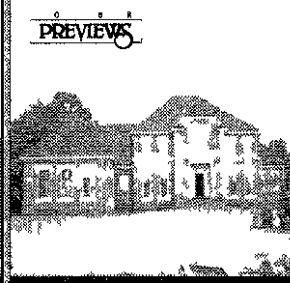
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NORTHVILLE \$814,900 Tansfe ee Perfect W mmediate Occupancy Custom Map e Cab W g an te Tvo 2 story Foyer 2 sto y Gr W 2 way Fp To Kt Ce arm c In Foyer & Kt d amat c Balcony Ove oks Gr W Wal Of W ndws 3 5 Car S de Entry Ga MLS# 25089358 248 347 3050



NORTHVILLE \$700,000 Sha p Stonewater Cape Cod W open F o o plan Tee Inad Prvate Backya d 2 story Foye W open Staircase o namenta Ra ng vaulted Ceiling W 2 Sky ghts In G Urlnm Wo W fp & Rough ns 1st Floo Mst MLS# 25090154 248 347 3050



NOVI \$1,375,000 Bellag o executve home 5BR 3 2BA P em e gated community Cambrdge but Gou met k tchen & nook w custom cab net y 2 FP s Dua sta cases 4 ca ga age w sto age daylight basement MLS# 25090990 734 453 6800



NOVI \$410,000 2 Acre Lot On Cul de sac Foye W ceram c Flr Lvg m W box W ndow Family Rm W vaulted Ceiling Frpl Lb a y W/french D s & Hdwd F Kt W snack Ba Eat n Nook Mstr Ste W pvt Bath Dole S nks Fm Bsm t MLS# 25072045 248 347 3050



NOVI \$399,900 4BR 2 5/8 BA b k 2 sto y w leaded g ss entry ds mbe foye LR & DR W Ande sen DW to pave pato FR w FP to g kt w sand pnt y & b kfs a ea w 2nd DW to deck paver wak Mstr ste w/WIC bath w et tub & shwr MLS# 25089276 734 453 6800



NOVI \$260,000 Forma Lvg d nng Rm w hrwd F s New K tchen New Counte New Dshwasre Pan y W pu outs Fam y Rm W f p New Powde Rm Bed ooms W hrwd F s New Bath Upsta s Mst Bd m W pvt Bath New Roof MLS# 25092847 248 347 3050



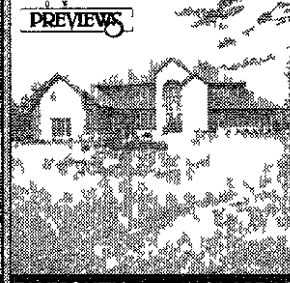
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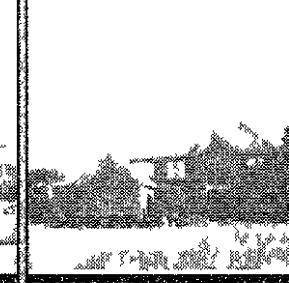
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PLYMOUTH \$1,995,000 Sha p Pleasant Rdge Coona W p e m um F edstone Eevat on New Roof Tea off New Fu nace & Ca fenced Backya d new Ga Door & Openr New W ndws On 2nd F Pat In bsm t New Pe go F In Kt Nat F n L MLS# 25089 22 248 347 3050



PLYMOUTH \$699,900 Absou e y spec a u a 4BR 3 BA cape cod on one of Country Club V age s best settngs Gou met k tchen w granite sland D amat c 2 story great oom 4 season oom w hot tub Must see MLS# 25051024 734 453 6800



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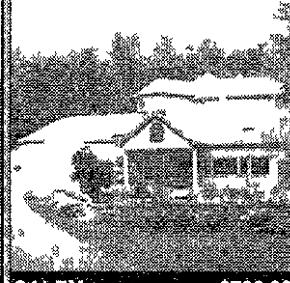
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REDFORD \$109,000 3 BR 1 BA bungaow w comfy LR t e brght kt to d nng a ea w vew 2BR down & 1up BR on ma n f w access to deck rea yard Newe oof tear off Furn HWH & CA HDWD f oos s pas te walls Updated e ect ca MLS# 25090518 734 453 6800



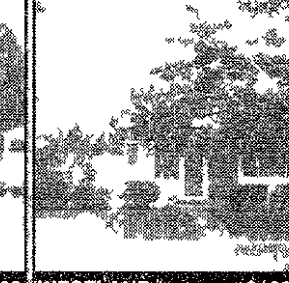
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WESTLAND \$139,900 Chmng bungaow w 3 bedrooms & 1 bath Recent updates ncude roof vnyl s dng ca pet fencng & interior 2 car attached ga age w huge pa ty finished olt g eat ec room Home warranty offe ed MLS# 25050376 734 453 6800

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These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the weeks of Feb 21-25, 2005 at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are city addresses and sales prices.

City	Address	Sale Price	City	Address	Sale Price
Canton	43584 Abbey	\$274,000	Livonia	337 Lytle	\$105,000
	7342 Andover	\$504,000		31741 Marquette	\$120,000
	48411 Ant que	\$147,000		32280 Maquette	\$213,000
	2141 Arcadia	\$188,000		524 N Leona	\$55,000
	7129 Becky	\$203,000		460 W Rose	\$156,000
	41678 Bedford	\$105,000			
	40689 Bluesprngs	\$306,000			
	6436 Durham	\$231,000			
	6506 Durham	\$225,000			
	354 F more	\$214,000			
Farmington	4152 Forest Brdge	\$52,000	Redford	10053 App eton	\$130,000
	43603 Ge l	\$197,000		14168 Berwyn	\$109,000
	45881 Graystone	\$165,000		12932 Brady	\$150,000
	7274 Green Meadow	\$225,000		17398 Brady	\$110,000
	1738 Lasalle	\$303,000		13954 Crosby	\$150,000
	39765 Lynn	\$64,000		25553 E ba	\$135,000
	48702 Manhattan	\$485,000		24617 Elm ra	\$123,000
	9152 New Haven	\$355,000		1960 mper al	\$108,000
	8260 Orihan	\$195,000		18434 Indian	\$104,000
	238 Patriot	\$28,000		18859 ndian	\$100,000
Garden City	418 Patr ot	\$299,000	Westland	19982 Ind an	\$113,000
	2119 Pinecroft	\$177,000		8870 Inkster	\$185,000
	2246 P necroft	\$179,000		20470 Kinloch	\$104,000
	4717 Pond Run	\$314,000		12032 Leve ne	\$150,000
	44250 R chmold	\$229,000		19161 Lex ngton	\$35,000
	2459 River Woods	\$358,000		20409 Lexington	\$102,000
	361 Roosevelt	\$373,000		15558 Macarthur	\$119,000
	47522 Scen c Circle	\$257,000		11368 San Jose	\$138,000
	45261 Seabrook	\$356,000			
	1721 Tr n ty	\$531,000			
Plymouth	119 V age	\$175,000	Westland	33129 Alberta	\$100,000
	125 Village	\$269,000		35240 Barton	\$107,000
	137 Y llage	\$183,000		1562 Be ksh ra	\$129,000
	40940 Westfield	\$242,000		30802 Birchwood	\$140,000
	44832 Wh tman	\$84,000		35683 Castlewood	\$125,000
	1850 Woodmont	\$220,000		38348 Cherry Hill	\$190,000
	46418 Woods de	\$395,000		32212 Fa rch ld	\$42,000
				30629 Grandv ew	\$145,000
				33581 Harvard	\$253,000
				32226 Hazelwood	\$151,000

Kick-backs can kick butts



Timothy Phillips

Last week, a Detroit-area title company reached a legal settlement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for violations of the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA). HUD investigators determined that the title company paid real estate brokers for the use of conference rooms at rates substantially higher than their fair market value in violation of RESPA's anti-kickback provisions.

While charging room rental fees does not necessarily violate RESPA, HUD found that the excessive payments made in this case were designed to illegally disguise referral fees. RESPA prohibits a person

from giving or accepting anything of value in exchange for the referral of settlement service business. It also prohibits a person from giving or accepting any part of a charge for services that are not actually performed.

So why am I writing about this in a mortgage column? HUD's Brian Montgomery, assistant secretary for housing-federal housing commissioner, says it best: "A referral fee by any other name is still a referral fee and HUD will vigorously enforce the law to protect consumers from those who attempt to artificially inflate the cost of buying or refinancing a home."

While this infraction was

due to improprieties between a title company and some real estate agents, RESPA applies to all companies and individuals that are a party to real estate transactions. In the case cited above, the title company actually paid real estate brokers up to \$150 an hour to lease conference rooms even though their own rooms were in some cases only a few blocks away.

You probably know that not all professionals live up to that title. On occasion, schlepps work their way in and scam fees to their buddies. It's illegal. Blow the whistle. (Please do not, however, confuse this activity with the proper idea of paying legitimate professionals properly for services that they properly performed.)

Today's TIMBIT! Take time to review all fees on your real estate settlement statement. If something is out of the ordinary, take the professionals who are a party to the transaction to task for complete explanations of all fees.

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	30 Yr	Pts	15 Yr	Pts	Other		30 Yr	Pts	15 Yr	Pts	Other		
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	734-458-0782	5.375	0	4.875	0	J/A	Group One Mortgage	734-955-4000	5.225	0	5.125	0	J/A/V/F
A Best Financial Corp	(800) 839 8918	5.125	0.875	4.75	0.5	J/A	Home Federal Savings Bank	(313) 873 3310	5.5	1	5.25	1	J
A Family Mortgage	(600) 538-5947	5.375	0	4.875	0	J/A	Home Finance of America	(800) 358-2626	5.475	0	5	0	J/A
AFI Financial	(877) 234 0600	5.25	0.25	4.875	0	J/A	Horizon Financial Group	(866) 538 7887	5.25	2	4.625	2	J/A
America's Premiere Mortgage	(600) 585-8750	5.375	0	4.875	0	J/A/V/F	JMC Mortgage Corp.	(248) 488-4020	5.125	3	4.75	2	J/A
Amer plus Mortgage Corp	(248) 740 2323	5.375	0	4.99	0	J/A	Keystone Mortgage	(866) 539 3733	5.125	1.5	4.75	1.5	J/A
Bay Pointe Mortgage Corp.	(248) 852-3598	5.125	2	4.625	2	J/A/V	Lina Financial	(580) 997-2440	5.375	0	4.875	0	J/A/V/F
Brighton Commerce Bank	(810) 220 8848	5.625	0	5.25	0	J/A	Macomb Schools & Gov C/U	(586) 283 8800	5.75	0	5.5	0	J/A
Capital Mortgage Funding	(248) 569-7285	5.5	1.5	5.125	1.75	J/A/F	Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 926-1413	5.5	0	5.125	0	J/A/V/F
Captiva Group Mortgage Co	(248) 682 8643	5.375	0	5	0	J/A	Manufacturers	(586) 777 1000	5.25	1	4.75	1	J/A
Central Bank Mortgage	(248) 851-4750	5.25	0.25	4.125	0	J/A	Mortgages by Golden Rule	(800) 981-8222	5	1.5	4.625	1.25	J/A/V/F
Charter One Bank	(800) 342 5336	5.875	0	5.375	0	J/A/V/F	National City Bank	(586) 825 0825	5.25	1.875	4.75	2	J/A
Client Services by Golden Rule	(800) 569-5605	5	1.5	4.625	1.25	J/A/V/F	Northtown Financial	(248) 988-8488	5.375	0	5	0	J/A/V/F
Co op Services Credit Union	(734) 466 6113	5.25	2	4.875	2	J	Pathway Financial LLC	(800) 726 2274	5.375	0	5	0	J/A/F
Community Bank of Dearborn	(734) 981-0022	5.75	0	5.25	0	J/A	Peoples Mortgage	(800) 780-5087	5.25	0.25	4.875	0	J/A
Dearborn Fed Savings Bank	(313) 565 3100	5.625	0	5.375	0	A	Precrest Mortgage	(800) 622 1448	5.375	0	4.875	0	J/A
DFCU Financial	(800) 736-2770	5.25	2	4.875	2	J/A	Premiere Mortgage Funding	(248) 358-2600	5.375	0	5	0	J/A
eREFI.com	www.eREFI.com	5.625	0	5.25	0	R	Prime Financial Group	(248) 203 7010	5.375	0	5	0	J/A/V/F
Fifth Third Bank	(800) 792-8830	5.75	0	5.375	0	J/A/V/F	Share Mortgage	(800) 678-8863	4.875	2	4.375	3	J/A/V/F
First Alliance Mortgage Co	(800) 292 7357	5.5	0	5.125	0	J/A/V/F	Standard Federal Bank	(800) 466 3800	5.25	2	5	2	J/A/V/F
First International Inc.	(248) 286-1684	5.375	0	5	0	J/A	Steeling Bank & Trust	(800) 526-5826	5.5	0	5.125	0	J/F
GMAC Mortgage Corp	(800) 888 4622	5.125	3	5.125	1.5	J/A/V/F	United Mortgage Group	(586) 286 9500	5	1.5	4.75	0.5	J/A
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 891-8222	5	5	4.5	1.625	J/A/V/F	York Financial Inc.	(866) 839-9575	5.375	0	5	0	J/A
GoStar Mortgage	(800) 784 1074	5	1.5	4.625	1.25	J/A/V/F							

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POPULAR TRAILWOOD SUB Great location in the city and the sub situated on a huge lot! New sliding newer furnace and water heater. Pella windows, fresh paint, a full basement, 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. \$354,900 (P 110CR)

COUNTRY CONTEMPORARY Wonderful ranch in Huron school district. Plenty of cabinets in Kitchen w/ deep sink & spacious Breakfast Nook. Master suite w/WIC & jetted tub. Home is located on over 3 acres. \$229,900 (C 433CA)

SIMPLY SPLENDID Sparkling clean and neutral Canton colonial is sure to compliment any decor. Impressive 2 story foyer, well appointed kitchen, family room, fireplace, flex room, and a superb setting inside the sub. \$289,900 (P 243FA)

EXPRESS YOURSELF Your individuality can shine through in this fantastic Canton home. Exceptional landscaping with a deck, fabulous kitchen w/new ceramic floor & appliances. Family room fireplace and a mechanic's dream garage. \$244,900 (P 090FE)

PICTURE PERFECT! Like new best describes this 1999 built colonial offering a private study w/bay oak kitchen, soaring ceilings, crown moldings, jetted tub, fireplace, custom blinds/lighting thru out, ceramic baths & a awesome paver patio. \$369,900 (P 647HI)

ENVIED SETTING Backing to the commons on a huge treed lot lies this 4 bedroom beauty. Huge floor plan with generous room sizes. Finished basement, super master suite, a library and many updates. Call for the list! \$379,900 (C 855HI)

LARGEST HOME IN SUB! Featuring new carpet, new ceramic tile island kit w/nook, huge fam rm w/fp & vaulted ceiling. Formal living w/glass doors to formal dining. Sprinkler system, 3 car garage, new roof, large patio & yard w/ variety of fruit trees. \$389,900 (P 670RI)

NATURAL BEAUTY Custom ranch on 5 acres in Canton. Features include 9 ceilings, egress windows, euro style island kitchen w/granite, ceramic floors, side entry garage and an out of this world master. Wow! \$559,900 (C 250MO)

REDFORD CHARMER 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow in a great neighborhood. Huge upper level master w/private bath. Updated kitchen and baths. Pergo flooring, neutral carpet, windows, roof & glass block! A must see. \$139,900 (P 575NA)

