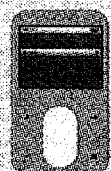




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Under the (great) weather Mother Nature kind to annual art festival

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Mother Nature cooperated so completely with Plymouth Art in the Park organizer Dianne Quinn that it prompted a neighbor to think there was only one way it could have happened.

"He told me, 'The weather was perfect, but the divine intervention is a little showy,'" Quinn said, laughing. "It was fabulous, but it always seems to be that way. The wind kicked up a little, but then nothing happened. We've had the best weather every year."

That seemed to be the prevailing opinion of many of the thousands of visitors who strolled the streets, picking and choosing from vendors offering everything from beads and jewelry to paintings and lawn ornaments.

Quinn said the festival tried some new things — primarily live music on a stage at dubbed "Party Pavilion" near E.G. Nicks — some of which worked, others which can be made better.

The live entertainment is one area that seemed to draw interest, particularly in the evening.

"During the day there was just too much to do; it was tough for people to get back there and sit down, because they wanted to shop," Quinn said. "In the evening, it was good, but we're always looking for ways to make things better."

It was just fine for patrons such as Jeanette Gohl of Canton and Marie Lehnert of Plymouth, who were out and about Saturday afternoon shopping for things like plant hangers and doggie treats.

"I come every year," Gohl said. "They have different, interesting things to look at every time."

Said Lehnert: "It's well-organized, they have nice things and it's enjoyable walking through here."

The show's reputation is what generally draws the vendors, such as Jonathan Shuff Photography of Grand Rapids. Shuff, appearing in his first Plymouth Art in the Park. Owner Jonathan Shuff said he's done shows for

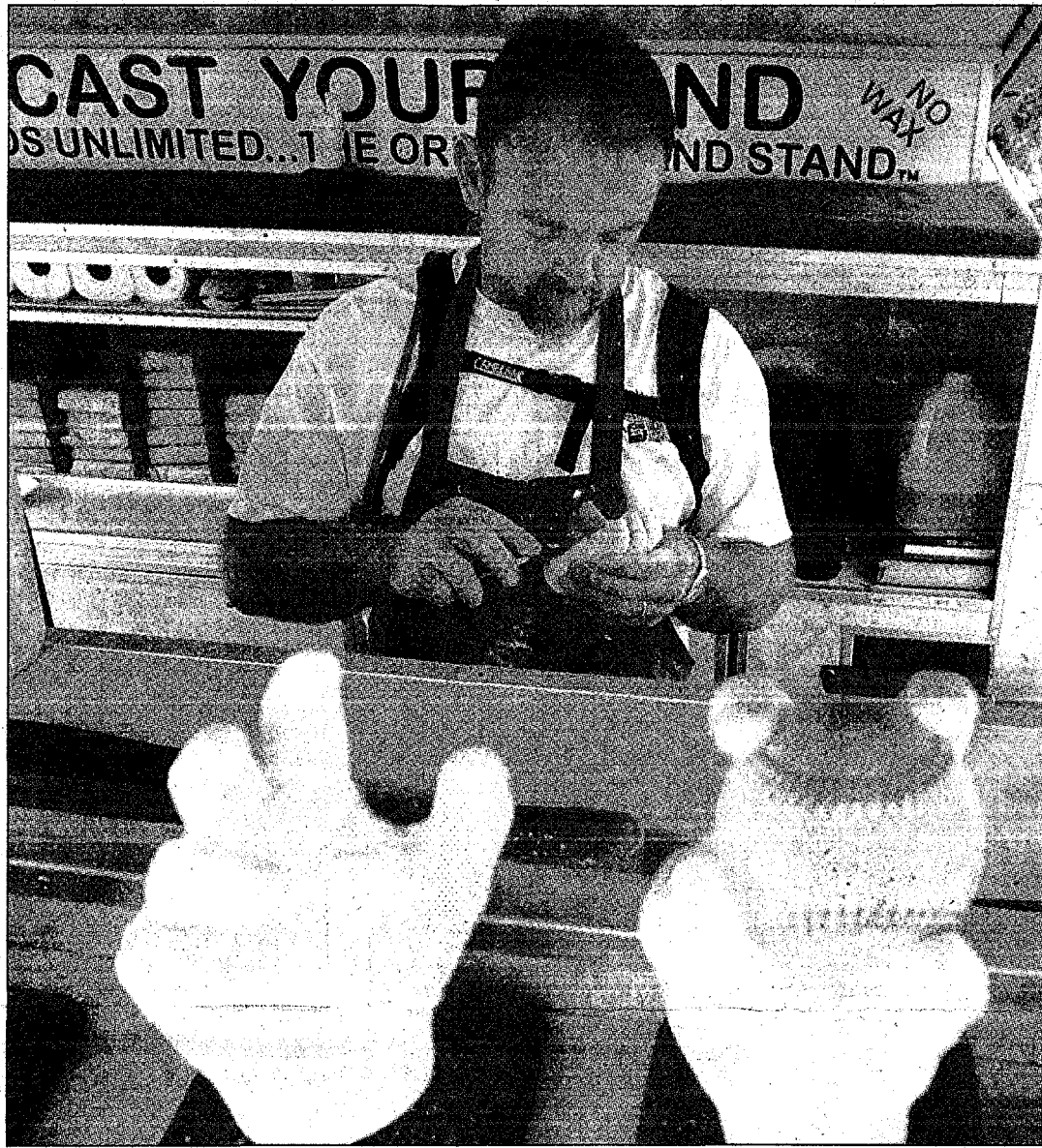
four years, going as far away as Minneapolis, but the 2006 Art in the Park is the first time he's ventured to this side of the state.

"After a couple of years (of doing shows) you find out which shows have really good reputations," Shuff said. "We've always heard Plymouth is one of the best-established shows. We did a lot of research and it was highly recommended."

Which is the kind of praise that makes preparing for the show worth the effort. According to Quinn, that effort this year included worker Dave LaPointe strapping on a pedometer to count the steps he took during set-up.

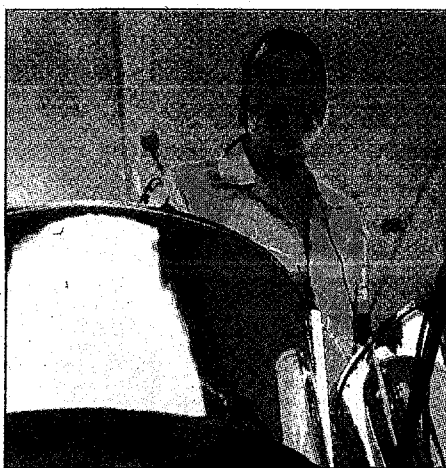
When all was said and done, LaPointe had taken nearly 37,000 steps, a total of 16.27 miles.

"I want everyone to wear (a pedometer) next year," Quinn said, laughing again. "We can have a contest who walks the farthest. They could either win a



Paul Goddard of Hands Unlimited works on a plaster cast of a hand at his booth at Plymouth Art in the Park.

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Robert Valentine, of the calypso and reggae band Nite Flight, plays steel drums during the band's Plymouth Art in the Park performance.

new pair of shoes or a foot massage."

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Opponents question candidate's use of museum in campaign

KKBY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Historical Society's Board of Directors has hired an attorney to determine if the Plymouth Historical Museum violated conditions of its nonprofit 501(c)(3) status when it allowed executive director Beth Stewart to use its nonprofit bulk mail permit to send campaign materials while seeking the Republican nomination for the 20th State House seat.

Accusers also claim the museum illegally showed its support for Stewart, who took a leave of absence June 1, when it allowed her to campaign and solicit campaign donations during the June



Beth Stewart

12 book signing by former Gov. William Milliken at the museum.

On Wednesday, the board hired attorney David Thoms of

Miller-Canfield, who has expertise with IRS tax laws and U.S. Postal Service regulations, both of which have more gray areas than black-and-white mandates. The board is seeking to ascertain if anyone associated with the museum knowingly violated any laws, or whether they were trust-

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New school board president set to lead

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth-Canton Board of Education elected Barry Simescu to serve as its 2006-07 president.

Simescu, who was nominated by Trustee Judy Mardigian, was the only board member in the running and won on a 7-0 vote.

Trustees also elected Mark Slavens vice president, Judy Mardigian secretary and Tom Wysocki treasurer, all on unanimous votes.

Trustees Diann Gonzalez and Steven Sneiderman, who were elected by voters in May, attended their first meeting as members of the board.

"I'm very humbled by this position," said Simescu, who is in his third year on the board. "We've got some big challenges, and I'm really looking forward to a working relationship that makes everybody in this district proud and everybody in this community proud."

Simescu said he'd like to have a board retreat in August, and move some of the monthly



Simescu

school board meetings to neighborhood schools.

"I think we need to be out in the community a little bit more and be more visible," Simescu

said. "We have to do a better job of gauging the community and finding out what they're thinking."

The board will be working on developing a bond issue, after voters rejected a two-question, \$120-million proposal in May to construct new facilities and refurbish others. Part of the urgency is to recover \$2.3 million for the general fund budget, which was used to purchase land for a new middle school in Canton.

"We need to have a lot of discussion of what needs to go into that bond," Sneiderman said. "I don't think, in order to do it right, we can get it done by November. Even though I would save the money that a November election would bring to us, we're probably looking at February."

Ann Arbor Road Days a chance for business showcase

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Jim Anulewicz, the municipal services director for Plymouth Township, suggested to the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce they get together on a program to promote the Ann Arbor Road business corridor, officials thought it was a good idea.

After the success of last year's event, which drew participation

'It brings a lot of attention to those businesses, and it's an opportunity for them to showcase themselves.'

Fran Toney
chamber executive director

from some 30 businesses along Ann Arbor Road, they believe they were right.

That's why they're excited about the second-annual Ann Arbor Road days July 15-23, a week-long sales event designed to promote the Ann Arbor Road corridor of businesses.

"It was really Jim's idea, and the township and city have both worked well with us to make it happen," said Fran Toney, the chamber's executive director. "It brings a lot of attention to those businesses, and it's an opportunity

for them to showcase themselves."

The event has grown and this year, a coupon sheet will be available from 35 participating businesses that lists all of the special sales and give-aways that will be offered during the sale.

Visitors who get their sheets validated by 10 of the participating businesses will be eligible for the "Basket of Gifts" drawing, in addition to

PLEASE SEE ROAD DAYS, A4



Three-year-old Donovan Young, Brent Young, 11, and Jaclyn Young, 13, got to hold a guinea pig during last year's family picnic hosted at New Liberty Bank. The bank is hosting another picnic this year during Ann Arbor Road Day.

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Coming Sunday in Health

Clinical tests promise new hope for those with macular degeneration.

Commissioner to visit

Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox will hold office hours on Tuesday, July 18, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 South Main Street in Plymouth. Cox will meet with constituents from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the library's Friend's Room. Cox represents the communities of Livonia, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Northville and Northville Township.

For more information, please contact Carrie Ryckman in Cox's office at (313) 224-0946.

Friends of the Penn benefits

Buy a book, a beverage, or a bite to eat at the Book Cellar and Cafe in downtown Plymouth from July 21 through July 23, and they will donate 5 percent of all book sales and 15 percent of all cafe sales to the Friends of the Penn.

Proceeds from this event will be matched by the DTE Energy Foundation through a challenge grant recently awarded to Friends of the Penn. Contact Bashar at (734) 455-BOOK for more information.

The Book Cellar & Cafe is located at 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. Also, Specialty Pet Supplies, Inc. will sell extra hot dogs for \$1 each during their Customer

Appreciation Day on Sunday, July 16 from 12-5 p.m. with the proceeds being donated to Friends of the Penn. For more information, please call (734) 453-6930.

For more information about how you can become involved in the effort to save the Penn Theatre, please visit www.FriendsofthePenn.org or call (734) 453-0870.

Child seat clinic

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free child safety seat clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12 at the department's new headquarters at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty.

The inspections will be by appointment only, and limited space is available.

Anyone who would like their seats inspected can make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil, (734) 354-3243.

Nominations sought

Nominations are being sought for the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce's annual Business Beautification Awards.

For 10 years, the chamber has presented the awards to acknowledge businesses striving to make the community a more beautiful place to do business. Winners have included every type of business from small retail to corporate companies. Nominations, which must be

submitted in writing, are eligible in three exterior categories: Renovation, Landscaping and New Construction. Nominated businesses must be located in the city or township of Plymouth.

Deadline for nominations is July 10. E-mail, fax or mail nominations to chamber@plymouthmi.org, (734) 453-1724, or the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce, 850 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170.

Concert appearance

"Brazil and Beyond" appears 7-10:30 p.m. Friday, July 14 at Plymouth Crossing, located at 340 N. Main in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 455-3700.

Free family fun

The furry critters of Red Gate Petting Farm return July 15 for New Liberty Bank's second-annual Neighborhood Picnic.

All are welcome to enjoy hot dogs and ice cream as well as live entertainment from local band Phoenix, also seen at the popular kids' concert series, Music in the Park. The Plymouth Community Fire Department will also be on the scene with a firetruck to explore.

Kids of all ages can meet and learn about a variety of animals including alpacas, sheep, pygmy goats and miniature donkeys.

Festivities will take place in the bank parking lot and are free and open to the public. The event kicks off Ann Arbor Road Days the week of July 15-23. Ann Arbor Road Days is organized by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce to promote local businesses.

The bank is located on Ann Arbor Road west of Main Street.

Northville summer carnival

The carnival midway comes to Northville July 13-16 with plenty of rides, games and other amusements at Northville Downs, on the corner of 7 Mile and Sheldon, and will feature midway rides, games and other amusement attractions.

This year's carnival is provided by Wade Shows, Inc. Admission is free to the midway with individual rides tickets \$1. "Pay One Price" wristbands will be available each day for \$18; discount coupons are also available at the Chamber office.

The Northville Summer Carnival, sponsored by Northville Downs and the Northville Chamber of Commerce, runs 1-10 p.m. July 13; noon-11 p.m. July 14-15; and noon-8 p.m. July 16.

For more information, call 248-349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.



A youthful performance

The Celebration Youth Orchestra (CYO), which is supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, will be holding auditions for the 2006-2007 school year Aug. 25-26 at Evola Music (7170 North Haggerty Road in Canton). Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and up with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and up with at least three years of instruction. Students may live anywhere in southeastern Michigan, and auditions must be scheduled in advance. Students are asked to prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but will need to bring their own sticks. Here Taylor Pool, a Celebration Sinfonia violinist, plays during a recent CYO performance. To schedule an audition or for more information please contact the Plymouth Symphony office at (734) 451-2112 or by e-mail at jane@plymouthsymphony.org.

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P.S. In general, back pain due to muscle injury will abate completely in about six to eight weeks.

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Mastodon bones generate buzz

Prehistoric discovery unearthed at road construction site in Rochester Hills

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY
STAFF WRITER

'What makes this so important is this kind of evidence helps solve mysteries.'

Stephen Pagnani
Cranbrook spokesman

"It's a very mature animal, we know that," he said. Cranbrook's collection has a mastodon that was found in 1965 when I-75 was being built. In fact, the finds aren't that unusual; some 250 sites around the state have yielded the bones of *mammot americanum*. Since 2002, it has been the state fossil.

The mastodon is believed to have roamed much of North America in the Pleistocene Epoch, also known as the Ice Age. Vegetarians, they munched shrubs and trees. Spruce cones were the only other debris found buried with the bones.

Scientists don't know why the mastodon became extinct. Pagnani said this one may be 10,000 to 14,000 years old.

"What makes this so important is this kind of evidence helps solve mysteries," he said. One question scientists hope to answer is whether this mastodon wandered into the bog and got stuck or was hunted and butchered.

Cranbrook scientists, including a staff paleontologist, will clean and examine the bones with the goal of eventually putting them on display. Ownership discussions will come later.

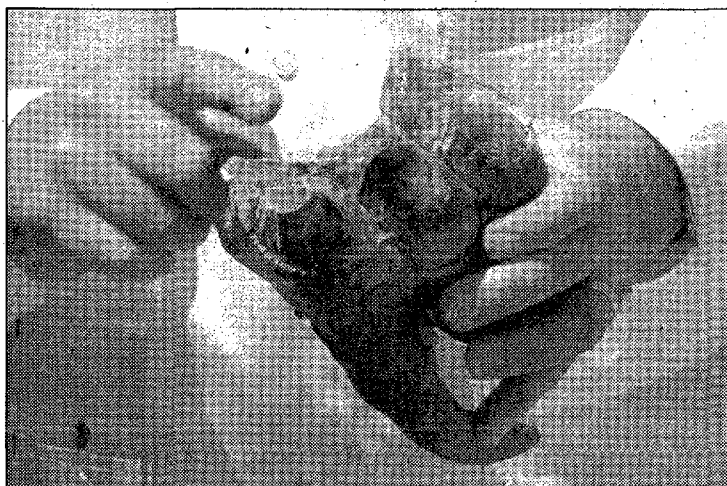
"It makes you think: 12,000 years ago, here," Pagnani said.

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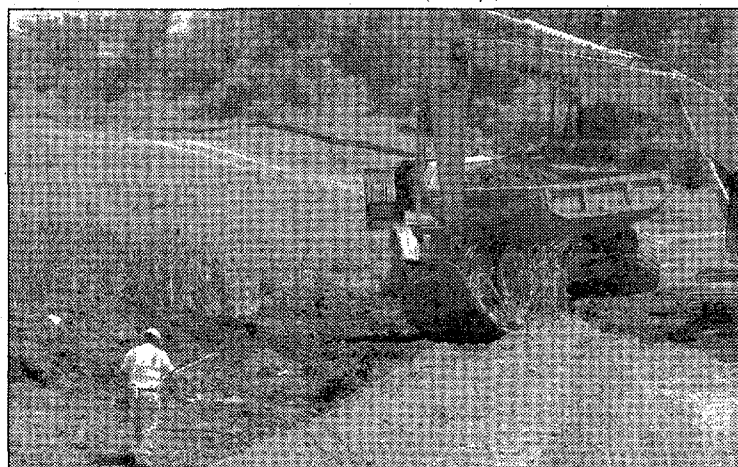


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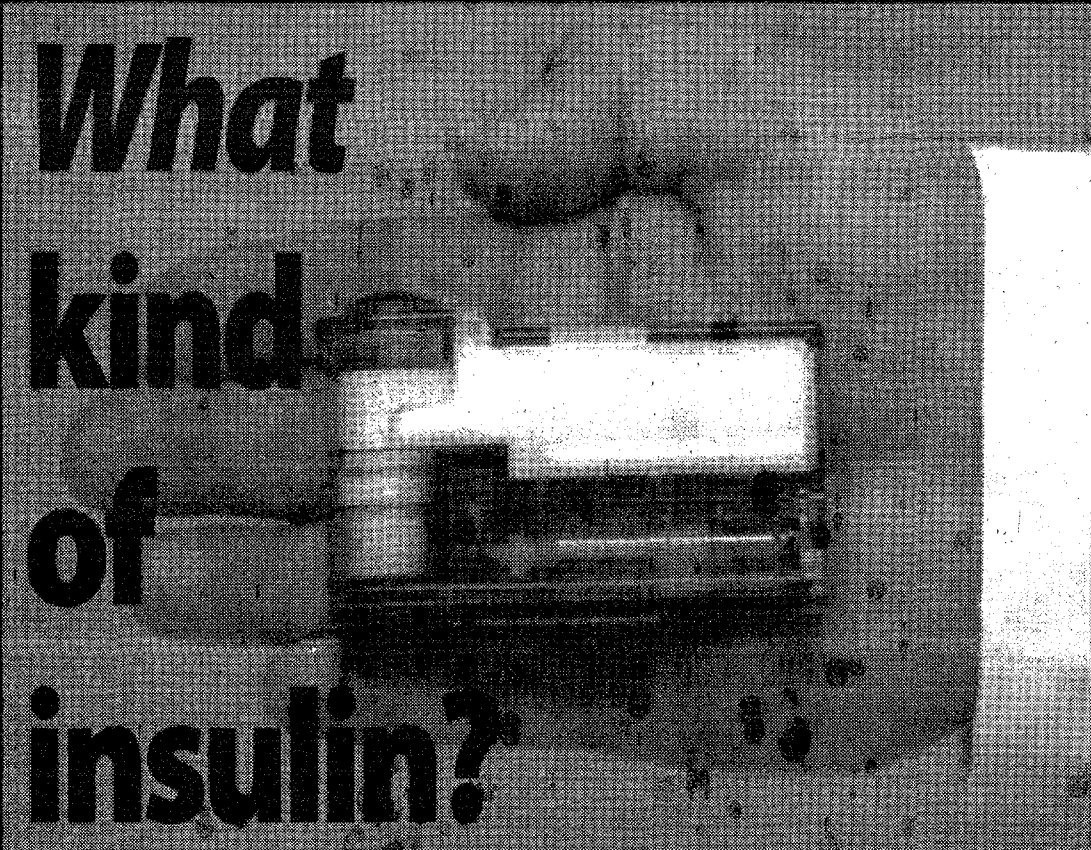
Bill McEntee of the Road Commission for Oakland County holds one of the larger bones of a prehistoric mastodon found at a construction site in Rochester Hills. The bones, at least 10,000 years old and dating to the Ice Age, were found buried under just five or six feet of peat near Adams Road and M-59. They have been turned over to the Cranbrook Institute of Science for cleaning and study.



Open wide: One huge tooth was among the fossilized remains of the mastodon unearthed at a construction site in Rochester Hills this month.



This area south of M-59 and east of Adams Road in Rochester Hills, filled with the blackest of soil and surrounded by cattails, is where Mastodon bones were found late last week.



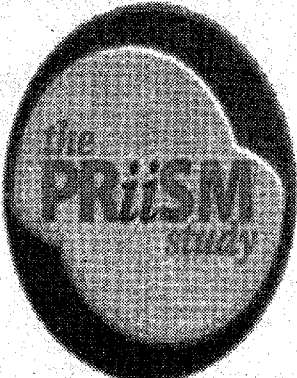
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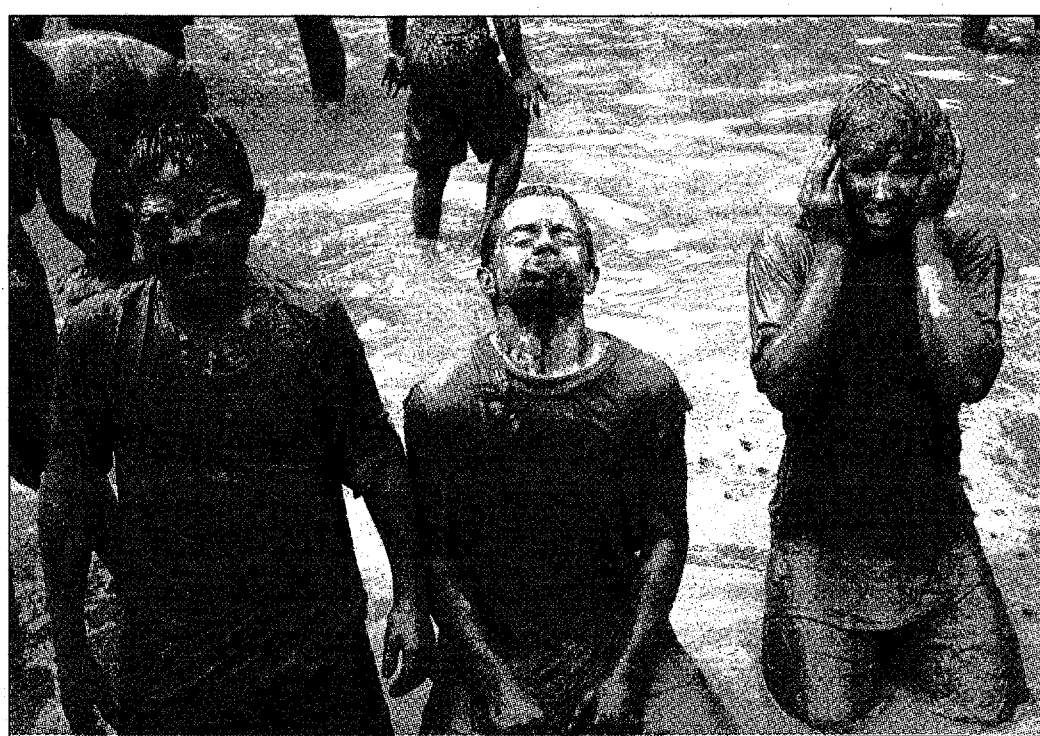
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gathering some of the free giveaways and discounts the businesses are offering.
One of the businesses taking advantage of the promotion is New Liberty Bank, which hosts its second-annual Neighborhood Picnic Saturday, July 15. The picnic, which takes place in the bank parking lot, features hot dogs and ice cream as well as live entertainment from local band Phoenix.
The Plymouth Community Fire Department will also be on the scene with a fire truck for children to explore, and kids can also meet and learn about a variety of animals including apacacs, sheep, pygmy goats and miniature donkeys.

For a complete list of participating businesses, or for more information, call the chamber at (734) 453-1540.

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See no evil, speak no evil, hear no evil

Matt Gutierrez (left), Alban Xhekaj, and Logan Long, all 15-year old Garden City residents, ham it up Tuesday during the Wayne County Parks annual Mud Day at the Nankin Mills Picnic area on Hines Drive.

Mother charged for leaving kids in park

BY CAROL MARSHALL
STAFF WRITER



Muhammad

Canton police aren't sure why Qamara Biquis Muhammad's little boys were left in her van for more than two hours. They're not precisely sure where the mother of the 3- and 5-year-old children went in the hours before 2:30 a.m. July 10. And they're not really sure why Muhammad had lost custody of the children, and how long ago the boys went to live with their grandmother.

The children were placed in the care of a family member, and Muhammad, 24, of Ypsilanti was charged with two counts of second-degree child abuse, each a four-year felony, and two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor after officers found her children, abandoned and crying, in Griffin Park early Monday morning.

A resident who lives near the park called police at approximately 2:30 a.m. when he heard children outside and screaming for help, according to police reports.

When police arrived, they found the children, alone and crying for their mother.

The children told police they were sleeping in the van and woke up to find her gone. They said they were scared, and got out of the van, then began screaming and crying and looking for their mom.

While police were still at the scene, Muhammad returned to the park. They estimate she had left them alone in the van for two and a half hours,

according to Sgt. Brian Schultz. "She said her car broke down and she called a friend who lives in Canton. He told her to come on over,"

Schultz said. "But she didn't tell him she had the children with her. He didn't know."

Muhammad told police that she and the friend went for a drive around Canton. At one point, they had gone to another park.

"We don't know what they were doing. They said they were just talking and driving around," Schultz said.

The children were not physically harmed, even if they were terrified, while in the van — it was a comfortable temperature inside the vehicle, Schultz said.

Schultz said the children do not live with Muhammad. They live with Muhammad's mother.

"She has unsupervised visitation, but I'm hoping that Washtenaw County fixes that," he said.

Schultz said Muhammad indicated to police she knew she should not have left her children in the van.

"When I last talked to her, she said, 'Yeah that was real stupid of me.'"

Muhammad was arraigned Monday afternoon at 35th District Court. She was given a \$5,000 cash bond and a preliminary exam date was set for July 21 at 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Unions team up to end dependence on oil

With Independence Day just behind us, Michigan labor unions and environmental groups have joined forces to launch a new coalition to end America's dependence on foreign oil.

The groups, organized as the Michigan Apollo Alliance, believe a major initiative to develop renewable energy, homegrown biofuels and advanced automotive technologies is needed to end Michigan's dependence on

imported energy and to take advantage of the state's skilled workforce and manufacturing base, while restoring Michigan's natural heritage.

"We're joining together because Michigan workers, citizens and consumers need a voice in creating smart policies which protect jobs and protect the environment at the same time," said Mark Gaffney, president of the Michigan AFL-CIO. "Building new alternative energy technologies requires the skills Michigan workers have gained as one of the nation's leading manufacturing states."

The National Wildlife Federation's Great Lakes Office director Andy Buchsbaum said the Michigan Apollo Alliance is focused on investing in the state's workers and its economy. "Michigan spends \$20 billion a year buying energy from outside the state and outside the country," said Buchsbaum. "Our message is simple. Why not spend as much of that money as we can here in Michigan, putting Michigan workers on the job creating clean and efficient energy sources that protect our environment?"

Michigan Apollo Alliance member organizations include Clean Water Action-Michigan, Ecology Center, Environment Michigan, International Association of Machinists, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers No. 17, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers No. 58, International Union of Operating Engineers, Michigan AFL-CIO, Michigan Environmental Council, Michigan League of Conservation Voters, Michigan State Building Trades Council, National Wildlife Federation, PIRGIM and the United Auto Workers.

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The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider a request from Diversified Machine, Inc. (f.k.a. UniBoring Company) to transfer the existing Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #99-581 for real and personal property located at 7261 Commerce Boulevard from UniBoring Company, the legal description of which is as follows:

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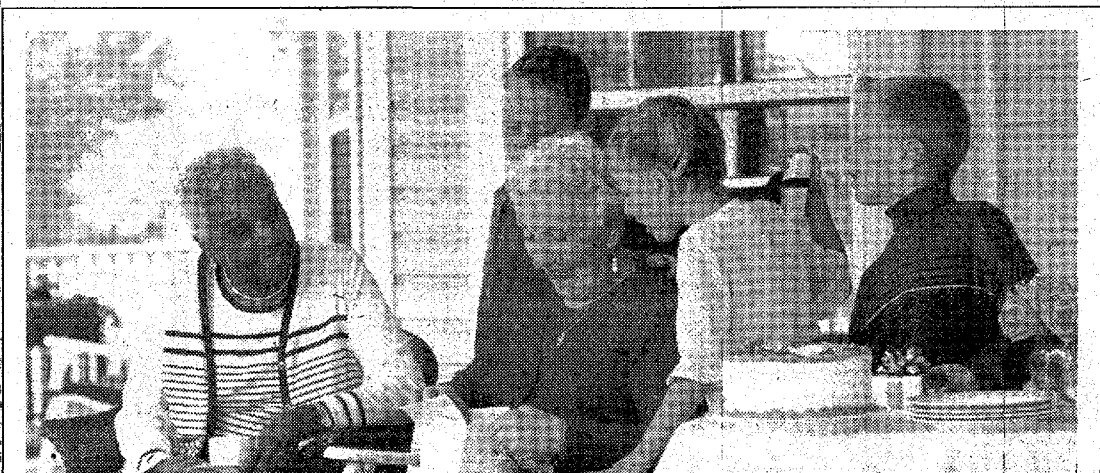
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Minutes and agenda's are also posted in the Clerk's Office at Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, for public perusal.