SUPER SIZED BUNGALOW Oversized Dearborn home with 3 bedrooms situated on a double lot with a huge family room, newer windows and re finished floors throughout. Fireplace finished basement and a 3 car garage too! \$169,900 (P 344BO)

EXQUISITE CONDO Just 2 years new, this light bright and airy condo is decorated "to the nines"! Hardwood floors, upgraded carpeting & light fixtures, fireplace, 1st floor laundry & great master. This is a 10 plus! \$182,900 (C 947CA)

NEED A LOT OF SPACE? This home has 3 huge bedrooms upstairs plus a storage room, 1 full bath, dining and living room open to the breakfast nook, big kitchen w/walk in pantry to the Florida room overlooking the backyard. 2233 sq ft. \$175,000 (P 274EL)

LOOK NO FURTHER! Than this exquisite 4 bedroom colonial in Canton's Central Park. Grand entry, hardwoods, gourmet kitchen, formal areas, fireplace, a superb master and an oversized lot! \$396,900 (C 077LI)

CHARACTER AND CHARM Everything you've been looking for and more, situated on a large 102x140 lot with over 1900 sq ft and beautiful woodwork throughout. 1st floor master, doorwall to tiered deck, 4 bedrooms and 2 baths. \$169,900 (P 405HA)

UNIQUE APPEAL This 3 BR/2BA ranch offers a wide open floor plan w/ rare attached garage. Large living room w/French doors to the deck & pool. Updated hickory kitchen, newer windows and new roof. \$154,900 (C 775HI)

A SWEETHEART OF A HOME Well appointed colonial featuring a large oak kitchen, hardwood floors & appliances, open family room w/fireplace & berber carpet plus formal living & dining rooms. Fin bmt rec area, gorgeous landscaping & custom paver patio. \$278,000 (C 623IR)

AMENITIES GALORE! Sparkling clean ranch with 2.5 baths, attached 2 car garage, updated kitchen, finished basement, gorgeous manicured yard with perennials and trees, Mini barn for garden tools, totally unique gazebo or summer room. \$209,900 (P 912JO)

EVERYTHING YOU NEED is tucked nicely in a quiet cul de sac location with a finished basement, hardwood floors, updated windows, kitchen w/appliances and a family room fireplace. Private fenced yard with a deck. That's a lot of house for only \$139,900 (P 550KE)

QUIET FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD 3 bedroom brick ranch in a great Redford neighborhood. Remodeled kitchen w/ custom cabinetry, new floor & counters, finished basement, new furnace & 2.5 car garage. \$164,900 (C 810LE)

SMALL CONDO COMMUNITY Close to downtown with an open view to park like setting from the deck. Large great room w/cathedral ceiling, recessed lites & fireplace full kit in fin basement, new roof and new windows to be replaced by assoc. \$214,900 (P-490MA)

STOP RENTING! This home is ready to be lived in! Nice size living room, 2 bedrooms on the first floor and a full bath. Huge bdrm upstairs with an extra 6x7 area. Basement garage and a cute screened in porch to enjoy all summer. \$74,999 (P 946EV)

BEAUTIFULLY GROOMED One acre parcel with this immaculate 3 bedroom home. Large country front porch, hardwood floors, fireplace, formal living room, doorwall to private yard and nearly one full acre to call your own. Great location. \$219,500 (P 248MA)

EXCEPTIONAL VALUE Beautiful park like setting highlights this 3 bedroom ranch in move in condition. Many updates throughout. Large master w/walk in closet, open floor plan and a garage. \$109,900 (P 609PO)

PEACEFUL SETTING Castlewood Condos backing to the trees and featuring a vaulted great room, spacious dining, triple doorwall to the deck, luxury master and attached garage. Pool and clubhouse too! \$131,000 (C 737CA)

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HOMES SOLD IN OAKLAND COUNTY

These are the Observer & Eccentric area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 28-April 1, 2005 at the Oakland County Register of Deeds office. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Auburn Hills	172 Amys Walk \$174,000	146 Cherryland \$135,000	3567 Grove \$216,000	3050 H I \$218,000	3550 Lexington \$251,000	671 Slocum \$156,000	3627 Vista \$198,000	370 Vista \$204,000	372 Vista \$176,000	382 Vista \$183,000
Beverly Hills	17023 Georg na \$239,000	22075 W Valley Woods \$435,000	Birmingham	245 Catalpa \$487,000	807 E 14 Mile \$128,000	1245 E Lincoln \$504,000	1428 Holland \$180,000	1709 Holland \$193,000	887 Smith \$233,000	736 Southfield \$2,050,000
1250 V Ila \$245,000	1751 W Lincoln \$930,000	1658 Webster \$200,000	3211 E Bradford \$586,000	651 E Fox Hills \$89,000	1343 Echo \$1,336,000	5574 Fieldston \$336,000	3544 Franklin \$825,000	1228 Indian Mound \$935,000	5125 Kensington \$285,000	2200 Lancaster \$180,000
Bloomfield Hills/Township	3211 E Bradford \$586,000	651 E Fox Hills \$89,000	1343 Echo \$1,336,000	5574 Fieldston \$336,000	3544 Franklin \$825,000	1228 Indian Mound \$935,000	5125 Kensington \$285,000	2200 Lancaster \$180,000	4987 Malibu \$330,000	233 Norcliff \$755,000
5348 Provincial \$348,000	1755 S Ant Johns \$420,000	3460 Sunnydale \$826,000	558 Weybridge \$335,000	2430 Wildbrook \$320,000	Farmington	23157 Cass \$194,000	22840 Flora \$130,000	Farmington Hills	36486 Bingham \$212,000	25538 Briarwyke \$235,000
35064 Bunker Hill \$228,000	3741 Carson \$190,000	38352 Church Hill \$233,000	27491 Cranbrook \$310,000	31197 Folsom \$169,000	2285 Goldsmith \$175,000	28168 Golf Pointe \$393,000	2622 Hampton \$107,000	39144 Lancaster \$295,000	29422 Laurel \$177,000	39384 Lily \$56,000
Franklin	32334 Franklin \$190,000	32975 Romsey \$385,000	Lake Orion	2515 Armstrong \$223,000	520 Berridge \$165,000	629 Berridge \$403,000	2445 Canoe Circle \$330,000	130 Detroit \$169,000	185 Eastview \$272,000	3314 Grafton \$146,000
3836 High Grove \$379,000	459 Hiram \$255,000	190 Hopefield \$258,000	3205 Mcrest \$202,000	3225 Northfield \$107,000	156 Park Green \$166,000	217 Park Island \$601,000	1411 Rugeview \$344,000	921 River Valley \$287,000	229 W Calkston \$272,000	85 W Greenfield \$189,000
3139 Walden Ridge \$317,000	Lathrup Village	27724 California \$200,000	8734 Doores \$195,000	27651 Morningside \$370,000	Rochester	440 Baldwin \$110,000	209 Charles \$175,000	326 Lincolnwood \$565,000	218 N Alce \$125,000	417 Parkdale \$104,000
417 Parkdale \$117,000	202 Rock Valley \$350,000	14 S Castle \$145,000	Rochester Hills	1900 Alsdorf \$175,000	1502 Charter Oak \$50,000	201 C Overport \$332,000	2355 Culbertson \$179,000	3619 Dunnong \$315,000	2710 Easton \$164,000	3080 Emmons \$220,000
3874 Greenwood \$386,000	1665 Huntington Park \$153,000	974 Langley \$299,000	125 Meadow Lane \$143,000	1571 Meadow Side \$20,000	2765 Melvin \$170,000	3692 Merryweather \$485,000	2119 N Fairview \$267,000	3536 Samue \$270,000	975 Wexford \$87,000	658 Winton \$320,000
860 Baldwin \$225,000	27600 Dover \$250,000	28515 Elkong \$314,000	White Lake	68 Akehurst \$370,000	9396 Beachcrest \$515,000	1959 Howland \$31,000	10355 Northridge \$382,000	925 Roundlake \$95,000	816 Sulton \$276,000	825 Sulton \$209,000
2609 Teakles \$20,000	8764 Tinton \$295,000	Free Career Seminars	Keller Williams Realty of Plymouth will hold the following free career seminars: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday July 19 and 10 a.m. Saturday July 30. Questions answered will include start-up costs, potential earnings, training, support and commission split. For more information call (734) 459-4700 or email www.realestatecareers.net							

Home invasions could result in damages

I am a tenant of an apartment building and I have had several home invasions which has upset me very much. Indeed, in one instance, I was attacked by an intruder who threatened to kill me. While I have not lost any personal property, I am extremely distraught and have sought professional care. Do I have a claim against my landlord?



Real Estate Inquires
Robert Meisner

Based upon a recent case out of the Massachusetts Supreme Court, there is at least precedent to suggest that there may be sufficient objective evidence for emotional distress that satisfies the requirements to allow for a

recovery of damages. Of course, the jury or judge must determine that there was sufficient evidence to infer that a reasonable person would have experienced emotional distress when faced with the trauma that you experienced. You should, of course, see an attorney and make a demand upon the

landlord for your damages.

We are a small condominium association looking for a law firm to represent our association. The co-owners say that we should not spend the money on a lawyer and I am wondering how we can convince them to the contrary. What do I tell my co-owners?

The first thing you should consider is that the Board of Directors, and not the co-owners, will have to make the decision about the retention of counsel since they are under a fiduciary duty to operate in the best interest of the Association.

While you must recognize the political reality of dealing with your co-owners in connection with what they want or don't want, they are not in the position, legally, to insulate the Association from liability; should you need the benefit of legal counsel and choose not to obtain it

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track* second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling. For more information call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisnerassociates.com. This column should not be construed as legal advice.

REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Basement Remodeling Class

Bloomfield Hills Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute will offer a Basement Remodeling class from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays July 26 & 28 at Andover High School 4200 Andover Rd. Bloomfield Hills. The instructor will explain the many facets of basement remodeling including space planning, meeting building codes, insurances, permits, estimating materials as well as the basics of construction. The cost is \$95 plus \$10 for the course textbook. Pre registration with payment is required no later than Friday July 22 at Bloomfield Hills Community Education (248) 433-0885. The same program is being offered through Rochester Community Education from 6 to 10 p.m. Aug 2 and 4 at Adams High School 3200 W. Tenken Road Rochester. The cost is \$99 plus \$10 for textbook and materials and pre registration is required no later than Friday July 29 (48) 726-3165.

Ambulatory Surgery Center

The Detroit Medical Center (DMC) & Waterford Partners Center LLC has hired DeMaria Building Company Detroit MI in a Design/Build contract with Hobbs & Black Architects Ann Arbor to build the new 40,000 sq ft Ambulatory Surgery Center in Waterford. The construction project is valued at \$4,000,000. The University of Michigan has hired DeMaria Building Company Detroit MI to renovate the existing Hatcher Graduate Library in Ann Arbor Michigan. The construction project is valued at \$3,300,000. DeMaria has also been hired as general contractor by the University to renovate the School of Nursing on the Ann Arbor campus. The project is valued at \$1,000,000.

Best Western Concorde Inn

1919 Star Batt Dr Rochester Hills. The course covers home financing, the building process, builder's terms and contracts as well as building codes, insurance requirements and more. The cost is \$220 including a building textbook and a book prepared exclusively for seminar students covering home building information pertinent to southeastern Michigan course textbook. Pre registration with payment is required no later than Thursday July 21 to Oakland Builders Institute (800) 940-2014. The same program is being offered through Bloomfield Hills Community Education from 6 to 10 p.m. Mondays/Wednesdays Aug 1, 3, 8, 10 at Andover Road School 4200 Andover Road Room 133 Bloomfield Hills. The cost is \$190 plus \$30 for two textbooks and pre registration is required no later than Thursday July 28 to Bloomfield Hills Community Education (248) 433-0885.

Wier Manual - Three Arch Bay

Weir Manuel Realtors is pleased to announce its partnership with The Wexford Development Group in the sales and marketing of Washtenaw County's finest community Three Arch Bay featuring new homes designed by award winning architect Dominick Tringali ideally located between Ann Arbor and Saline Michigan. Three Arch Bay surrounds a gorgeous lake and adjoins the Travis Pointe Country Club with only 23 lakefront

Project Engineer Gets Promotion

DeMaria Building Company Detroit is pleased to announce the promotion of Eric Dumont from Project Engineer Health Care Group to Program Manager in the Health Care and University Groups. Dumont will manage construction projects for medical hospital laboratory and higher education clients

Office Open House

In conjunction with the 1st Annual Ann Arbor Road Days celebration a week long event beginning July 16th 2005 the Keller Williams Realty office is having a public open house celebrating the opening of the new office in Plymouth. Plymouth Market Center 40600 Ann Arbor Road Plymouth MI 48170. Office grand opening Saturday July 16 2005 open to the public from noon to 5:00 p.m. to include the following fun for the whole family: Free food, barbecue, soft drinks, Children's ID by Plymouth Police, Health Screening, Music, Pony Rides, Face Painting, Children's Moon Bounce, Yankee Air Museum display, Raffles & more. The above will be preceded by a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. by Plymouth Township officials and Keller Williams agents.

Real Estate One hits home run with sweepstakes

(PRNewswire) — Eight lucky finalists will be heading to the CENTURY 21 Home Run Derby competition at Comerica Park for the chance to win \$250,000 toward the purchase of a home during 2005 Major League Baseball All-Star Week. Last year, Paula Bowen of Renton, Wash., won the \$250,000 sweepstakes grand-prize when Baltimore Orioles shortstop Miguel Tejada launched 27 home runs to win the 2004 title.