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STEWART

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ing of a 16-year executive director who — in a best case scenario — failed to completely disassociate herself from the museum while running for political office.

Supporters of Stewart say it's a political fight and smear tactic by supporters of Mark Abbo, Northville Township supervisor, who is running against Stewart and three other candidates in the Aug. 8 primary for the 20th House District Republican nomination. It's an office held the past six years by Stewart's husband, John, who is term limited.

Among the three who lodged the complaints to the museum's board of directors are Mark Mandell of Northville Township, who is Abbo's campaign chairman, and Tom Hickey of Plymouth Township, the group's finance director. The third person is Carl Berry of Plymouth Township.

"It is a blatant disregard of campaign finance laws to use a mailing permit from a non-profit," Mandell said. "If Beth Stewart, along with her husband, who is an attorney, as well as an elected official, don't know the campaign finance laws by now, I'd be shocked. It amounts to political fraud on the members of the Historical Society and the voters."

Hickey said he contacted the president of the Plymouth Historical Society and interim museum director Sanford Burr on July 3 with concerns about Stewart at the Milliken book signing.

"She had a display set up in the museum, and it wasn't offered to other candidates, Republicans or Democrats, in his race," Hickey said. "This has been a continuing process of blatant disregard for state and federal campaign law."

Stewart said she rented the downstairs room of the muse-

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In these two mailings, one from the Plymouth Historical Museum and one from Beth Stewart's political campaign, share the same bulk mailing permit number.

um, but her activity didn't start until after the Milliken event concluded.

"The museum was hosting the governor that night. It wasn't part of my event," Beth Stewart said. "I rented it to talk to people afterward about my campaign."

"I didn't put any of my materials out until after Milliken left," she added. "I didn't accept contributions that night. I asked people to send them to my house."

According to Burr, the Milliken event was separate from Stewart's, who he said paid \$75 for use of the downstairs meeting room.

"We have people who use it, family dinners, some groups use it," Burr said. "We have a policy in which we charge \$50, but Beth paid more than that."

Burr also produced a document signed by himself and

Stewart, giving her permission to use the bulk mail stamp to send campaign materials. Burr said they didn't discuss what

materials would be sent, although he figured it was for political purposes.

"She went to the post office and found out, yes, she could use it and reimburse us," Burr said. "We didn't discuss political materials, but I would be dumb if I didn't think she was going to use it for that. It was implied."

According to Jeff Zelkowitz, chief counsel for the U.S. Postal Service in Washington, D.C., there's no regulation as to who can use the permit imprint, as long as proper postage is paid.

"I'm not aware of any postal regulation that prevents a politician from using the permit imprint, as long as they pay the appropriate rate," Zelkowitz said.

According to Willie Clark, bulk mail clerk at the Plymouth post office, the nonprofit bulk mail rate is 15.8 cents per piece. Anyone piggy-backing off the permit would have to pay 28.2 cents. Stewart said she paid the 28.2-cent rate, and reimbursed the museum.

The bigger problem, however, could be with the IRS.

"If any activity they engage in can be viewed as promoting or opposing a candidate, that could endanger their 501(c)(3)

status," said Luis Garcia, media specialist with the IRS in Detroit.

Shannon Garrett is legal counsel for the Alliance for Justice, which helps to educate nonprofits about their advocacy rights under federal tax law.

"That's a pretty big red flag," Garrett said when asked about a political candidate using a nonprofit's bulk mail permit. "Rule No. 1, if you have a member of a nonprofit organization running for office, there needs to be a wall between what the nonprofit does and what the candidate does."

Berry said he's filed a Freedom of Information Act request with the Michigan Attorney General's office to obtain information such as bylaws and donor records of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

"Either the Historical Museum needs to get out of the political business, or fix some of the things they're involved with," Berry said. "We don't want to see the museum go out of business or take away their 501(c)(3) status, but we want them to understand that being involved in politics is something they don't belong in."

The Historical Museum board held an emergency ses-

sion Monday night.

"We requested that Beth not have any further activity at the museum during her leave," Burr said. "There are some people who are making accusations which we feel aren't founded, and we're looking at some legal advice."

The board was scheduled to meet Wednesday evening with Thoms.

Stewart said she didn't send any political mailings until after she took her leave of absence June 1.

"The fact they would go after the museum is unconscionable," Stewart said. "It's a politically motivated attack. If they can't attack me, then they'll get me through the museum."

"The museum has a great name and reputation, and I will do whatever I can to make sure that is maintained," she added.

Stewart said she's not going to quit the race because of the attacks.

"My supporters have been rallying around me, and telling me I can't let people like that win," Stewart said. "Good people need to rise above all this. I'm in it for the long haul."

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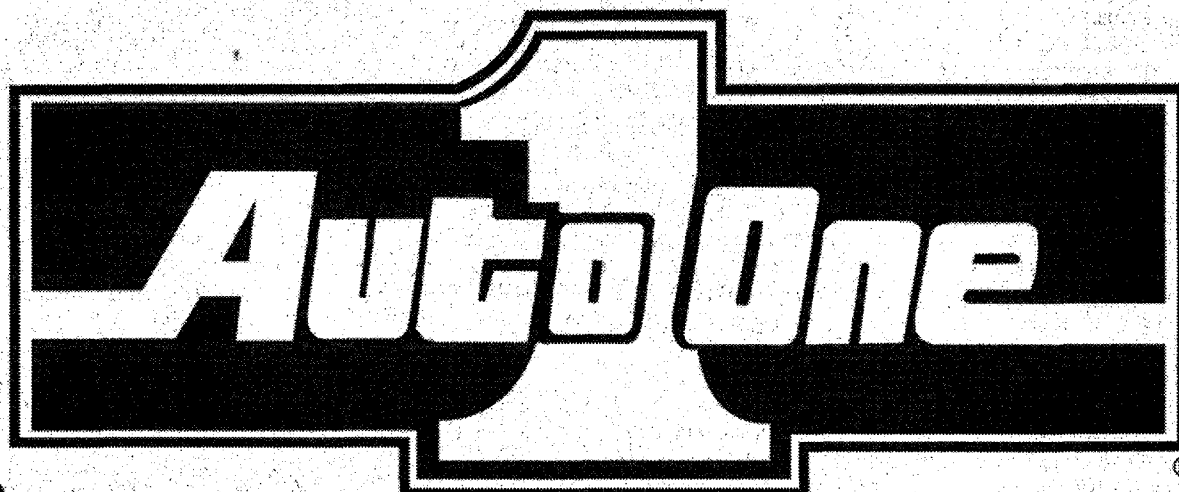
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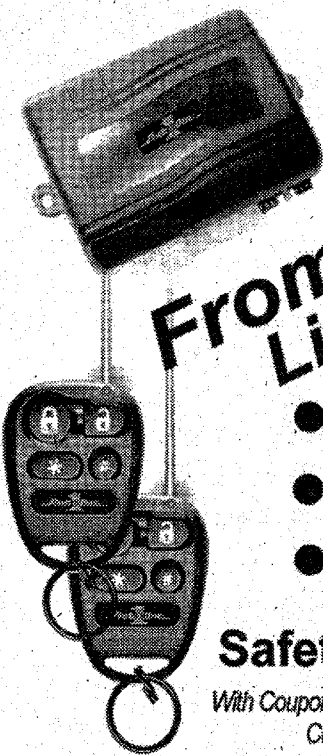


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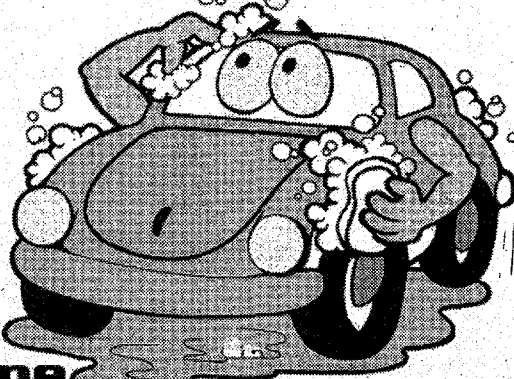
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Ciccirelli golf outing

Former Detroit Red Wing Dino Ciccirelli hosts his seventh-annual Celebrity Players Tour Invitational to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The event begins Friday, July

28, with a Pairings Party Gala at the Royal Park Hotel in Rochester, followed by two days of golf at the Orchards Golf Club in Washington. Thirty teams will participate, and each are comprised of four amateurs and a different celebrity each day of golf. This year's celebrity list already includes actor and comedian Jackie Flynn, "Fresh Prince" actor Alfonso Ribeiro, former NFL player Ed Marinaro, and former major league pitcher Pat Hentgen. Teams are mostly from the metro-Detroit area, but a few are from across the nation. There are still a few openings for teams, which are \$6,500 and include two days of golf, tickets to the Gala on Friday evening, food and beverage for the weekend, a color team photo each day, and four premium gift packages. All participants are invited Saturday evening to Club 22 in Shelby Township, Dino's new nightclub that features cocktails and dancing to "Decades of Music." Anyone interested in forming a team, placing an ad or another type of sponsorship, please visit the Web site at www.dinoandfriends.com or contact tournament staff at (248) 756-6100.

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Movies in the park

Wayne County Parks and Recreation announced the schedule of movies for its popular Movies in the Park series, sponsored in cooperation with Dearborn Heights, Inkster, Northville, Redford, Trenton, Livonia and Westland Parks and Recreation departments. The schedule: Friday, July 14, "Looney Tunes: Back in Action," Inkster Park in Inkster; Friday, July 28, "Madagascar," Bell Creek Park in Redford; Friday, Aug. 11, "March of the Penguins," Canfield Community Center in Dearborn Heights; Friday, Aug. 18, "Racing Stripes," in Elizabeth Park in Trenton. For more information, call (734) 261-1990.

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Wayne counties. Volunteers provide services such as friendly visiting, patient transport/patient outings, errand running, grief support and clerical services. Spring volunteer training is approaching. For more information contact volunteer coordinator Candice Jones at (888) 973-1145.

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The Community Literacy Council (CLC) is looking for volunteer tutors in Western Wayne County to help adults improve their reading, writing and communication skills. The CLC will provide training to interested volunteers. Previous experience or a bachelor's degree is not required. The council will provide free training and materials, and then match you with an adult student in your area. Call (734) 416-4906 for more information.

Grief support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is a Christian-based bereavement outreach and resource center located in Northville. Age appropriate groups for widows and widowers are provided in various locations in southeastern Michigan including groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 4 through the teen years. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss, and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants. If you are grieving or know someone who is, please call the office at (248) 348-0115 for further information about services provided by New Hope Center for Grief Support, or visit www.newhope-center.net.

CLUBS

Rotary A.M.

The Plymouth Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. meets at 7 a.m. every Tuesday at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. New members are always welcome. Contact Mark Hammar, president, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., by calling (734) 455-6620.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue

The Great Lakes Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Association will meet 1-3 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at Merriman Road Baptist Church on Merriman south of Ford. There will be a guest speaker at each meeting and a variety of topics will be covered. There is no membership fee but a small donation will be accepted. For information call Lucy Rowley 734-462-1768

MOPS meet

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets twice monthly from September-May, for moms and their children, newborn-kindergarten, at Lakepointe Bible Church in Plymouth. For more information, call Crystal Johnson, (734) 459-1861.

Mosaic

MOSAIC is a group where Moms come together to be refreshed and equipped for the important task of mothering. It presents speakers on child and family issues, has small-group discussion time, crafts and brunch. Child care is provided. It meets at Plymouth Baptist Church, 42021 Ann Arbor Trail, on the first and third Tuesday mornings of each month, September to May. Contact Resha at (734) 207-0658 or resha@juno.com.

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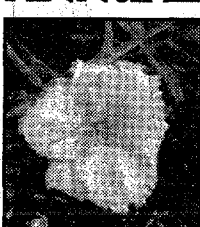
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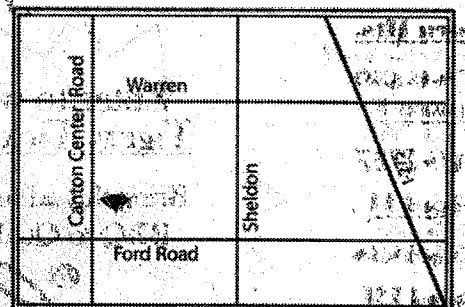
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A NEW BREW
It's official. Tea time is now in downtown Plymouth. Owner Colleen Cannon has opened TranquiliTea on the corner of Forest Avenue and Wing Street.

There, she sells a variety of whole leaf, classic teas from across the world - including China, Sri Lanka and South Africa. Customers are welcome to satisfy a sweet tooth with flavors like dessert lime, chocolate mint and hot cinnamon spice. Or, they may go for a healthy boost with teas meant to improve memory, lower cholesterol or trigger weight loss. Each variety is sold by the ounce.

Cannon opened TranquiliTea in February after visiting a tea shop in Tennessee.

"I was so impressed with the establishment that I started doing research about tea," said Cannon. "I was amazed to learn about the popularity of tea drinking and its potential health benefits."

TranquiliTea is located at 580-3 Forest Ave. in downtown Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 459-9686.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola writes about new and changing businesses for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. E-mail tips on your new, favorite Wayne County shop to scasola@hometownlife.com or call (734) 953-2054.



Plymouth's TranquiliTea specializes in whole-leaf tea for customers with a taste for a new brew.

Wayne County creates Hines 'grow zones'

The Wayne County Department of Environment and Wayne County Parks have established "Grow Zone" sites throughout Hines Park, and will be marking them with new signs by the end of July. The signs will point out the new Grow Zone sites while alerting County maintenance staff not to cut or mow these areas.

Many people seeing a Grow Zone may misinterpret them as park areas that are neglected or poorly maintained. But master gardeners, ecologists, and environmentalists recognize Grow Zones as an important contributor to a healthy environment, as they increase natural floodwater storage capacity, reduce air pollution, improve water quality of the Rouge River, and provide habitat for birds, butterflies, and amphibians that live in Hines Park.

Grow Zones also help filter excessive nutrients from fertilizers, goose droppings, and road debris. Plant roots at Grow Zones help keep soil from washing into the Rouge River during rain

events, preventing stream bank erosion and sedimentation pollution.

The Grow Zone project areas are funded in part by a grant from the Clean Michigan Initiative - Middle Rouge/Hines Park Riparian Corridor Management Project and consist of native grasses, wildflowers, trees and shrubs. Project partners include Friends of the Rouge, MSU Extension, Pheasants Forever, and the Master Gardeners. As these Grow Zone areas mature they will become natural outdoor classrooms for local school groups and the Wayne County Parks Naturalist Program.

For more information regarding the Grow Zone Projects, or to volunteer to plant and establish future sites, please contact Noel Mullett, Wayne County Department of Environment-Watershed Management Division at nmullett@co.wayne.mi.us or by phone at (734) 326-393, or David Robbins, Wayne County Parks, drobbins@co.wayne.mi.us or by phone at (734) 291-1990.

Focus: HOPE Open House on July 19

Focus: HOPE's education and training will hold an Open House Wednesday, July 19.

Recruiters will be available from noon to 6 p.m. to take guests on a tour of Focus: HOPE's 40-acre campus while telling them how they can benefit from the organization's manufacturing, engineering, and information technology education and training programs.

Attendees will learn about financial aid and scholarship options, job placement and student support services, and on-campus day care. The first 100 attendees will receive \$1,000 scholarship certificates.

Activities will take place at Focus: HOPE's Admissions Department is located at 1200 Oakman

Boulevard, Detroit. For more information call (313) 494-4300.

Focus: HOPE is a nationally recognized civil and human rights organization in Detroit founded 38 years ago. Throughout the years, Focus: HOPE developed numerous programs in its fight to end racism, poverty and injustice.

It offers a food program, which assists 43,000 seniors, mothers and children, each month; career training programs in machining, engineering and information technology; Montessori-based child care; business conference facilities; community arts projects; and neighborhood revitalization initiatives. For more information, go to www.focushope.edu.

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OUR VIEWS

Tigers red hot as summer sizzles

Can this really be happening? Our beloved but long-beleaguered Detroit Tigers own the best record in the major leagues? Three Tigers were on the field for Tuesday's All-Star Game?

There is a very good chance the Bengals' reign soon might be overtaken by the just-as-hot Chicago White Sox. But that shouldn't take away from an incredible turnaround by a team that once routinely captivated a town - only to lapse into a competitive coma about 15 years ago.

This season's Tigers are wide awake, thanks to new manager Jim Leyland, hotshot rookie pitchers Justin Verlander and Joel Zumaya and a teamwide commitment to doing things right.

Of course, fired manager Alan Trammell regularly emphasized his philosophy that "sloppy baseball stinks." But nobody in his dugout listened.

Just one year later, the no-nonsense, chain-smoking Leyland is batting .1000 in getting his very similar philosophy through to the Pudges, Guillens and other holdovers from the so-so Trammell era.

National magazines such as *Sports Illustrated* are going ga-ga over the Tigers and Leyland recently was featured on an installment of the ESPN nightly program *Outside the Lines*.

But that's just icing on the cake. What should really matter around here is the fact Comerica Park hosted a string of sellouts June 23-25 against St. Louis with big crowds following with Houston in town right after that.

There is talk of the Tigers setting a franchise attendance record. That would trigger a huge economic boost to the region.

And if the team stays in the hunt for the rest of the season, it could very well return Detroit to the top of the local sports mountain. That would be quite a turnaround from how the Tigers were fourth fiddles to the Lions, Pistons and "Hockeytown" Red Wings.

Provided Leyland doesn't lose his cigarette lighter or his ability to light a fire under his players in the next few months, it again will be like 1968 and 1984 around here.

MCRI's claims raise credibility questions

The Michigan Civil Rights Commission has accused the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative of deception and fraud in collecting signatures for a ballot initiative to create a state constitutional amendment banning affirmative action in public employment, contracting and education.

The MCRI leaders accuse the commission of overstepping its authority and being dominated by the radical group By Any Means Necessary. They have asked the attorney general to investigate the commission's actions.

The commission claims that many of those who signed the MCRI petition believed they were signing a petition in favor of "civil rights" as usually understood and that petition gatherers made no effort to correct any misunderstanding. They note an inordinately high number of signatures in predominantly black and Democratic areas where support for the initiative would be expected to be low.

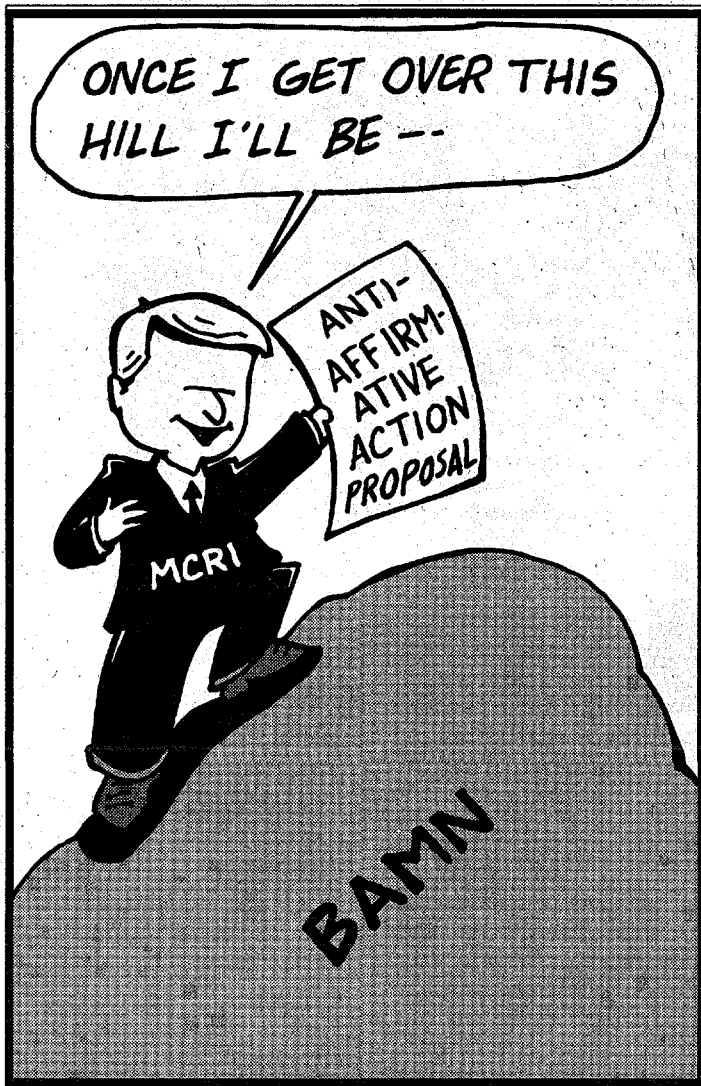
Jennifer Gratz, executive director of MCRI, has labeled the commission a "kangaroo court" and denied any claims that MCRI was less than honest in its collection of signatures.

We believe that MCRI does itself no favor in its campaign to win passage of the initiative in November. While the group claims it was not deceptive in collecting signatures, it is waging a deceptive campaign.

On the MCRI Web site, it devotes a section to its "opposition." The only opposition cited is BAMN, a fringe group that does oppose the initiative. In interviews, Gratz always talks about BAMN's opposition. But also opposing the initiative are both major party candidates for governor and senator, the UAW, the NAACP, the Detroit Regional Chamber, Detroit Renaissance, the Grand Rapids Chamber, the Michigan League of Women Voters and the AARP. The primary opposition comes from One United Michigan, whose board reads like a who's who of notable Michiganders. Many major corporations, unions, the military and military academies and others have also expressed support for continuing some forms of affirmative action.

Claiming that their opposition comes only from a radical fringe group or that BAMN somehow sets the agenda for the Civil Rights Commission and the many establishment figures opposed to the initiative is similar to the way Southern Democrats and conservatives tried to discredit the true civil rights movement of the 1950s by associating it with communists.

It was dishonest then and it's dishonest now. MCRI still has a long way to go to earn any credibility.



LETTERS

Thanks for support

Thank you, Plymouth community! The Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park Committee heartily thanks you for attending the dedication of the Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park July 4. To all who participated in the dedication ceremony, a special thank you.

We hope you will come back to the park often. We especially invite our veterans to come to the park and share their stories with folks but, most importantly, with the kids. It's important that these memories transcend the generations. The purpose of this park is to say thank you to all veterans and especially to preserve the memory of those who gave the last full measure. Remember, "They are not dead until they are forgotten."

Charlie Abner, Dan LeBlond, John Neault, Mike Nunley, Dan Packer, Dan Smith, Hal Young, Bob Zaetta
The Plymouth Community Veterans Memorial Park Committee

Park done right

I don't know why I was surprised when I recently viewed the Veterans Memorial Park. I should have known that whenever you get a group of veterans together, no matter how long the project takes, no matter how many obstacles they meet along the way, when all is said and done, it will be done right.

On behalf of my father, my father-in-law, my grandfather and all collective veterans and their families, as well as the community as a whole, I would like to thank the following individuals for their hard work and dedication in bringing the Plymouth Veterans Memorial Park to a reality: Charlie Abner, Dan LeBlond, John Neault, Mike Nunley, Dan Packer, Hal Young, Bob Zaetta and Dan Smith.

Again, on behalf of all the veterans, their families and the entire community, I would like to sincerely thank these people for all their efforts in not only bringing this project to a reality, but for doing it with a result we can all be very proud of.

Cameron A. Miller
Plymouth

Fine dining

Old Village eateries need you! Since the closure of Wilcox, the traffic in Old Village has significantly declined, especially on Mill, which serves as a connector to I-275 and I-96 for many commuters. We residents love this, but our restaurants and deli's need your support.

Most Plymouth folks know Station 885, Plymouth Fish and Hermann's Old Towne Grille. But we have new places too. One fantastic new diner is Crawford's Kitchen on Starkweather in the old Shelley's Chicken location. If you want great summer "smart Carb" wraps, this is your place! Cashew Chicken, Tuscany wrap with chicken and olives, Cherry Nut Chicken Croissants! They have the most fantastic fresh-made potato chips, too, and they come with every sandwich. They have smoothies and gourmet coffee, pie and sweet rolls, too. They're open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, Saturday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Another new one is The Caboose on

Mill at Liberty. A tiny sandwich shop, with basic but large and fresh sandwiches, homemade soups, coffee, sodas, and ice cream, cones or dish! You may have seen them set up in front of the Penn during the Art fest.

Don't forget the excellent and eclectic Cassel's Little Cafe on Mill at Pearl in the Linwood Plaza. Another outstanding little place with super fresh and unique sandwiches and lighter fare. This is a secret little place, perfect for meeting an old friend for a long lunch and "catch-up" conversation.

So, be sure to visit one or all of these neat little "owner operated" eateries soon. They need your support during the road closure, and you will also discover some of our secret favorites that will become yours, too.

Mark Oppat
Plymouth

Slavens no leader

I read with great interest your editorial on new leaders for the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education. I agree wholeheartedly with your call for a new board president in place of Mark Slavens. I did find it interesting that you would consider Mark Slavens to be a leader. During his tenure as president of the board of education, Mr. Slavens has:

1. Led the effort to raise our taxes by over \$250 million dollars to build facilities that he cannot figure out how to pay to operate.
2. Led the school district into a multi-million dollar budget deficit for both years of his school board presidency.
3. Led the district to yet another year of budget deficit for the upcoming 2006-07 school year.
4. Led the school district to a philosophy in which "hoping for more money" has become the fiscal policy of the school district.
5. Led the board to completely disregard the findings of its own housing committee in setting new school boundaries.

I am not certain why anyone would consider this kind of performance to be "leadership" and would be even more concerned by anyone who would want to follow this kind of "leader." With this kind of "leadership" it does seem clear that our school district will be much better off without Mr. Slavens as one of its leaders.

Jerome L. Horowitz
Canton

A true hero

On June 17, around 4:30 p.m. on I-75 past Indian River (Exit 315), an outstanding citizen became a hero to our family.

A stranger whom we have never met saved my mom's life. From our understanding, we were told his name is Kevin Kiernin (unsure of the spelling). This wonderful man we are looking for risked his life to save my mom.

My parents were in a terrible auto accident and my father died on impact. Kevin, our hero who was traveling up north for vacation, stopped with his family and pulled my mother out of the vehicle, (and) within 30-40 seconds it blew

up. My family wants to thank this man for being a generous, wonderful person. We can't express enough appreciation for what he did. We want to let him know if it wasn't for him I wouldn't have my mom with our family today.

From the bottom of my family's heart we want to say thank you. Words can't express our appreciation for what you did, but I will always consider you a hero. Kevin, if you read this (or if anyone who knows him reads this), please let him know my family is looking for him to meet the greatest hero of all in our eyes.

He was our angel that day. Thanks to a stranger I have my mom and my boys have their grandma. He didn't have to stop, but this man did it out of the kindness of his heart and will always be greatly appreciated in our hearts.

Jennifer Grzymala
Canton

Stumbling through tax morass

In November I'd like to vote for a candidate who understands that the sales tax on a rebate is a tax on something that has no value. I'd like to vote for a candidate who understands that a cash dividend gives the stockholder nothing in asset value he doesn't already have.

Understanding that the single business tax is not a levy on income or profit, but an added expense of doing business because the enterprise has hired additional workers must be the realization of each candidate. The tax makes no real sense when there has been no increase in equity that could be subject to levy.

The state income tax does not have to be one of the levies to raise money to provide the state's services. Nor should it be, since the present collection requires unfair contributions from the workers. Some of our 50 do not levy an income tax. Reassemble and select fair and reasonable ways to collect taxes so that the desired services to be provided by the state may be managed without the less-than-fancy tax methods now in vogue. Pork is not so much a problem on the state level but fuzzy economics dealing with the state's financial arrangements can make the liberal seem even more incompetent to some of us than the aura he presently exhibits to the rest who stumble through the tax morass.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

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Dan Dwyer, Plymouth mayor, on selling \$1 million in bonds to make improvements to city-owned facilities

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Nurture future musicians by donating used instruments

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN
STAFF WRITER

Midge Ellis has a special request for music lovers attending the Michigan Jazz Festival Sunday, July 16, at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Please bring your used band instruments. The Michigan Jazz Festival committee, Inmart Group (a marketing firm in Farmington Hills), and musician Cliff Monear are working together to collect playable instruments to distribute to students in schools located in the Schoolcraft College District which includes Clarenceville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, part of Novi, Plymouth-Canton, and part of Westland.

With the help of suggestions from the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association (MSBOA), the drive has been organized to benefit the recipients as well as the donors. Monear, a sales representative at Hammell Music in Commerce Township, is evaluating the instruments so the donor can receive a tax deduction of 100 percent on their Michigan returns because the donation is going to an educational institution.

"We're asking for people to bring their instrument they're not going to use anymore and probably never will, any playable musical instrument to the festival," said Ellis, a Livonia resident who serves on the committee.

"In the Schoolcraft College district people have lost their jobs and don't have money to buy their kids instruments, and we know some of the band (curriculum) has been cut because the first thing to be cut in the school budget is band. You can still be nostalgic about that instrument but musical instruments are supposed to make music not sit in a closet."

Visitors to the festival will not only enjoy performances by 187 musicians comprising the 23 groups including five Big Bands on five stages, but be able to feel good about nurturing future horn, bass and string players; percussionists; keyboardists, and guitarists.

"Inmart on Haggerty north of 12 mile has warehouse space where we're going to store the instruments," said Ellis. "There will be a form for school band directors which must be co-signed by the principal or superintendent to request instruments."

The MSBOA will send a list of available instruments and a request form to each of the bands in the Schoolcraft College District. After the instruments are distributed, donors will receive a letter to inform them of the destination of their instrument. If this year's drive is successful, Ellis says the project will remain a part of the festival and probably expand to include students in a different district next year.

"We hope there is going to be a lot of donations," said Ellis. "I know a lot of people their kids have gone away to school or gotten married and the instrument is just sitting there. We have a big room reserved at the college for it - VT 405 in the VisTaTech Center. We will have volunteers there all day long and will keep them in a locked room. They will be well taken care."

Instruments will be accepted from noon to 9:15 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at the Michigan Jazz Festival on the campus of Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty, between Six and Seven Mile roads, Livonia. For more information, call Ellis at (248) 474-2720.

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Congressman in Iraq

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia, talks with General George W. Casey Jr., Commanding General Multi-National Force Iraq, during a Congressional Delegation visit to Iraq July 2. McCotter, who is a member of the House International Relations Committee, spent the Fourth of July holiday in Iraq visiting American troops, lending support to Iraqi officials and assessing the security situation in the country. The delegation visited Camp Victory, Balad and Camp Taji, and watched demonstrations of American troops training Iraqi soldiers and police officers. They also stopped in Baghdad to hear the concerns of members of the national government. McCotter has traveled to Iraq twice in the past six months and four times since being elected to Congress in 2002.