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Canton - Exquisite Blake Anthony built home 4 BR 2.5 bath colonial w/ hand curved mahogany top Walnut hardwood floors w/ custom walnut staircase w/ iron balusters. 2 story foyer and elegant study, side entrance garage. 2nd floor in upper level island kitchen with granite. Truly custom \$489,900 (93JAK)	Livonia - Three bedroom 1 1/2 bath brick ranch on a landscaped corner lot. Kitchen to FR overlooking a beautiful California stone wall fireplace. Patio with retractable awning & privacy fence. Storage shed w/ large loft & electrical. Newer roof, shingles, basement garage, sprinklers, BBQ grill & more! \$259,900 (95BAI)
Canton - 4 BR all brick cape cod. Grand foyer, grand entrance into a great room, gourmet kitchen w/ Viking appliances. Patio, doorwall in kitchen, nook opening to one of 3 paver patios. Full wet bar, beautiful open stairway, professionally landscaped, sprinklers, bsmt garage, huge loft and overlooking GR \$489,000 (16LAB)	Livonia - Beautifully updated 3 bedroom ranch. New furnace, electrical, HWH, plumbing, roof, updated kitchen and bath, freshly painted inside & out. Newer windows, fireplace, prep for C/A huge yard, 2.5 car garage, fenced yard \$142,900 (38MEL)
Canton - Curt's built 2 story condo with 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and first floor laundry. Basement fenced yard, garage, gas fireplace in living room. Neutral decor, stove & fridge stay, master suite has WIC. Morgan Creek is a newer sub with a 20 acre nature preserve! \$215,000 (83CON)	Redford - Very nice 3 bedroom ranch. Excellent investment! Close to parks and schools. Newer furnace, C/A, HWH, basement w/ gas log fireplace and wet bar. Nice kitchen, garage has workshop and electrical. Garage fenced yard 1000 sq ft \$124,950 (92MAR)
Canton - 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial w/ beautiful yard on quiet court. 3 way split, newer carpet, decorative paint and plenty of room. Subdivision features pool, tennis and clubhouse. Lush mature trees provide a park like setting for backyard patio. Wet bar, basement, sprinklers, garage and more! \$279,900 (25CAM)	Westland - Three bedroom 1.5 bath ranch w/ beautifully landscaped yard. Finished basement w/ wet bar and half bath, hardwood floors, under carpet appliances, stay newer windows and steel entry doors. Updated electrical, bath with double sink, copper plumbing, fenced yard, BBQ grill, garage \$159,900 (05CAM)
Canton - 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial w/ beautiful yard on quiet court. 3 way split, newer carpet, decorative paint and plenty of room. Subdivision features pool, tennis and clubhouse. Lush mature trees provide a park like setting for backyard patio. Wet bar, basement, sprinklers, garage and more! \$279,900 (25CAM)	Livonia - Freshly painted 2 bedroom condo. Remodeled kitchen with oak cabinets, newer electrical, service w/ breakers, newer windows, covered ceilings in living room and dining room. C/A finished basement, appliances stay, associated fees include water! Very nice condition \$91,900 (12MID)

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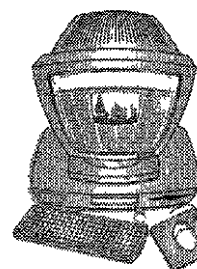
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BLOOMFIELD COLONIAL
in desirable family neighborhood 4 bdrm 2 bath 2 lavs hardwoods throughout crown moldings finished bsmt Beautifully landscaped with brick pavers & pool \$475 000 (248) 737 0778

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PLYMOUTH 5 Star Condo
Amazing 3 bedroom 3 1/2 bath townhouse w/2 car attached garage finished LL w/alcove 2 full bps hdwd flrs lift overlooking great room all appliances gated courtyard w/ bbq paved & much more. Just to beautiful to miss

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DEARBORN Sharp Townhouse
This 2 bedroom 1 1/2 full bath condo is ready to move into Beautiful updates Master suite w/WIC skylights n bath w jetted tub Replace n dining room & spacious living room w/vaulted ceiling A must have

(E35GEO) 734 455 5600 \$149,900



CANTON Spacious & Affordable!
Stop entering this neat & clean 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath condo w/bsmt awaits you Desirable area w/ Plymouth Canton schools All Appliances stay Enjoy a maintenance free lifestyle & start living

(E19HAR) 248 349-5600 \$109,900



FARMINGTON Wonderful
4 bedroom 2 bath home in stop n Farmington Meadow subdivision Home boasts lots of updates kitchen carpet roof furnace C/A and HWH Hardwoods under carpet on upper level Fenced n yard w/perennial garden

(E30ROB) 248 349 5600 \$199,999



WESTLAND Do You Hate Stairs?
This cozy 3 bedroom ranch is for you Spacious kitchen w/ a tone of oak cabinets updated furnace & AC extra large garage w/ newer roof some appliances & beautiful landscaped back yard

(E25HER) 734 455-5600 \$130,900



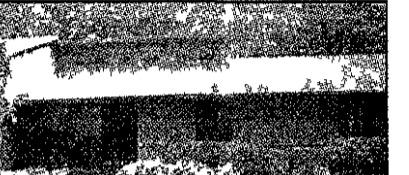
REDFORD Clean Redford Ranch
This 3 bedroom home freshly painted neutral decor newer windows steel entry doors & flooring Some appliances ceiling fans Noce floor plan Scenic porch & a 1 year home warranty

(E48CEN) 734 455 5600 \$99,900



DEARBORN HTS Newer Built Home
Offer a open floor plan w/3 bedrooms & 2 1/2 bath Great room w/w/c & bay window spacious dining room w/doorway & kitchen w/oak cabinets & oodles of counter Master bedroom w/walkout closets & bath + much more

(E11SIL) 734 455 5600 \$194,900




NORTHVILLE Ranch on Secluded Lot
Fabulous ranch w/1 W/O LL on wonderful secluded lot just minutes from downtown SBR 3 1/2 BA w/GR FR rec rm 2 fireplaces cathedral ceilings skylights & gorgeous master bath 3 closets on ly landscaped

(E51FEN) 248-349 5600 \$575,000




LIVONIA Move Right In & Enjoy
All the big ticket items are done This 3 bedroom ranch features bay window remodeled kitchen updated baths 04 year off roof newer furnace & A/C family room w/replace 2 car garage & built in super convenient location

(E48SCH) 248 349-5600 \$205,000




LIVONIA Beautiful Brick Ranch
This 3 bedroom home is gorgeous inside & out Updated floor top to bottom open floor plan Part ally finished basement 2 car garage & appliances Awesome front yard & roof done part

(E82ANT) 734 455 5600 \$189,000



PLYMOUTH Nestled in the Woods
Very private setting 2 bedroom 2 bath condo Large LR & DR w/wood floors Full private store room n basement Beautiful oak cabinets w/alcove appliances stay Neat a decor Deck overlooking beautiful setting

(E49SYK) 734 455 5600 \$138,000




REDFORD Country Living in the City
Charming 3 bedroom home w/3 seasons room part finished ref hardwoods & ceramic tile 2 car garage & updated furnace CA glass block windows plumbing & elec panel Bath w/rep acc tub & fixtures

(E16SIX) 734 455 5600 \$130,000



FARMINGTON HILLS Cozy & Charming
Condo Two bedrooms large LR kitchen & lots of storage Security entrance good location & wooded view with part c Professional painting common areas for outdoor grilling Laundry room n same big Very affordable

(E18EIG) 248 349 5600 \$93,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Private Paradise
Private & beautiful setting Approx 2 1/2 acres 4BR brick ranch w/2 1/2 BA LR DR & sunroom Part ally finished basement & 2 garages Tons of storage Kitchen & bath updates & roof Great location n the city

(E45WES) 248-349 5600 \$389,900




WESTLAND Great Location
For this 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath home in school zone Close to shopping & dining Neat a decor vinyl room what if a place opens to a dining room Doorwall to private deck kitchen appliances & washer & dryer n 2 WIC bsmt & art gar

(E83PRI) 734 455 5600 \$149,900




CANTON Custom Built Cape Cod 2005
New construction On approx 1 acre lot w/4 bedrooms 3 1/2 bath 4 car attached garage 2 story foyer w/ma DR hearth com off large kitchen breakfast nook all bedrooms w/WIC full basement and you can pick your special wishes

(E52ROL) 734 455 5600 \$875,000




PLYMOUTH Lovely Quad on Oversized Lot
This 4 bedroom 2 bath home features formal living room family room w/w/c large kitchen w/oak cabinets & spacious dining area 2 car attached garage & basement A so updated roof most windows & shed

(E51ASP) 734 455 5600 \$227,900




NORTHVILLE Lakeviews & Sunsets
Enjoy detached condo living w/lakeviews Open floor plan w/ finished W/O LL Master suite main floor includes vaulted ceilings Jacuzzi tub separate shower dual vanities double WIC Large deck on brick paved patio Great location

(E50LAK) 248 349 5600 \$459,900



GARDEN CITY Brick Ranch
3 bedroom 2 bath home updated by top home Vinyl windows newer flooring finished LL w/rep cellar original floors woodwork newer cement corner lot garden w/wood n kitchen

(U55CLA) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



PLYMOUTH Beautiful Custom Built
Ranch Immaculate & updated 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home Newer furn windows freshly painted hardwood floor on approx 1 acre of w stamped walkway & patio area Ce am c master bath w jacuzzi + a finished basement

(E51POW) 734 455 5600 \$349,900



DETROIT Cute As A Button
Three bedroom 1 1/2 bath bungalow 2 car detached garage finished basement hardwood floor oak kitchen cabinets appliances stay copper plumbing fenced yard

(E26VIR) 734 455 5600 \$109,900



DETROIT Lovely Home
This 3 bedroom bungalow offers newer windows steel entry doors oak cabinets n kitchen basement & a home warranty s included This home is ready to you

(E35LON) 734 455 5600 \$64,000



NORTHVILLE Wonderful Spacious Condo
3 bedroom 2 full and 2 half baths 2 story Finished basement large deck attached garage nook & dining area first floor laundry Near the pond and walking distance to downtown Cal today

(E14REV) 248 349 5600 \$199,500




NORTHVILLE Smile You Found It
Yesterday's charm in w today's convenience Recently renovated nothing left undone Chef's delight kitchen 1st floor laundry finished LL w/rep cellar original floors woodwork and charm Great front porch Walk to town

(E13HIG) 248 349-5600 \$565,000



CANTON Spectacular Serene Setting
On one of our offering 4 bedroom 2 1/2 bath home entrance finished on system GR w/virtual fireplace 2 tiered deck 2 car attached garage dining room 1st floor laundry and the list goes on and on A real impressive home

(E44WOO) 734 455 5600 \$324,800



PLYMOUTH Elegant Woodlore South
Two story on cul de sac Full brick front Foyer w/curved stair case hardwood n GR w/cath ceiling windows marble trim gas fireplace DR & LR w french doors to b k w cherry cabinets kist a ea opens to sunroom mstr w/1 ea 3 car gar

(E99MAR) 734 455 5600 \$529,000



DEARBORN Two Family Brick Home
Great opportunity Upper & lower 2 fam y home n West Dearborn n sto ca d str of Each unit has own furnace CA w/1 double 2 car garage Large front porch Basement with laundry Appliances Very nice

(E15EDI) 248-349-5600 \$234,900



NORTHVILLE Springwater Condo
10+ upgrades n/cor an counts T/O (including all 2 1/2 baths) hardwood floors tile foyer & baths maple kitchen cabinets stay Two car attached CA w/WIC & H/W A model home Low assoc at Fee Folic & decorated in 2003

(E72SPR) 248-349 5600 \$284,900



CANTON Great House! Great Price!
Great open floor plan w/hardwood n kitchen First floor master w/W/C Finished basement n the clincher in this beautiful well cared for cape cod Large yard Huge deck are an added bonus Neat a clean ready to sell!

(E33KIM) 248 349-5600 \$255,000



PLYMOUTH Breathtaking Colonial
This 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath offers formal living room library large kitchen many upgrades n/c finished walkout basement on a pm am lot w/corpuscular views of superb landscaping gardens & pond pool This is a must see

(E53WEN) 734-455-5600 \$393,500




NOVI Enjoy the Tranquility
In this lovely 3 bedroom 1 1/2 bath townhouse w/spectacular view of pond from the top of every room 1st class finished basement beautiful kitchen w/ hardwood floor

(E03PON) 734 455 5600 \$159,900




NORTHVILLE Stunning Luxury Condo
Professionally decorated w/hardwood floor 10' 1st floor custom lighting granite T/O 2 1/2 fireplaces master suite w/WIC fire place huge master bath w/oversize tub & skylight Up added stainless steel appliances n kitchen Two door walk to deck

(E92LYO) 248 349 5600 \$389,900



SOUTH LYON Welcome Home
A spacious BR 2 1/2 BA colon a w/interior of a d n g beautiful hardwood floor Family room w/rep c Master BR w/WIC & master bath Finished lower level Ustas has left has a aa g eat for b o off ce Huge Lot

(E20EAG) 248 349 5600 \$264,900



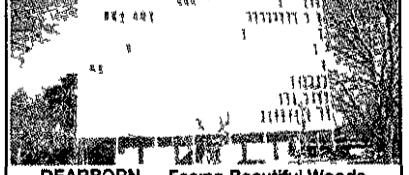
NOVI Almost An Acre
Beautiful approx 7 1/2 acre lot n who ce location with Northville ma ng Custom color n w/4BR den & 1st floor laundry Full basement under whole house Newer carpet & roof shingles An awesome opportunity

(E31LLO) 2489 349 5600 \$325,000




DEARBORN Broad Front Beauty
This lovely 3 bedroom 2 bath bungalow offers hardwood floor on 1st floor covered ceiling outstanding 2nd fl mstr suite w/amazng mstr bath w jacuzzi tub & slate & mosaic accents Newer furn nce CA & HWH Some app s & bsmt

(E34BEE) 734 455 5600 \$188,500




DEARBORN Facing Beautiful Woods
One bedroom 1 1/2 bath condo n high rise w/ new carpet in living room & bedroom Freshly painted w/ lots of storage space

(E00GAR) 734 455 5600 \$83,500



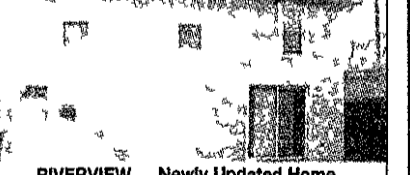
LIVONIA Great Location
2BR 1 1/2 BA condo neutral T/O Hardwood under carpet Newer furnace & entry doors 04 newer window treatments A/C ceiling fan part ally finished basement & app ances Nea Livonia rec center

(F59FIV) 248 349 5600 \$135,000



COMMERCER Awesome Area
Fun in the sun shop o swim Da ing cape cod remodeled n 1998 Beautiful hardwood floors & fresh paint Kitchen bath updates & important mechanical & ext improvements All this on large of finished basement & 2 car garage

(E00MPS) 248 349 5600 \$179,900



RIVERVIEW Newly Updated Home
Must see n/c to appreciate Newer bathrooms kitchen floor and berber carpet Two full bathrooms & 3 bedrooms Newer furnace Sept 2004 New hot water tank 2001 Neat & clean Move right n

(E88QUA) 248 349 5600 \$134,900



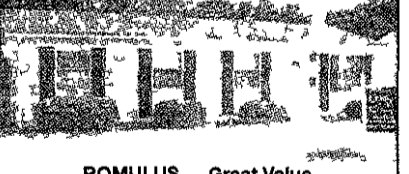
LIVONIA Private Setting
For Livonia ranch Enjoy sitting by the pool this summr So many updates! Roof (rear off) newer windows w/marble silestone dining outters & driveway Spacious kitchen finished lower level w/rep tile 2 car attached garage & updated baths

(E59MAY) 734-455 5600 \$215,500




WESTLAND Charming Townhouse
Offers 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath full basement attached garage n e kitchen floor light oak cabinets & some newer appls Master suite w/bath Custom woodwork & window treatments Large deck

(E13HUN) 734-455 5600 \$157,900



ROMULUS Great Value
Charming 4 bedroom 1 bath ranch has updated kitchen newer windows Nice backyard good for entertaining & comfy enough for a garage

(E57LER) 248 349 5600 \$114,900



WEST BLOOMFIELD Great Value
Beautiful 4BR 3 1/2 BA colon a Garage 42 maple cabinets custom hardwood finished basement w/rep bath kitchen & woodwork of ssc lot 3 car garage Get lot w/ n plenty of room to play

(E24MER) 248 349 5600 \$579,900



REDFORD Welcome Home
Maintenance free brick ranch offers 3 spacious BR & 1 1/2 BA Updates include newer windows roof & furnace newer kitchen floor Wonderful sunroom to enjoy your private wood ad rav n lot Finished basement

(E50ROS) 248-349 5600 \$169,900




RIVERVIEW Gorgeous View
Three bedroom brick ranch n us move n cond ton So many updates done n last 2 years roof on house & garage bath kitchen floor carpet T/O & much more A great home just waiting for you don't wait

(E19MAT) 734 455 5600 \$193,900




STERLING HTS Elegance At Its Best
Exceptional value n every way on a private cul de sac Windows pale o lot n matt al gnt vaulted ceilings FR w/gas fireplace & custom mantle n this beautiful 4 bedroom 3 1/2 bath colon a -3 ca attached garage & finished basement