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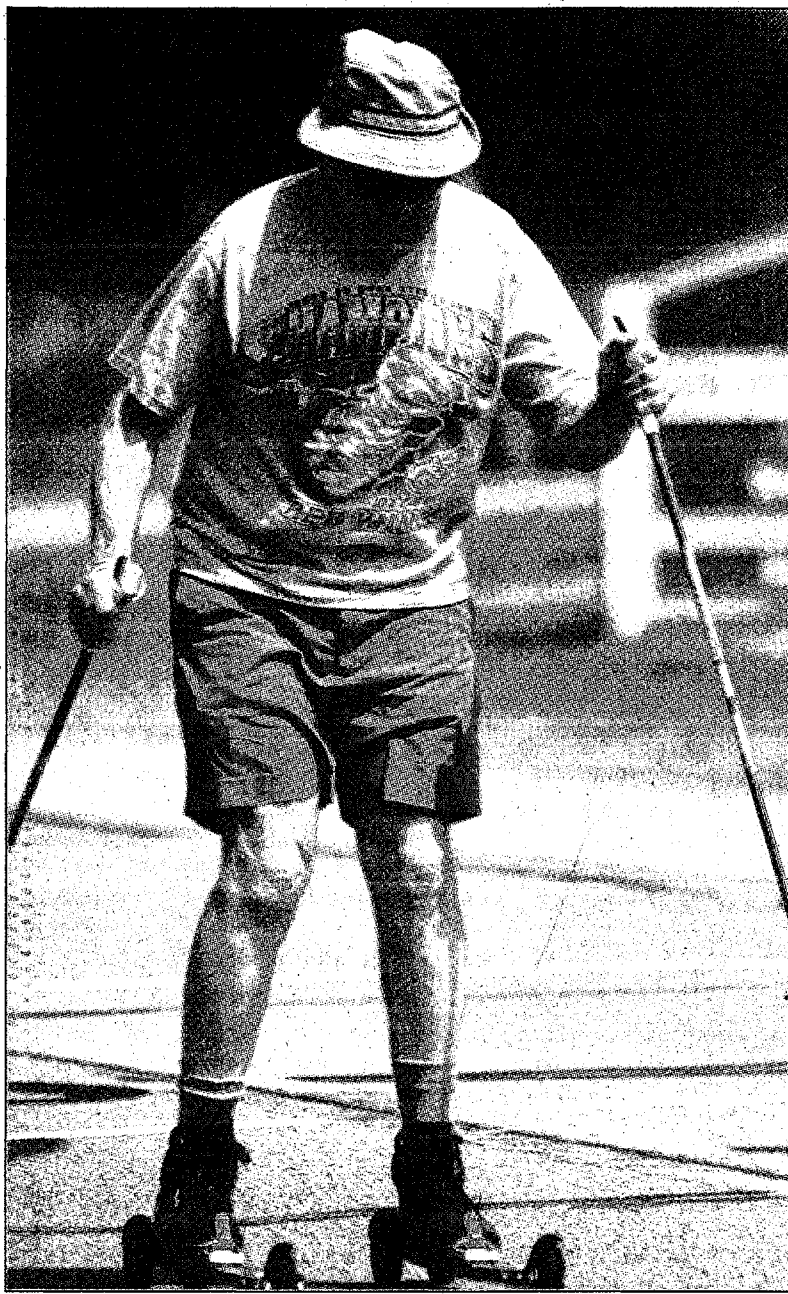
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Lue Gyburt, age 74, from Canton uses land skiing to practice during the summer for cross country skiing in the winter. He has been CC skiing for 25 years.

Hines 'like a family picnic' on Saturdays

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Every Saturday they come. From May 6 to Sept. 30, Hines Drive is a car-free zone from the Warrendale Picnic area in Dearborn Heights to the Nankin Mills Picnic area at Ann Arbor Trail in Westland every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Walkers, runners, bicyclists and inline skaters take over the roads usually occupied by automobiles. Picnickers, ball players, nature lovers, dog walkers and music lovers enjoy the park without the noise and pollution from cars.

On Saturday, Linda Ewald of Westland was pushing her granddaughter Stella, 1, in a stroller while grandson Logan, 4, rode ahead on his bicycle with training wheels.

"Usually every Saturday, I'm riding my bicycle out here. I enjoy it a lot," she said. "Today I'm helping my daughter by babysitting and I said I'll bring them out and get my walking in and have a Saturday in the park."

On a typical Saturday, Ewald said she rides from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., marking 20-25 miles.

"It's tranquil, it's peaceful when I come out here. After all week of working and the stress," she said.

A group from Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church was gathering its bicycles Saturday for one of the four rides members do each summer along Hines.

"You don't have the people, the noise and people beeping at you to get out of the way," Barbara Clarridge of Westland said.

John Ziots of Westland, who organizes the rides, said between 12 and 25 riders come out each Saturday for rides at various park locations.



Mark Waldron from Westland knocks the ball into the waiting hands of one of the center fielders during a soft ball game that he and his friends gather to play on the field behind Nankin Mills picnic area.

"This is a great ride because they shut off the road to traffic," he said.

A Single Point group ride usually ends with a cookout. The pace is easy.

"It's a tourist-type ride and we invite novices to come out," Ziots said. "We stop every three miles and regroup." (For information about their rides call Ziots at (734) 722-1703.)

Doris Campbell, 65, of Northville has a more rigorous regimen.

"I do the 38-mile round trip (from Northville to Dearborn and back) twice a week," she said.

Campbell rides a recumbent bicycle with feet forward, a wide saddle and a seatback.

"I rode a standard bike for seven years. I like long distance and after

about 15 miles, the butt hurt and then the next morning the butt hurt," she said.

She hasn't had any problems since switching to the recumbent. She enjoys the six miles of Hines without traffic.

"It's fantastic, I really like it, but I generally stay on the side, it's a bad habit," she said.

Margaret Beardslee of Livonia walks and bikes, but on Saturday she was inline skating through Hines Park. Her husband had skated ahead to Telegraph, but she turned around at Merriman.

"It's like a big family picnic," she said of Hines on Saturday.

About 100 people were expected for a real family picnic, a reunion of the Duncan, Trail, Crosland clan, originally from Coffee County in Tennessee.

"We eat, we like to eat, play some baseball, some volleyball, we have a moowalk for the kids," said Jack Hille of Livonia. "My mother's brother has a band that's been together for years and they'll be here to play."

At the Warrendale Picnic Area, Duane Malinowski and his band members were hurrying to set up their equipment to kick off a two-day Polka Fest. The Toledo bandleader and accordion player said he enjoys coming up to Hines every year. Many of those waiting under the covered picnic area called out to him like he was an old friend.

Malinowski said his band plays polka music, but also country and western and rock and roll.

The two-day event featured several bands, Polish dancers, food and a beer tent.

Another busy Saturday on Hines Drive.

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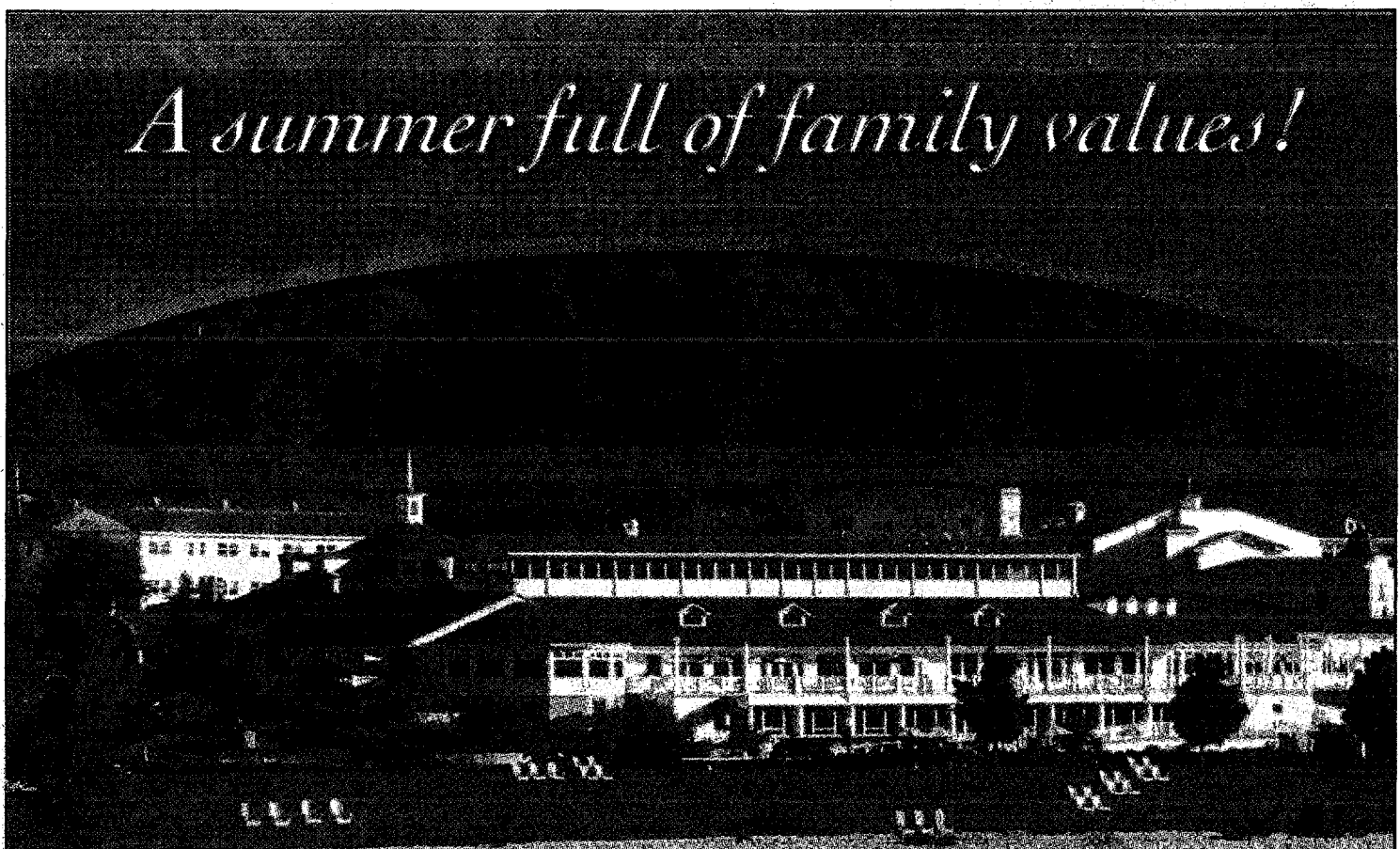
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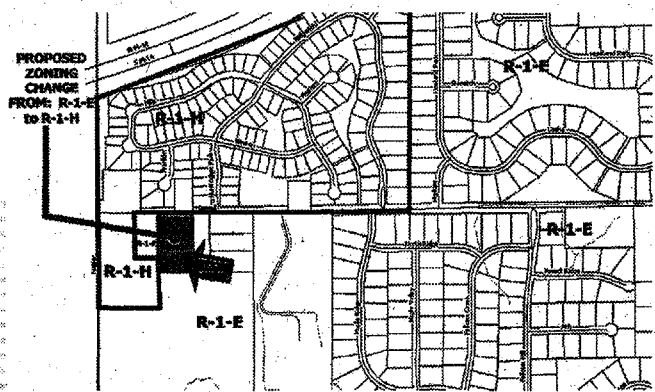
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PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
REZONE FROM: R-1-E, Single Family Residential District
REZONE TO: R-1-H, Single Family Residential District
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, July 19, 2006
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: 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 parcel R-78-046-99-0002-707 from R-1-E, Single Family Residential District to R-1-H Single Family Residential District. The property is *directly west of 51075 Powell Road
Application 1928



**AMENDMENT ZONING MAP NO. 010
Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan.**

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos. R-78-046-99-0002-707. The property is *directly west of 51075 Powell Road.

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 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 9955 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734-354-3270, ext. 6. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48107. 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.

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KENDRA BARBERENA, SECRETARY
PLANNING COMMISSION

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The Plymouth District Library hosts the following events during July:

■ **CONSTRUCTION UPDATES** — Check out the latest developments on the library's renovation project by going to plymouthlibrary.org and clicking on the Building Blog. Current project updates and photos will take you behind the scenes.

■ **ASTRONOMY DISCUSSION GROUP**, Monday, July 17, 7 p.m. — Join Plymouth resident Mike Best in this lively discussion group each month. Mike shares his affection for the sky with adults and children over the age of 6. No registration is required. For more information contact (734) 459-BEST or starmikebest@comcast.net

■ **WRITING MY LIFE STORY: A SENIOR WRITING GROUP**, Tuesday, July 18, 4 p.m. — Seniors can share and preserve their life stories with the guidance of Plymouth author, Jane Saylor. No previous writing experience is necessary.

■ **CONTEMPORARY BOOKS DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, July 19, 7:30 p.m. — Members of this book discussion group are invited to participate in this annual Book Lover's Choice. Bring a list of your favorite books and authors and take a list home after the lively discussion. New members are welcome at any time. For further information, please call Sue Patterson at the Library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 241, or email spatter@plymouthlibrary.org

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■ **PLYMOUTH GARDEN GROUP**, Thursday, July 20, 7 p.m. — The subject for the July meeting is native plants. Share gardening concerns, solutions and ideas with other gardeners from the area in this informal monthly gathering.

■ **NEEDLECRAFTERS MEETING**, Monday, July 24, 7-9 p.m. — Knitters, quilters, needlepointers are all invited to attend this informal group gathering. Lessons are not provided, but ideas exchanged among attendees. No registration required. Bring your latest project!

■ **BROWN BAG BOOK DISCUSSION**, Wednesday, July 26, noon — This month's discussion invites members to read East of Eden by John Steinbeck. Copies of this book are available at the circulation desk. Bring a lunch; beverages are provided. For more information about Brown Bag Books, ask at the Reader's Advisory Desk, call Linda Pride at the Library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 206 or e-mail lpriede@plymouthlibrary.org

■ **HOMEBOUND BOOK DELIVERY** — Joining the Plymouth Community Council on Aging, the Plymouth District Library will deliver library books and audio books to homebound residents of the City of Plymouth and Plymouth Township. Call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 240 to enroll or go to plymouthlibrary.org and complete the homebound delivery service registration.

Youth Programs

■ **LAP SIT STORYTIME**, Saturday, July 15, 10 a.m. — Lap Sit Storytime is a 15-minute song-and-rhyme time for babies ages 6- to 24-months and their caregivers. Only the registered caregiver and baby may attend. No siblings please. Registration is limited to the first 16 children; call the Reader's Advisory Desk at (734) 453-0750, Ext. 242.

■ **FINS, FEATHERS, FUR** — Tales with Tails, Thursday, July 13, 2 and 7 p.m. — Join storyteller Barbara Schutzgruber for stories and songs featuring some of our favorite critters. Register at the Reader's Advisory Desk, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **ANIMALS AND THE ENVIRONMENT**, Thursday, July 20, 2 and 7 p.m. — Learn about the relationship animals have with their environments by closely observing live snakes, lizards and other animals. Register after July 13 by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4

■ **BABY PLAY**, Monday, July 24 at 10 and 11 a.m. and Saturday, July 29 at 10 a.m. — This program is for babies ages 6-24 months. Baby Play is a less formal companion to our Lapsit program. Babies and caregivers listen to a story, followed by play with developmentally appropriate toys and interact with other children. Registration is not required.

■ **ANIMAL OLYMPICS**, Thursday, July 27, 2 and 7 p.m. — Fun games and contests using a variety of animal traits. Register after July 20 by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

Teen Program

■ **SUMMER CRAFT PROGRAM**, Wednesdays at 3 p.m. — July 19, hemp jewelry and duct tape fun; July 26, beading. Registration is required, call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **CHESS IN JULY WITH FRED LINDSAY**, Wednesdays, July 19 and 26, 7 p.m. — Chess title holder Fred Lindsay returns to the Library for this series of workshops for teens at all levels of play. Younger children may attend if they are currently playing chess. Attend one or all workshops; call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 to register.

■ **MOVIES, POPCORN AND POP**, Thursday, July 13, 20 27 at 6:30 p.m. — No registration required — just bring a friend and come catch a flick at the Library.

■ **GET IN THE GAME**, Friday, July 14, 2-5 p.m. — There will be plenty of fun with DDR, D&D and board games. Snacks too. No registration required.

■ **BOOKS & ICE CREAM**, Tuesday, July 18, 3 p.m. — Read All American Girl by Meg Cabot and join in this discussion. Pick up your copy at the Reader's Advisory Desk. For more information call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

■ **ANIME/COSPLAY EVENT**, Saturday, July 22, 11:30 a.m. — Teens are invited to dress as their favorite anime or video game character. Enjoy watching Howl's Moving Castle, eat Japanese snacks and win prizes. Register by calling (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP SENDS OUT WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department has sent out its annual drinking water quality report to consumers.

Among other things, the report discloses the amount of various materials in the water, including microbial and inorganic contaminants, and pesticides and herbicides.

The annual report has been required by law since the U.S. Congress passed the 1996 Safe Drinking Act Amendments.

Most of the Detroit metro area, including Plymouth Township, gets its drinking water from the Detroit River. The Detroit Water and Sewerage Department operates the water treatment facilities and pumping stations that supply water to the township, which operates the pipeline infrastructure and acts as the retailer to area businesses and residents.

Residents or business owners who have not received the report or have further questions can contact the Plymouth Township Water and Sewer Department at (734) 354-3270.

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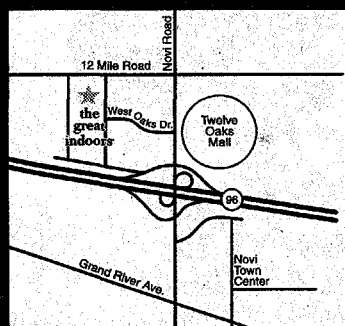
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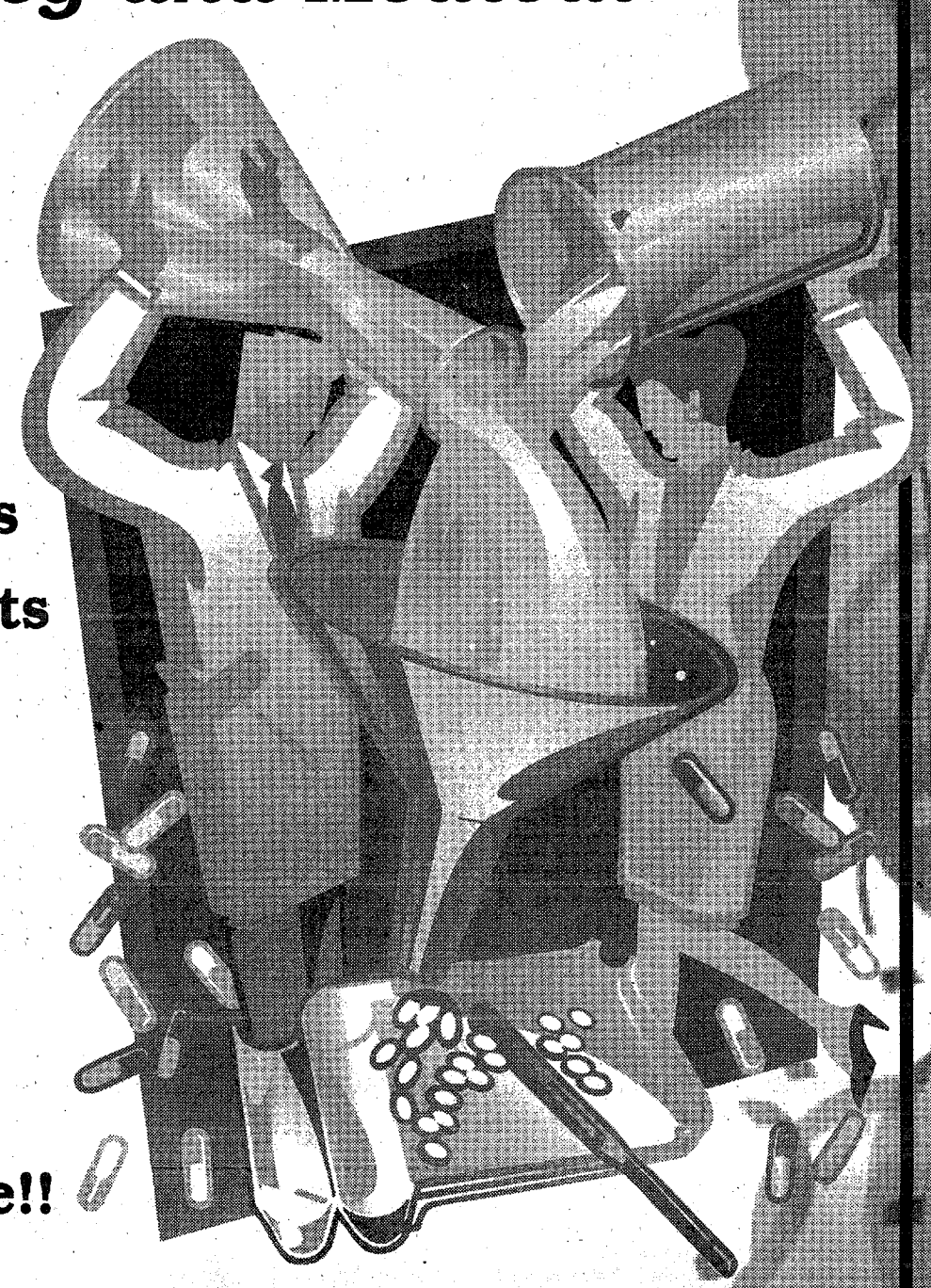
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JULY

Vacation Bible school

Continues 7-9 p.m. through Thursday, July 13, at Livonia Church of Christ for children age 3 to sixth grade. An adult class will also be offered (an attended nursery will be available for siblings of children attending VBS). For more information, call (734) 427-8743 or visit www.livoniachurch.net. Everyone welcome.

Concert

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization for divorced and separated of all faiths, gathers to hear Air Margaritaville 6 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at Heritage Park, 1010 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Call (734) 513-9479.

Vacation Bible school

Treasure Seekers is the theme for St. John's Lutheran Church of Redford Vacation Bible School continuing to Friday, July 14. It begins with a 5:30 p.m. dinner each day, registration starts at 5:15 p.m. Activities include music, crafts and Bible study for ages pre-kindergarten to sixth grade. Parents are encouraged to join campers for songs and prayer at 8 p.m. each day. St. John's Church is at 13542 Mercedes, one block east of Inkster, south of Schoolcraft. For information, call (313) 538-2660.

Arctic Edge

Adventures in Courage Vacation Bible School continues 6:30-9 p.m. to Friday, July 14, at Merriman Road Baptist Church, 2055 Merriman, second block south of Ford, Garden City. All ages welcome, preschoolers must have an adult stay on site. Call (734) 421-0472 for more information.

Lifeworks series

With Rev. Dick Bont continuing the teaching with "Creating and Reconnecting Relationships" 7 p.m. Friday, July 14, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Free childcare provided. Call (247) 374-5920.

Family day

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 15, featuring games, face painting, moon-walk and more. All games are free to everyone. A meal deal will be available for a small fee, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh on northwest corner of Plymouth, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-0990 or visit www.rpcog.org.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, July 15, at Willow Metro Park, I-275 south to Exit 11A (South Huron Road), east on Huron Road to park entrance, south 7/10 of a mile to Washago Pond. Single Point bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church (248) 374-5920.

Breakfast meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 15, at Leon's, 30149 Ford, across from Kmart, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

Taste Fest

The Perfecting Church Women's Department holds its annual International Taste Fest with the cuisine of more than 30 countries noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 15, at the church, 7616 Nevada, Detroit. Tickets are \$5 per country. For tickets, call (313) 365-3787, ext. 104. Held in conjunction with the annual Women's Celebration Sunday, July 16.

Classic senior singles

Concert of vintage music, the bus

leaves the lot of Ward Presbyterian Church at 5:30 p.m. for dinner at Baker's Square (at your own expense) prior to the concert Saturday, July 15. Cost is \$23 for transportation and concert at the Village Theater in Canton. For information, call (248) 374-5920.

Detroit River Cruise

Bethany Suburban West is supporting First Presbyterian Church of Northville's Single Place Hawaiian-Portafino Cruise Saturday, July 15, 8 p.m. to midnight on the Detroit River. All aboard is 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 and includes pizza and dancing. Call (248) 349-0911.

Blood drive

8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

Polish American picnic

Join us for mass with Poloniaise Chorale at 11 a.m., rain or shine, live music at picnic Sunday, July 16, at Historic St. Albertus, 4231 St. Aubin, corner of East Canfield, Detroit. Cost is \$8 per plate for Polish dinner and dessert, includes beverages. If you ever attended St. Albertus School, come and see your classmates and have fun. For information, call Emelie at (586) 294-5245.

Bible time youth crusade

6:30-9 p.m. Sunday-Friday, July 16-21 (ages 4 to twelfth grade), games, contests, singing, visualized Bible stories, refreshments, prizes, award ribbons, and a daily mystery story, as part of Fortress Frenzy, at Grace Baptist Church, 280 East Lincoln, Birmingham. Call (248) 646-2000.

Arctic challenge

The coolest Vacation Bible School takes place 7-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 17-21, at Church of Christ West, 291 E. Spring, Plymouth. Call (734) 451-1877.

Family Bible school

Family Vacation Bible School for age 4 to 14-year-olds plus their parents 7-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 17-20,

enjoy music, crafts, games, snacks and bible lessons. This is an enjoyable activity for you to do with your children at First United Methodist Church, 6448 Merriman, Garden City. For more information, call (734) 421-8628.

Divorce recovery workshop

7-9:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, July 17-21, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 22, in Knox Hall at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Advance registration is \$30, \$35 at door. The cost for returning participants who bring their manual from previous workshop is \$15. Free childcare. Call (248) 374-5920.

Vacation Bible School

Fiesta: Where kids are fired up about Jesus 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 17-21, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$18 for first child, \$15 each additional child. A CD of the week's music may be purchased for \$6. Call (734) 464-0211.

Farmington Women Aglow

Meets 5-8 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Farmington Community Library, 32737 W. 12 Mile. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Bible and playtime

For moms and tots 10-11 a.m. Wednesdays beginning July 19, at Vineyard Church of Farmington Hills 29200 Shiwasssee (by Middlebelt and Nine Mile). No charge. For information, call (248) 766-0143.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 21, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 22, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chicago, Redford. Call (313) 538-1142.

Free event

For seniors entering fifth through seventh grade, meet new friends, bring old friends, games, ice cream, make no-sew blankets for charity 7-10 p.m. Friday, July 21, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia. RSVP to (734) 425-9333.

Movie night

Featuring "Crash" 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 21, at Church of Our Saviour, Presbyterian, U.S.A., 6655 Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. Open to the public. Call (248) 626-7606.

Jazz concert

Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support to the divorced and separated of all Christian denominations, invites the singles community to a free jazz concert featuring Those Delta Rhythm Kings (swing, jazz and blues) 7 p.m. Friday, July 21, in Kellogg Park on Main between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth. We will meet at the Fountain. For details, call (734) 513-9479.

Christian writer workshops

Taught by Donna Clark Goodrich of Arizona, author of 19 books and 700 published fiction and non-fiction pieces, Friday-Saturday, July 21-22 at Spring Arbor Free Methodist Church, 120 East Main, Spring Arbor, and Saturday, July 29, at Via Dolores Gospel Tabernacle, 8300 Fenkell, Detroit. For information about Spring Arbor workshop, contact Linda Gallaway at (517) 547-6261 or send e-mail to lgallaway@dmci.net, for Detroit contact Wanda Burnside at (313) 491-3504 or send e-mail to wtvision@hotmail.com.

Bicycling group

10 a.m. Saturday, July 22, at Kensington Metro Park, exit 153 off I-96, 3 1/2 miles to Farm Center. Single Point bike rides are geared to the tourist level rider but riders of all ability levels are welcome. All riders must wear a helmet. For more information, call Ward Presbyterian Church (248) 374-5920.

Feast day service

7 p.m. Thursday, July 22, at S.S. Simon & Jude Catholic Church, 32500 Palmer, Westland. For more information, call (734) 722-1343 or send e-mail to em2bott@att.net.

RiverStone worship service

Presented by Calvary Baptist Church in Canton 10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 23, at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, Canton. Call (734) 455-0022. Take a vacation from over-commitment and enjoy some family-time. At RiverStone worship service you'll find friendly people who care about building relationships, raising strong families and staying connected to the community. During the service your children will enjoy our kid-sized fun events.

Soccer camp

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church offers beginning and intermediate soccer players the opportunity to go to a soccer camp to learn and develop the proper skills and knowledge of the game 6:30-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 24-27, for all boys and girls ages 5-12-years (any skill level), at the church, 14175 Farmington, north of I-96, Livonia. Cost is \$20 per student, includes instruction, snacks, a soccer ball and T-shirt to take home. Fee payable at the time of registration. Call (734) 522-6830. This mini-camp offers small group instruction allowing individual attention for each and every player. Students may bring their own soccer ball or shin guards if desired. Items not required to enroll. The staff is composed of members and friends from Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Ice cream social/bake sale

5-9 p.m. Friday, July 28, at Church of Our Saviour, Presbyterian, U.S.A., 6655

Middlebelt, West Bloomfield. The public is invited. Cost is \$3 per family, \$1.50 single. Worship and Sunday School at 10 a.m. Call (248) 626-7606.

Riverside Park Church

A new study of each book of the bible began 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 5, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh and Plymouth, Livonia. For information, call (734) 464-0990 or visit www.rpcog.org. This will include who authored it, the history and the how it applied then and now.

Getting control of money

The class started 9:30 a.m. Sunday, July 2, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Have you been wanting to get a handle on your credit? This class teaches you how to read your credit report, how to improve it and how to live on a budget. For information, call (734) 464-0990 or visit www.rpcog.org.

Meditation classes

Began 7-9 p.m. Monday, July 10, and continues to Aug. 7, Elizabeth Cleeland will lead the class on various meditation practices at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration necessary. A freewill offering will be taken at each class. For more information, call (586) 353-2300, or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

Personal ministry

Join us as we study the Word of God. Due Season Christian Church is a non-denominational, multi-cultural, full gospel church that offers Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. and Tuesday night Bible study at 7:15 p.m. Services are currently held at Stevenson High School on Six Mile, west of Farmington road, Livonia. All are welcome. For information, call (248) 960-8063 or visit www.DueSeason.org.

UPCOMING

Church tour

Did you know that less than a half hour's drive are three relics of 19th century Catholic imprint on Detroit? Would you like to visit them and learn about their history? These three Tributes to a working-class society's Faith - St. Joseph, St. Joseph and Sweetest Heart of Mary, are all unique to the ethnic neighborhoods they reside in. The Education Commission of St. Aidan Parish is organizing a tour guided by their pastor Saturday, August 5, departing from St. Aidan parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Approximately 45-minutes will be spent at each location. Following the tour, we will enjoy a delicious traditional Polish meal in Hamtramck late in the afternoon before returning to St. Aidan. For information or to make a reservation, call Debbie Dufour (248) 719-2535, or the St. Aidan Parish office (734) 425-5950.

Vacation Bible School

For ages 4-12, kids travel to Mexico, Brazil, Poland, China and Kenya to trade places with children from other countries and learn about biblical heroes who traded one place in life for another 6:30-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 7-11, at Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 10000 Beech Daly, between Plymouth and West Chicago. Call (313) 937-3170 to pre-register.

Vacation Bible school

This year's theme is Fiesta, where kids are hot for Jesus Aug. 14-18, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Please stop by for a registration form or call to register. Call (734) 464-0990. Prizes will be given away for early registration.

Crafters needed

Riverside Park Church of God is sponsoring a craft bazaar on October 21, at the church, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. If you would like to purchase a table for this event please contact the church office to register at (734) 464-0990.

Crafters wanted

For the St. Thomas a' Becket Church Christmas Craft Show to be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, at 555 S. Lilley, Canton. The church is now accepting applications for handmade crafts only. Call (734) 981-1333.

ONGOING

Scripture studies

7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.

Fall registration

Spiritus Sanctus Academy is accepting registration for fall for its academies in Plymouth and Ann Arbor. The private, Catholic schools grades K-8, are run by the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist at 10450 Joy, Plymouth, call (734) 414-8430, and 4101 E. Joy, Ann Arbor, call (734) 996-3855.

Worship schedule

New schedule continues to Sept. 3, 10:30 a.m. Sunday summer worship, coffee hour follows in Fellowship Hall. Sunday school has been canceled for the summer, nursery is still available for infant through 2-years old, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 W. Six Mile, between Middlebelt and Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 422-6038.

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Thursday evening at St. Thomas a' Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Weigh-in is 6:15-6:55 p.m. We are a weight support group that encourages members to lose weight sensibly and keep it off. For more information, call Mary at (734) 394-1328.

Learner's Bible study

7 p.m. Mondays, in Room A101, at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile, Northville. Call (248) 374-5920.

Church service

Loving God by loving people, meets 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Doughnuts and coffee served. Call (734) 254-0093.

Bible study

Two classes meet 10 a.m. to noon the first and third Wednesdays, and 7-9 p.m. the first and third Thursdays, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, on Plymouth at Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible. The Thursday session is reading the Letters of St. Paul from Prison. Based on Little Rock Scripture Series. Call (734) 261-1455.

School registration

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School is accepting applications for grades PK-8 for the 2006-07 school year, at 9600 Leverage, Redford. After school care 3-6 p.m. Call (734) 937-2233 for information.

Bible study

Classes 9:30 a.m. Sunday, and 7 p.m. Wednesday, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. On Sunday Family Worship begins at 10:45 a.m.

Senior activities

Gathering for seniors 50 years and older 11:30 a.m. on the third Friday of every month at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Any questions, call (734) 464-0990. Put together a salad dish and come out and meet other seniors. Lunch is served followed by fellowship with some games and stories.

Bible study groups

The Wednesday group meets 10 a.m. to noon on the first and third Wednesday of each month, the Thursday group 7-9 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael's the Archangel Catholic Church, Plymouth and Hubbard, Livonia. The Wednesday group is studying Women of Courage in the Bible, the Thursday group The Letters of St. Paul from Prison. Classes are small and informal and based on the Little Rock Scripture Series. For information, call (734) 261-1455.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Wednesday luncheon every other Wednesday at noon; Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$4 followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Saturday; 10 a.m. women's study group second Saturday of the month, and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. (nursery available) and children's class at 10:15 a.m., at 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

Eucharistic adoration

The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads. The church will open for worship from 10 a.m. until the 7 p.m. Benediction service. For information, call (734) 261-5331.

Worship services

All are welcome to attend worship service at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Five Mile and Inkster roads, Livonia. Service is held at 10 a.m. every Sunday with an education hour all for ages at 9 a.m. Call (734) 422-1470.

Unity of Livonia

Services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays, at 28660 Five Mile, between Middlebelt and Inkster roads. Call (734) 421-1760.

Shabbat services

The doors of Congregation Beit Kodesh, a Conservative synagogue located at 31840 W. Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, are open to the Jewish community of southeastern Michigan. Call (248) 477-8974.

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Services are open to all living in the western counties including Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, and Northville. The congregation follows traditions of Reform Judaism. Interfaith families welcome to attend services at 321 S. Ridge, south of Cherry Hill, Canton. Call (734) 646-3864 for information or visit www.bethchaverim.com.

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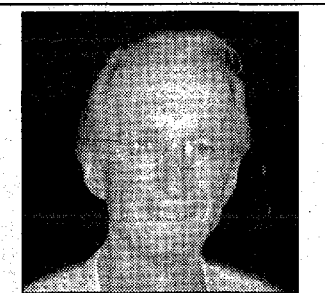
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Sunday Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Wednesday service 6:15 p.m. - Bible Studies and Worship Center for all ages, at 11575 Belleville Road, (four miles south of Michigan Avenue), Belleville. Parents with Young Children Bible Study 6 p.m. Sundays, includes dinner and child care. Call (734) 699-3361.



DOROTHY E. THAXTON

Age 89, passed away July 5, 2006. Beloved wife of the late Hobart. Dear mother of Hobart R. (Suzanne) and Roger (Carrie). Dear Mother-in-law of Linda. Sister of George (Shirley) (Everett) Stevens of Big Rapids, MI. Also survived by seven grandchildren & five great-grandchildren. Funeral was Monday, 10am, July 10, 2006 at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Ave., Visitation was Saturday 6-9pm and Sunday 1-9pm.



KENNETH KUBECK

Age 60 of Plymouth, July 11, 2006. Loving husband of Katherine. Beloved father of Kelly. Dear brother of Anthony F. (Joan); and Camilla R. Dahms. Dear uncle of Tony, Kristin, Nancy and Keri. Also survived by five great-nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday 5-9 PM and Friday 1-9 PM at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd (btwn Sheldon and Beck) Plymouth. Rosary Friday evening. Funeral mass Saturday 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 North Territorial (at Beck) Plymouth. In state at church 10 AM. Interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation. To leave a message of condolence, log on to www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com.



LOIS T. PEDLOW

Age 75, of Westland, passed away Monday, July 10. She was born April 19, 1931 in Detroit, grew up in Ferndale, and raised a family in Plymouth before moving to Westland in 1991. Very active until the last year of her life, she loved history, ancient cultures, and travel. She is survived by two brothers, Patrick (Rita) Ruelle of Waterford and Richard (Rita) Ruelle of Fort Gratiot; three sons, David (Pamela) of Plymouth, Steven (Linda) of Orland Park, IL, and Scott (Rawaa) of Novi; and two grandchildren, Kyle and Kristyn of Plymouth. Cremation has taken place, but there will be a memorial service at Ward Presbyterian Church Chapel (40000 6 Mile Rd, Northville MI 48168) on Friday, July 14 at 11am. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Michigan Humane Society or the charity of your choice.

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MADLINE HOPE
81, Long time Redford resident, passed away July 8, 2006. Loving Mother of Betti (Ken) Pool and Dennis (Sandy) Hope. Dear sister of Thelma Clover Mrs. Hope is also survived by six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral service 11:30am, Thursday, July 13, at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btwn Grand River and Shiwasssee Rds.,) downtown Farmington (248-474-5200 or heenev-sundquist.com). Visitation will be held from 9:00 am until time of service Memorial Contributions can be made to the Michigan Humane Society.

May You Find Comfort in Family & Friends

JOHN P. JOHNSON
of Grosse Pointe Shores, formerly of Birmingham, MI, died at home in hospice care on Monday, July 3, 2006. Mr. Johnson was born in Detroit to Richard M. and Helen P. Johnson and graduated from Southeastern High School. In 1951, he earned his B.A. degree from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant and in 1953 he received his M.A. degree from Wayne State University. In 1959, Mr. Johnson earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Detroit College of Law. Mr. Johnson served for four years in the United States Army during the Korean War as an Intelligence Officer. He was a long-time employee of the S.S. Kresge Company, which became the K Mart Corporation and was appointed Vice President of Real Estate in 1977. Mr. Johnson was involved as a mediator in the Oakland County Court for over 15 years and in 2000 was recognized with the Oakland Mediation Centers Distinguished Mediator Award. Also in 2000, he was honored by the Oakland County Bar Association for providing over 40 years of service to the legal profession. Mr. Johnson was a founding member and scrivener of S.M.O.G. (Society of Magnificent Old Geezers), a member of the American Legion Cadillac Post, the Grosse Pointe Senior Men's Club and the Michigan Bar Association. During his lifetime, Mr. Johnson had been involved in Junior Achievement, the United Way, Little League Baseball and enjoyed sailing. In 1951, Mr. Johnson married the former Mary Ellen Harrigan of Saginaw. In addition to his wife of 55 years, he is also survived by their three children, Ruth E. (David L.) Hoover of Grosse Pointe Woods, Carol J. Bronco of Grosse Pointe Woods and Paul R. (Carol L.) Johnson of Centerville, Virginia; and four grandchildren, Mary C. and Meghan J. Johnson, Charlie B. Bronco and John D. Hoover. A memorial service will be held at 10 am Thursday, July 13, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 467 Fairford Road, Grosse Pointe Woods. Memorial donations may be made to Wayne State University School of Medicine, 6F6

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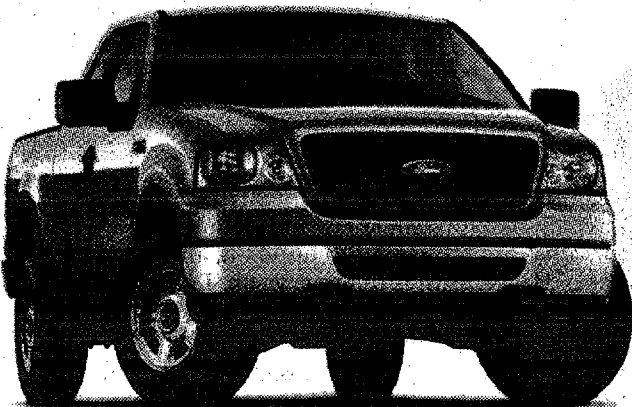
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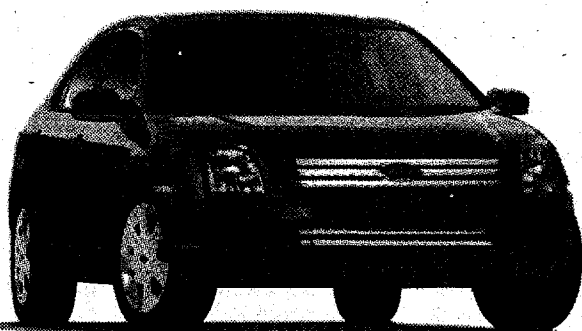
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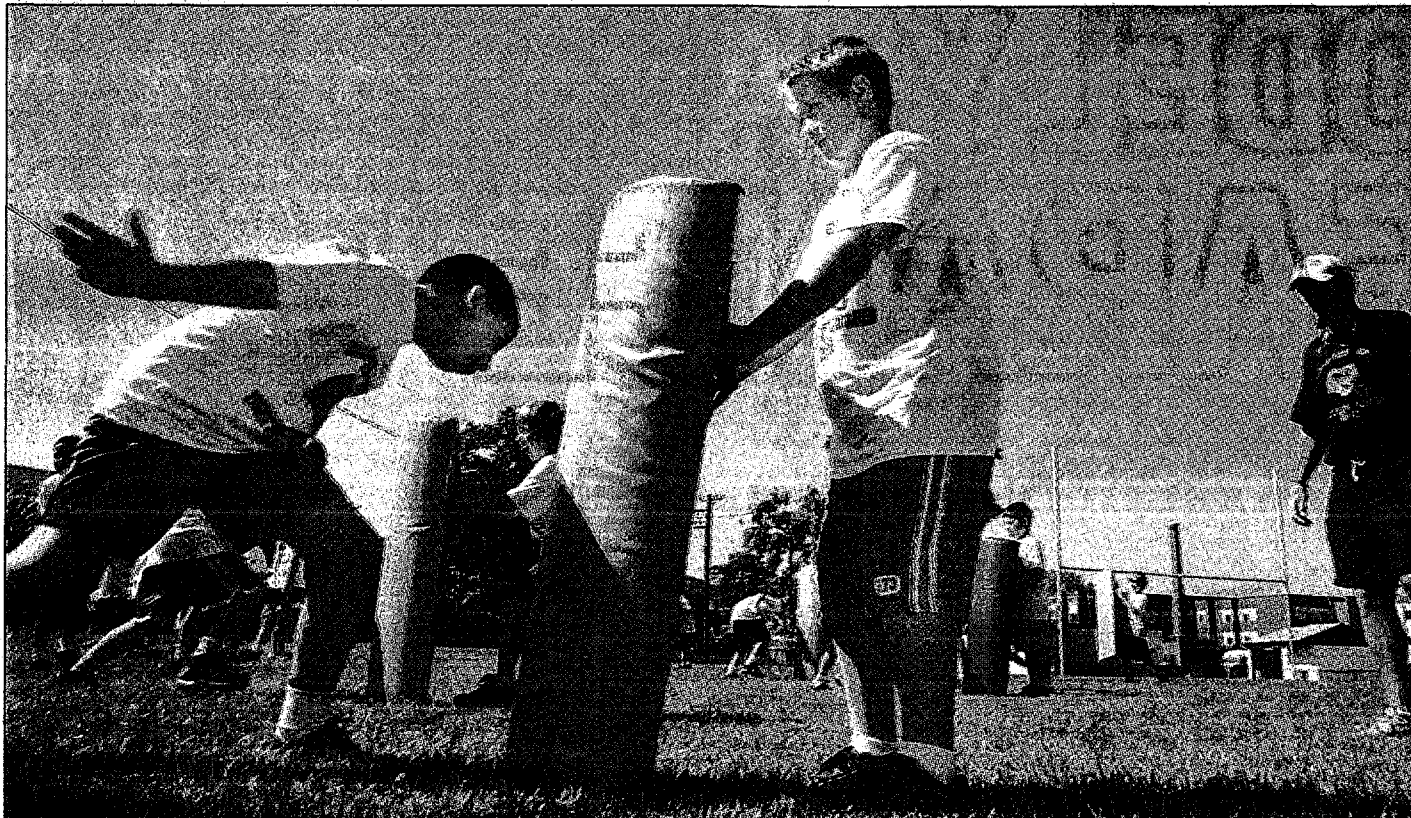
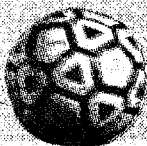
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Anthony Berardi and Nathan Ignash work on defensive-line skills as Detroit Lions director of youth football Chris Fritzsing looks on during last week's Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

Learning football's 'Fun'damentals

Detroit Lions summer camp offers kids on- and off-field lessons

Training camp for the 2006 Detroit Lions doesn't open for another two weeks, but one of the National Football League team's eight youth summer camps was in high gear July 5-8 at Central Middle School in Plymouth.

Youngsters — boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 14 — from throughout the Observerland area participated in the high-energy, no-pads camp that focused the spotlight on seven guiding principles, which included "make it fun" and "teach every position to every player."

"Along with fundamentals of the game, we also taught life skills, such as teamwork, communication, sportsmanship and the importance of education," said Chris Fritzsing, the Lions'

director of youth football.

"The camps were created for the sole purpose of making a positive impact on children's lives both on and off the field through football."

Participants in the camp were exposed to chalk talks and video sessions; skill contests and scrimmages; opportunities to win weekly awards, including Lions' hustle, leadership, attitude, most improved and future stars recognition; and daily appearances by Detroit Lions players.

They also learned stretching, agility and flexibility drills and the basic fundamentals of the sport.

For more information on next year's camp sites, contact Fritzsing at cfritzsing@detroitlions.com.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Michael Bifano and Ian Adamski-Kibat give it their all to haul in a pass during the Detroit Lions Youth Football Camp held last week at Central Middle School in Plymouth. The camp stressed fun and fundamentals.

Mato named Crusaders' golf coach

Madonna University Athletics Director Bryan Rizzo announced Thursday that Steve Mato has been named the new head men's golf coach, effective immediately.

Mato comes to Madonna from Livonia Franklin High, where he served as men's varsity coach for 14 seasons.

In his time at Franklin, Mato's guidance helped produce several scholarship and mini-tour players. The Canton resident also was named the Observer Coach of the Year last season.

"We are pleased to have coach Mato as a member of the Madonna staff," Rizzo said. "He has a wealth of coaching experience and will be the right man to

take our program to the next phase of development. I feel very fortunate to get someone with his credentials. He is going to be a great addition."

Mato, who holds a master's degree in education and is a special education teacher in the Livonia Public Schools system, has spent the past 28 years as the director of golf at Fellows Creek Golf Club in Canton.

"I am very excited at the opportunity that Mr. Rizzo and Madonna University has given me," Mato said. "I believe there are a lot of positive attributes to build on, and a lot of things to improve on. I am ready for the challenge."

Mato takes over the men's golf program from Bill Dutton, who resigned the position in May.

He inherits a mix of returning letter-winners and signees that will again compete for control of the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference standings.

The men's program, although relatively new, boasts a pair of third-place WHAC finishes and the WHAC individual champion two seasons ago.

Mato and his wife, Deborah, have two children, Melissa and Michael.



Steve Mato new MU men's golf coach

Sidelines

Fighting leukemia

The ninth annual Stoney & Wojo Radiothon for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is slated to take place from 3 p.m. Thursday through 7 p.m. Friday at O'Toole's Cass Lake, 4000 Cass Elizabeth Road in Waterford. The venue is south of Elizabeth Lake and west of Cass Lake roads.

WDFN sports radio personalities Mike Stone and Bob Wojnowski will host the 28-hour event. They will auction services, merchandise and sports memorabilia to raise money to find a cure for blood cancers. Pledges are also encouraged.

Leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children and young adults under age 20. Blood cancers will strike an estimated 120,000 Americans this year alone.

Demolition playoffs

The Detroit Demolition on Saturday night will play three-time defending Independent Women's Football League champion Sacramento in the western conference finals. Game time is 7 p.m. at Livonia Churchhill.

Pittsburgh Steeler Larry Foote is expected to make the pre-game coin toss.

The winner of the Demolition-Sirens contest will move on to the IWFL championship game in Long Beach, Calif. Churchhill is at 8900 Newburgh Road.

Hole-in-one club

Brian Birt, of Livonia, used a sand wedge to ace the 129-yard, No. 7 hole at Whispering Willows in Livonia on July 7. He shot a round of 35. It was the third ace of his seven-year golfing career.

Andrew Cappola, of Livonia, used a driver to ace the 129-yard, No. 7 hole at Whispering Willows on July 11. He shot a round of 52 and it was the first ace of his five-year golfing career.

O&E golf tourney

The annual Men's and Women's Observer & Eccentric Open golf tournament will be Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12-13 at Whispering Willows and Fox Creek golf courses in Livonia.

The men's event is 36-hole medal play at Whispering Willows (Aug. 12) and Fox Creek (Aug. 13). The fee is \$95 (cart not included). You must have a maximum of handicap of 20.

The women's tourney is 18-hole medal play Aug. 12 at Whispering Willows. The entry fee is \$50 (does not include cart). You must have a current U.S.G.A. index to participate. Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. It will be limited to the first 200 golfers.

Call Whispering Willows at (248) 476-4493.

Hawk kickers clip Eclipse for Regional title

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Teams that keep their opponents off the scoresheet have a great chance to be successful and that formula held true recently for the Livonia Hawks girls soccer team.

The Under-14 Hawks — coached by Derek Williford — topped the Illinois Eclipse Select team, 1-0, in double overtime June 28 to claim the Region II title and a berth in the U.S. Youth Soccer

Nationals.

Shelby Township's Stacey Catalano scored with two minutes remaining in the second OT to enable the U-14 Hawks to win the regional championship. Assisting on the goal was Kaely Schlosser of Grand Rapids.

Dividing the shutout were goalkeepers Hannah Ulrich (Saline) and Jennifer Etienne (Brighton), who also combined to blank four other opponents en route to the title.

The Hawks outscored their opponents by a combined 13-0

in posting the five wins June 24-28.

In pool play, the team won 7-0 against the Waukegan (Wisc.) Blaze; 3-0 against the MRLI-Ela Elite (Ill.) and 2-0 against the South Dakota Gold Destiny.

In the June 27 semifinal against Eagles SC Blue (representing Ohio South), the Hawks won on penalty kicks, 1-0. Scoring in the eighth round of penalty kicks was Brighton's Jaclyn Johnson.

That propelled the Hawks into the title game against the

Eclipse. Hawks team president Jim Kimble said hard work and outstanding team defense were main components to their success.

"Going unscored on was the key to it obviously," Kimble said. "They worked very, very hard" and should be proud of their accomplishment.

In addition to Catalano, Schlosser, Ulrich, Etienne and Johnson, members of the squad include: Kayla Kimble (Livonia); Caroline Castelli, Kayla Hogan, Kelsey Fiscus

(Northville); Catherine Terrell (Brighton); Erika Boll (Grand Rapids); Victoria Bailey and Taylor Dunlap (Fenton); Caroline Rice (Paw Paw) and Devon Bond (Richland).

For that group of players, it was their first regional championship, Kimble said.

The U.S. Youth Soccer Nationals will take place July 26-30 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Meanwhile, the U-16 Hawks finished with a 3-1 record, losing to the Internationals (Ohio North), 2-0, in the semifinals.

Rams bounce back to win nightcap, 8-7

The Michigan Rams averted a doubleheader loss Sunday by racking up 13 hits to win 8-7 over the Oakland Cubs at Ford Field in Livonia. Redford Catholic Central alum Eric Vojtkofsky spearheaded the Rams' attack with a 4-for-4 performance, including an RBI double to score the decisive run.

In the first game of the Livonia Michigan Collegiate Baseball League twinbill, the Cubs romped 8-0 as winning pitcher Josh Regits gave up just one hit, by the Rams' Scott Martin.

Game two started out as more of the same, with the Cubs taking a quick 2-0 lead. After the Rams came back with two runs in the bottom of the first to deadlock the game, the Cubs went back on top 4-2 with a two-spot in the second.

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Ann-Marie Carravallah is the recreation coordinator for Canton Leisure Services. A graduate of Dearborn Divine Child High School and the University of Michigan, Carravallah helps coordinate several prestigious tournaments throughout the summer.



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Sports-related job is ideal for Carravallah

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

For a moment Tuesday afternoon, Ann-Marie Carravallah stood in the middle of a small forest of three-foot-high softball trophies as she researched details for an upcoming archery camp.

While she waited for a computer to spit out the camp information, Carravallah answered questions regarding a sand-volleyball league.

The moment offered a near-perfect snapshot of Carravallah's position as the Canton Leisure Services recreation coordinator — a fast-paced, never-a-dull-moment job that fits the sports-loving University of Michigan graduate like a custom-made baseball glove.

"This is a dream job for me," said Carravallah, who

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RAMS

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But the Rams (16-9) scored four runs in the third to go ahead 6-4 and built an 8-5 lead entering the seventh before a last-ditch comeback bid by the Cubs (14-9-1) fell short.

Earning the victory was starter Bobby Henderson (Catholic Central), who pitched the first three innings. Earning the save with four innings of relief was Ryan Mosher (Wayne State).

Vojtkofsky knocked in three runs, but none were more important than the last one in the sixth. His double into the right-center gap scored Scott Cain, who started the rally with a single.

Just about every Rams player made an offensive contribution. Ryan Shay went 2-for-3 with one RBI and two runs while Matt Nickels went 2-for-4.

Collecting one hit each were Cain (three runs), Mike Sacha (three RBI), Tim Kalcynski (one RBI), Scott Martin and Andrew Stafford.

For the Cubs, Billy Anderson and Tim McEvoy each went 3-for-3. Dennis Jones (1-for-3) had three RBI while Anderson scored twice and knocked in two runs. Also scoring twice was Ben Case (1-for-2).

Case and Chris Scott each went 3-for-4 in the first game victory over the Rams while Jones and Anderson collected two hits each.

Rally foils Rams

The Rams (15-8) gave up three runs in the bottom of the seventh Friday, dropping a 4-3 decision to the Michigan Monarchs (8-15) at Saline High School.

Michigan took a 3-1 lead in the top of the frame, but that didn't last as Justin Wilson doubled in three runs off Rams pitcher Steve Karchetske - who gave up just two hits over the first six innings. Wilson's drive scored teammates Zander Younce, Cody Johnson and Kyle O'Keefe.

Collecting the victory in relief was Jeremy Allard. The Monarchs took a 1-0 lead in the third when Mike Moczyolowsky (2-for-3) singled home Mike Sepesy.

But the Rams bounced back in the fifth on a two-run single by Matt Nickels, scoring Kyle Hurtt (1-for-1, two runs) and Rob Campbell.

That's how the game stayed until the top of the seventh, when the Rams made it 3-1 on an RBI single by Andrew Stafford.

All-Stars roll

The Livonia Collegiate All-Stars, including several Rams, routed the Erie Shores Collegiate All-Stars by a 13-1 score Saturday at Ned Skeldon Stadium in Maumee, Ohio.

The game MVP was Rams shortstop Ryan Shay, who hit a single, double and triple in four at-bats and scored four runs while driving in two.

Pro wrestling set for High Velocity Sports

Wolverine Pro Wrestling will host a wrestling match on Saturday, Aug. 5, at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

Among the featured grapplers will be Jake "The Snake" Roberts and special guests Bobby Roode, Petey Williams, The Original Sinn, "Old Timer" Jeff King and members of TNA's Team Canada.

The event will kick off with a question-and-answer session with Roberts at 5 p.m. and a meet and greet with the other wrestlers at 6 p.m. The opening bell of the first match is set for 7 p.m.

The first-round match will

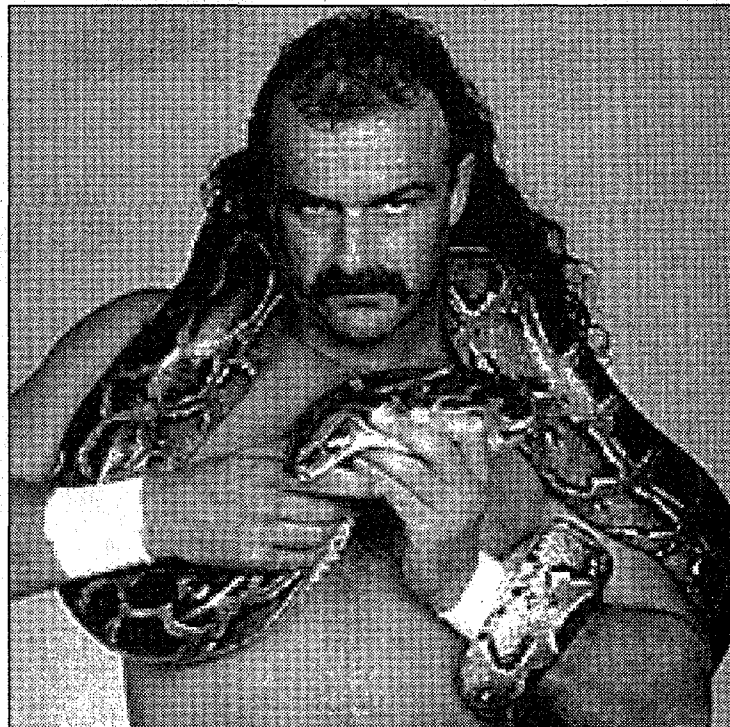
be announced via a live drawing on the day of the event.

The price of tickets is \$20 for just the show; \$35 for the Q&A and first-row seating; and \$30 for the Q&A and general seating.

Tickets are \$12 for kids 12 and under.

Tickets may be purchased by calling High Velocity Sports at (734) HV-SPORT; or in person at HVS, which is located at 46245 Michigan Ave. between Canton Center and Beck roads.

For more information, contact HVS or Wolverine Pro Wrestling at madhouseLT3@yahoo.com.



Jake "The Snake" Roberts will be the featured grappler at the pro wrestling event set for Saturday, Aug. 5, at High Velocity Sports in Canton.

Bowling Hall of Fame makes area 'Bus' stop

Most of us have seen this bowler perform on TV at various times including the 2006 Super Bowl for the National Football League championship.

He is Jerome Bettis, a native Detroit resident known as "The Bus."

Had Bettis not chosen football for his athletic career, he might have been a good enough bowler to go professional.

Now that his gridiron days are over, he can be seen around such places as Cloverlanes in Livonia and Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

On a recent sports TV show, Bettis was seen being inducted into the National Bowling Hall of Fame as a celebrity honoree.

Bettis, 34, was the very first inductee in this category. "I have bowled my entire

life and gained great pleasure and enjoyment from the sport," Bettis recently told the Associated Press. "This is a tremendous honor."

The International Bowling Hall of Fame and National Bowling Museum is located near Busch Stadium in St. Louis, which also houses the St. Louis Cardinals Museum.

Perhaps the Greater Detroit Hall of Fame will do likewise when the committee again convenes in August.

The Detroit Mackenzie High grad and former Notre Dame University standout has been a stalwart member of the local community and has made several appearances and donations to local charities. He is also a likely candidate to enter the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio sometime soon.

When that happens, he may possibly be the first athlete to get into two sports halls of fame.

Too bad he couldn't play for the Detroit Lions.

He was an outstanding player and a big part of the Pittsburgh Steelers success in

recent years, rushing for 13,662 yards and scored 91 touchdowns in 13 NFL seasons.

He has had a strong attachment for bowling throughout the years averaging over 200 and having one 300 game.

His presence on the local bowling scene will be most welcome.

Bettis hosted a bowling charity event in Detroit during Super Bowl week.

He has been known to call up fan club members and invite them to go bowling on many occasions.

The Generations Bowling Tour (GBT) is a new senior pro tour with over \$5 million in prize money.

The announcement was made on June 29 at the International Bowl Expo in Las Vegas, Nev. by its promoter Steve Saunders.

The GBT will feature the greatest senior bowlers in 36 nationwide events beginning this October.

In addition, there will be over 75 regional events beginning in Jan. 2007.