(E72VER) 734 455 5600 \$350,000



BRIGHTON Home with a Heart!
Picturesque approx 82 ac n ot Fantastic 3 bedroom 2 1/2 bath ranch w/walkout basement heated 2 1/2 car garage 2 ave deck and top qua ty updates T/O A are find & worth brag g ng about This home won't last so hurry

(E62WAS) 248 349 5600 \$289,900



MILFORD Summer Walks to Town
Enjoy Great storage closet o panzers Updated BA newer cool roof newer walls de windows Privacy fence hardwood floor s & appliances stay Huron Valley school s WI large pantry & neutral decor

(E78PAN) 248 349 5600 \$169,900



NORTHVILLE Timber Ridge Beauty
Spectacular brick on al on premium lot backing to commons Lovely hardwood floors gorgeous wood paneled study great floor on a fully finished w/4th BR full bath kitchen a ea sauna game room This one won't last

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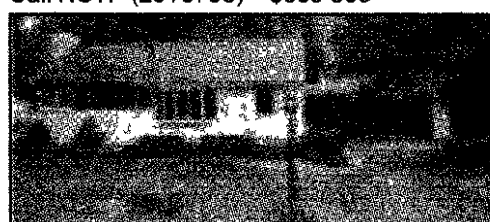
PLYMOUTH 248-348-6430
EXCEPTIONAL HOME W/AN EXCEPTIONAL PRICE! 2100 SF 3BR 3BA 3 car gar Updtd kit BA wndws roof brick work 2 new furns sprinkler system HWH drywall 3 car gar Sits on over 1 acre Hurry 349-6200 (25074732) \$325 000



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WONDERFUL HOME ON PICTURESQUE LOT w/charm delightful kit inviting FR lovely DR w/hdwd flr 4 BR fin d bsmt w/a great entertainment center Projection TV & surround sound 349 6200 (25042426) \$324 900



NOVI 248-349-6200
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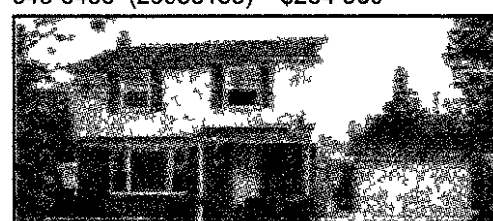
LIVONIA 734-455-7000
ROOM TO ROAM Inside and out in this 3 BR 2 full BA ranch in Livonia 1/2 acre lot Updates include siding roof gutters plumbing etc Call Now! (23F15007) \$250 000



PLYMOUTH 734-591-9200
Absolutely stunning bungalow with enormous GR addition with vaulted ceiling floor to ceiling stone flpc & dining area Master suite w/sitting area & full BA (25052277) \$249 900



CANTON 734-591-9200
Brick ranch in desirable sub! 3 BR 2 full BA 2 car att gar 1488 SF Open floor plan great for entertaining Updated kit BAs decor roof furn C/A too much to list (25090568) \$224 900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-591-9200
Great curb appeal on this 3 BR brick colonial Newer vinyl siding nicely landscaped main BA recently remod fin bsmt w/bar & sauna rm w/shower Close to schools shopping & pub golf course (25076112) \$215 000



FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430
ENJOY COUNTRY IN THE CITY! Convenient to everything Yet this 3 BR 2 BA home has a prvt country-like setting incl perennials and specimen plantings Clean and ready to move in 349-6200 (25062033) \$199 900



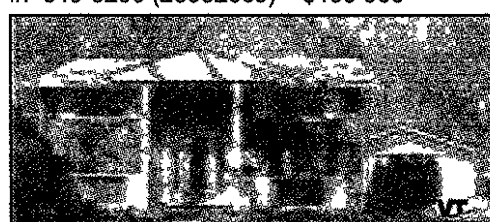
LIVONIA 734-326-2000
AVAILABLE TODAY 3 BR vinyl bung on a half acre lot w/FR with flpc 1 1/2 BA redecorated kit and 2 car gar (G155) \$198 000



LIVONIA 734-455-7000
MOVE IN CONDITION! 3 BR Ranch Updated thruout awaiting a new loving family in excellent Livonia PS includes fin d bsmt (23S10020) \$179 900



FERNDALE 734-591-9200
Super Cute & Clean Bung Walk to Downtown Ferndale! 3 BR 1 BA gar & rec room in bsmt too! Updated roof central air BA decor & more! Come quick (25087257) \$164 900



WESTLAND 734-326-2000
COMFORTABLE MODERN SPLIT LEVEL 4 BR 1 5 BA Remodeled kit & BAs newer wndws & crpt plus many other upds 2 1/2 car gar & backs to a wooded area (C214) 21062 \$159 900



NOVI 248-348-6430
FRESHLY PAINTED END UNIT TOWNHOUSE Lg mstr BR w/separate BA LR w/bay wndw updated kit comfortable FR w/drwl to patio part fin d bsmt home protection plan offered 349-6200 (25028790) \$159 900



WESTLAND 734-455-7000
3BR RANCH HOME WITH WOW! Backs to wooded area FR w/nat brick hearth FP Kit w/parquet fir ash cabinets w/pantry cast iron sink stove stays 1 yr warranty at closing (23B34642) \$154 900



FARMINGTON HILLS 248-348-6430
CLEAN AND COZY 3 BR brick front ranch Updated w/newer windows kit cabinets and vinyl siding Ready to move into 349-6200 (25006667) \$151 900



CANTON 248-348-6430
RARE 3 BR condo w/bsmt & gar Updated & freshly painted Neutral thruout Lots of room Great location clubhouse & pool 349-6200 (25072066) \$150 000



WESTLAND 734-591-9200
A charming neat as a pin brick ranch w/an eat in kit Clean thru & thru Roof (tear off) 6 yrs Furn/Air 3 & 10 yrs Vinyl Windows Unfin'd bsmt and a 2 car det gar (25084271) \$149 900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
Updated well maintained & super clean best describes this wonderful hm in one of Redford's finest areas Updated kit & BA-both w/ceramic Newer roof & wndws bsmt fin w/drywall & recessed lgts (25089070) \$142 900



GARDEN CITY 734-326-2000
CUTE ADORABLE RANCH 3 BRs & 2 car gar Newer vinyl windows throughout updated kit & BA Roof tear off and stripped in 98 Cozy & just nght for 1st time home buyers (J298) \$139 000



DEARBORN HEIGHTS 734-326-2000
UPDATES GALORE IN THIS RANCH 3 BR 2 full BAs Updates include C/A 04 Wallside Windows 04 new gar door BAs kit Rf tear off 99 newly fenced w/inground pool on DBL lot (C254) \$132 900



REDFORD 734-591-9200
Welcome to this extremely clean updated doll house! Comes w/2 BRs 684 SF & fin d bsmt Located in Livonia Clarenceville School District A must see! visit www.samsellshouses.com (25080697) \$107,000

CANTON 248-348-6430
A PRIVATE AND SECLUDED COMM Prvt end unit ranch condo 2 BR 2 full BAs extensive upgrades gracious LR w/dbl flpc lib lg deck view of pond 2 car att side entry gar 349-6200 (25049000) \$309 900

FARMINGTON HILLS 248-349-6200
GREAT STARTER HOME Cute and clean! This 3 BR sweetheart is in great condition and sits on the nicest lot in the neighborhood 349-6200 (25074128) \$144 900

NORTHVILLE 734-455-7000
JUST LIKE NEW! Expensively refurbished new roof A/C siding gutters gr door oaken flrs electrical 200 amp porcelain fir tiles kit stove micro vaulted GR w/bar (25032415) \$309 995

SALEM 734-455-7000
QUALITY CAPE COD W/LOCATION! Fabulous Cape Cod on Nature's finest 3 5 acres High-end custom builder's personal home filled w/quality and attention to detail (25070200) \$924 900

CANTON 734-591-9200
Contemporary open feel 3 BR 2 1/2 BAs over 2000 SF 1st floor Master BR & Laundry cath ceiling hdwd in kit foyer & powder room Stylish loft (25036002) \$279 900

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FIX ME UP and you will have a great home on over a half an acre w/ a 2 1/2 car gar for under \$100 000 How can you go wrong? (E304) 25084967 \$99 900

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WALLED LAKE 734-455-7000
3 BR CONDO Walled Lake access dock privs Wood deck End unit extra privacy New wndw A/C units 04 Freshly painted Separate storage Crpt allowance \$3 000 (25045278) \$99 900

CANTON 734-591-9200
Great curb appeal on this 4 BR 1 5 BA Eat in kit & DR Deck off master BR natural FP in FR Close to xways great neighborhood (25053205) \$226 900

INKSTER 734-326-2000
AMAZING BUY Brck ranch w/full fin d bsmt & gar Remodeled kit w/oak cabs Hdwd floors remodeled BA (25041004) \$89 900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
PRIME LOCATION! 3 BR Bung offering premium downtown location & schls Loaded w/upds already done in this turn of the century house Open and available for immed occup (25077374) \$239 900

WAYNE 734-326-2000
HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY Many improvements already done in this turn of the century house Open fir pin w/larger than average rms (25050094) \$99 900

CANTON 734-455-7000
GREAT FAMILY HOME! 4 BR 1 5 BA Prvt fenced back yard retreat for those summer cookouts! Updtd rfd C/A furn & windows Ply/Can schls (25052074) \$219 900

LIVONIA 734-591-9200
Location quality value & charm! Attractive 2400 SF brk colonial 4 BR 2 5 BA FR w/FP 1st flr Indry bsmt & 2 car att gar New roof & doors All appls stay (25076879) \$324 900

PLYMOUTH 734-455-7000
FULLY MAINTAINED AND UPDATED Spacious 3BR home in affordable Twin Arbors w/ outstanding 12 x 11 sunroom w/Pella windows and doorwall (25090888) \$229 900

WESTLAND 734-326-2000
STUNNING LIVONIA SCHLS COLONIAL Many custom features 2 story foyer 3 BR 2 5 BAs frm DR FR w/flpc 2 tiered deck sprinklers & much much more (25053652) \$285 000

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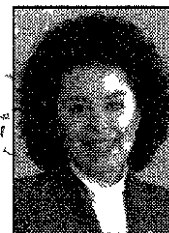
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BREAKING STEREOTYPES ABOUT 'POOR LITTLE WRITERS'



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

You've heard of starving freelance writers? Read "Six-Figure Freelancing: The Writer's Guide to Making More Money" (Random House, \$14.95), by Kelly James-Enger, and you won't be one of them. The author's experience with billable hours from her previous life as a practicing attorney shines through. She knows how to get those hours and manage them.

Like many other freelancers, James-Enger focuses upon writing for magazine editors, who have higher fees to offer than many of their newspaper counterparts. She's also written books conventionally, from book proposal through publicizing, to assigned books for a fee or hourly rate. She made writing a *business* rather than a hobby. Seasoned as well as beginning writers will find her not only humorous, but chock-full of practical ideas. Here are some.

- Write on more than one topic, but remember that too much newness costs you time. Recycling and resubmitting can provide more income with less work.

- Within 24 hours of receiving a rejection, submit the same idea to another editor.

- To expand your market, consider whether speech-writing for corporate clients or serving as a contributing editor at several magazines might

provide much-needed repeat business. If you travel, write books, which require less interviewing than magazine articles. If you want more rapid cash flow, consider businesses and associations, who pay much more quickly (one to two weeks) than magazines (about a month).

- Analyze your sources of income at the end of the year so that you can concentrate on editors assigning you projects that deliver the highest hourly rate.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

The book discusses how to maximize relationships through an effective workstyle, beginning with being "low-maintenance" for clients. Freelance writer Brette Sember of Clarence (suburban Buffalo), N.Y., writes about how she made the most of her mailing list. "I developed my own database of regional parenting publication editors and started selling them reprints by sending just one email to the entire group," she reports. "It was quick and I made lots of money. I then began to sell my database along with an ebook that explains my system as well as spreadsheets for tracking your submissions, payments, etc."

Tammy Whaley of Spartanburg, S.C., advises, "Become indispensable to your clients. When they can rely on your expertise, contacts and knowledge, it's easier to pay you to freelance than deal with the project on their own." If you can handle last-minute assignments,

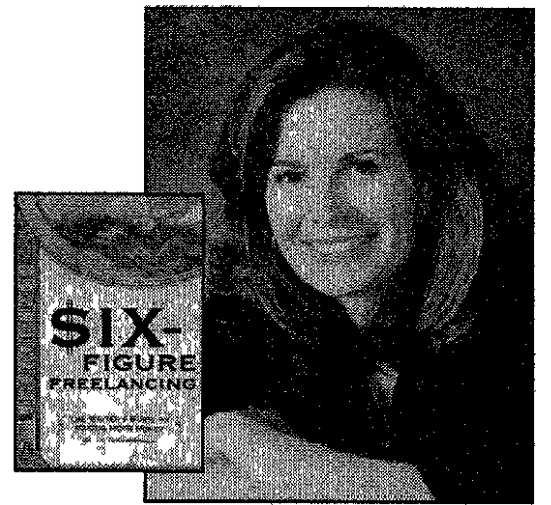
network with people who tend to get them, such as newspaper and magazine writers. She maintains that PR professionals, especially at colleges and hospitals, are often good sources of assignments.

Marcia Layton Turner advocates minding your stock of writer and editor colleagues. Based in Fairport, N.Y., a suburb of Rochester, she secured through this tactic gigs with *BusinessWeek*, *Black Enterprise*, and a good amount of what she calls "book doctoring." She does the same for other writers, editors and agents when she becomes aware of possible new opportunities for them. Some of these opportunities develop into "great assignments."

MORE CHUTZPAH

The stereotype of the poor little writer collapses when you recognize that making writing a lucrative business requires much more than sitting behind a computer. You have to market, market, market, regularly, in James-Enger's eyes. Her minimum daily requirement is one query.

That, however, is not enough. Don't be afraid to ask for more money than you're offered, she advises, but don't accept too little, unless other factors outweigh. Read contracts carefully to be certain your client isn't about to take away all of your rights to reprint, sell in other markets, whatever. (But don't pit competitors against each



Kelly James-Enger author of "Six-Figure Freelancing: The Writer's Guide to Making More Money"

other with the same article! Negotiate - ah, there's that word! - terms by telephone rather than e-mail, to assure access to the person's tone. If technology has almost completely overtaken your industry, sell benefits to the editor, such as a brief conversation that will clear up any misconceptions or confusing terms. It will be more thorough, to boot.

"Thank the person for the assignment," the author advises, "but know your walk-away point. (In this field), you can be assertive without being nasty."