Men and women bowlers,

50 and over, that have averaged 200 or better for the past two seasons are eligible to apply for membership.

Since all GBT events will be US Bowling Congress certified, all participants must be current USBC members in good standing.

Eligible bowlers may apply for membership by filling out a membership application which can be downloaded at GBTour.com.

There is a \$300 per year membership fee, which can be paid in \$25 per month installments. There are no additional fees to join.

The nationwide tour will start out in our own area with the first one Sept. 25 through Oct. 5 in Bay City, followed by another Oct 6-11 in Clinton Township followed by another, Oct. 14-18 in Jackson. Another local stop is Oct. 20-26 in Toledo.

For more information, go to www.gbtour.com.

Al Harrison is a resident of Livonia and a league bowler for 46 years. He can be reached at (248) 477-1839 or email: tenpinalley@sbcglobal.net

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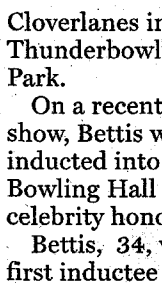
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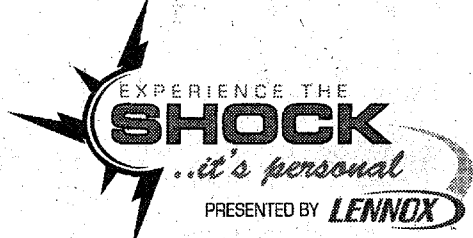
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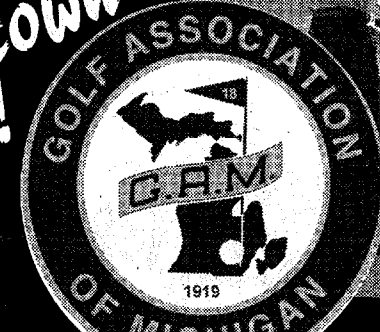
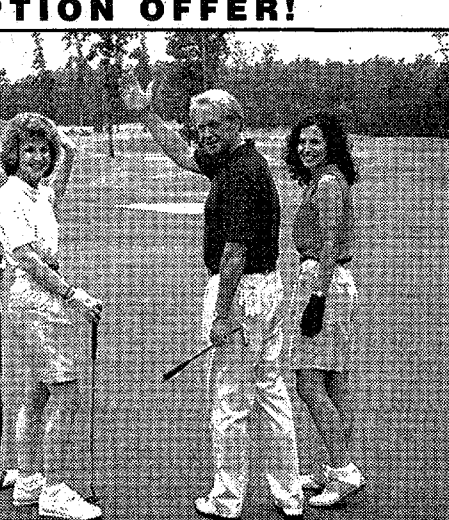
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CARRAVALLAH

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consistently displays the enthusiasm of an employee on her first day of work, even though she was originally hired by Canton Leisure Services over seven years ago.

"My dad, Lou Abundis, was an athletic director in Redford when I was young, and I was always tagging along to my older brothers' sporting events, so I've been around sports — and I've been playing sports — for as long as I can remember. This job is perfect for me."

And judging by the accolades that have been heaped on the Canton Sports Center during her tenure, Carravallah is perfect for the job.

HIGH PRAISE

Led by Carravallah and her staff of three full-time employees, one part-timer and eight seasonal workers, the nationally acclaimed sports complex, which is one of the largest in Michigan, annually hosts many of the Midwest's most-prestigious baseball and softball tournaments, including the USSSA Boys 13U World Series that begins Sunday.

It is also the home of close to 400 adult slow-pitch teams and over 2,000 youth-league players from April through October.

The fact that the tournaments and leagues run as smoothly as they do is a testament to Carravallah's passion for her job and her ability to handle several tasks at once.

"My job requires me to wear a couple of hats, one of which is being the supervisor of the sports center," said Carravallah. "I help set up the events that are held here and I serve as the tournament director."

"A couple of weeks ago, when we were hosting the Compuware girls fast-pitch tournament, the head of the umpires, who lives in Florida, told me that he read in a softball magazine that we were rated the No. 1 facility in the Midwest and No. 2 in the country. That makes you feel

Canton Sports Center to host World Series

The Canton Sports Center will host the USSSA Boys 13U World Series Baseball Tournament Sunday through July 23. Over 60 teams from 17 states have qualified in state and national qualifiers to compete in next week's tournament. Opening ceremonies will begin Sunday at 6 p.m. They will include a parade of teams and the National Anthem performed by American Idol contestants Joshua and Jarrett Simmons, who are from Inkster.

Following the opening ceremonies, players and fans will have the opportunity to enjoy a party with food, games, inflatables and music.

Tournament pool play will take place on Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Bracket play will run from Wednesday through Sunday with the championship game set for Sunday. Sunday is free for all spectators. The daily admission price from Monday through July 23 is \$7 for adults and \$5 for both seniors and children between the ages of 6 and 12. Kids under the age of 6 are free.

Weekly passes — \$25 for adults and \$12 for seniors and kids between the ages of 6 and 12 — can also be purchased.

good when you hear stuff like that."

MULTI-DIMENSIONAL JOB

Along with making sure things run smoothly at the Canton Sports Center, Carravallah also oversees the Canton Leisure Services' always-growing menu of sports programs, which range from sand volleyball to flag football.

She's also a member of a number of sports-related boards, including the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association, the Canton Soccer Club and the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics.

When she's not serving on a board or working, she enjoys coaching youth basketball teams and participating in sports herself.

"I love coaching and I still love to compete," she said. "My long-term goal is to get back into coaching at the high school level (she coached the Dearborn Divine Child junior varsity girls basketball team for a few years after graduating from U-of-M), but my schedule doesn't allow me to do that now."

Carravallah said she can't think of a better place to work

than Canton, which has experienced incredible growth since her first day on the job in 1998.

"I love the way this community embraces sports and recreation," said Carravallah, who resides in Canton with her husband, Dave. "It's been very exciting for me to be a part of the growth that this area has experienced in recreation and leisure activities. When I started here, the softball center was the only sports facility along this stretch of Michigan Avenue. Now, there's High Velocity Sports, the Arctic Edge, a lot of great places."

SIMPLE PLEASURES

While the national praise Canton Leisure Services receives is nice, it's not the No. 1 motivating factor for Carravallah.

"My favorite part about this job is seeing a 7- or 8-year-old baseball or softball player walking into the Sports Center with his mitt on and a big smile on his face," said Carravallah. "And I like seeing the kids high-fiving their friends after a good play. That's what makes it fun."

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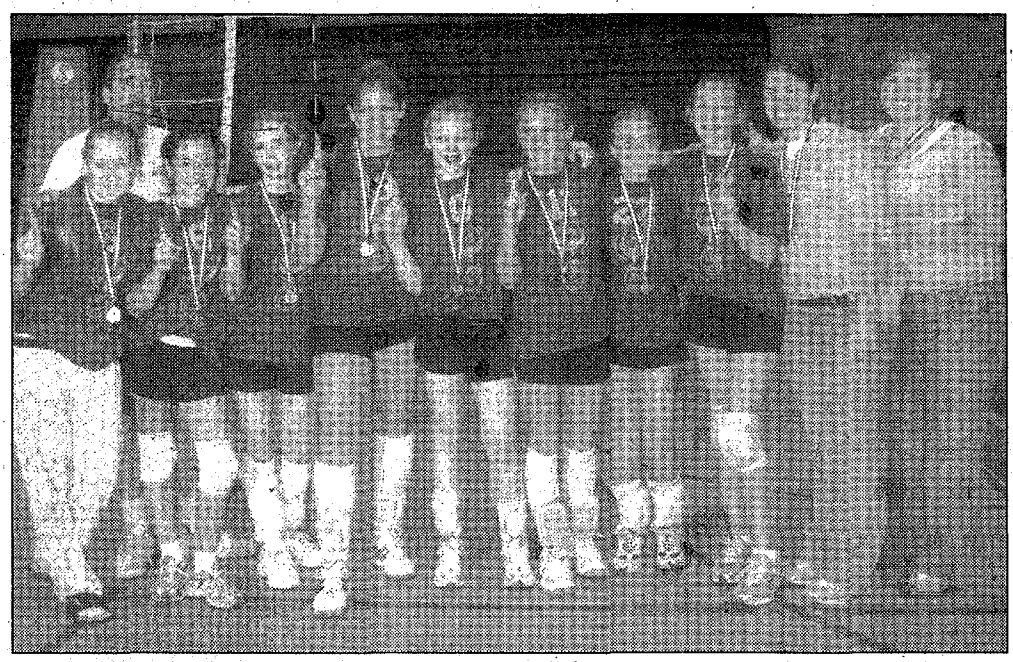
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Agility run (Class A-ages 13-14): 1. Jessica McKinley; 2. Cathy Charniga; (Class B-ages 11-12): 1. Melani Kielling; (Class C-ages 9-10): 1. Sheila McKinley; 2. (tie) Tasha McKinley and Peumi Melaquda; (Class D-ages 7-8): 1. Olivia Rytarsky; 2. Lauren Larson. **Chinning (A):** 1. Kelly Charniga; 2. Cathy Charniga; (B): 1. Melani Kielling; 2. Jackie Charniga; (C): 1. Sheila McKinley; (D): 1. Olivia Rytarsky; 2. Corinne Forrest. **Softball throw (A):** 1. Chelsea Williams; 2. Jordan York; (B): (B): 1. Caleigh Griffin; 2. Oneshia Lee; (C): 1. Mikala Kielling; 2. Kellianna Meakin; (D): 1. Paige Ackman; 2. Simone Bosman. **Running long jump (A):** 1. Meyessa Mansour; (B): 1. Tabitha Hurst; 2. Becky Hatter; (C): 1. Molly Griffin; 2. Erin Young; (D): 1. Lauren Larson; 2. Angelle Wilson. **Standing long jump (B):** 1. Bridget Moriez; (C): 1. Tasha McKinley; 2. Brianna Jed. **Dashes (A-75 yards):** 1. Chelsea Williams; 2. Meyessa Mansour; (B-60 yards): 1. Caleigh Griffin; 2. Oneshia Lee; (C-60 yards): 1. Mairi Van Dyke; 2. Mariel Dunn; (D-50 yards): 1. Lila Hatter; 2. Paige Ackman.



Division champ

The 13-and-under Thunderbird Volleyball Organization took a gold medal in the Silver Division at the state AAU volleyball tournament held June 3-4 at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. Members of TVO, based out of Livonia St. Edith Church, include (from left) Becca Rizzolo, club coordinator Gary Smart, Hollie Anderson, Caitlyn Willyard, Rachel Heath, Monika Rudis, Jackie Dolmetsch, Carly Stevenson, Reina Tyl, coaches Theresa and Amanda Hamilton.

Rostedt's goal thwarts Hawks

A second-half goal by midfielder Jessica Rostedt lifted the Cleveland Internationals to a 1-0 triumph Sunday over the visiting Michigan Hawks Women.

The Hawks still lead the Midwest Division W-League with a record of 7-2-2, entering Friday's home game against London. That game is slated for 7:30 p.m. at Livonia Stevenson.

Cleveland (5-4-0) broke the scoreless tie about 15 minutes

into the second half when Rostedt converted a feed from forward Heloisa Oliveira past Hawks goalkeeper Kathryn Cumming (seven saves).

But the Hawks couldn't solve the goalie at the other end. Cleveland's Carianne Betts stopped all 14 shots she faced.

Meanwhile, Michigan fared much better on Friday night with a 3-0 whitewashing of West Michigan (2-6-0) at West Ottawa High School. Hawks midfielder Asuka

Kubota scored two first-half goals to get the party started. Midfielder Erin Konheim, who assisted on Kubota's second goal, then made it 3-0 early in the second half with a shot that got past Firewomen goalkeeper Pam Yates.

Drawing one assist each for the Hawks were midfielder Gail Wilson and defender Nina Mastracci.

Cumming needed to make just one stop for the shutout.

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Friday, July 14
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(at Livonia's Ford Field)
Mich. Monarchs vs. Det. Eagles, 5:45 p.m.
Mich. Rams vs. Oakland Cubs, 8:15 p.m.
Sunday, July 15
(at Livonia's Ford Field)
Mich. Rams vs. Mich. Bulls (2), noon.
Park Athletic vs. Det. Eagles (2), 5 p.m.
(at Saline High School)
Mich. Monarchs vs. Oakland Cubs (2), noon.
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Saturday, July 15
Mich. Bucks vs. Kalamazoo Kingdom at Mattawan High School, 7:30 p.m.
W-LEAGUE
Friday, July 14
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Platinum champs

The 12-and-under Thunderbird Volleyball Organization (TVO), based out of St. Edith Church in Livonia, took the silver medal platinum division at the AAU state tournament, June 3, at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Members of the TVO squad include (from left) Miranda Bator, Ashley Kaminski, coach Theresa MacDonald, Courtney Crowley, Shannyn Rapson, Katie Groechel, Erica DeSmedt and Katie Koehler. (Not pictured are Katie Gubachy and Kayce Nieto.)



Division champs

The under-11 Livonia Soccer Club Lightning won the Spring 2006 season with an 8-0 record. Members of the Lightning include (front row, from left) Bailey Allshouse, Zachary Radtke, Stephen Covitz, Brandon Strutz; (middle row, from left) Zachary Robak, Jacob Kremm, Kyle Moore, Cody Coleman, Max Humitz; (back row, from left) coach Dave Gluth (Westland), Dominic Resto, Michael Gluth (Westland), Ryan Linn, Austin King and coach Don Coleman.

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U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN TO RETURN TO INDIANWOOD?

Longtime Detroit area golf writer Jack Berry recently reported on the "Lesson On Golf" radio show on 1270 XYT that the U.S. Women's Open may soon return to the Indianwood Golf & Country Club in Lake Orion.

The Stan Aldridge owned and operated private club is no stranger to the event. The old course hosted both the 1989 and 1994 Open for the ladies. It didn't hurt that they did a great job in hosting it either. The membership has always gone out of their way to accommodate such events as well. In addition, the old course is ranked as the number two private course in southeast lower Michigan by "Lesson".

Indianwood bailed out the USGA on short notice during that time in providing their facilities for the Ladies Open when another venue became unavailable. In return, there was supposed to be a reward in the tune of another USGA event for the club.

Due to a complicated set of circumstances involving various sponsors and conflicts, this was never able to take place.

That has all changed. With the Ford Sr. Players Championship going away from the TPC of Michigan after this year, the door has opened for the USGA to return to Indianwood. Stay tuned.

Jeff Lesson hosts "Lesson on Golf" weekend mornings on WWJ Newsradio 950 and Saturday mornings 7-8am on 1270 XYT. He also co-hosts "Michigan Golf Weekly Saturdays at 6pm on CBS Detroit TV.

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Redford hockey

Young hockey players take note. It's red-hot July, but fall tryouts for the Redford Township Hockey Association are just around the corner.

In the Pee Wee AA division, tryouts are 6-7:30 p.m. Friday, July 28 and 4-5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 30, both at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township (Redford Arena does not reopen until August).

Bantam A Raptors tryouts are slated from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, July 24 and Thursday, July 27, at Suburban Arena in Farmington Hills.

Suburban Arena also will host tryouts for the Bantam AA Chiefs. Those sessions will take place as follows: 7-8:20 p.m. Friday, July 14; 5-6:20 p.m. Sunday, July 16; 5:30-6:50 p.m. Wednesday, July 19; 7:30-8:50 p.m. Sunday, July 23.

Youngsters trying out for the Midget Minors should stop by Livonia's Eddie Edgar Arena for sessions 7-9 p.m. Friday, July 14, 3-4:30 p.m. Sunday, July 16 and 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, July 17.

For information on the tryouts, e-mail the following addresses: (Pee Wee AA) coachjon94@sbcglobal.net; (Bantam A Raptors) jperkovi@ford.com; (Bantam AA Chiefs) james2@twmi.rr.com.

Those interested in Midget Minors should contact: Dane Baruzzini (734) 673-4103; Matt Spease (734) 417-2901; or Jim Bushong (734) 646-8683.

12U girls tryouts

Fall tryouts for the Little Caesars Girls 12U AAA team will take place 8-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1 and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, both at Redford Ice Arena (Beech Daly between Schoolcraft (Jeffries Fwy. service drive) and Plymouth roads.

The head coach is Scott Brickey, a member of the 1987 national champion University of North Dakota hockey team. Former St. Cloud University women's team captain Tina Ciraulo is the assistant coach.

For more information, contact team manager Tom Strazzulla at (734) 497-7290.

GCYBSA sign-ups

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association (GCYBSA) is currently accepting registrations for fall baseball for kids between the ages of 4 and 18. Games will begin the first week of September and run through the end of October.

The registration deadline is Aug. 15.

Registration forms are available at the Canton Softball Center and the Summit on the Park.

For more information, call the GCYBSA hotline at (734) 394-5489 or (734) 394-5358, or check the Web site at csc.canton-mi.org.

WYAA Meteors cheer

The Westland Youth Athletic Association currently has spots open for its Meteor cheerleading squads for girls ages 8-14.

Registration is from 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays at the WYAA Compound, 6050 N. Farmington Road, Westland.

For more information, call the WYAA at (734) 421-0640; or visit www.westlandmeteors.org.

Coaches sought

Livonia Ladywood is looking for a girls junior varsity field hockey coach for the fall 2006 season. Please fax resumes to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

Redford Union High School is seeking qualified coaches for 2006-07 for the following positions: girls varsity tennis coach, assistant swimming and diving coach, assistant hockey coach, boys junior varsity soccer coach and girls varsity softball coach.

Any interested candidates should send a letter of interest and resume to Brett Steele, athletic director, Redford Union High School, 17711 Kinloch, Redford Twp., MI, 48240 or call the athletic department at (313) 242-4270.

The Livonia Public Schools are in need of both head and assistant varsity gymnastics coaches. Interested parties should fax their resume and qualifications to Athletic Director Marc Hage at (734) 744-2824.

Livonia Ladywood High School has coaching positions available for the 2006 fall season in varsity girls competitive cheer and varsity dance cheer.

If interested, fax a resume to Ladywood athletic director Sal Malek at (734) 591-2386.

Soccer signup

The Livonia Soccer Club has extended its registration with openings for all recreational age groups 5-and-up.

The LSC is also seeking to fill out its under-12 girls and under-12 boys select/premier teams.

For more information, call (734) 464-8575.

Car & bike show

The Canton High School girls swim team will be holding its 2nd Annual Car & Bike Show

on Tuesday, Aug. 22, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Home Depot, which is located at 39825 Ford Rd. (east of I-275) in Canton.

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Pre-registration (postmarked before Aug. 1) is \$10. The admission at the gate is \$15.

For more information, contact Jane at (734) 891-9909 or gracker60@wowway.com.

St. Edith volleyball

Tryouts for the Catholic Youth Organization girls volleyball program at St. Edith, locat-

ed at 15089 Newburgh Road (just south of Five Mile) in Livonia will start Monday, Aug. 14.

It is open to girls in grades 4-8 (this fall) who are members of St. Edith, St. Aidan, St. Colette, St. Kenneth and St. Maurice parishes.

A recreational volleyball program, 5-6:30 p.m. Sundays, July 9 through Aug. 14, at St. Edith, will be open to girls in grades 4-12. There is no fee, but a medical release must be signed by a parent or guardian.

St. Edith also offers adult recreation volleyball (ages 18-and-up) from 6:30-8 p.m.

Sundays, July 9 through Aug. 13. No experience is necessary. The cost is \$3 per person. (Baby-sitting is available on site for a minimal fee.)

For more information, call Gary Smart at (734) 432-5959; or e-mail smart5959@sbcglobal.net.

WWSL soccer signup

Fall 2006 registration is underway for the Wayne-Westland Soccer League, which will be from Sept. 9 through Oct. 29.

Forms are available at either the Westland Bailey Recreation

Center, 36651 Ford Road, or the Wayne Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road.

No registration will be processed unless all the requirements are fulfilled. Late fees are in effect and registration ends Sunday, July 16.

Among the WWSL upcoming events include an annual picnic and fun day for all registered players from the spring season on Sunday, July 23; and annual banquet for fall players in November.

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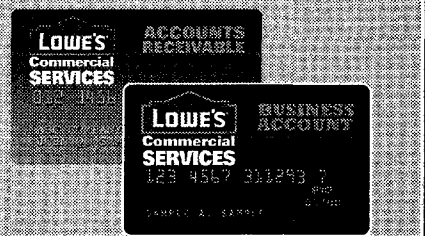
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Boys and girls ages 5-12, of any skill level, are invited to attend the camp. Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church is located at 14175 Farmington Road, just north of I-96 (Jeffries Fwy).

The cost to sign up is \$20

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For more information, or to obtain a registration form, call

camp director and MU head cross country coach Pat Daugherty evenings at (734) 658-0226, or the MU cross country office at (734) 432-5634. You can also e-mail pdaugherty@madonna.edu.

Cheer/Pom Pon

Registration is underway for The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation's cheer and pom pon camp (ages 7-and-up), which will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday, Aug. 7-11, at the LCRC, located at 15100 Hubbard.

The cost is \$120 (LCRC pass holders); \$130 (Livonia residents); and \$140 (non-residents). Pom pons are available

for purchase the first day of camp of \$19.99.

For more information, call (734) 981-9900.

MU girls hoops

Madonna University will hold four sessions of girls basketball camps, directed by Kristy Bilbie-Bekius, including: Session I (entering grades 4-7) - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, July 17-20; and 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., Friday, July 21;

Session II (entering grades 7-12) - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 24-27; and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, July 28.

The cost for each session is \$175 per camper. Each camp

participant must bring a bag lunch daily or purchase a hot lunch option. Included in the cost is a camp T-shirt and personal written evaluation.

For more information, call (734) 432-5606; or e-mail madonnabball@wideopenwest.com.

RU volleyball clinic

Redford Union varsity coach Marchelle Johnson will stage a two-day volleyball clinic Friday and Saturday, July 28, at the high school.

Session I, from noon to 4 p.m., is for intermediate players ages 10-14 (grade school and junior high level). Check-in is at 11:30 a.m.

Session II, from 5-8 p.m., is

for freshman, JV and varsity level players ages 14-18. Check-in is at 4:30 p.m.

The clinic cost is \$30 per player. Payment is due the first day of the clinic. All participants must bring volleyball attire, shoes, knee pads and water bottles, along with a volleyball clinic consent form.

For more information, call the RU athletic office at (313) 242-4271.

Volleyball camp in GC

The Garden City volleyball program is hosting a volleyball camp for junior high students the week of Monday, July 24 through Friday, July 28. Sessions will run from 5:30-8 p.m. each night.

Cost of the camp is free, although donations toward the GCHS volleyball program will be accepted.

British soccer camp

The Garden City-based area chapter of the Christian Youth Soccer League is hosting the upcoming Challenger British Soccer Camp, slated from Monday, July 31 through Friday, Aug. 4.

British coaches will teach the various half- and full-day sessions, available to kids ages 4-18 throughout the Observerland area. To sign up, go to the Web site, challenger-sports.com.

Call (734) 513-7844 for more information. The deadline to register without a late fee is Friday, July 21.

Camp for Champs

Carlos Briggs' Basketball Camp for Champs will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 31 through Aug. 4 at a new location, Basketball Planet in Canton.

The cost is \$150 per camper. (Checks should be made payable to: Basketball Planet, 7171 N. Haggerty Road, Canton, Mi. 48187.)

The air-conditioned facility features five full regulation-sized courts, weight training equipment and concessions.

For more information, call coach Briggs at (248) 497-8406.

MU All-Star Hoops

The Madonna University All-Star Basketball Camp (ages 8-15), directed by men's coach Chuck Henry, features a session for boys including: 8 a.m. to noon, July 31-Aug. 4 (cost \$130); and a session for girls from 1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 31-Aug. 4 (cost \$130).

For more information, call coach Henry at (734) 398-5973; or MU at (734) 432-5591.

S'craft volleyball

Schoolcraft College will be offering a series of girls volleyball camps for girls, coordinated by women's coach Tom Teeters, including:

Spiking and serving - 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, July 17-20 (cost \$160; \$155 for each additional family member; \$150 for groups of 10 or more);

Each participant will be provided a camp T-shirt. Bring knee pads and a lunch.

For more information, call (734) 462-4804, Ext. 3; or e-mail thomasjamesteeters@hotmail.com.

S'craft soccer

Schoolcraft College will be offering a four different sessions of boys and girls soccer camps, coordinated by men's coach Rick Larson, for ages 5-8 (little kickers), 8-14 (select developmental) and 11-18 (premier competitive) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Thursday, July 17-20, 24-27; and July 31-Aug. 3.

The cost is \$125 each session. For more information, call (734) 462-4804, Ext. 3; or e-mail rick.larson@comcast.net or rl Larson@schoolcraft.edu.

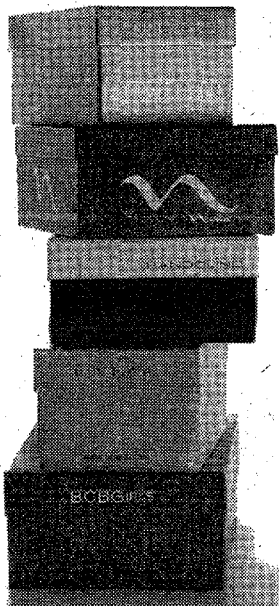
Quarterback camp

The Coach Al Fracassa Quarterback Technique camp for the 2006 football season is open to all players in grades 7-12 from 8:30 a.m. until noon, July 17-18 (session III); and July 20-21 (session IV), at Brother Rice High School, located on 3456 Lahser Road, a half-mile south of Maple, in Bloomfield Hills.

The cost for each session is \$75 (includes camp T-shirt and soft drinks at the end of each day).

For more information, call coach Fracassa at (586) 755-0492 (home).

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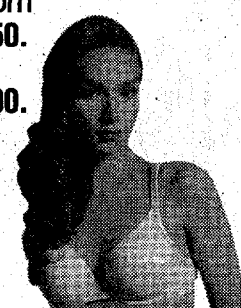
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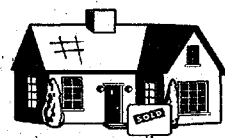
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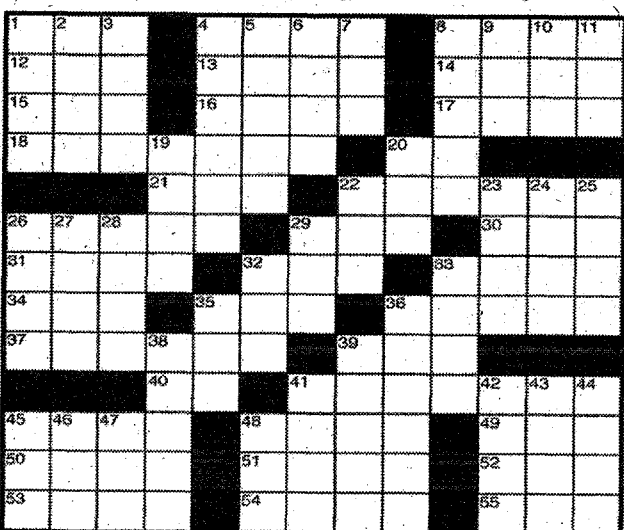
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- Coal scuttle
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 - Chatty starling
 - Goes over again
 - Dr. Manchu
 - Previous to
 - Tidied up
 - Petroleum mines
 - Stray dog
 - Famous cathedral town
 - Andy's friend
 - Festive quaff
 - Cornet — Bopp
 - Mischief-maker
 - Highchair wear
 - Bobcat relatives
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- DOWN**
- Bad — day
 - Fiend
 - Go-getter
 - Pastors
 - Rust away
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 - A Little Woman
 - Diego

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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ASH AGOG RIDER
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CRUET INKY
ROB MOE
JUNG LAO DEFT
AGE ORD BEA
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JRK LAD
SILO LAGER
MUNICIPAL ALE
ANTE RENE SIS
IGOR AWAY HAT

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- I knew it!
- Ocean dwellers
- Sable or mink
- Understood
- Players
- First name in jazz
- Changes color
- Stick around
- Ms. Peel of "The Avengers"
- Cuts off
- Ear of corn
- Nothing at all
- Unable to play
- Oyster's abode
- Climbing gear
- Like river bottoms
- Fresco
- Pretty "Woman" lead
- Harmful
- Gambler's town
- Used E-mail
- Up till now
- Conquistador's quest
- Pale
- Quick turn



SUDOKU

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SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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| BILL | HOSTESS | TABLE |
| BUSBOY | MENU | TRAY |
| CHEF | RESERVATION | WAITER |
| ENTREES | SOUP DU JOUR | WAITRESS |

THE WORDS READ UP, DOWN AND ACROSS.

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R E Q E R F W B X J C
M H O S T E S S B O V
N U A S R H T U Y U J
A I N A S C B B L R K

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

SUDOKU

6	8	9	1	7	9	2	8	4
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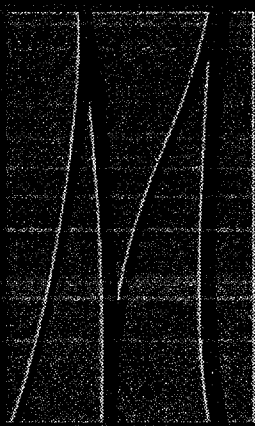
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JUGGLING MULTIPLE JOBS



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Why do some people shift from one kind of work to another and keep repeating the pattern, while others seem to approach work as a mere vehicle to an enhanced private life?

Flower De Raadt of Flower Funds Marketing Agency in Boerne, Tex., is juggling at breakneck speed on an interim basis. She spends more than 30 hours per week in marketing and sales for a speaker and author, and works what she calls about six other jobs (a group of projects or services) -- about 20 or 30 more hours per week -- to wipe out \$80,000 indebtedness from the family's college loans and credit card debt. Meanwhile, her husband holds two conventional jobs, working full time in high school teaching and athletics, and delivering pizza in the summer.

This ambitious schedule and intent reflect the focus and drive of an entrepreneur, even though it is clearly goal-oriented, with a definable D-Day. True entrepreneurs -- De Raadt may become one herself after she and her husband are debt-free -- in some cases, juggle activities because of the very nature of their work.

For example, Phillip Wilson, a licensed attorney, directs HireExposure, a d.b.a. of Resumes Inc., an executive career

marketing firm in Broken Arrow, Okla., near Tulsa. He doesn't equate his 60- to 70-hour week with work: It's about not hanging out with my family. Wilson continues to consult in employee relations and labor law representing management to unions through LRI Management Services Inc. Another revenue stream involves publishing and selling books about labor relations online.

Linguistics expert Alan Perlman, president and CEO of Perlman Communications Inc., in Highland Park, Ill., spends 20 to 30 hours per week in legal consulting (forensic linguistics), assisting attorneys in copyright and trademark problems, contract interpretation, plagiarism and identification of document authorship. He also works in book writing and promotion, which he hopes will lead to public speaking, and he occasionally plays jazz piano in solo and trio gigs at night. He works these various revenue streams in his post-corporate career because of their multiple time frames. Only his freelance work imposes deadlines. No workaholic, he confesses to loving to sit and loaf and go to the beach. I don't rush into work as an escape from life but an expression of it.

Entrepreneurs in it for the long haul recognize that as one market shrinks, another must be developed to take its place. Wilson points out, If you want an ocean of revenue, you need various streams feeding it.

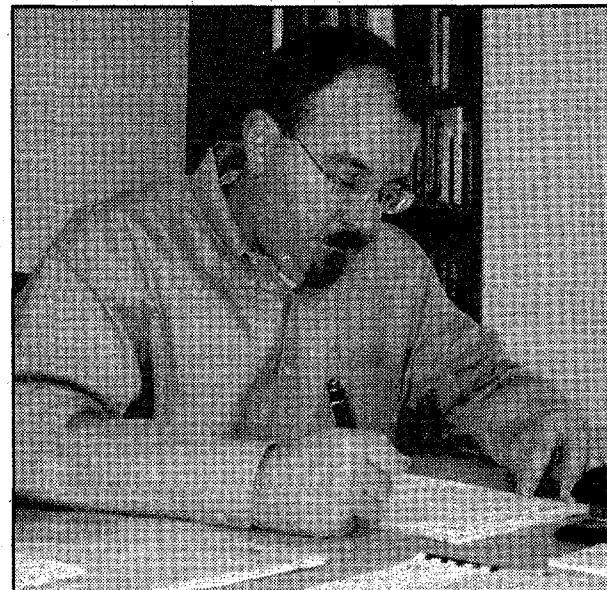
If Perlman could turn back the clock, he'd like to have prepared for a future that didn't require him to scramble, he says. My definition of success is turning down gigs.

Part of me says I wouldn't want to change anything, Wilson observes. When I was in law school, I knew I wanted to learn the labor employment side. It created a base camp that everything else has come out of. If you're a lawyer, it gets your foot in the door and leads to a lot of relationships. My one-year detour as director of HR was a great experience, and I met my wife. With HireExposure, I can now branch out into other areas.

Do many other people expend as much energy over multiple, sometimes unrelated, income streams? Wilson, speaking from his background in manufacturing, cites auctioning on e-Bay and little businesses, such as mowing, as largely the province of people with conventional jobs seeking play money. It's more of a serious effort by entrepreneurs, he says.

Once you've been bitten by the bug of starting, running and operating a business, and achieving success in one area, you think you could do it in another. For many entrepreneurs, doing so is essential.

But there's an enormous downside to



Phillip Wilson sees juggling multiple jobs as creating oceans of revenue from various streams.

the juggling. It makes you dread the cocktail hour question -- So what do you do? -- he quips. Sometimes I just say, I'm in the transportation business. I help companies and individuals get from point A to point B. The situation creates a networking challenge. I've noticed that if I give them the long list of things I'm doing, they start looking at me like I'm from Mars.

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60s living family room & kitchen furniture: many lamps, art, glassware, china, brass. Royal Doulton figurine (Orange Lady - Pink), area rugs, records, cook & golf books, Nordic Track ski machine. ANTIQUES: linens, old jewelry, collectibles, paper memorabilia, some vintage ladies & babies clothes, old furs, Gate leg table, kitchen/basement garage items. SCUPHOLM SALES

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ESTATE SALE July 14-15, 8:30-5pm.17634 Wayne Rd. Livonia. Very clean sale of household & some antiques nostalgia-daysgonebyantiques.com 248-431-4532

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CANTON Huge multi-family, 41644 Pheasant Creek, off Lilley, S. of Cherry Hill, July 13-15, 9-4, baby & kids clothes toys, household items.

CANTON Moving! July 13-16; 13th- 9-6, 14th 2-15 and 16th 9-5.41962 Trent Ct. (S. of Lily left on Oakland). Everything must go!

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CANTON HUGE! 45286 Rector, off Canton Center, S/Cherry Hill, July 14-15, 8:30-4. Collectibles, household, glassware, Pyrex, furniture

CANTON - Estate Sale 48415 Ford Rd., between Ridge & Beck. Fri. & Sat, 7-14 & 15, 9am-5pm. Antiques, furniture, lots of misc.

CANTON MOVING SALE 45472 Fieldstone Dr., near Canton Center & Warren, July 15, 9-4, air compressor, snow blower, furniture and misc.

CANTON SUB WIDE SALE The Winds Condo Association, on Haggerty Rd. S. of Cherry Hill.

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CLARKSTON Huge Garage Sale - Saturday Only! 10am-4pm. Baby stuff. Furniture. 5320 Chlerane.

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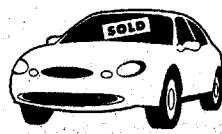
LIVONIA 18775 Puringbrook, S. of 7 Mile, btwn. Merriman & Middlebelt, July 14-15, 9-5. gently used clothing (14M, 1XW) from favorite stores, current styles, books (fantasy & romance), Beanie Babies.

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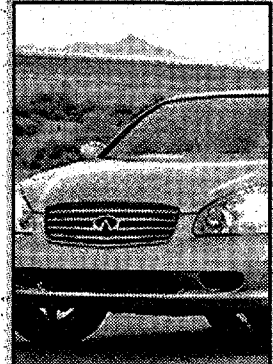
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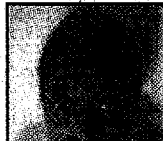
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Pontiac G6 sizzles with new coupe, convertible

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Built as the replacement to the Pontiac Grand Am, the Pontiac G6 hit dealer lots in the 2005 model year with high expectations. Though blah in terms of styling and design, the Grand Am had been a long-running sales hit for General Motors Corp. for nearly two decades.

The 2006 model won't disappoint Grand Am fans, or newbie G6 aficionados for that matter. The G6's stylish, innovative design is light years ahead of the Grand Am—a striking, clean design sure to give Japanese brands like the Nissan Altima plenty of competition.

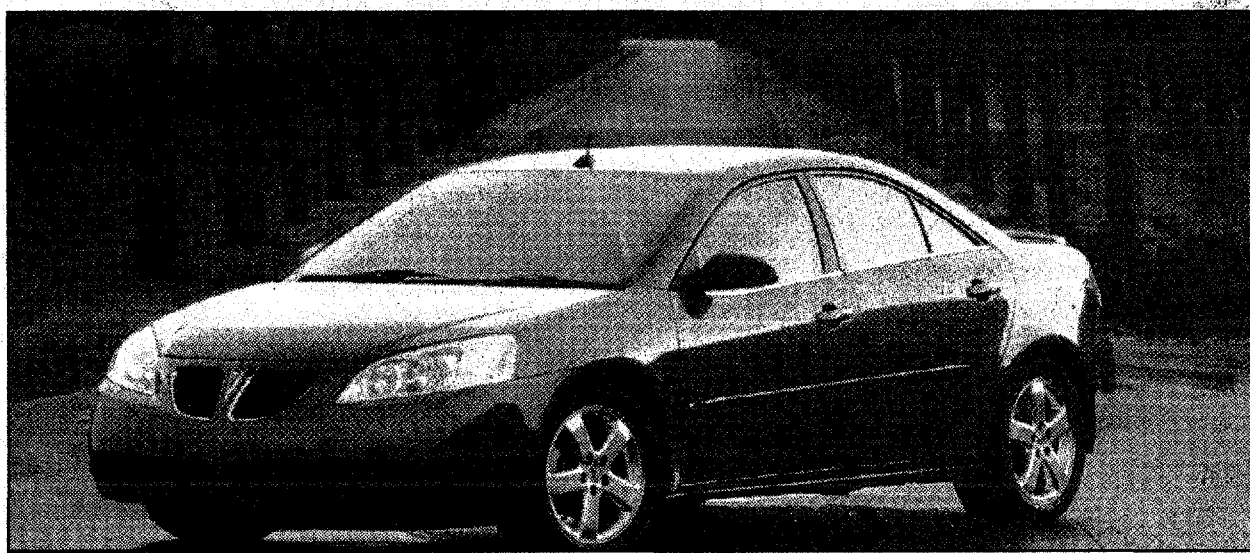
The G6 made a good thing even better, expanding its lineup this year to include a 2-door coupe and a four-door convertible. The coupe is sleek, but it's the convertible released this spring that's been a hot seller. Dealers have scrambled to keep it on the showroom floor.

Built on the same platform as the GM Epsilon, Chevrolet Malibu, Saab 9-3, Saturn Aura, Opel Vectra and Cadillac BLS, the G6 easily combines style with sleekness. There are custom options such as sporty exhaust tips, door sill plates that add pizzazz and a ground effects package with front and rear fascia extensions and rocker panels for a tricked-out look. A panoramic roof enhances the appeal.

But the G6 falls short of making converts of Toyota Camry and Honda Accord owners. It's smart and striking, but probably not enough to win over Japanese car fans, despite having the same pricepoint as V-4 Japanese imports. And the G6's interior console doesn't compare to Accords or Camrys.

With nine models that start at an MSRP of \$16,990 and a choice of engines that range from a V-4 to a four-speed automatic on the GT edition, the G6 sedan offers power and design at a modest price.

The sedan features 167 horsepower and 162 lb-ft



2006 Pontiac G6. Vehicle class: Mid-size sedan, coupe, convertible. Power: V-4, V-6 engines. Mileage: Varies, 18 city/34 highway. Where built: Orion Township, Mich. Base price: \$16,990-\$23,690, depending on the version.

of torque—not incredibly fast, but if power is what you're looking for, then upgrade to the 3.9-liter V-6 engine with 240 horsepower and 241 lb-ft of torque.

The sedan's transmission features 167 horsepower and 162 lb-ft of torque. A 3.5-liter V-6 engine provides enough power to zig zag through rush hour traffic.

An anti-lock braking system with a full function traction control system on the GT model provides a nimble ride, while an enhanced traction system on the sedan and 6-cylinder model. A 112.3-inch wheelbase provides ample room inside.

A Stabilitrack dynamic control system that's standard on the GTP model allows for solid braking, traction and control.

The crisp, two-door coupe with seating for four is equipped with a premium 8-Monsoon speaker system, along with full function traction control that monitors power and gear selection to stop wheel spinning during acceleration.

The G6 is comfortable with a roomy interior and chock full of amenities, but it's the convertible that really turns heads. Pontiac has sold out all of its 2006 models, and the convertible has only been on sale since this spring.

Starting at a base price of \$28,490, the four-seat G6 convertible has a folding roof and contains features of vehicles two to three times the price.

Buyers can choose between a 3.5-liter V-6 engine with 201 horsepower or 3.9-liter V-6 with 227 horsepower.

These are features the bland but top-selling Grand Am could only dream of—innovative, progressive styling that a finicky teenager won't mind tooling around town.

The apparent success of the G6 convertible makes the G6 even sweeter; it's bound to nearly trump the hype generated in 2004 when Oprah gave away 276 G6s on her show—a brilliant marketing move that put the car in the minds of millions of the talk show hosts fans, not to mention the buzz it created in countless newscasts and newspaper articles.

Will the G6 eclipse Pontiac Grand Am sales? The convertible could provide a hint of what's to come, but just like its former nameplate Pontiac Grand Am, the sales popularity of the G6 could last a long time.

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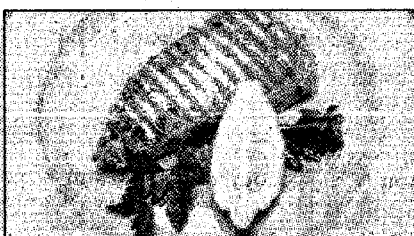
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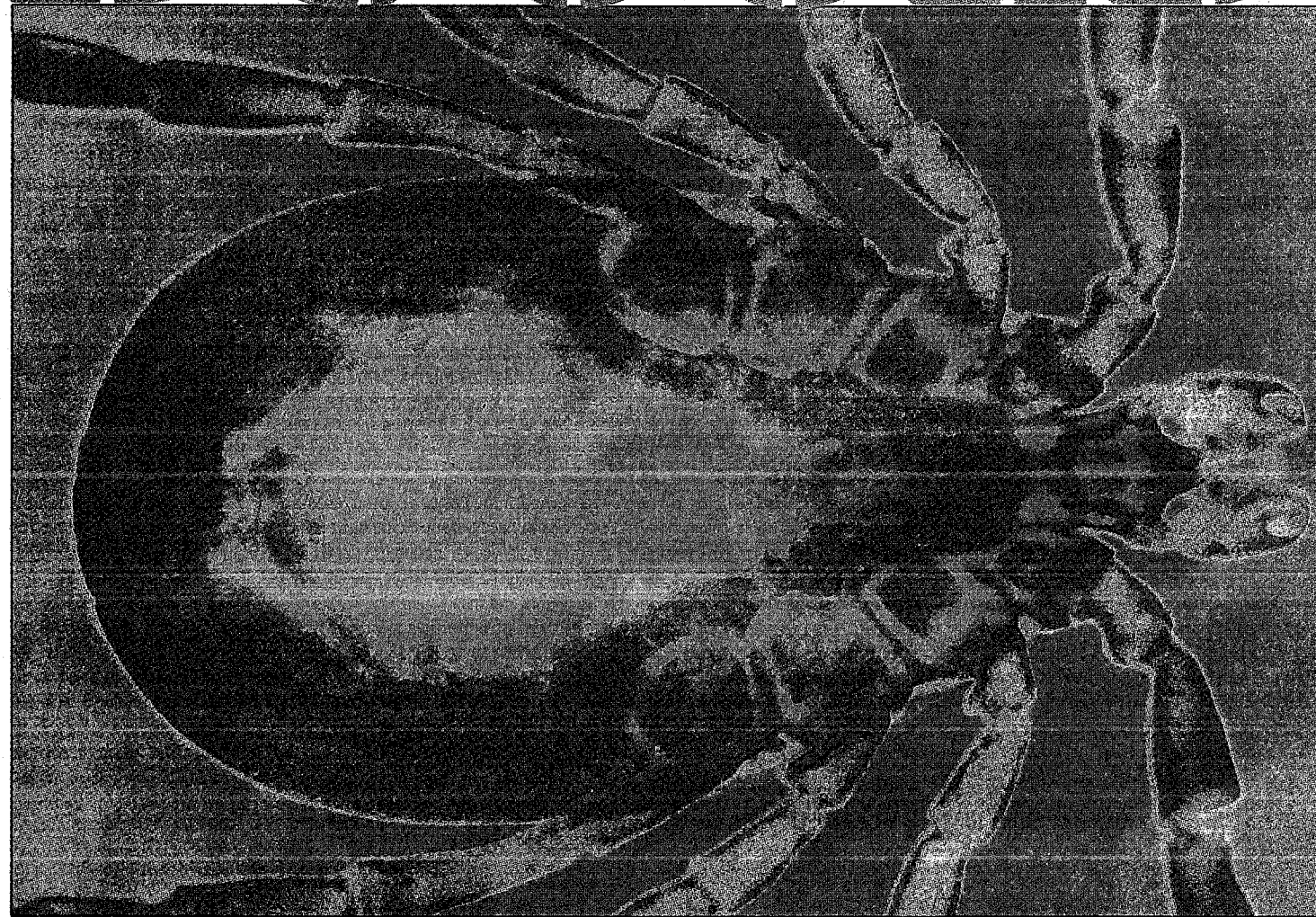
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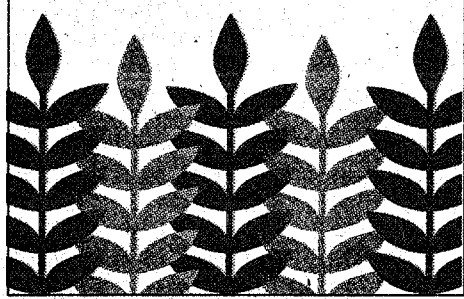
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Garden pests don't have to take control



BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Some do their damage by night. Some in broad daylight. Their negative effects can be insidious and small, or instant and all too obvious.

However they work to wreak havoc with plants and lawns, little pests can do big damage in the garden and lawn. But you can often control them.

Here are a few plant and lawn pests and problems.

SPIDER MITES

"In the last couple of years, spider mites have been seen on rhododendrons and azaleas. That's very unusual," said Gail Morrell, an instructor for the Michigan School of Gardening since 1999 and a practical gardening trainer for the Practical Gardening Institute.

The Michigan School of Gardening offers classes through the year in Birmingham, Livonia, Troy, Ann Arbor and Pontiac.

Spider mites are too small to be seen clearly without a magnifying glass.

If you held a sheet of paper under a leaf and knocked the leaf, the mites that fell off would look like dust on the paper, said Morrell, who formed her own garden maintenance firm in 1991 and has served as the head gardener for several Bloomfield Hills estates.

Spider mites attack leaves and buds. A sign of their presence is that leaves look yellowed.

A hard spray of water will knock spider mites off the plant.

"By the time they get up they're dead," Morrell said.

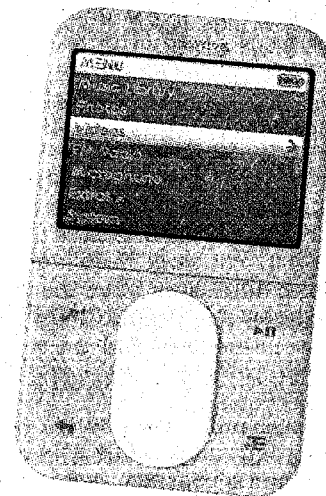
SCALE AND SOOTY MOLD

Scale insects target all plants, robbing them of juices.

"They secrete a sweet liquid, honeydew, which is actually their excrement," said Gary Eichen of Mike's Tree Surgeons Inc. of Troy. "This turns black and becomes sooty mold ... It's really gross."

Sooty mold, a fungus, is a black coating that blocks light to the leaves, which hinders photosynthesis. It can be wiped or

PLEASE SEE PESTS, D4



The Creative Zen Vision does almost everything an iPod can do, plus it plays FM radio and records voice notes.

Turn MP3 player into a practical business tool

Everyone loves iPods. And why not? They store mountains of music, and the latest models even let you watch TV shows.

But these famous features tend to eclipse the devices' other more business-savvy talents: downloading photos directly from your digital camera; storing copies of your address book and calendar; transporting large files from one PC to another; and so on.

Forget Taylor Hicks and *Desperate Housewives*; an iPod can double as a bona fide business tool.

Of course, Apple's celebrated baby isn't the only game in town; many of the latest hard drive-based MP3 players can do more than just music. Let's take a look at the practical side of these devices, then talk about some noteworthy models you may want to consider.

Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

AUDIOBOOKS

Audible.com is an online audiobook store that sells thousands of fiction, non-fiction, and business titles.

Many MP3 players, the iPod among them, support Audible content — check the company's Web site for a complete list.

Other sources for "books on MP3" include Simply Audiobooks (simplyaudiobooks.com) and your local library (check its Web site to see if it offers audiobook downloads, as many libraries now do).

CONTACTS AND CALENDARS

Sure, you probably already keep your address book and calendar in your PDA, cell phone or paper planner. But wouldn't it be handy to have an extra copy in your pocket? The iPod is among those players that can sync with programs like Outlook and absorb contacts, appointments, and even memos.

FILE STORAGE

Except for being physically smaller, the hard drive inside an MP3 player is no different than the one inside your PC. As a result, it can be used to back up important files or to move large chunks of data from one place to another.

PLEASE SEE BROIDA, D4

It's java time: Coffee remains an American passion

After many years of getting up at 3:30 a.m., you might think that we've gotten used to it.

Not true. Ask anyone who works the "morning shift" — from a nurse, a bus driver to ... yes, a radio host. Getting up before dawn is unnatural. Let's face it. Even the sun doesn't get up before the sun rises.

But, as fate would have it, some of us have to get up really early and that, it would seem, is why God had his adminis-

Dick Purtan

OFF THE AIR WITH DICK PURTAN AND PURTAN'S PEOPLE

trative assistant invent coffee.

Coffee is an American passion. Research shows that over 100 million Americans begin their day with a cup of joe. And not just the Maxwell House "good to the last drop" kind. No, we're talking the four-dollar "half-caf, triple pump, soy no foam latte" variety doled out by coffee establishments that have sprung up on every corner of every neighborhood.

Don't get me wrong ... I'm not saying there is anything wrong with the near intravenous infusion of caffeine offered up for bleary-eyed citizens on

their way to keeping their world running. In fact, part of me envies them.

You see, I'm a decaf man myself. I know — it sounds crazy. How can I do a five-hour morning show every morning on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC (editor's note: shameless plug) without the benefit of caffeine? To be honest, caffeine makes me a little jittery — uneasy — and, more importantly, unable to take the afternoon nap I need to be fully alert when I watch Maury's latest paternity escapade I TIVOed.

Over the last 10 years, if there are any words I have uttered more often

than "104.3 WOMC" it's "Are you sure this is decaf?" I have put this question to countless morning show interns, faithful co-workers, complete strangers and, yes, even my wife Gail. (This despite the fact that we haven't had "regular" coffee in our house since Mrs. Folger was a Miss.)

Who hasn't laid awake at 2 a.m., the mind racing between the fairest way to handle illegal immigration and how *Desperate Housewives* got aced out of this year's Emmys (don't get me started)? Cursing silently — "I knew that waiter gave me regular!"

The bottom line is this: Coffee, whether regular or decaf, is part of morning in America. With or without

caffeine, a freshly poured cup, warm and fragrant, somehow signals the beginning of a new day. No matter your choice — leaded or unleaded — you know you're sharing a great American experience. Something that binds us all together (hopefully not too tightly).

And, be comforted in the knowledge that because of your conspicuous consumption, you have enabled Juan Valdez's children to receive a better education.

Bottoms up.

Dick Purtan & Purtan's People can be heard every morning on The Motor City's 104.3 WOMC.



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Take a look at the dryer's fuse

I have spent over 40 years helping people with questions on their major home appliances. To this day, it still feels great to have someone say "thank you." This new age of the computer world brings even more pleasure as messages are sent my way from young readers who mention they heard about me from their parents.

Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

Scott writes: "My grandmother was over for dinner and I called for a service technician to come and fix my dryer, in her presence. She began to tell me about how you helped her fix her clothes dryer years ago right after my grandfather died."

"She insisted that I call you the next day, which I did, and

as a result, I repaired the dryer myself. Thank you so much for telling me about the fuse."

TALE OF THE FUSE

It is called a thermal fuse and became quite popular some dozen years ago. It never used to be in clothes dryers until some guy made such a fuss about dryer fires and the responsibility for such that should be shared with manufacturers. After several lawsuits, the engineers designed this fuse that would fail should dryer vent lines be improperly installed or plugged up with lint. I am sure that the fuse has prevented dryer fires and even saved lives, but it still can fail even when the dryer is vented properly. It just gets worn and used and old, and then it goes bad. The result is a dryer that won't heat.

The fuse is a part that looks like a teardrop, and is about half the size of your baby finger. It is located on the back of the clothes dryer mounted on the

blower side (that's where the vent line hooks up to the back). This part will cost about \$22 and is very easy to replace. First pull the electrical plug, unhook the two wires, remove the two screws and it's that easy.

Wherever you go to purchase one should be able to check the fuse and confirm that it is defective. I would strongly suggest that you check out the vent line before you put the dryer back into operation. Take it off, take it apart and make sure it is as clean as a whistle. I can even suggest that you take a leaf blower and blow it out.

The service call to replace this fuse can be very costly. I once had a gentleman hear me on a radio-show where a consumer called to thank me for telling him about the fuse. He was very grateful and replaced it himself. This guy listening then called me all upset. He had just had a technician to his house that charged him \$176 to do the job. The man was in and out of his house in less than a

half hour. He called it a ripoff, and I agreed.

Many homeowners purchase major home appliances and never give them a second thought until they break down. There is failure to realize that these products will break down, do need maintenance and occasional repairs and in many cases the problems can be quite simple. It is not difficult to reach me, by mail, by phone or Internet, and if I give you the solution and you put it into effect, think of patting yourself on the back and saying, "good job." Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Hydrangea Fest!

Goldner Walsh Nursery, 559 Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac, will present Hydrangea Fest! 1 p.m. Saturday, July 15.

Admission is \$15. Call (248) 332-6430 for reservations. Discover exciting new and colorful hydrangeas with Goldner Walsh manager Joel Miller. Register to win a Big Daddy hydrangea that is valued at \$50. Refreshments will be served. Miller will review effective techniques for successfully growing hydrangeas, and dispel myths. Goldner Walsh carries more than 20 different varieties of hydrangeas.

Cactus and Succulent Society

The Michigan Cactus and Succulent Society will meet at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at a member's home. Ferocactus: Sons of the Desert will be the featured program. Guests are welcome. Admission is free. Call (248) 524-0227 for information.

Rose workshop

Rose Propagation Workshop will take place 1 p.m. Sunday, July 16, at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township. The hands-on workshop will be repeated 11 a.m. Monday, July 17. Reservations are required. There is a \$25 material fee. Call (734) 461-1230. Participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings, and learn other techniques for easy at-home propagation.

Water gardening

English Gardens hosts free seminars 7 p.m. Wednesdays in July at all six stores, including locations in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), Royal Oak-Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433) and Ann Arbor (phone (734) 332-7900).

Water gardening will be the topic July 19. Learn the basics of how to create a healthy ecosystem, including selecting a site, constructing the pond, keeping the water clean, and adding plants and fish. Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden will be the topic July 26.

Lavender festival

Celebrate the lavender plant and its many uses by visiting Michigan's fourth annual Lavender Festival, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday-Saturday, July 21-22, at Gabriel's Garden, 14000 34 Mile Road, 1/4 miles east of Van Dyke, in Romeo. Admission is \$3 for one day, \$5 for a two-day pass, free for under age 12. The event will include hands-on workshops, demonstrations, cooking classes,

crafts, vendors, musical entertainment and gourmet food.

For information, visit www.michlavenferfestival.com or call (586) 336-0418.

Climbing roses

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, present a series of educational programs for the public. The popular programs are at the historic 1890s barn and display garden at Great Lakes Roses, 49875 Willow Road in Sumpter Township. Admission is free. Reservations aren't required.

Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. For information, visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230.

The schedule includes Succeed with Climbing Roses (1 p.m. Sunday, July 23, repeated 11 a.m. Monday, July 24), a slide presentation and garden demonstration of selection, training and pruning.

Master gardener

The Michigan State University Extension-Oakland County Master Gardener Training Program will begin Aug. 22 and run through Nov. 14. Seats will be offered on a first-come-first-served basis. The application fee is \$25 and the class fee is \$300. For an application, call MSUE-Oakland County at (248) 858-0887, or go to the MSUE Web site at www.msue.msu.edu/oakland and look under horticulture and gardening.

The 13-week class will meet 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the MSUE office in the Oakland County Service Center, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. Each session will focus on a different horticultural topic that will prepare participants to fulfill a 40-hour community service commitment to earn master gardener certification.

Hidden Lake Gardens

The Royal Oak Garden Club will go on a field trip to Hidden Lake Gardens in the Irish Hills 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2.

The tour bus will leave from the Mahany/Meininger Community Center, 3500 Marais in Royal Oak. Cost is \$7, which includes the tour bus, admission and boxed lunch.

Space is limited, so register early. Call Sherry Jurva at (248) 280-2540. The 755-acre botanical garden features a greenhouse complex, a lake, a picnic area, a 6-mile, paved scenic drive, and thousands of labeled trees, shrubs and flowers.

Indoor plants include bamboo, banana, cocoa, coffee, sugarcane, tapioca and vanilla. A visitor center has informative exhibits.

Break up pastels to update look of room

In the early 1990s, I had custom built-ins made for my formal living and dining room. They are finished in a peach laminate.

At that time, I used a contemporary pastel fabric on my two sofas, chairs and a bench in the living room. The fabric has peach, white, teal and some shades of blue and green.

These colors and the upholstery fabric are now looking outdated. I am not in a position to have all of the cabinetry remade, and I still love the fabric on the furniture. What can I do to update this room?

Color trends come and go every couple of years. Most people cannot redecorate their homes this often, so I encourage my clients to select colors they truly love when decorating their homes, especially for the big ticket items like upholstery fabric.

Very often, it isn't the color that becomes outdated, but the level of saturation, or intensity. The pastels were very big in



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

mention the color or material on the floor, so I will assume it is a neutral tone.

With that said, there are still things you can do to bring your home into the new millennium.

The upholstery fabric you like so well seems to be on everything. One sure-fire way to update your room is to add at least one other upholstery fabric; two would be better.

The purpose of this is to break up the monotony of one

the late 1980s and early 1990s. Let's figure out a way to cut the pastels with a little contrast. It sounds like you already have your color palette established. The colors are peach, teal and white. You didn't

pattern and introduce richer, more saturated colors to break up the pastels.

Consider reupholstering the bench in a very bold accent color from the sofa palette. Dark terra-cotta or an intense teal in a coordinating pattern could look very smart. Make a couple of toss pillows for the sofas out of this bench material.

Bring in a second fabric on the chair. A textural or solid color with a contrast welt would be a nice addition.

I encourage you to bring an armchair cover or fabric sample from your current upholstery into a good fabric store and begin to visualize how a little bit of contrasting fabric will add much needed interest to your rooms.

Even if you have carpet, a dramatic area rug in a rich color palette would anchor your seating and give a more updated look.

Next, check your window treatments. Many contemporary homes

in the '90s incorporated vertical blinds on the windows. These have become a bit outdated and you should investigate some of the newer options for blinds and shadings.

Many of my contemporary clients have tossed their blinds for simple sheers to create a very clean, sophisticated and uncluttered look.

These few changes will add a little punch, and will update your decor. Take it slow, and reassess your plan each step along the way.

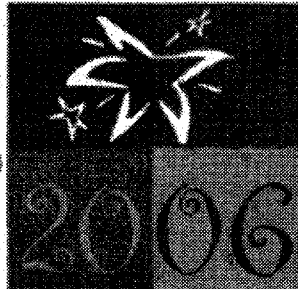
Remember that the rooms in our homes change with our lifestyles and the current trends, but ultimately, the room needs to reflect your personality and tastes so you are comfortable in your own home.

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 at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.

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GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

Water gardens

The Southeast Michigan Koi and Pond Club's ninth annual Pond Tour will take place 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, July 15.

For information and tickets, call Bruce E. Modetz at (734) 425-7490 or visit www.mkpc-se.com.