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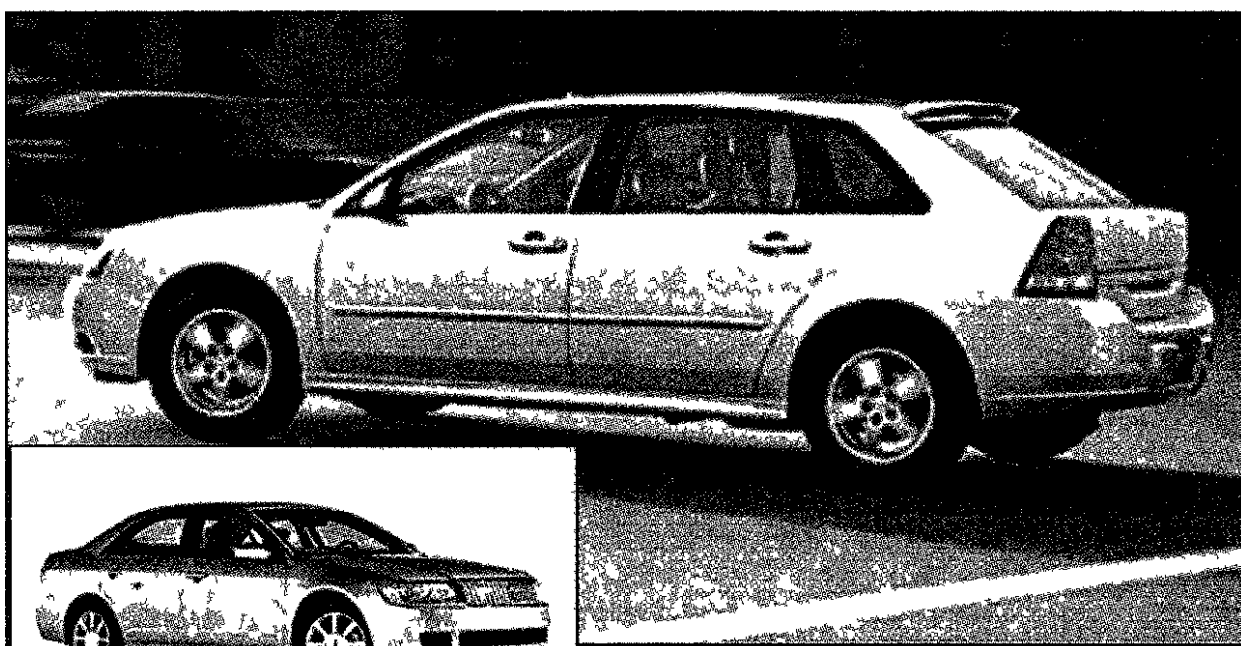
Americans now spend an average of more than 15 hours a week in their vehicle, amounting to more than 32 days each year - or twice as long as the average vacation - according to a recent survey by Harris Interactive. Not all that surprisingly, this means that almost half of drivers frequently eat in their vehicles and that about one in four of them actually claim to have finished getting dressed in their car.

Now, you can look at this phenomenon in one of at least two ways. One approach would be to consider this another sign of the decline of Western Civilization, an ominous portent with multiple facets. We're clearly spending too much time in our vehicles and away from family members, friends and other human beings, just another way that we're isolating ourselves from one another, for example. And it's just plain not safe to have the driver in front of you putting on his tie, yakking on his cell phone, making an entry on his PDA, shoving down an Egg McMuffin - and oh, yes, driving - all at the same time.

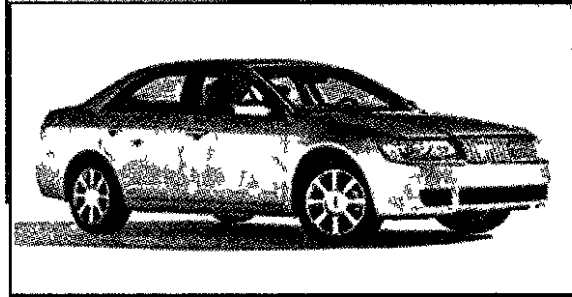
But another way to look at this trend is as a big opportunity for the automotive business. Since we've all got to spend more and more time in our vehicles, auto execs figure, we might as well want to while away the hours in their cars and SUVs rather than the competition's. So auto manufacturers, as well as their suppliers and also aftermarket-accessory companies, are devoting more and more of their resources to making sure that you're enjoying your time in their cockpits and back seats because they're increasingly comfortable and functional.

Call it automotive 'cocooning,' the mobile effect that's similar to the term that was invented several years ago to describe Americans' increasing tendency to invest in making home and hearth more comfortable.

People are driving cars longer and further so they're putting more and more creature comforts into their vehicles, just like in their homes,' says Peter Baldine, senior vice president of Alta Mere Industries, a company based in Midlothian, Illinois, that specializes in high tech products for the car such as satellite



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All of this simply makes it easier for you to be in the car,' says Patrick Schiavone, director of cars for North America for Ford Motor Co. 'Plus there are a lot more cars on the road, and people are living further and further away from their workplaces. So they don't mind spending so much time in them because they're nicer. But the fact that there's more and more traffic means they've got to spend more time in them.'

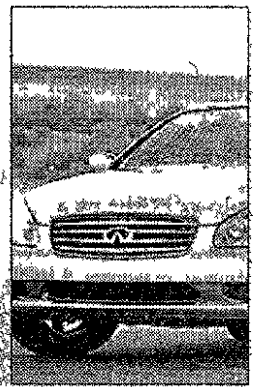
For Ford, this emphasis means several things. First, Ford is paying more and more attention to styling per se, right down to improvements in the materials in its interiors, in an effort to make them more live-inable.

'We see this as a competitive advantage for us,' Schiavone says. 'In a way we're looking at the interior of some of our vehicles like modern furniture. We're trying to integrate an ultramodern, high-end-furniture look into some of our cars, which will change woods and other materials. Even most low end cars now offer leather interiors, so to some degree we have to move on from that.'

What does Schiavone have in mind? Maybe tortoise shell or granite or hand painted finishes in

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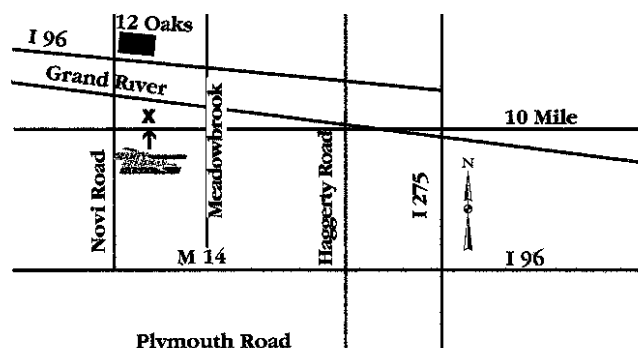
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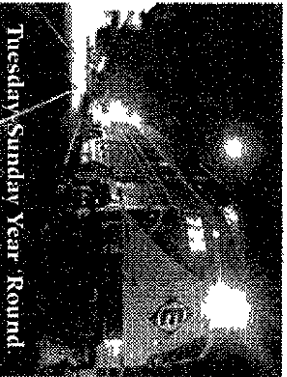
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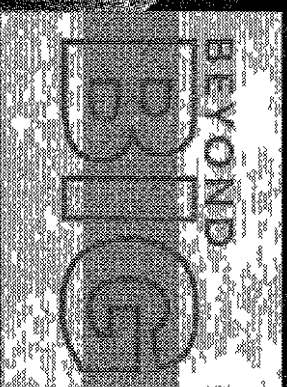
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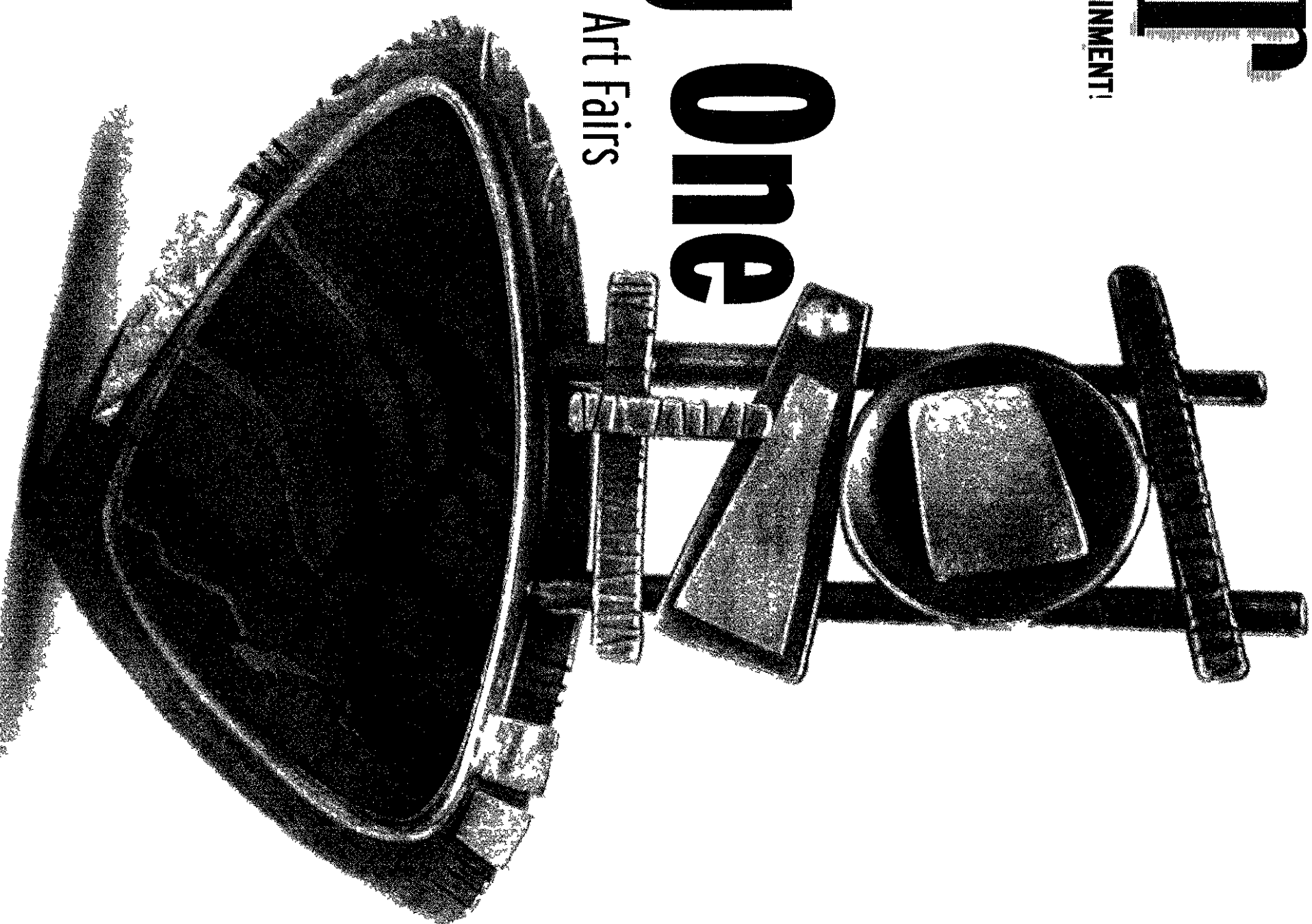
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Guard change

Dear Readers
This week I'm announcing my retirement from this column. But fear not: Pure Picks will continue with another author. drumroll please the fabulous Alicia Dorset.

So you may be wondering where I'm going and why I'm leaving. I'm actually not going anywhere. I'll still call the G&E desk with the pink box and the photos of cute indie boys my home - though I will be concentrating on my original position on the presentation desk.

When I started writing this column I was a just a doe eyed young girl - full of the promise that free CDs brought me. In the past 2 plus years that I've written this column I've covered a lot of bands and events twice. It was somewhere in the third go round that I became awash with brain freeze. I feel the best thing for all of us before we were smothered in my doing reborn was to pass this ink onto the next generation - or at least someone a couple of years younger than me.

Passing the torch so to speak will allow me to focus my musings toward new and exciting ventures. Now if you really liked me and you're really sad I will be leaving shoot me an e mail or letter to the address below. Not only will it make

me feel happy to hear that I have a reader but I'll be able to keep you updated on the things I am doing making and writing.

Finally thanks to everyone who took the time out to find out what's going on through me. I often joke that I have no readers but I know this isn't true. I know there are hundreds among you that turned to me to escape a boring work day or flipped to me first out of loyalty - and for these things I am flattered. Thank you OK enough of this weepy stuff.

You can reach the new Pure Picks writer Alicia Dorset at adorset@goe.com net. She is friendly and hip and is eager to hear about your local entertainment event. As for me not so much my favorite songs ever.

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Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Hardy, who likes to use ta ta when she means so long. You can say goodbye by e-mailing her at stardr@goe.com net or snail mailing Pure Picks c/o Stephanie Hardy, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI, 48009

Music reviews

Missy Elliott's The Cookbook features R&B blended with hip-hop

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Missy Elliott, *The Cookbook* (Atlantic)
For her sixth full-length album, Missy Elliott concocts a hip-hop gumbo with a dash of R&B divas Mary J. Blige, Ciara and Fantasia, a pinch of rappers Slick Rick, Grand Puba and Mike Jones, and a sprinkle of production by Timbaland and the Neptunes.
Although there are plenty of spicy, up tempo tracks - including the Planet Rock-remixes, Ciara assisted single *Love Control* and the Timbaland-helmed *Partytyme* - only the percussive reggae jam *Bad Man*, featuring M.I.A., reaches the frenetic heights of Missy classics like *Work It* and *Get Ur Freak On*.
As on 2002's *Under Construction*, several songs here are old-school-inspired, most notably the Neptunes' *On & On* which samples Doug E. Fresh's *The Show*, and *We Run This*, which interpolates the classic break beat *Apache*.
The only glaring misstep is the bland *Check Clack*. Fortunately, Missy maintains her freaky sense of humor, as the exhibits on the Rich Harrison produced club thumper *Can I Stop*.
The album's real strength is its R&B leaning cuts, notably *My Man*, featuring pitch perfect guest vocals by Fantasia the naughty Scott Storch contribution *Meltdown*, and the woeful *Teary Eyed*, where Missy flexes her impressive chops. Perhaps because longtime collaborator Timbaland only serves two tracks, *The Cookbook* isn't packed with as much fun-filled flavor as Missy's previous discs. But it still leaves fans hungry for more of her distinct, savory blend of music.

Tracy Hopkins For The Associated Press
Sufjan Stevens, *Illinois* (Asthmatic Kitty)
After his lauded debut, *Greetings from Michigan the Great Lake State*, Sufjan Stevens announced his intentions of making an album about each of the other 49 states.
People were even more surprised when Stevens, now 30, made it clear he was absolutely serious.
Illinois is the second song cycle in his widely ambitious musical tour of

American geography. The question is, of course, when the 50 are done, does Puerto Rico at least warrant an EP? What about Guam? Afghanistan?
Questions of pseudo-statahood notwithstanding, Stevens has moved southwest from his home state of Michigan, continuing what may be the most bizarre (and seemingly unironic) journey for any banjo player since Kermit the Frog decided he wanted out of the swamp.
This singer-songwriter surrounds his soft voice and delicate banjo and guitar playing with a small symphony of piano, horns and strings, the backing *Michigan Militia* has been temporarily renamed *The Illinoismakers*.
Performing in matching Boy Scout like uniforms, Stevens and his followers sound something like what Charlie Brown and the peanut gang might dance to in their more confusing teenage years.

With song titles like *Casimir Pulaski Day*, *The Man of Metropolis Steals Our Hearts* and *The Predatory Wasp of the Palisades is Out to Get Us!* Stevens digs through Illinois life and history for 22 songs that might be more accurately called psalms.
The musical theme meander from the parades to the skyscrapers of Chicago from John Wayne Gacy Jr. to Superman. Though there's a lot of operatic filler songs like *Jacksonville, Chicago* and especially, ahem *They Are Night Zombies!* *They Are Neighbors!* *They Have Come Back from the Dead!* *Abhh!* reach great heights.
Really, none of this is as weird as it sounds.

In *Night Zombies* the Illinoismakers spell out the letters to Illinois over a great bass line and swelling strings - emblematic of the overall effect of adolescence meets mature musical arrangement.
It will be interesting to see if Stevens keeps up his 50 states project or puts out somewhere in the Dakotas.
If he can maintain the energy and the oddball combinations of Nick Drake style songwriting, church choir grandiosity and elementary school simplicity, here's hoping he makes it to both coasts.