Ten ponds clustered in the Milford and Highland Township area will be featured. Partial proceeds from the event will be donated to local charities. The Michigan Koi and Pond Club is a not-for-profit organization.

Northville and Novi

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi will present The NO-NO's Gardening Adventure 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 15.

Tickets are \$10 in advance. They are available at www.gardenersnorthville-novi.org, Anglin Nursery in Novi, Backyard Birds in Plymouth, Gardenviews and Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, Bordine Nursery in Brighton and Saguaro in Whitmore Lake. The event will feature six exceptional home gardens and 17 individual gardens at the Tollgate Education

Center. Gardening lectures and demonstrations will take place throughout the day (the ticket booklet lists the time for each session).

Plant and garden art vendors, garden-related displays from local organizations and artisans, a quilt exhibit, a raffle of garden-related items, and homemade refreshments will also be featured. The plant vendors will have a selection of the plants shown in the gardens.

South Lyon

The Four Seasons Garden Club of South Lyon is sponsoring the eighth annual South Lyon Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, July 15. Tickets are \$10 and will be available Saturday at McHattie Park, off Pontiac Trail south of 10 Mile, starting at 10 a.m. For information, call (248) 437-8751 or visit www.homestead.com/fsqc/garden-walk.html. Six private country gardens will be featured, and garden treasures and plants will be sold in the park. Proceeds will be used for community beautification and horticultural education.

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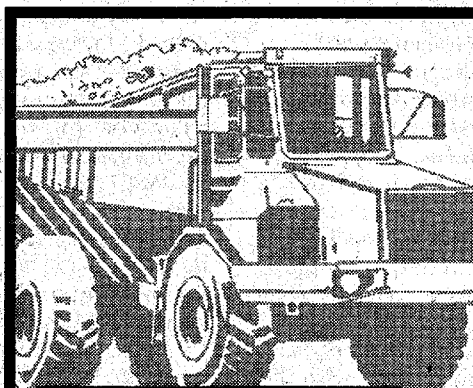
The Canton Garden Club's eighth annual Garden Walk will take place 1-6 p.m. Sunday, July 16, rain or shine. Visit beautiful private gardens in the Canton area.

Shop for garden-related items from vendors at the Garden Market on the grounds of the Canton Historical Museum, where the Country Lines Michigan Heritage Quilt is displayed. Free admittance to the Garden Market and the museum.

Garden Walk tickets are \$6 in advance, \$7 Sunday.

They are available at Backyard Birds, Gray's Greenhouse, and Plymouth Nursery Home & Garden Showplace, all in Plymouth; Crimboli Nursery & Sweetwater Village, Keller & Stein Florist and Greenhouse, and Mary's Farm Market, all in Canton; and Feather Your Nest Antiques in Superior Township.

Tickets will also be available Sunday only at the museum and each garden location. For more information, call Dianne at (734) 254-1023.



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Gutter protection prevents fascia rot

BY DAVID BOBBY
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Without maintenance or intervention, rain gutters attached with spike and ferrule will eventually be pushed off the house and fall to the ground.

And in time, the fascia boards – to which the gutters are attached – will rot. Even if the fascia is cedar (which is naturally rot-resistant) and even if the fascia is covered with aluminum or vinyl, they will rot.

Fascia board rot happens very slowly, imperceptibly, and it happens because water always wins.

When downspouts are blocked by wet leaves and debris, the gutters fill up and overflow with rain, snow and ice. Repeated contact with moisture in all these forms can cause the fascia board to wick moisture into itself and rot.

Spikes driven into wood that becomes rotten won't hold.

Factor in the tremendous downward pressure from the weight of ice and snow. Snow

and ice in and on the gutter cause the entire gutter system to bend downward slightly. When the ice and snow melt, the gutters return to their original positions – almost.

As this cycle goes on for many years, the spikes slowly start to loosen. Spikes begin to back out and become "proud," which means they protrude more and more from the face of the gutter, until they eventually fall to the ground.

Pounding loose spikes back into place is only a temporary fix because the hole has been compromised. When enough spikes come loose or fall out, the gutters will fall off.

When the rain runs off the roof and into the gutters, the cylindrical ferrule (into which the 8-inch aluminum spike rests) channels and directs water back into the fascia board. This is the problem with spike and ferrule attachment.

You might think that this can't happen to your home if you have aluminum or vinyl "skin" covering your fascia. That's a worse situation

because water still gets in through these protective skins but cannot escape or evaporate – the boards cannot breathe. It's like placing a wet sock in a ziplock bag and tossing it outside.

To avoid these kinds of problems and enjoy the additional benefit of never having to clean gutters again, consider a gutter protection system.

Ask the following questions and get satisfactory answers before making an investment:

■ Will the gutters be attached with premium hidden hangers, or spike and ferrule?

■ Does the gutter protection system cover and protect the fascia board?

■ Will the gutter protection system gently lift and strengthen the gutter system?

■ Does the gutter protection system offer a lifetime transferable warranty?

Along with his son Darian, David Bobby owns Atlas Gutter Helmet and Atlas Seamless Gutter in Whitmore Lake. Call (810) 227-9164. Visit www.atlasgutterhelmet.com.

Check drains before buying older home

Buying an older home can be exciting, because the home usually has lots of character.

Unfortunately, older homes often have something new homeowners dread: clogged floor drains that lead to sewer backups.

Pete Wood, president of Rooter, M.D. in Livonia, said that older homes are usually on lots with mature trees, and tree roots often clog sewer drains and cause backups.

"We get a lot of calls from recent home buyers of older homes, complaining about serious drainage problems," Wood said.

"Unfortunately, the home's disclosure statement on the real estate listing did not disclose the drain problems."

To avoid disappointment and large, unexpected expenses when buying an older home, Wood suggests following these tips:

1. Test all the drains of the home – While having a professional home inspection, ask the inspector to run all the plumbing fixtures.

First, fill as many sinks, bath-

tubs and laundry tubs with as much water as possible. Next, release all the water into the drains at the same time.

Once the fixtures are drained, continue to run the water for several minutes.

Check the drains and openings in the basement or lowest level of the home continually during the water flow testing. If the water levels rise, it's an indication there is a problem with the main drain.

2. Check tiles around floor drains – Look for stains or loose or new tiles around floor drains in the basement or lowest level of the home. These can be indications of drainage problems.

3. Look for wall stains – If you notice water stains on interior or exterior walls, it probably means there has been a drain problem, and could mean the sewer has backed up into the basement.

4. Talk to the current homeowner – Always ask the current homeowner if they know where their main cleanout is located and if they have had previous sewer backups.

If they had a problem, ask where the water backed up, how

often it happened, and where the drain problem was located.

5. Have problems inspected by a professional – If there has been a problem in the past, potential home buyers should have a plumbing professional video inspect the underground drains with a closed-circuit camera to determine if tree roots have infiltrated the drain or if the drains are worn or damaged.

Fortunately, Wood said modern technology enables his company to use high-pressure water jetting and a cured in-place drain restoration process that allows the drain to be repaired without digging up the homeowner's lawn.

"Whenever people are buying a home, they should always do their due diligence regarding the drains and plumbing to ensure they don't get any costly surprises after they move in to the home," he said.

Rooter, M.D. is a division of Pete Wood Plumbing Co.

Rooter, M.D. is at 31675 W. Eight Mile. Call (248) 888-7777. Visit www.rootermd.com.

Play it safe when pruning rhododendrons

BY LEE REICH
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Your last chance to prune your rhododendrons this year comes soon after their blossoms have faded.

That pruning might entail nothing more than snapping spent flower stalks off with your fingers to direct a plant's energy into growth rather than seed production.

Or, you might do something more dramatic: pruning back stems, a good way to reduce the size of an overgrown plant.

Ideally, prepare the bush a year or two before it is to undergo drastic surgery with mulch and a generous supply of moisture and food.

Be careful, though, because not all rhododendrons will sprout new growth from old stubs left after drastic pruning.

Play it safe by cutting back no more than a few large stems

any year, then watch to see if new sprouts appear within a few weeks. No sign of new sprouts means no more drastic cutting. Rhododendrons that do sprout from older wood also can be pruned less severely by merely shortening woody stems as a way to make them bushier.

Such pruning awakens buds just beneath the cuts. These buds grow out into new shoots, resulting in two, three or four shoots where there was only one stem.

Yet another way to make a rhododendron more bushy – whether or not it sprouts readily from old wood – is by shortening young, growing shoots.

Except for late-flowering rhododendrons, such as rosebay, these shoots begin growing around the time the blossoms open.

Just pinch back those shoots by 1/3 to 1/2 their length with

your fingernails. But don't wait too long to do, so or the shoots won't have time to develop flower buds for next year.

There was another opportunity, earlier in the season, to prune rhododendrons to make them more bushy.

Let's go back to early spring and look closely at the buds that were then just swelling. We saw two kinds of buds. The large, fat ones open to become blossoms; don't touch them.

The slender buds, in contrast, become shoots. Three or more typically cluster at the tip of a stem, but usually only the middle one grows. Pinching out that middle bud allows two or more of the others to grow.

Don't get the idea that rhododendrons need plenty of pruning. Young plants do eventually develop good form and size without pruning or removal of spent flowers, but less quickly.

HOME CALENDAR

Home staging

Learn how to view your home through the eyes of a potential buyer and highlight the positives of each room in Stage Your Home to Sell or Live, a class at The Community House in Birmingham Monday, July 17. Cost is \$25, plus a \$5 material fee payable in class. Pictures of problem areas are welcome.

To register and for more information, call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.community-house.com.

Instructor is Heather Durren, owner of Staging Places in Beverly Hills and a board member of the Great Lakes chapter of the International

Association of Home Staging Professionals.

Beach bag

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. The schedule includes Kids Beach Bag (a class for ages 8-11), Saturdays, July 22-29 (fee is \$40).

Detroit walking tours

Preservation Wayne presents guided walking tours of five historical areas of Detroit (downtown, Eastern Market, Midtown, Auto Heritage and the

Cultural Center), 10 a.m. Saturdays now through September. It also presents Tuesday After Work tours in downtown Detroit 5:30 p.m. every week.

Tours of the New Center area are available by appointment. Each tour offers a blend of the history of the area and what is happening now. Cost is \$10. Visit www.preservationwayne.org or call (313) 577-7674.

Send calendar items at least two weeks ahead of the event to Mary Klemic, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail mklemic@hometownlife.com, fax (734) 591-7279 or (248) 644-1314.

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Different players work differently in this regard. In some cases, just connecting it to your PC's USB port is enough: the player gets assigned a drive letter and functions like any other drive (meaning you can view the contents, drag and drop files to and from it, and so on).

Other players require you to switch over to a "hard drive

mode" or use special software for file management. Check the manual for instructions.

PHOTO DOWNLOADS

When you're on vacation and your digital camera's memory card fills up, your options are few: swap in another card (if you remembered to bring one) or start deleting old photos to make room for new ones.

A better solution: offload those photos from the camera

to your MP3 player's hard drive. The iPod makes this possible by way of a \$30 accessory (the iPod Camera Connector); other players support direct camera connections.

There are also a few models that have media slots where you can insert your camera's memory card and download the photos.

The Creative Zen Vision, for instance, has a built-in CompactFlash slot, and an available adapter adds slots for Memory Stick, SD, and other kinds of media.

PODCASTS

A podcast is nothing more than an audio recording, usually of the spoken-word variety. These range from interesting and informative shows like *60 Minutes* and NPR's *All Songs Considered* to homebrew recordings from individuals or businesses.

Because most podcasts are produced in MP3 format, they're compatible with virtually all portable players.

Apple's iTunes software makes it particularly easy to find and subscribe to podcasts; users of other players can check out myPodder (podcastready.com), a free utility that automatically downloads podcasts and copies them to your device.

VOICE RECORDINGS

One feature that's sorely lacking in iPods - but available in many other players - is a built-in voice recorder. A hard drive has room for hundreds of hours' worth of voice notes, which you can copy back to your PC later if you want to make permanent records.

Now that you know some of the hidden talents possessed by some MP3 players, the only question left is this: Which model should you buy?

Apple's 30GB iPod probably seems like the no-brainer choice, and in many respects it is. Priced at a reasonable \$299, it offers simplicity and sex appeal matched by few other players.

However, as noted earlier, it doesn't do voice recordings, and if you want to download photos from your camera,



Apple's iTunes is an excellent source for podcasts, but it's compatible only with iPods.

you'll need an optional adapter.

One well-equipped alternative is the Creative Zen Vision:M (creative.com). Though priced the same as the iPod, it includes a voice recorder, an FM radio, and even the option to record FM stations.

Plus, unlike the iPod, the Vision:M is compatible with a growing number of music-subscription services, great if you want to use your MP3 player for, you know, music.

If you really want to push the MP3 envelope, consider something like the \$299 Archos Gmini 402 Camcorder (archos.com).

True to its name, the Gmini doubles as a digital camera/camcorder, though don't expect high-resolution photos or movies. Instead, they're suitable for posting to Web sites or capturing on-the-fly movies for quick and impressive presentations to clients.

The Gmini also has a port for connecting your digital camera and downloading photos. What it doesn't do is sync with your desktop contact manager, so you can't use it to look up appointments and phone numbers.

Admittedly, there's no single device that "does it all," but if you want an MP3 player that can do a lot more than just play MP3s, you won't have to look very far.

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 Your Palm Handheld*, 5th Edition, and *101 Killer Apps for Pocket PC*. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

PESTS

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hosed away, or rain will remove it.

Scale insects are brown and oval-shaped. Their outer shells protect them from pesticides.

Spraying is usually done at the end of June or early July. Spraying applications should be timed so they are done when the scales are in their crawler stage.

Scale insects can be removed with a cotton swab dipped in alcohol, if their presence is detected before the infestation gets too big.

ASCOCHYTA

"We're seeing a lot of ascochyta," Eichen said.

This leaf blight causes irregular brown patches in the lawn. It's prevalent when there are extended wet periods.

"We don't recommend chemical treatment for it," Eichen said.

Instead, be patient. The blight is a foliage, not a root or crown, disease. New grass will emerge after a few weeks.

Watering and cutting your lawn properly will help prevent diseases such as ascochyta and leaf spot, which causes patches of thin, brown grass.

Do your watering between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., not early in the morning or late at night, Eichen said.

Spend around 15 to 20 minutes watering per zone, and water on a daily basis; "frequently but lightly," he said.

"Mow high" and don't cut the grass too short, Eichen said. And keep the mower blades sharp, he said.

SLUGS AND SOWBUGS

Slugs attack live plants, leaving large and ragged holes in leaves and destroying seedlings.

Sowbugs, also called roly-polys, hide in dark, moist places in daytime and feed at night. They primarily feed on decaying matter.

"When their numbers get high they will eat live plants," Morrell said.

She uses a product called Sluggo® to get rid of both pests.

APHIDS

Aphids are typically found

clustered on the underside of leaves and on new growth.

They suck juice from a plant, leading to growth defects. A sign of significant infestation is when the plants are covered with a sticky honeydew.

Ladybugs are a natural way to control aphids.

OTHERS

Talk to nurseries about pest problems.

Lynn, a salesperson at Steinkopf Nursery in Farmington Hills, said people have brought in cuttings and photos of problem areas.

The nursery owner will go to properties to inspect trees that appear to be ailing, she said.

Jon Sternfels, owner of JonBoy Landscaping of Redford, advises people to keep an eye on the corners of their garages and inside clothesline poles, where bees can make hives.

"Most people don't think to look," he said.

In its May newsletter, the Meadow Brook Hall Garden Club shared tips from *Garden Gate* magazine that included:

■ Use Clorox disinfectant wipes - instead of mixes of bleach and water that can drip and ruin clothing - to clean pruners.

"Sterilizing your pruners between cuts is important to keeping your plants healthy and disease-free."

■ Bind six to eight stems of lavender flowers together with a daylily leaf and lay the bundle in the water in the birdbath, to keep algae from growing. One bundle will keep the water free of algae for two or three weeks.

"The chemical released by the lavender won't kill algae already growing, but it does prevent new growth from starting."

Information from *Metro Editorial Services* was used in this article.

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■ Practical Gardening Institute: www.practicalgardeninginstitute.com

■ Mike's Tree Surgeons Inc.: (248) 588-0202, www.mikestree.com

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Take a trip to a Mediterranean kitchen

Summer is a good time to visit, or revisit, the Mediterranean diet. We've heard it for years: A Mediterranean diet high in fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts, whole grains and olive oil will help you live longer.

The Mediterranean diet is mostly plant based, with an abundance of vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans. Even flavorings such as rosemary, oregano, onion and garlic, which are so much a part of Mediterranean food, do more than make the food taste good. They add antioxidants and other anti-cancer substances.

Olive oil is a signature ingredient in Mediterranean cooking. Because olive oil does not raise blood cholesterol and does not seem to promote cancer development, it is considered a healthful oil and a good source of fat. Some studies suggest that natural compounds in olive oil may even protect against cancer. But, taking calories into consideration, more olive oil than what you might currently be using could require a more active lifestyle, or less of other high-calorie foods.

Fish has a prominent place in the Mediterranean diet. It is an excellent source of protein, vitamins and minerals, and is lower in saturated fat than red meat. Fish contain mainly unsaturated fat, which is better for blood cholesterol

levels, and other substances believed to reduce cancer risk. Nutrition experts recommend two servings of fish each week. Government guidelines, however, advise that, because of possible mercury contamination, certain people should avoid swordfish: young children; and women who are nursing, pregnant, or might become pregnant. For information on mercury and the safety of other fish, see the government website at: www.cfsan.fda.gov/~dms/admehg3.html

Because swordfish is firm, dense and has an almost meat-like taste, it is one of the most popular fish for home cooking. It's so firm, it can be prepared in many ways grilling, broiling, baking, poaching, or sautéing.

The firm, succulent texture of swordfish steaks makes them perfect for barbecuing. For optimum flavor, choose rosy, fresh-looking steaks. All they need is a drizzle of olive oil, a little salt and pepper and, after being lightly cooked over a medium-high heat, a squeeze of lemon. They are also delicious marinated in fresh oregano, lemon and oil, or simply dusted with paprika then grilled.

SUMMER SWORDFISH

- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 cup fresh lemon juice

- 2 tablespoons capers
- 4 1/2-inch thick swordfish steaks, each 4 ounces each
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 lemon, cut into quarters

Using a blender or food processor, blend oil with garlic, lemon juice and capers. Transfer to a non-metal container. Add fish and marinate 20 to 30 minutes, turning fish once in the process.

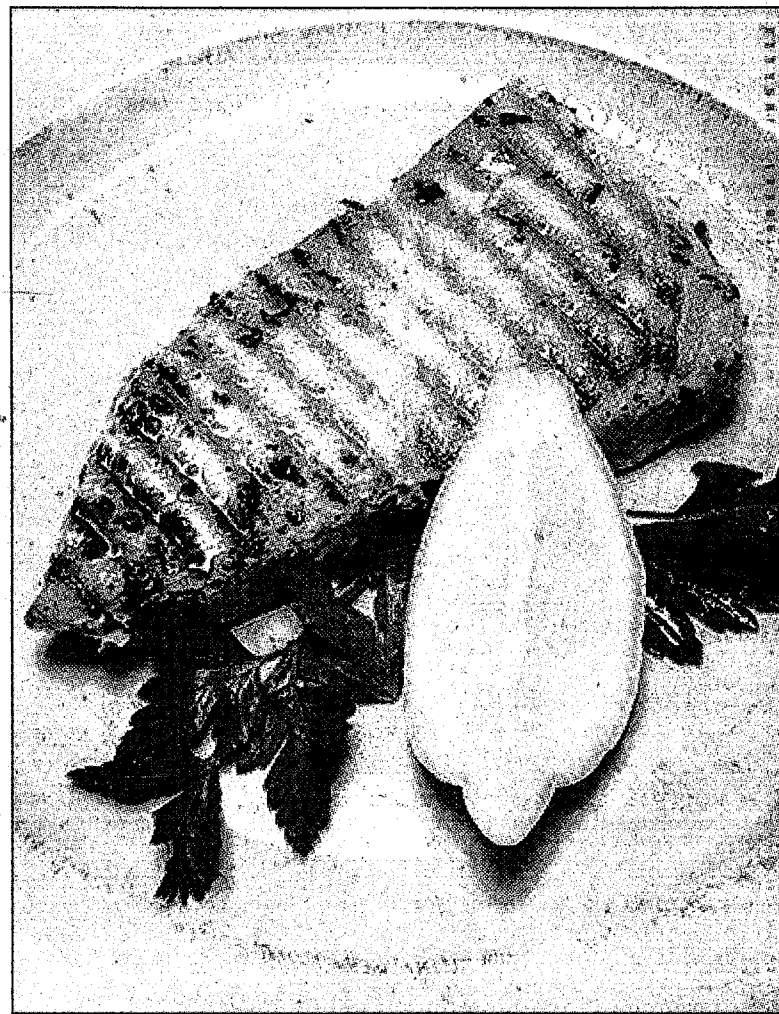
Meanwhile, prepare the grill or preheat the broiler. Remove fish from marinade and pat dry with paper toweling. Season with salt and pepper. (If using an indoor grill, spray fish lightly with olive oil or canola oil spray.)

Grill the fish about four to five minutes per side, depending on thickness of fish, or until fish is opaque in the center. (Fish usually takes about 10 minutes per inch of thickness to cook through.) Don't overcook or fish will be dry.

Serve with wedges of fresh lemon, either hot or at room temperature.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 169 calories, 8 g. total fat (2 g. saturated fat), 3 g. carbohydrate, 21 g. protein, less than 1 g. dietary fiber, 223 mg. sodium.

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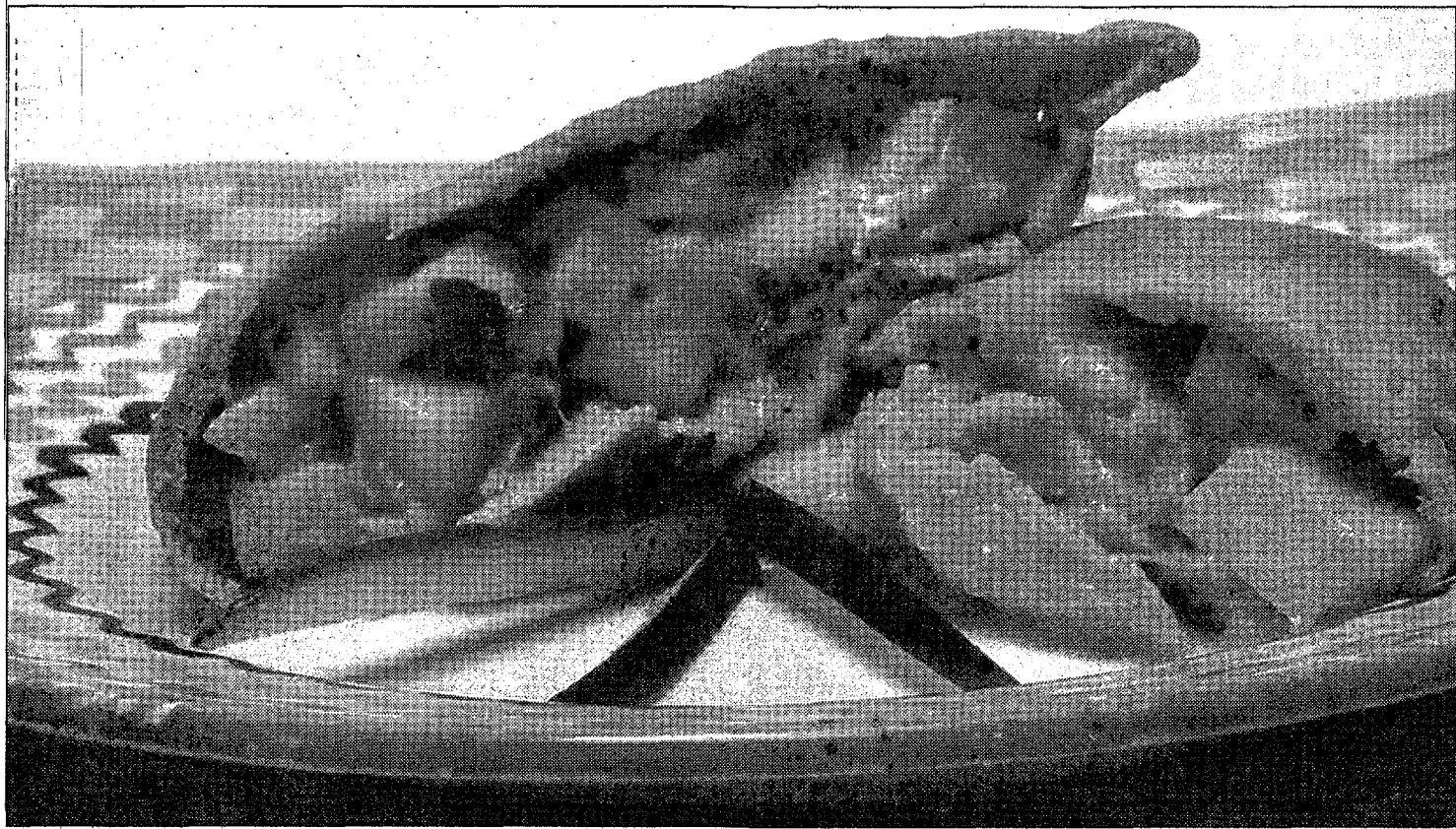
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Mangoes are grown in temperate climates all over the world, including Florida and California. Enjoy the fruit in these turkey mango pockets.

Mangoes are popular and versatile

Once an exotic tropical fruit, the mango is now almost as common as the apple.

Mangoes appear in salsas, chutneys, smoothies and fruit salads as well as puddings, tarts and cakes. They are such a versatile fruit in cooking that their popularity continues to grow. They also are delicious eaten with no embellishment.

Mangoes are rich in nutrients and fiber. They also are an excellent source of beta-carotene and vitamins A, C and D.

Mangoes have been cultivated in India where the mango tree is considered sacred since at least 2000 BC. Now the fruit is grown in temperate climates all over the world, including Florida and California.

Mangoes can be oblong or round and weigh from 4 ounces to 4 pounds. Their thin, tough, green skin turns yellow with red mottling as the fruit ripens. The flesh of the mango

is bright orange and has a rich, sweet taste with a hint of lime.

When choosing mangoes, look for fruit with unblemished yellow skin with a red blush. Gently squeeze the nose of the fruit and, if there is a slight give, the mango is ripe. Mangoes can be stored in a cool place but not refrigerated for up to two weeks. The green, unripe fruit is used in the cooking of India, Malaysia and Thailand.

Mangoes are in season from May to September, but imported fruit is available sporadically throughout the year. In addition to their many uses in cooking, mangoes make a fine sandwich ingredient.

And a more versatile version of the sandwich is a wrap. Add some mango to a turkey wrap for a light summer lunch or dinner. It's cool, refreshing and fast — three summer requirements.

Turkey lends itself particularly well to a variety of season-

ings and condiments. It also is a meat that goes well with many fruits. Wrap thin slices of turkey, along with lots of thinly sliced vegetables, in a whole-wheat tortilla and you're on your way to a healthful lunch.

The following recipe pairs turkey with mango in a light curried mayonnaise and, for a change, uses a pita pocket rather than a tortilla.

TURKEY-MANGO POCKETS

- 2 teaspoons curry powder
- 1/4 cup fat-free or reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 8 ounces cooked turkey, cut up
- 2 cups cucumber, peeled, seed and cubed
- 1 ripe mango, peeled, pitted, chopped (about 1 cup)
- 1/2 cup Italian flat-leaf parsley, chopped
- 1/2 ripe avocado, peeled, pitted

and cubed
4 whole-wheat pita pockets

Heat curry powder, stirring constantly, in a small skillet over medium-low heat until fragrant, about 2 minutes. Transfer curry powder to small bowl. Stir in mayonnaise and lemon juice. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Mix seasoned mayonnaise with turkey, cucumber, mango, parsley and avocado. Put one-fourth of the mixture into each pita pocket.

Wraps can be made up to 4 hours ahead and refrigerated wrapped tightly with plastic wrap. Bring back to room temperature before serving.

Makes 4 servings. Per serving: 339 calories, 7 g. total fat (1 g. saturated fat), 49 g. carbohydrate, 25 g. protein, 8 g. dietary fiber, 498 mg. sodium.

Recipe courtesy of the American Institute for Cancer Research, AICR's Web address is www.aicr.org.

Update your kitchen with appliance refacing

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

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Grapevine

The schedule of classes from the Grapevine School of Wine, includes Pinot Noir: The Seductress of Red Wine, 7 p.m. July 25, Quarter Bistro & Tavern, 300 S. Maple, Ann Arbor, \$35, register online at www.grapevineschoolofwine.com. For additional information, call (248) 990-4613.

The Community House

Cooking classes, including Authentic Italian— Simple Recipes for Delicious Classics, taught by Dawn Bause, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 18, \$29; Salsa and Guacamole, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, \$30; Salads and Vinaigrettes, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 2, \$30; classes taught at The Community House, 380 S. Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com

Gluten Free Dinner

Fried artichokes, penne with fresh tomato basil sauce, mixed field greens with white balsamic vinaigrette, steak Sciliano, Monday, Aug. 7, \$23, Giulios, 31735 Plymouth, Livonia (734) 427-9500.

Vintage Wine Tasting

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Sauvignon blanc: white wine with flavor, style

Sauvignon blanc with its fresh lime, grapefruit and melon aromas and flavors is refreshing on a warm summer day. It's a most versatile pour with everything from salads to chicken, fish, pasta, scallops, mussels and spicy Asian cuisine. Plus, the clean, crisp flavor invites another sip.

With so many wonderful sauvignon blancs available, we suggest that you do a little experimenting with this delicious varietal. Try more than one at a time or when entertaining serve several rather than two or three of the same. You will soon know which is most appealing and which style best matches your chosen cuisine.

"The New Zealand style highlights the herbaceous side of sauvignon blanc," said Grady Wann, Quivira Vineyards winemaker. Wann is pleased that the New Zealand style has achieved acceptance among U.S. wine buyers because, "if such an herbaceous style came from California, it never would have sold. Now, it's the rage and I think it's great because it's the essence of sauvignon blanc."

GRASSY & HERBACEOUS

Emergence of a New Zealand style has allowed California winemakers to rethink sauvignon blanc characteristics and



Focus on Wine

Randy Mason and Eleanor Heald

even accentuate its herbal, grassy nature when possible. It's a wine for people seriously interested in pairing wines with modern food styles.

In California, Wann believes that winemakers have been trying to tame "the beast" (herbaceousness) to make it palatable, and now that sauvignon blanc has gained enough popularity as a varietal, we are allowed to appreciate it fully.