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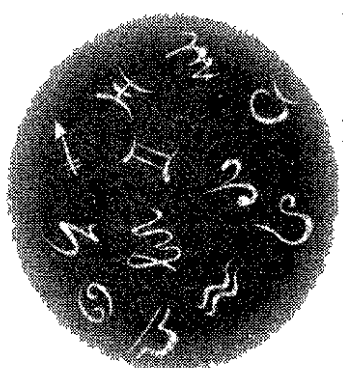
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ARIES (March 21-April 20)
You can't escape your commitments but you can make life easier for yourself by not taking on too much right now. Before July is over you'll be offered what sounds like an amazing deal. No doubt it is, but it will also mean extra work. and may not manifest until September. Practice patience. Rani!

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)
Before you throw good money after bad consider what you are trying to achieve. Bull a diff' cult time between the outer planets signifies that the time is long past when you could spend your way out of hassles. What is needed now is not a fresh injection of cash but a fresh injection of attitude.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)
The edgy astro influence of task master Saturn changing signs this weekend will make it easy for you to overreact to the opinions of colleagues and loved ones in the days ahead. To prevent minor irritations from turning into future confrontations you are advised to speak your mind now rather than later. Tim

CANCER (June 22-July 23)
Not everything attempted can be achieved therefore you must stop feeling guilty about failing short of your standards. With celestial influences now enabling you to see things as they are you can plan for the future instead of living in the past. Tomorrow is another day.
LEO (July 24-Aug 23)
You've been working up to something for weeks and the moment of truth is about to arrive. Lion! You may be nervous or even scared but the heavens promise you'll pass the final test with flying fiery colors. You were born to fight and win. And love

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)
Break with routine and embark upon something different or exciting this week. The world is full of people places and ideas that seem to have eluded you until now. There are moments when innovation must replace habit. and this is one of those times.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct 23)
Common try to remember that it's summertime! Don't sit at home this week unless you absolutely have to. Balance! There is a world out there waiting to be explored and no matter your age health or income you can find a way to get out and have some healthy fun. Be adventurous and optimistic!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov 22)
You seem to be doing a lot of things for other people lately and that trend will continue throughout the month. Mid month's astro aspects may compel you to come to the aid of some one who desperately needs a helping hand. But make sure that's all it is. Scorpi!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)
With planet Mercury going retrograde next week this is an ideal time to look at your workload and find ways to cut back on more onerous commitments. There are ways to streamline your day without cutting corners or doing less than a brilliant job. Delegate more. Archer!

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 21)
Someone is being economical with the truth and you must set matters straight. Cap starting now! Never the less with financial demands increasing you should be careful not to upset those whose support you need. Stand up for your beliefs and others will believe you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)
Everything you need to make your life happy and fulfilling is right there in front of you. Waterbearer! You don't have to search to the ends of the earth or pull in all your markers. Love yourself. love other people and love what you do.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
With family loving Venus changing signs soon the moment has come to make loved ones partners and colleagues aware that you've had enough of idle promises and demand guarantees of assurance. Don't back down now or swim backwards. Fish. Aim for fresher streams and healthier dialogue.
Dennis Fairchild is a Birmingham based astrologer and author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations phone (248) 546 6912 or e mail DenFairchild@aol.com
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Music reviews

Twisted Sister *Live At Wacken The Reunion* (Eagle Rock)

From their first radio broadcast as an unsigned Long Island bar band in 1980 to a 2003 concert before 40,000 screaming fans in Germany, Twisted Sister made some of the best heavy rock n' roll in the world. It's well-represented on this dual disc offering that includes 75 minutes of CD audio on one side and 105 minutes of live DVD concert footage and interviews on the other.

Reuniting in 2003, the band wanted to put an exclamation point on a career that seemed to end not with a bang but a whimper in 1987, as an album and tour fizzled. That long-sought bang can be heard throughout *Live At Wacken*, from the early anthems *Bad Boys Of Rock 'N' Roll* and *I'll Never Grow Up*, Now (which had fans singing along years before *We're Not Gonna Take It*) to a molten version of the concert opener *What You Don't Know* (*Sure Can Hurt You*).

Twisted Sister has always been underrated musically because of their glam costumes and makeup, but bassist Mark *"The Animal"* Mendoza's frantic riffs are amazing on this disc, particularly on the jam-fest *You Know I Got you* and the 1983 battle cry *You Can't Stop Rock 'N' Roll*.
Wayne Parry Associated Press Writer

Grateful Dead, *Dicks Picks 35* (Grateful Dead Records)

Just when it seems that every minute of the Grateful Dead's career has been released or accounted for in the band's famed vault, here comes *Dick's Picks 35*. Dubbed "The Houseboat Tapes," the four-disc release has a story that's so unbelievable, so serendipitous, it could only happen to band as legendary as the Grateful Dead. The release captures the complete Aug. 7, 1971, San Diego show, most of the Aug. 24, 1971, Chicago concert and more than an hour of the Aug. 6, 1971, Hollywood performance.

Tapes from the shows were assumed to have been long lost. No soundboard recordings existed, either in the band's vault or among fans. Then family members of the former Dead keyboard player Keith Godchaux were cleaning out the family's old houseboat and found a box of tapes. Inside were original soundboard recordings given to Godchaux by Jerry Garcia as a way for the new band member to learn the music. So, how's the music? Not bad, but certainly not the best of the Dead's long and varied career. The summer of 1971 was the one of the last tours with original keyboard player Pig Pen and just before the period that many consider the golden era of the Dead.
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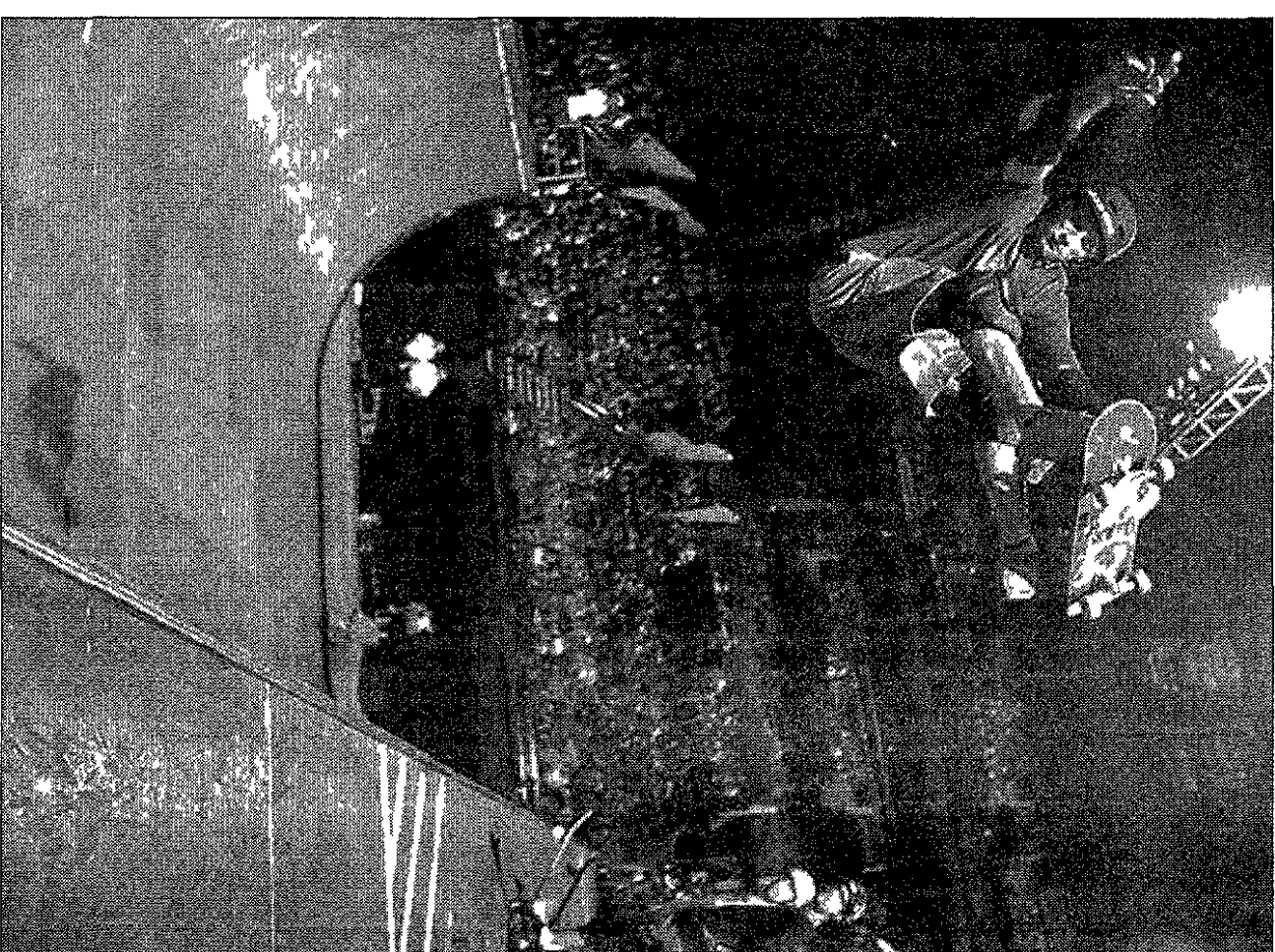


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Skating legend Tony Hawk has placed in every competition he's competed in

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Tony Hawk's dream team for HuckJam features skaters Rune Giltberg, Skater 6, Andy Macdonald, Lincoln Ueda and Serge Ventura. In BMX, performers include Chad Kagy, Dennis McCoy, Mat Hoffman, John Parker and Kevin

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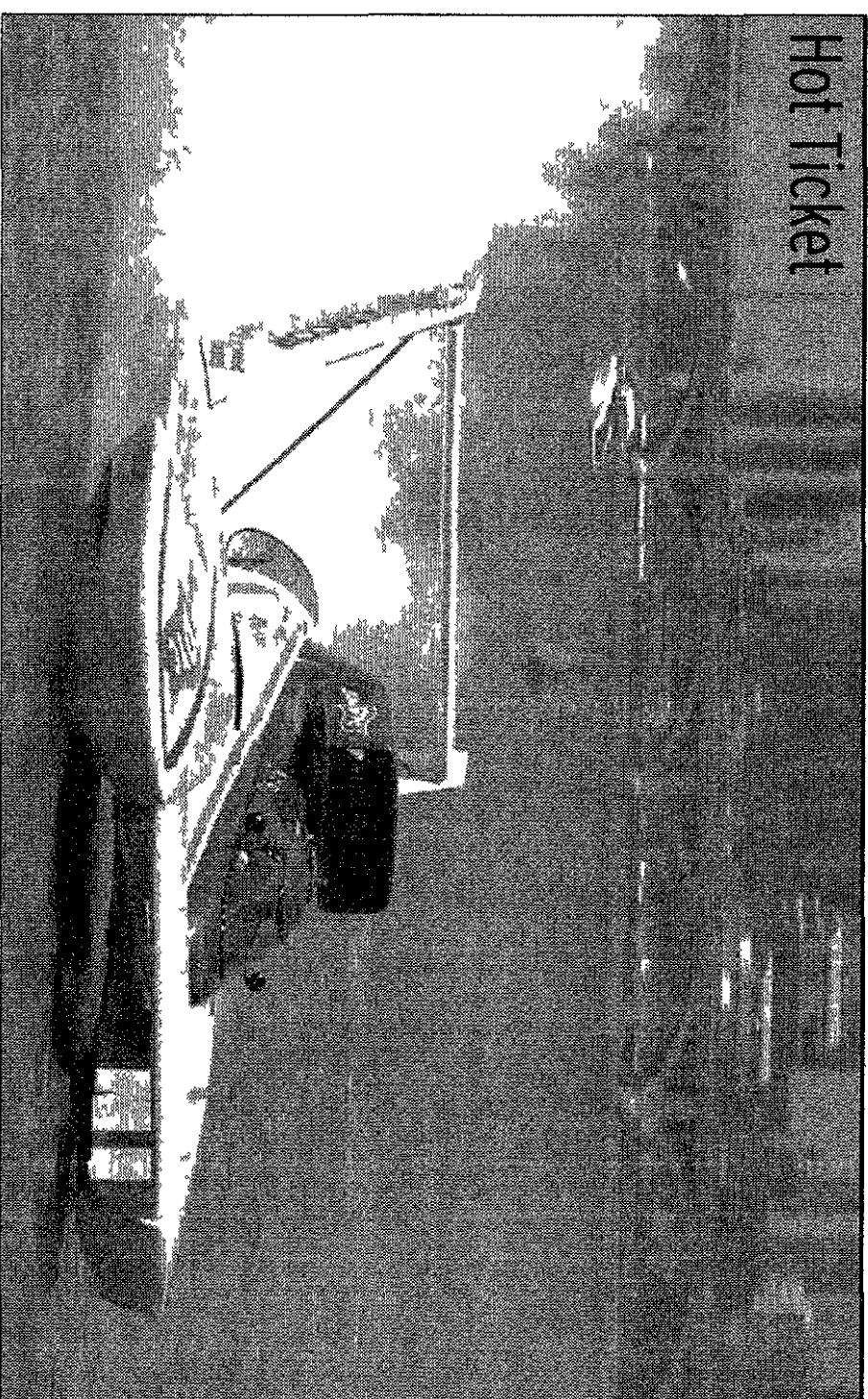
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Vintage boats chop through the waters while today's newer racers glide on top of it

Thriller on the River

Hydroplane races hit the water

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Speeds up to 225 mph
Airborne boats ripping through the Detroit River waters. Vintage boats, large hydroplanes.

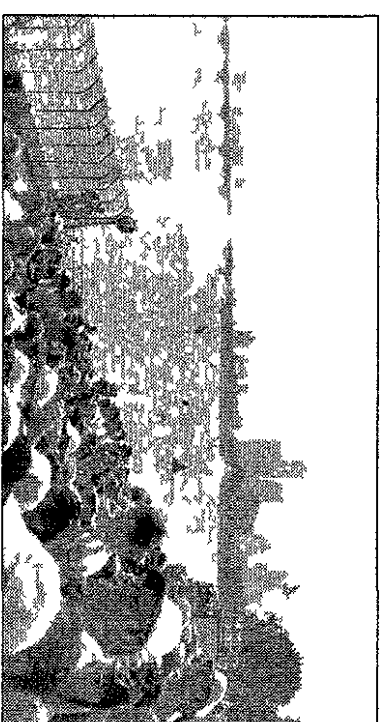
One word to encapsulate the Chrysler-Jeep Superstores Thriller on the River races: exciting.

That's the description by Michelle DeLand, operations director of the Detroit River Regatta Association.

The American Power Boat Association Challenge Gold Cup races are this weekend, July 15, 17, and can be viewed for free on Belle Isle Park Memorial Annex Park and Henderson/Chrysler Park in Detroit.

There's multiple levels of racing and the highlight is the APBA Gold Cup race, where hydroplane boats rip on top of the waters.

"These boats look like little airplanes on the water,"



More than 100,000 people gather each day for the races

DeLand said, "If it's your first time attending the race, you've never seen anything like it."

Hydroplanes can cover the distance of a football field in less than one second at more than 200 mph with 3,000-horsepower engines.

The three-day event features high-speed hydroplane racing action on the Detroit International Water Speedway.

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What: The Chrysler Jeep Superstores APBA Gold Cup Races
When: Friday through Sunday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 15-17
Gold Cup race is Sunday

Tickets: The general admission areas are located at Memorial Annex Park and Henderson/Chrysler Park off Jefferson Avenue between Marina and Burns streets. \$15 to \$25. Kids under 6 admitted free. \$5 for kids 7-12.

Free access: Belle Isle Detroit River Regatta Association (DRRA) ("This year") calls for a new beginning for Gold Cup racing since it's the start of the next 100 years of racing.

For more information: Visit www.goldcup.com or call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666.

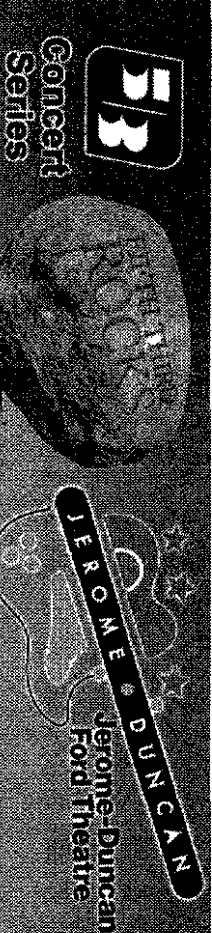
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Music

For fans and music lovers alike, Michigan Jazz Festival takes stage

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

If you like jazz, this event is for you. Scratch that. You don't have to be a jazz fan to attend this event.

This one is for anyone who likes music, for anyone who has an interest in hearing a lot of different styles of jazz under one roof. This festival is also for those who really don't understand jazz, but want to appreciate music that was formed in America.

It's the Michigan Jazz Festival, Sunday, July 17, at VistaTech facility only, consumed in the College More than 26 groups, 201 musicians, five stages and five big bands. And yes, it's free.

Midge Ellis, one of Michigan's biggest and most involved jazz fans, is the coordinator of the event. An aficionado of the music, she is also a staunch supporter of Detroit musicians.

"Other festivals bring musicians from across the world, which is great," Ellis said. "But there is tremendous, strong, true talent throughout Detroit and this is the place to hear it."

Max M. Fisher Music Center
Dear Friends: Music from Final Fantasy multi-media concert with the DSO 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 23-24, \$35. 603 37th Woodward Detroit (313) 576 5118 or visit www.detroitssymphony.org

FESTIVALS

Art on the Grand
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FILM

Trinity House Theatre
Small Beautiful Hands screening talk back and fund raiser 7 p.m. July 25, 26, 30. 38840 West Six Mile Road in Livonia \$5 suggested donation (734) 464 6302 or info@trinityhouse.org

Fabrics on Film
Two films about the artist Christo 12, 10 p.m. July 20. University of Michigan Museum of Art 525 S State U M campus Ann Arbor \$5 donation (734) 763 0100 or www.umma.umich.edu

Michigan Theater
Summer Classic Film Series classic movies running through Sept. 6 shows are 3 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Tuesday 603 E Liberty Ann Arbor \$6-\$8.50 free to United States veterans Labor Day weekend for film schedule call (734) 668 7106 or visit www.michtheater.org

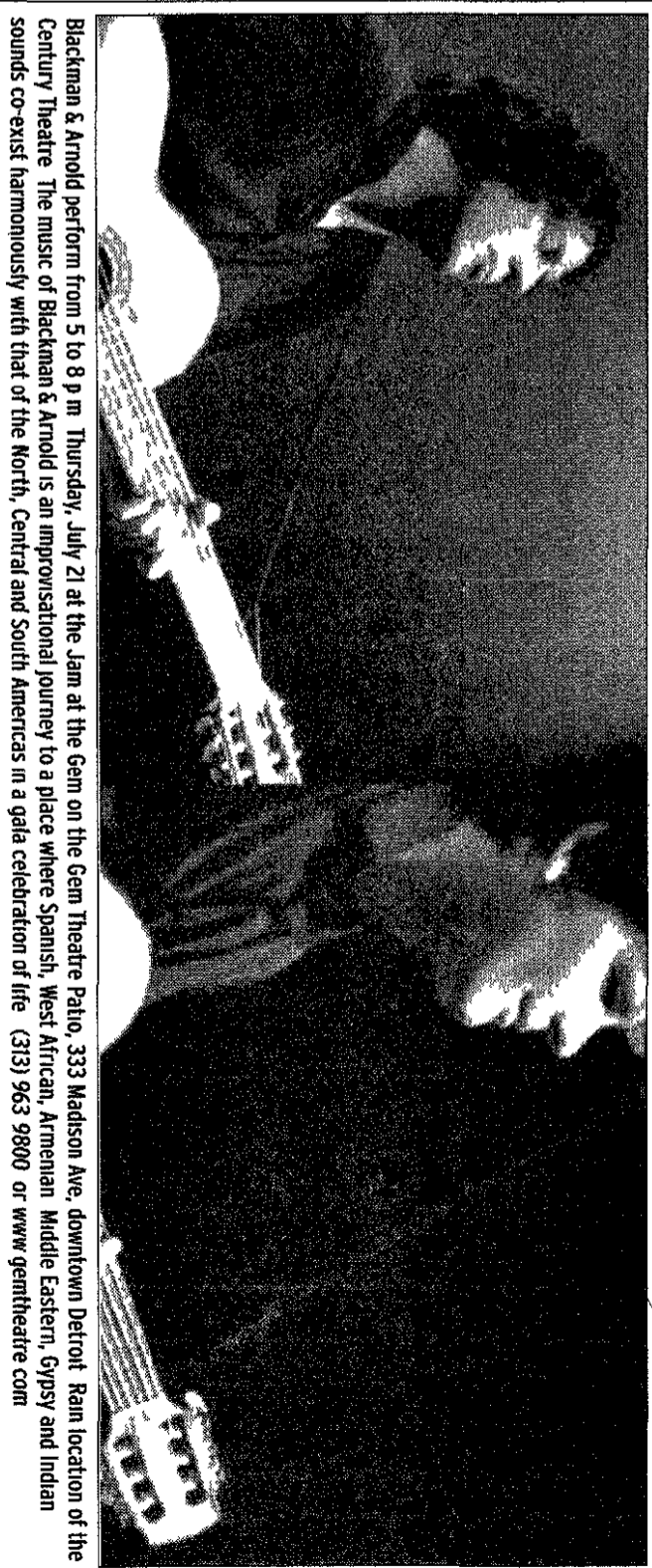
Free Films
Great Lakes Crossing Star Theaters offers free movies to kids 12 and under every Wednesday at 11 a.m. Movies include: July 20 *A Star is Born*; July 27 *The Sandlot*; Aug 3 *Leviathan*; Aug 10 *Wild Card*; Aug 17 *Loew's Midwest Card* www.enjoytheshow.com/kidsfilmsseries

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Tickets available at Palacenet.com. The Palace and DTE Energy Music Theatre box offices and all Ticketmaster centers. Tickets may also be charged by phone to American Express Discover www.ticketmasterdte.com



Blackman & Arnold perform from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 21 at the Jam at the Gem on the Gem Theatre Patio, 333 Madison Ave. downtown Detroit. Rain location of the Century Theatre. The music of Blackman & Arnold is an improvisational journey to a place where Spanish, West African, Armenian, Middle Eastern, Gypsy and Indian sounds co-exist harmoniously with that of the North, Central and South Americas in a gala celebration of life (313) 963 9800 or www.gemtheatre.com

JAZZ

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Fort Wayne
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RuchikBang 2005 a day of East Indian March culture free plays and lunch 10 a.m. Saturday, July 16 \$35 15801 Michigan Ave Dearborn www.mandel.org/ruchikbang.php

Painting Meets
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Japanese Tea Ceremony
With Shabunha Fide Concert 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Sunday, July 24 seating is limited University of Michigan Museum of Art 525 S State U M campus Ann Arbor \$5 donation (734) 763 0100 or www.umma.umich.edu

Spoken word performance
At the Max M. Fisher Music Center featuring Detroit Poetry Slam team open mic on 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug 4 \$10 37th Woodward Detroit (313) 576 5111 or www.detroitssymphony.org

Detroit Historical Museum
Reflections: The Mary Wilson Supreme Legacy Collection an exhibit of Supreme costumes through Feb. 12 5401 Woodward Detroit admission is \$3 \$5 (313) 833 1805 or www.detroitshistorical.org

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Crafters sought
19th annual juried show for Della Kappa Gamma Saturday, Oct. 15 at West Middle School 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail Plymouth Call (734) 844 1707 or e-mail thevase@concast.net

Downtown Plymouth
The Plymouth Community Band has six consecutive Thursday night concerts at 8 p.m. in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth running through July 28 Franklin Music on the Green a free summer

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musicians returns for Wednesday evenings in July featuring music free kids craft table free balloons and ice cream at the Village Green on Franklin Road between 13 Mile and 14 Mile Standard Federal Bank and the Wealth Management Division hosts a bent with free balloons popcorn and a prize drawing on July 27. The concert lineup features The Sun Messengers July 20 and Steve King & the Dittles July 27. E-mail conlink@comcast.net for information

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Friday nights out
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Kerrytown Concert House
Staged reading of Tony nominated *Retreat to Moscow* 8 p.m. July 27 415 N Fourth Ann Arbor (734) 769 2999 or www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com

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Celebrate the longest running professional production in Detroit history at the Gem Theatre Show times are 8 p.m. Tuesday, Saturday and also 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets (\$39.50) can be purchased through the Gem Theatre box office by calling (313) 963 9800. Ticketmaster charge by phone (248) 645 6666 and online at www.ticketmaster.com

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Heavenly Body a comedy with Greg Bowman WJL Newsradio 950 news anchor July 15 Aug 27 Friday and

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Saturday 6:30 p.m. cocktails and dinner 7:30 p.m. curtain time three course included \$39.50 14th Street Pk 350 East 14 Mile Madison Heights www.starbriteprod.com or (248) 589 9900

Jekyll and Hyde
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City Theatre
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ART

The Ann Arbor Art Center
Homegrown exhibit of local artists Aug 5 to Sept. 3 Reception 6 p.m. Aug 12 117 West Liberty Ann Arbor (734) 994-8004 or www.annarbortcenter.org

Lawrence Street Gallery
The *Invitational '05* all media exhibition of 50 artists through July 30 22620 Woodward Ferndale (248) 544 0394 www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

A.C., T. Gallery
Loraine R. Byatt self portraits through Sept. 17 35 East Grand River Detroit (313) 961 4336

Bagley Housing Art Gallery
Subsidized all media exhibit of eight Arabic artists through July 30 2715 Bagley Detroit (313) 964 5942 or www.bagleyhousing.com

Plymouth Community Arts Council
Trophy Husband a solo exhibition on domestic life by stay at home husband Steven Miller through July 28 774 N Sheldon Plymouth free (734) 416 4278

Throughout Plymouth
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Rivers Edge Gallery
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Cranbrook Art Museum
Summer exhibits include *Building Connections Architectural Dialogues* through Oct. 30 Museum hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday Saturday and 1:5 p.m. Sunday \$5.8 Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History 315 East Warren Detroit (313) 494 5800 or www.maah.org

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UMMA other exhibits
Jacob Lawrence exhibit of African American art and Monte Neagle's Michigan photos both through Sept. 11 University of Michigan Museum of Art 525 S State U-M campus Ann Arbor \$5 donation (734) 763 UMMA or www.umma.umich.edu

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Oakland Community College
Student Art Show Paintings ceramic works and arts and crafts items by students of the Highland Lakes Campus At the campus Woodland Hall Library 7300 Cooley Lake Road Waterford 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

Our Town
The Community House presents the 20th annual OUR TOWN Art Exhibition and Sale Oct. 21 Artists can call for application forms available at The Community House 380 S. Bates St. Birmingham Downward applications from the Community House Web site at www.communyhousenm.com Deadline is July 29 For more information contact Kathleen Nimmerman at The Community House at (248) 594 6403

Print Gallery
Detroit Sports Portrait Series by Tom Marnett an exhibit of original Detroit Sports Icons through Friday July 15 Located at 29173 Northwestern Highway Southfield (248) 356 5454 or www.monaiismama.com or www.everythingart.com Gallery hours 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday

Detroit Institute of Arts
Yoko Ono's Freight Train an outdoor exhibit continues through July 19 museum hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 5200 Woodward Ave. Detroit \$4 per adult and \$1 per child (313) 833 7900 or visit www.dia.org

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The Sun Messengers will perform their R&B music at Cafe Marro's 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 29. Marro's specializes in northern Italian cuisine. Located at 1477 John R. Troy. For more information call (248) 586-6000 or visit www.sunmessengers.com

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Cass Cafe
infernos multi-artist painting and mixed media runs through Sept. 10 4620 Cass Ave. Detroit (313) 831 1400

Park West Gallery
Tomasz Rut exhibit and sale runs through July 27 29469 Northwestern Highway Southfield (800) 521 9654 or www.parkwestart.com

Washington Street Gallery
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Music

Tangled up in Dylan

Musicians pay tribute

BY LANA MINI
SMART WRITER

Eric Kelly loves Bob Dylan. He has every album, every obscure live concert recording, knows every lyric.

"He's the reason I bought an acoustic guitar," said Kelly, owner of Embassy Hotel Records.

Something about Dylan's words touches Kelly's soul — and millions of others, too.

If you're like Kelly, check out *Dylanfest*. More than 25 artists will perform Bob Dylan tunes Friday, July 22, at the Blind Pig in Ann Arbor for *Dylanfest 2005*. The event will raise money for the Mary Beth Doyle Foundation, named for an Ann Arbor environmentalist who recently died.

Kelly said each artist will perform two Dylan songs of their choice — both obscure and well-known tunes.

Kelly's band, Dirt Road Logic, will perform the less-known song *Rata Mae*. Artists performing include Americana band Cornmaddy, folk singer/songwriter/guitarist Chris Buhahals,

twang-filled country performers the Hummingbirds and country/blues/western swing artists Hoodlag. Also performing are Jim Roll, Delta 88, Dick Siegel, Rooststand, Jen Sygry, The Gentleman Callers, The Showdowns, Mike Boyd and the Genesee Ramblers, Sam Brown, Derek Daniel and John Wesley Harding.

Over the decades, Dylan's music has reached multiple generations. As his musical style has changed over the years, so has fan base crosses from hippies to hipsters.

And lest anyone think *Dylanfest* highlights songs relegated to the history books, think again.

Dylan is in the middle of his second straight summer of touring minor league baseball parks with Willie Nelson and has already announced European dates for the fall.

His also the subject of an upcoming PBS documentary from famed director Martin Scorsese that will air in September.

And who could forget last year's bizarre ad campaign for Victoria's Secret that featured the song *Love Sick*?

For a schedule of the Michigan Jazz Festival, turn to page D18.

JAZZ
FROM PAGE D4

Lana Horne, Stevie Wonder, Ella Fitzgerald and Milton Berle.

And to hear jazz in its purest form, check out the jam session at 6 p.m. There you'll hear musicians, many who've never played together before, compose music right on the spot. Now that's jazz.

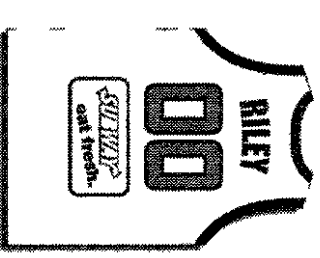
During the festival, stroll along the jazz walk to mingle with the musicians and purchase their music. Head on over to the Steerway Cafe to see six pianists explain subtle lessons on how to listen to jazz as



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Exhibit inspired by Arabian tales

BY LAMMUNA SHAFI WRITER

FLYING CARPET

There's a warm ambience inside the always-welcoming Creative Arts Center in Pontiac. Persian-style rugs cover the hardwood where visitors can sit and enjoy the vivid colors of the artworks that hang on the walls. Look overhead to see "Flying carpet" inspired pieces suspended from the ceilings.

It's part of Flying Carpet, an exhibit that runs through Aug. 5 that features the works of eight Arabic artists who are inspired by stories from *Tales of the Arabian Nights*.

The opening reception last week featured Arabic music, Arabic coffee and a traditional bellydancer who shimmed around guests seated crossed-legged on plush vibrant cushions.

What: Mixed-media exhibit featuring eight Arabic artists inspired by magical Arabian tales

Where: Creative Arts Center, 47 Williams St., Pontiac

When: Through Aug. 5

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday

For more information: (248) 333-7849

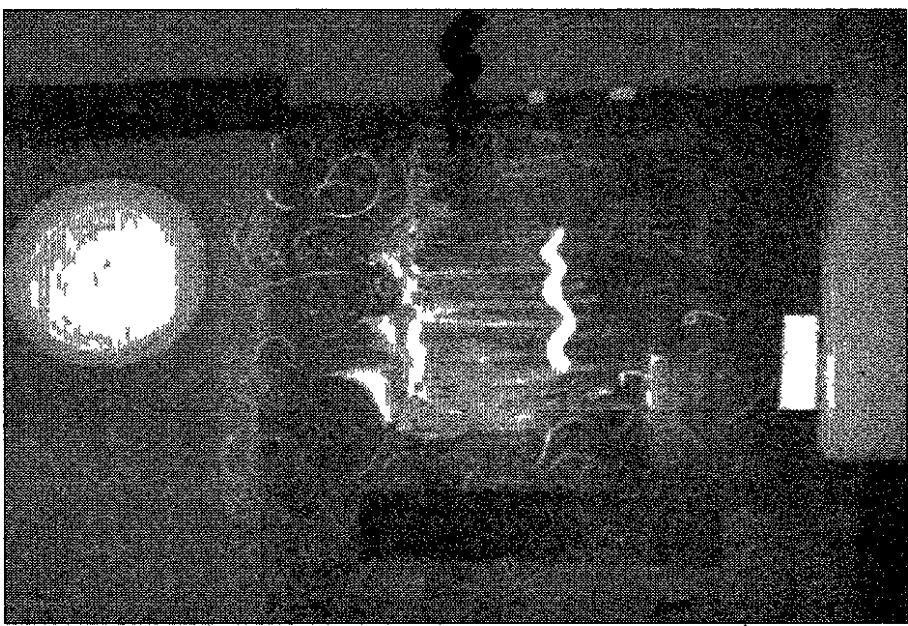
"For this particular exhibit we wanted to create a very warm feeling," said Carol Paster, executive director of the center. "We in this country are more familiar

with Arabic stories than we realize although most are interpretations in cartoons by Disney."

The idea for the exhibit was spearheaded by mixed-media artist Iliam Fouz who also has a current exhibit, *Simbad*, with the same group of artists, at the Bagley Housung Art Gallery in Detroit.

The artists at Flying Carpet include Najat-Al Bakal, photography; Wassana Mohanna, painting; Sam Salwo, painting; Zuhair Shaam, computer altered photography; Joanne Yono, painting; Joseph Younsif, painting; and Salam Younsif, painting.

"The exhibit isn't a rendition of *Tales*, it's simply inspired by it," Paster said. Flying Carpet isn't the center's first Arabic exhibit. Last year, it had a show that featured women Iraqi artists, while another featured Iranian works.



Flying Carpet 'Adventure' by Iliam Nabhouz is one of the pieces on display.

'The Beautiful Country' examines cultural prejudices

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Genre reviews of films opening this week

The Beautiful Country - A powerful exploration of cultural prejudices lingering from the Vietnam War and the yearning that drives an abandoned child to seek connections with his parents and secure a sense of belonging. Norwegian director Hans Petter Moland has crafted an often mesmerizing tale of a "bin doo," or less than dust, a term applied to outcast Vietnamese children of American fathers. Damien Nguyen makes an impressive film debut as a young man on a perilous journey from Vietnam to America in search of the mysterious father (Nick Nolte) who vanished when he was an infant. Despite its length and measured pace the film moves briskly and remains an absorbing narrative from start to finish, with an understated final image that lingers long after the lights go up. R for some language and a crude sexual reference. 125 min. Three stars out of four. David Germain AP Movie Writer

Cronics - In its exploration of TV journalism, *Cronics* offers us update John Leguizamo can act, not just ham it up with comic antics. It's something we haven't seen him do for a while - and it's powerful to behold. His portrayal of a Gerardo Rivera-esque reporter is even more remarkable when you consider that this is the first time the Colombian-born, New York bred Leguizamo has acted in Spanish, a language he does not usually speak. But it helps a great deal that he has neatly material to sink his teeth into. In telling the story of a TV news crew from Miami investigating a serial killer in a small Ecuadorian town, writer-director Sebastian Cordero (whose only previous film was 1999's

Rodan) delves into issues of news versus entertainment, of crude sexual reference. 125 min. Three stars out of four. David Germain AP Movie Writer

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the pedigree. It's flawless from top to bottom. Jennifer Connolly, John C. Reilly and Tim Roth are among its stars. Brazil's Walter Salles (*The Motorcycle Diaries*) is the director. Alfonso Beato (*All About My Mother*) is the cinematographer. Longtime David Lynch collaborator Angelo Badalamenti composed the score. These are people who know how to create a mood, one that's inescapably spooky from the first frame. Connolly plays a mother who moves with her young daughter to a creepy, leaky apartment building, where strange things start happening. PG-13 for mature thematic material, frightening sequences, disturbing images and brief language. 104 min. Three stars out of four. Christy Lemire AP Movie Critic

Fantastic Four - Unlike the dark themes of other comic book tales, this Marvel Comics adaptation aims for a good old goofy time. It succeeds on the goopy part, presenting a shallow tale that has a few laughs but no real drama. Less a movie than an anecdotal collection of slapstick action, *Fantastic Four* carries the silliness to such a degree you practically expect campy flashes of "Timmy!" and Kapow! ala the 1960s *Batman* TV show. The movie stars Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba, Michael Chiklis and Chris Evans as mutated astronauts who use their superpowers to fight a villainous fellow mutant (Julian McMahon). The action and visual effects are cartoonish, and the movie presents a miserly little personal battle between the good guys and bad, leaving no sense that anything is at stake other than these stashed freaks themselves. PG-13 for sequences of intense action, and some suggestive content. 106 min. One and a half stars out of four. David Germain AP Movie Writer

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Civil War re-enactors infiltrate Fort Wayne

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

War re-enactment is live entertainment with a dose of history.

And members of the Historic Fort Wayne Reenactor Coalition are ready to recreate another time and place. Donning authentic Civil War uniforms and period costumes, the group is set to interpret scenes of both military and civilian life of the era on Saturday and Sunday at Historic Fort Wayne in downtown Detroit.

"We're pleased to again host this special event that brings Michigan's Civil War heritage to life," said Dennis Zembala, director of the Detroit Historical Museum, which oversees the historic site.

"Historic Fort Wayne played a key role during this difficult era of our nation's history, and this event presents a unique

WAR HISTORY
What: Civil War Weekend featuring the Historic Fort Wayne Reenactor Coalition with participants from across the region
When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 16-17
Where: Historic Fort Wayne, 6325 W. Jefferson, Detroit
Admission: \$5 per vehicle for parking tours of Fort Wayne are an additional \$2 per person for information call (313) 833-1805 or visit www.detroitthisforical.org



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opportunity for families to learn about and experience this history." Civil War military activities scheduled to take place during the weekend include a flag presentation ceremony, military drills, an infantry firing competition, military and civilian camps and a battalion parade.

Costumed "interpreters" plan to portray such Michigan figures as U.S. Sen. Jacob Howard and Gov. Andrew Blair. There's also a Sunday worship service, a women's temperance rally and a foraging of food through civilian camps by the Union Army.

Visitors can take special guided tours of the Historic Fort Wayne grounds, too. The tours include visits to the Star Fort, built in the 1840s, the Commanding Officer's House, and the Spanish-American War Guardhouse.

FESTIVAL

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the cool-down water misting station at the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fairs.

New activities include docent led tours of exhibiting artists at the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair and expanded offerings at all four fairs' Imagination Stations, which feature hands-on children's activities.

But there's one thing you can do at all four fairs — you can get to know the artists.

The cornerstone of the fair is the presence of the artist," said Shary Brown, executive director of the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, which posts each artist's photo and statement to help jump start conversations between exhibitors and patrons. "When you purchase a piece of art, there is a much deeper connection when you've met the artist." The potential for interaction is probably what distinguishes the



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An estimated 500,000 visitors turn out for the Ann Arbor Art Fairs longline fair from others in the region, Clayton said. "Think about it," he said, "in this day and age, when do you get to meet the person that's

made anything that you use, whether it's a car or a toaster or the art on the walls?" nstafford@ee.home.com.net | (248) 901-2567

THE BASICS

What: Ann Arbor Art Fairs, four juried art fairs in one featuring 1,200 artists live street entertainment, food, shopping, children's activities, demonstrations and more.

When: July 20-23, hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Where: Ann Arbor downtown and University of Michigan campus.

Getting there: Parking and shuttle rides (every 10-15 minutes) from Pioneer High School, adjacent to U-M Stadium and Briarwood Mall, off I-94 are \$3 round trip, \$1.50 one-way and free to children under age 8. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

Alternatively, ride the University of Michigan Art Line commuter bus from Glazier Way at Huron Parkway, parking fee is \$5. **Getting around:** LINK air conditioned buses loop around the fairs and are free.

Information: Call the Ann Arbor Convention and Visitors Bureau at (800) 888-9487 or visit www.annarbor.org. Other useful sites include www.mansfieldannarbor.org and the Ann Arbor Transportation Authority's www.theride.org.

Beyond bad

'Citizen Toxie' is fun, in a sick sort of way

loyd Kaufman should win some kind of award from Hollywood. Not an Oscar, but perhaps a gold-plated garbage can.

Producer/director Kaufman has elevated trash movies to a level that not only aspire to greatness, but occasionally reach it. Such is the case of *Citizen Toxie* —

Toxie Avenger IV. If you haven't seen any of the *Toxie Avenger* movies, you should just be sure you have no intention of eating anything before, during or after the movie as you will surely lose your lunch.

The *Toxie Avenger* was once poor Melvin, a 90-pound weakling who was tossed by some bullies into a drum of toxic waste. He emerged from the bubbling goo as a hulking mass with a distorted face. But his heart remained good and he set forth, armed with his trusty mop to battle evil deers.

In *Citizen Toxie*, *Toxie* — as he is affectionately known — battles the notorious Diaper Mafia, which has taken hostage the students of the Tromaville School for the Very Special. *Toxie* comes to their rescue.

And that's about as specific as I can get with this story for two reasons. One — the plot is all over the place with assorted characters, such as the police chief who bears a suspicious resemblance to Adolf Hitler, and it's difficult to keep track of what's going on. And, two — most of the action is so offensive that it can't be described in a family newspaper.

How bad is it? Let's just say that *Citizen Toxie* takes bathroom humor to a whole new level. It's also highly insulting to "special needs" students and even takes a brutal



Beyond Bad
Greg Kowalski

shot at physicist Stephen Hawking (Somehow there's a parallel universe in the story).

I can't even list the names of some of the characters, such as immense superhero sidekick Lord

On the gentler side is Sweetie Honey and Sgt. Kahlkman (NYPD, another Kaufman film star. Cast members include Hank, the Angry Drunken Dwarf from the Howard Stern show (playing God, no less) and Ron Jeremy and Al Goldstein. If you don't know who they are, well, you don't want to know. And that's Corey Feldman under a fake mustache playing a gynecologist.

The DVD includes a selection of blooperes that are virtually indistinguishable from the stuff that is included in the film, which gives an indication of the production values.

Kaufman, who directed, also had a hand in writing, and for the most part it is utterly insane. It is also cheap, raunchy and frequently hilarious.

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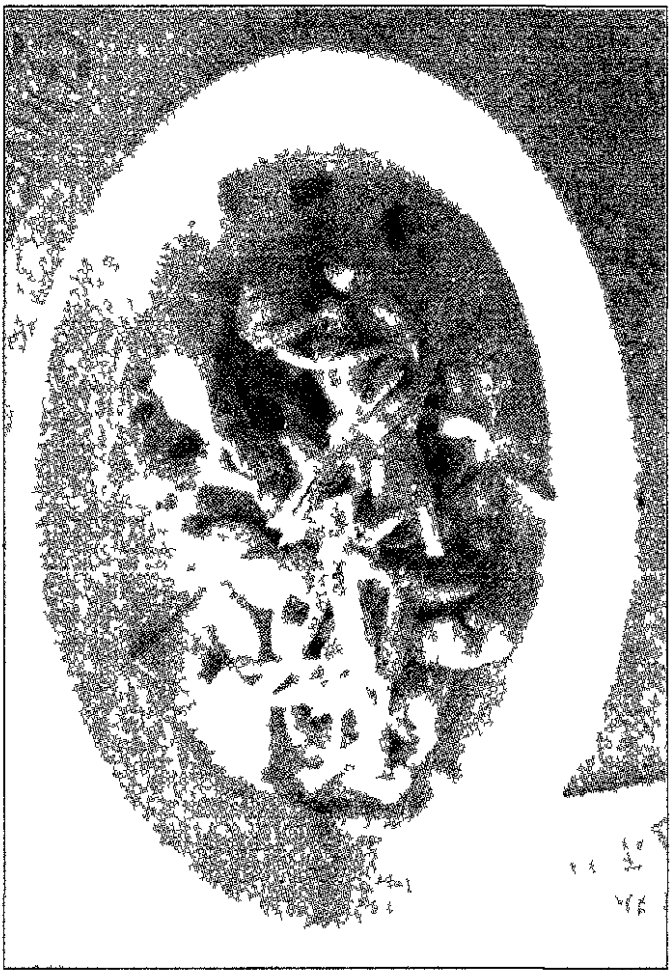
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Ten months ago, Laos born Kor Yang bought Siam Thai in Troy. Although the majority of his customers order take out, about 30 seats are available for Yang's straightforward and inexpensive Thai menu.

Curiously, placemats showcase the Chinese Zodiac. Is this also "Thai?" "No," said Yang. "I just needed placemats." From that remark, you get the idea that Siam Thai is a no frills spot.

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And what's a Laotian doing cooking Thai? "Our foods are very similar," Yang said.

WHAT TO ORDER
I asked Yang what he considered his best dish. "I like everything I cook," he

Siam Thai Restaurant Pad Thai with tamarine sauce sprinkled with white bean sprouts and peanuts answered without hesitation. "No one dish is better than another, yet Pad Thai is the most popular."

Taking that cue, first order the Spring Roll appetizer for \$1, then a cup of Tom Yum soup (\$3.50). It's spicy with mush-

rooms, green onions, lemon grass, lime leaf and lime juice complemented by your choice of chicken, shrimp or tofu.

Then set your sights on Pad Thai, stir-fried wide rice noodles with your choice



Siam Thai Restaurant waitress Zhou Yang (left) owner Kor Yang and waitress Khou Yang hold specialty dishes Fried Rice with oyster sauce, Pad Thai with a tamarine sauce and Gang Gai with a red Curry and coconut milk sauce

of beef, chicken, pork shrimp or tofu.

If you like your Thai food very spicy, go for Curry Pad Thai, similar to regular Pad Thai with the addition of red curry sauce and a peanut topping.

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