"I can't make the herbaceous style in Sonoma County; our sauvignon blanc tends to be more citrusy with a note of lemongrass," Wann said.

"Even if I stainless steel fermented it and picked it earlier, I wouldn't get that character. In warmer years, our wine tends to be more melon, while in cooler years it shows an herbal character with a citrus centerpiece."

FRUIT DRIVEN

Napa Wine Company, a custom crush facility in Napa Valley's Oakville district, is home to Mason Cellars. There,

Randy Mason crafts his style of sauvignon blanc. He credits his success to a hot sauvignon blanc market and the fact that his tastes good.

"We've been able to penetrate a huge number of restaurant wine-by-the-glass programs," Mason said. "The wine was priced right and we knew that if we could get people to taste it, reorders would be spectacular. That's why the label went from 1,400 to 18,000 cases in four years."

"Fruit-driven wines incorporate no oak and highlight relatively green fruit," Mason said. "Whether one likes it or not, it showcases the varietal. At the other end of the spectrum are those wines, barrel fermented to be a chardonnay lookalike. I want my wine to be varietally true, yet if the wine is true in the nose, meaning herbaceous, it passes through to the taste and a whole bunch of people don't like such an aggressive style."

The key to the popularity of Mason sauvignon blanc is that it finishes well. This is achieved by partial barrel fermentation. "At 10 percent barrel fermented, the wine was too lean and at 20 percent, the oak showed through and I didn't want that," Mason said. "The bottom line today is that Mason sauvignon blanc is 85 percent stainless steel fer-

mented with 15 percent fermented in new French and American oak."

In the vineyard, Mason shades one side of the vine row differently than the other to give a variety of ripeness levels. The sugar difference between green and golden berries is minimal, but the flavor difference is huge. Thus, the Mason style is grapefruit-citrus with a substantial finish. From a winemaking point of view, Mason works strictly on texture. He wants the wine to feel good in the mouth from beginning to end. "This is not about flavor," he stressed, "it's about 'mouthfeel.' If I can get the right mouthfeel, everything else will be there."

Mason likes oysters and clam fettuccine with his sauvignon blanc. Spicy Thai food works well since the wine's acidity cuts through the sauce. "I like sauvignon blanc because it tastes good — as simple as that," Mason said. "It's fun. As a winemaker, the challenge is to extract all the flavor the grape will give."

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

WINE PICKS

- In addition to 2004 Quivira Fig Tree Vineyard Sauvignon Blanc \$16 and 2004 Mason Cellars Sauvignon Blanc \$16 mentioned in Focus on Wine, the following are other highly recommended Sauvignon Blancs to begin your tasting adventure.
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Itsy-bitsy bikini has big history

By Samantha Critchell • AP Fashion Writer

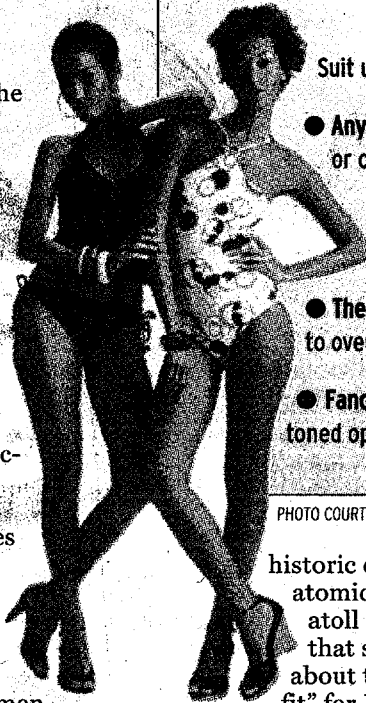
NEW YORK — It figures: The bikini was created by men. It happened 60 years ago in — again, no surprise here — France.

But it's women, and largely Hollywood stars of the 1950s who embraced the belly-baring bathing suit and haven't let go.

Kelly Killoren Bensimon, a model-turned-magazine editor, wrote "The Bikini Book" (Assouline), which aims to document the substantial significance the tiny two-piece has had on the world since Jacques Heim and Louis Reard introduced competing versions of the small suit.

What sets the bikini apart from other two-piece bathing suits is its miniature size. Women in bandeau tops and separate bottoms were depicted in ancient wall paintings dating back to 1400 B.C., Killoren Bensimon reports. Burlesque and vaudeville performers wore two-piece outfits in the 1920s and in 1932 French designer Madeleine Vionnet offered an exposed midriff in an evening gown. Then, in 1935, American designer Claire McCardell cut out the side panels of a maillot-style bathing suit that's seen as the bikini's forerunner.

But when Reard presented "le bikini" at a Paris swimming pool in the summer of 1946, he created a global sensation. The name "bikini" came from another



Swim Scene Must-Haves

Suit up with this season's essentials in swimwear and accessories.

- **Anything chocolate brown.** Whether it's a skirted one-piece suit, a halter bikini or cover-up, brown is the color of 2006.
- **Natural embellishments.** On suits and cover-ups, look for playful shells, funky wooden beads, ring detailing, coins and brass.
- **The biggest of bangles.** From gigantic hoop earrings and multiple wrist bangles, to oversized rings and beaded necklaces, chunky jewelry adds panache at the pool.
- **Fancy footwear.** Choose from cork wedge sandals, metallic slingbacks, gold-toned open toes or casual thong flats to strut your stuff in style.

Source: T.J. Maxx

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historic event: The testing of atomic bombs on the Bikini atoll in the South Pacific that same summer. Writing about the bikini is "a perfect fit" for Killoren Bensimon. "I love fashion and the bikini is social history, which I also love, and I'm an avid bikini wearer," she says. Killoren Bensimon is editor of Elle Accessories and has written other books focusing on American style. She is donating a portion of the proceeds of "The Bikini Book" to the Costume Institute at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

In the 1950s, the public was seduced by the bikini, especially if Jayne Mansfield or Brigitte Bardot was in it. Even now, the fashion set boasts of packing "a wardrobe of bikinis and just a few things to throw over them" for

their glamorous vacations in the Caribbean.

Movies have been an important part of the bikini's history — and they continue that role today. Aside from Bardot's "And God Created Women," bikini images burned into our minds include Ursula Andress in "Dr. No" and Halle Berry who re-created that look 40 years later in another James Bond flick, "Die Another Day."

Then came the Sports Illustrated swimsuit covers — and later swimsuit issues — and Cheryl Tiegs posters. "The Bikini Book" proves models and actresses look great in bikinis, but what about the rest of us?

"Any woman can wear a bikini ... There are so many choices," Bensimon says. "You make it your own. A surfer, a socialite, a rocker — there's a bikini for you."

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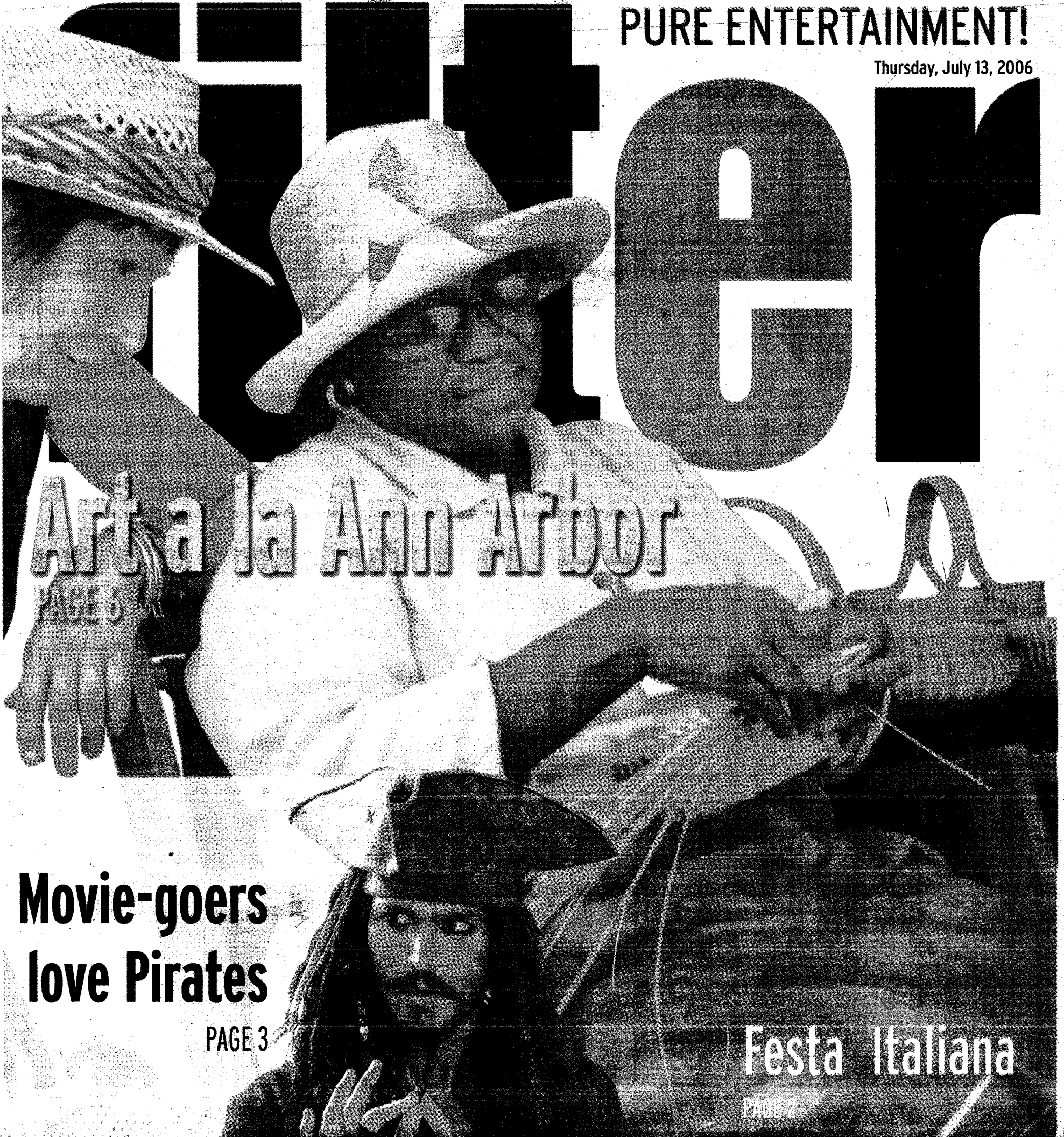
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Viva Italia!

Festival celebrates everything that's Italian

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Italy. World Cup Champs. So what a perfect time to celebrate everything that's Italian at Festa Italiana 2006 at Freedom Hill County Park Friday through Sunday, July 21, 22 and 23.

There you can participate in the best meatball contest, gauged by local county judges. Sip on some espresso and cool down with some lemon ice and people watch just like you would in Italy.

Well maybe that's a stretch. There aren't fountains and stat-

ues here. But the food quality is just as nice as in Italy.

And there's plenty of shade and covered seating areas.

Joe Ventimiglia, Tom Bommarito and Reno Garagiola, co-coordinators

of Festa Italiana, began planning the event in January that attracts 30,000-40,000 people. This year they will raffle off a one-year lease to a 2006 325i BMW.

They're hoping more teenagers attend this year's event. There's a Teen Club Night where teenagers can get away from parents and dance to live music and DJs on Friday and Saturday.

"The goal is to bring back the youth to the festival," Ventimiglia

FESTA ITALIANA

When: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 21, 22 and 23.

Where: Freedom Hill County Park, 15000 Metro Pkwy, Sterling Heights, (586) 268-5100.

Sponsored by: The Italian American Cultural Center.

Hours: 6 p.m. - 11 p.m. Friday, noon-11 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sunday. Free admission; parking, \$7.

said. "When I was 19 years old, years ago...that's where I used to go with my friends. Now we have children who aren't as familiar with the festival. We want to change that. We want them to remember the festival and be involved in it and know that it's for them."

Sunday is the big family day.

"It's a nice stroll in the afternoon with 28 Italian vendors," he said. At press time, Ventimiglia said organizers were trying to quickly import official World Cup T-shirts and other gear.

Most of the festival is about food: Sausage, pizza, cannoli and handmade pastas.

It's also about music such as Sal Richards and also The Gaylords.

Here's some of the highlights:
All weekend: Family Fun Zone with a giant slide, moonwalks, Bungee runs, a Velcro wall, obstacle course and more.

SATURDAY

Noon: Coro Italiano: Traditional Italian songs

1:30 p.m., My Bedbugs, children's show

2 p.m., Ray Battoni

3 p.m., 4th Annual William E.

Bufalino Meatball contest
 7:30 p.m., The Gaylords
 8:45 p.m., Sal Richards
 10:15, Pino Morelli, Italian Dance music

SUNDAY:

12:15 p.m., Coro Italiano strolling the festival grounds
 2 p.m., 4th Annual Donna Greco Memorial Beautiful Baby Contest

4 p.m., Simon Vitale band
 6 p.m., The Gaylords
 10 p.m. Sona Mo, young Italian performers focusing on traditional Italian music and dance

Food vendors include a giant area of decadent Italian treats and meals by Nino Salvaggio's Market, Buca di Beppo and Picano's, Mezzaluna, restaurants, Randazzo's Market and many more.

Family fun

Alberta Adams performs on Riverfront

Blues legend Alberta Adams will sing at the GM Renaissance Center Plaza stage at 8 p.m. Friday, July 14 in downtown Detroit.

Her show is part of the "Rockin' On The Riverfront" concert series that's attracting large crowds.

The shows are free. Parking in nearby lots is \$10.

Born in the late 1920s in Indianapolis, Adams has been performing for almost 70 years. Her world-weary voice and powerful stage presence have earned her the moniker "the Grand Dame of Detroit Blues."

She's toured with John Lee Hooker, Big Maceo, Eddie Burns, and Duke Ellington, among others.

Outside food, beverages, and coolers are not permitted, but there are vendors.

For a sit-down dinner, attendees can visit the Renaissance Center food court which includes Potbelly Sandwich Works, Andiamo Riverfront, Coach Insignia, Seldom Blues, Sweet Lorraine's and RiverCafé.


Lawn chairs and blankets are permitted. Boaters on the Detroit River are invited to anchor near the riverfront and listen to the music from the river.




Alberta Adams' concert is presented by General Motors and classic rock station WCSX-94.7 FM.

Upcoming concerts in the series include: The Romantics on Friday, July 21; John D. Lamb on Friday, July 28; Howling Diablos on Friday, Aug. 4; Blue Oyster Cult on Friday, Aug. 11; and Grievous Angel on Friday, Aug. 18.

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Art takes to the streets of Ann Arbor.

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WALT DISNEY PICTURES

'Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest' grossed \$132 million in three days.

We're going to the Movies

Record numbers show we want to escape

What are we doing this summer?

Going to the movies.

Yes, after years of unexpectedly low ticket sales, America is finally hitting the theaters again.

Despite high gas prices, a sluggish economy and high movie theater ticket prices, box office sales reached an all-time record last weekend.

More than \$200 million in sales in just three days.

The drive? A handsome, quirky pirate named Captain Jack Sparrow, matey.

We love Johnny Depp. We spent \$55 million on opening day to see him.

Ticket sales for *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest* were expected to be strong. But a mammoth \$132 million? That's a gigantic number that even

surprised *Pirates* producer Jerry

Bruckheimer, he said this weekend.

Superman Returns was hit hard because of *Pirates*, earning just \$5.3 million this weekend, yet still has grossed \$141

million.

Movie-goers are seeking stories that are light and fun. We're seeking adventure and comedy: *Pirates*, *Superman*, *Click*, *The Devil Wears Prada* and *Nacho Libre*. Dramas just aren't selling as strongly right now.

The dramatic *Lake House* earned \$45 million in 24 days; the comedy *Nacho Libre* earned \$73.5 million in the same amount of time.

Lana Mini

MOVIE MADNESS

What are we doing this summer? Going to the movies in high record numbers. Here are all the hits and how much they grossed as of press time.

Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest, \$132 million in three days

Superman Returns, \$141.7 million in 12 days

The Devil Wears Prada, \$63.7 million in 10 days

Click, \$105.9 million in 17 days

Cars, \$205.5 million in 31 days

Nacho Libre, \$73.8 million in 24 days

The Lake House, \$45.6 million in 24 days

The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift, \$57.4 million in 17 days

Waist Deep, \$19.2 million in 17 days

The Break Up, \$114.3 million in 38 days

A Scanner Darkly, \$406,000 in three days

Source: www.thenumbers.com

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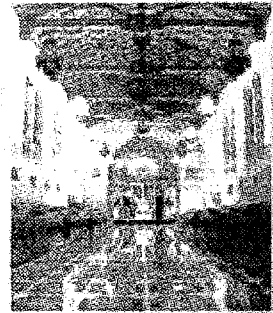
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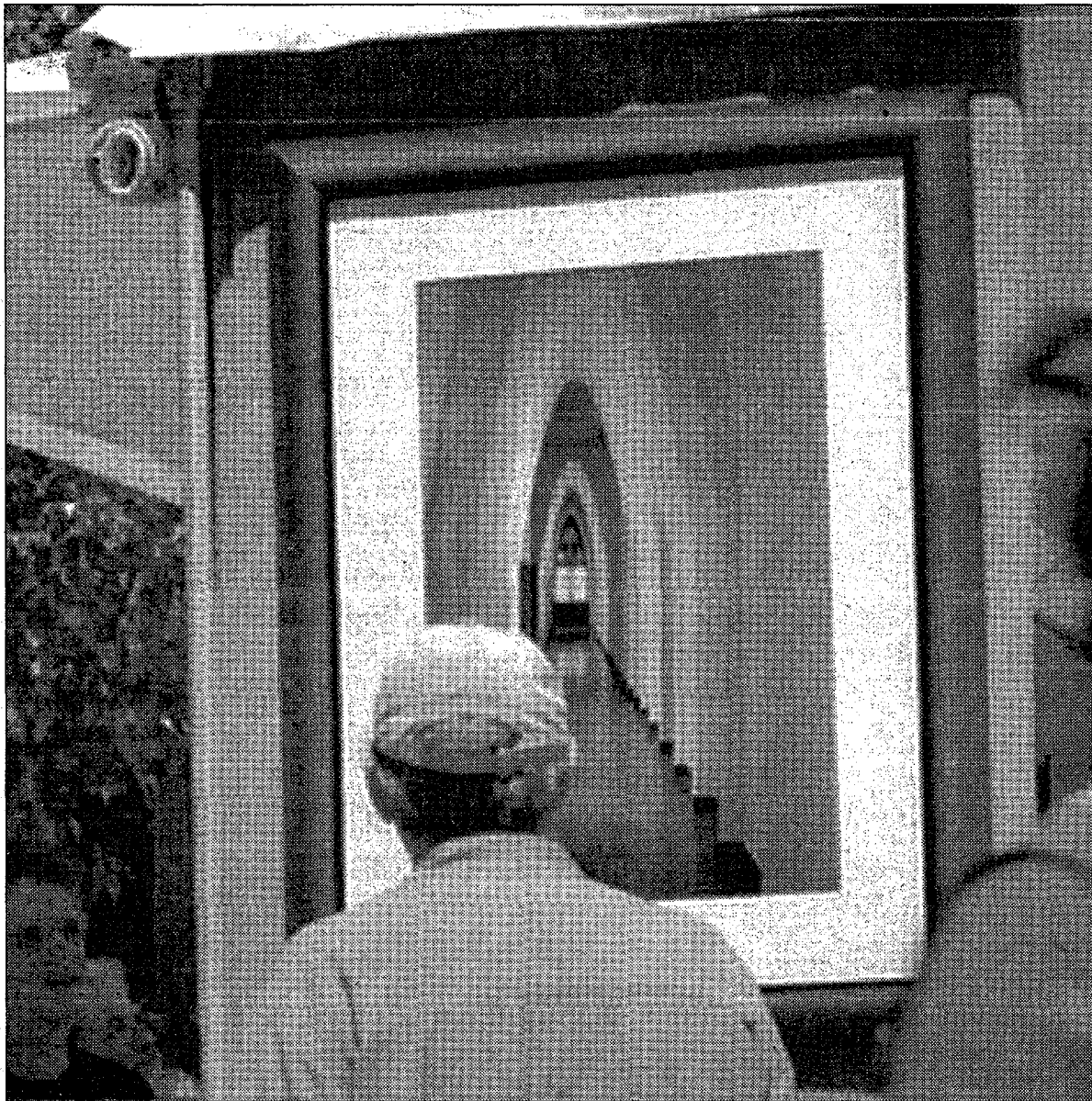
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The event began more than 40 years ago. Today the original fair is known as the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair.

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Ann Arbor Art Fairs

Look beyond them for so much more

The Ann Arbor Art Fairs transcend the "summer festival" category.

To be sure, numerous outdoor summer festivals — which focus on showcasing art work by local and out-of-state artists but throw in a bounty of other activities — go up year after year across the metropolitan Detroit region during Michigan's warmest months.

But the Ann Arbor Art Fairs — it's plural because four distinct fairs comprise the event — has a special quality notwithstanding its status as Michigan's largest outdoor art event.

In Ann Arbor, the locals frequently say of the annual to-do, "it's not art, it's not fair," alluding to this difficulty in categorization.

Well, regardless of what the locals say, the event is art and fair and entertainment, and to put it simply, the Ann Arbor experience.

Where else and at what other summer festival might you find yourself admiring a series of intricate etchings beneath a white, plastic booth cover, then seconds later, rifle through sales racks in search of a half-priced Peruvian, hand-knit sweater from a store that specializes in just such merchandise?

Think about it. You can munch on standard carnival fare, say a corn dog, only to find yourself drawn to a nearby square — dog in hand — for a groove session with a band comprised of Ann Arbor teenagers who sound pretty damned good.

And, while your kids go wild with finger-paints for 20 minutes inside an official art fair children's activity tent, what you'll most likely do is take in the environs.

Look there, a group of chanting, dancing Hare Krishna. In the distance, a sea of university architecture built a century ago distracts you.

The aroma of a local joint's spicy Mediterranean fare wafts in the air, but the sweet smell of a passerby's vanilla, no-foam, latte from the Starbucks around the corner gets you thinking about coffee.

So you're a little distracted, and there's too much to do, see, hear and smell.

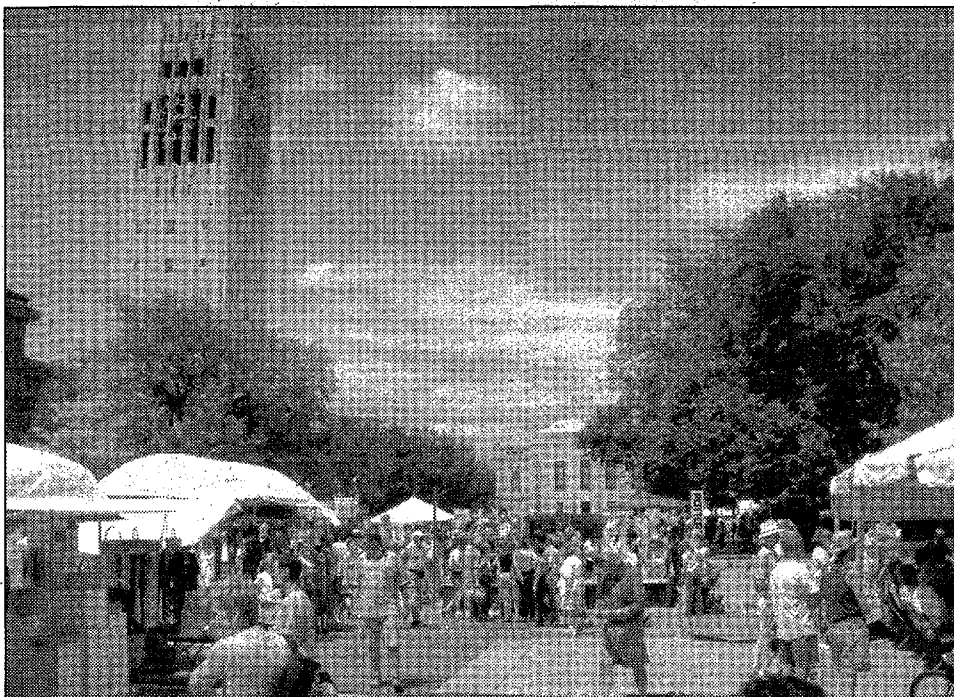
Welcome to Ann Arbor. The locals just take it for granted.

OVERVIEW

What: 2006 Ann Arbor Art Fairs, four distinct art fairs in one event, with 1,200 artists, live entertainment, four children's "Imagination Stations," three outdoor food courts and about 150 area restaurants
When: July 19-22. Hours for all fairs are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Where: Downtown Ann Arbor and campus of the University of Michigan.

Admission: Free.
 General information: Contact the Ann Arbor Area Convention and Visitors Bureau at (734) 995-7281, (800) 888-9487 or www.annarbor.org.



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The Ann Arbor Art Fairs, a summer tradition in the city that houses the University of Michigan, is comprised of four distinct art fairs.

THE FAIRS (JULY 19-22)

ANN ARBOR STREET ART FAIR

- **History:** Original, 47-year-old fair.
- **Art:** 175 artists, ArtZone with free, hands-on art activities, "Imagination Station" and artist demonstrations (Washington between Thayer and Fletcher).
- **Entertainment:** Live music and other performances, 1-8 p.m. Wednesday and 1-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Ingalls Mall, near graduate school (Fletcher and Thayer).
- **Information:** (734) 994-5260 or www.art-fair.org.

ANN ARBOR SUMMER ART FAIR

- **History:** 37th year, hosted by The Guild of Artists and Artisans.
- **Art:** Numerous artist booths (State from South University to William and Main from William and from Ashley to Fifth); "Imagination Station" with the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum (Liberty and Fifth).
- **Entertainment:** Live music, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and Saturday and noon to 4

p.m. Saturday at Liberty and Ashley streets.

- **Extra:** Misting station (Main and Liberty) and "cooleroos," \$10 (Liberty near Main and State near Williams).
- **Information:** (734) 662-3382 or www.theguild.org.

STATE STREET AREA ART FAIR

- **History:** 38th year.
- **Art:** 325 artists (Liberty, Maynard, North University, William and Thompson streets); "Imagination Station" (Washington and State).
- **Information:** (734) 663-6511 or www.a2state.com.

ANN ARBOR'S SOUTH UNIVERSITY ART FAIR

- **History:** Seventh year.
- **Art:** 200 artists, "Imagination Station" and artist demonstrations (South University).
- **Entertainment:** Live music, 2:30-9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday (Church and Willard).
- **Information:** (734) 663-5300 or www.a2southu.com.

The Ann Arbor Art Fairs annually showcase about 1,200 artists and host approximately 500,000 visitors.



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AUTHORITY ART FAIR SHUTTLE

- **Park free** and ride from Pioneer High School (across from U-M Stadium), and Briarwood Mall (by Sears, off I-94).
- **Hours:** 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.
- **Stops at fairs:** Main at William (Summer Art Fair); South University near State (between South University and Summer Art fairs, close to State Street Area and the Ann Arbor Street Art fairs).
- **Frequency:** Every 10-15 minutes.
- **Services:** Only service animals allowed; buses are wheelchair accessible.
- **Cost:** \$3 round trip and \$1.50 one-way; children under age 8 ride free.
- **Information:** www.theride.org or (734) 973-6500.

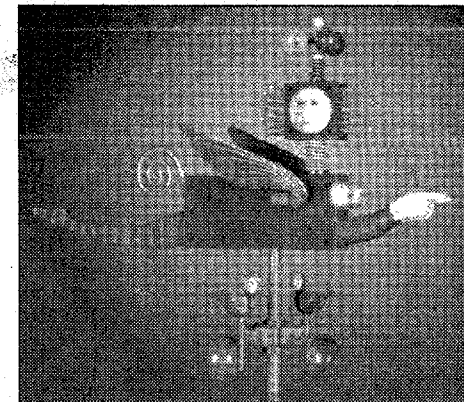
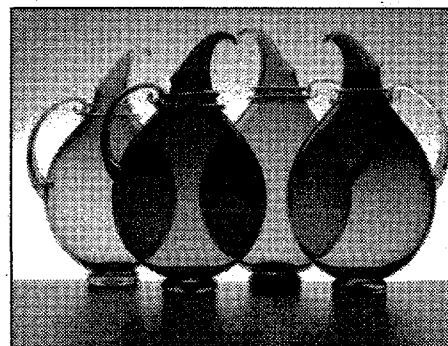
AATA'S "THE LINK"

- Loop the fairs in air-conditioned, purple buses; travel between all fairs, parking structures and AATA shuttle stops; all travel is clockwise around perimeter of fairs.
- **Hours:** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.
- **Cost:** Free.
- **Information:** www.theride.org or (734) 973-6500.

M-ART LINE COMMUTER

- **Location:** Park and ride from Glazier Way and Huron Parkway in University of Michigan parking lot.
- **Hours:** 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Wednesday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.
- **Stops at fairs:** Fletcher and Washington streets (Ann Arbor Street and the State Street Area Art fairs); North University between Fletcher and Church (Ann Arbor Street and the South University Art fairs).
- **Frequency:** Every 10-15 minutes.
- **Services:** Pets not allowed, service animals only. Buses are wheelchair accessible.
- **Cost:** Parking, which is limited, \$5; commuter travel, free.
- **Information:** www.umich.edu.

Parking in city structures and lots: \$10 a day or \$5 after 5 p.m. Parking offered at area churches, schools and other organizations.



Visitors will find many offbeat creations at the fairs.

Insider tips for taking on the fairs

Unless you're a participating artist or a local of Ann Arbor, you're probably not aware of these insider events and tips.

- There's a way to kick off the fairs. The "Townie Street Party," slated 5-9 p.m. Monday, July 17, is returning after its first run in 2005. The event targets locals, but is open to everyone. Look for the big tents on Washington Street between Thayer and Fletcher, adjacent to University of Michigan's Ingalls Mall. The party is free and family friendly. Entertainment includes George Bedard, the RFD Boys and sizzling Detroit rocker Jill Jack.

- If you are interested in learning more about the artists and their work, the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair offers walking tours led by trained volunteers Wednesday through Friday during the fairs. For starting times and locations, visit www.artfair.org.

- Get a good look at the workings of the University of Michigan's landmark Burton Carillon Tower. The tower's bell chamber and observation deck are open to the public from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Also, concerts are set to run daily at noon during the art fairs.

- In need of a little cool during the fairs? Take a tip from the artists and visit booths numbered in the 500s at Maynard, south of Liberty. Artists gather under a carport on Maynard there because it offers shelter from the heat.

- Or take a break from the crowds, but not the art. There's an open-air sculpture court at the corners of Maynard and Liberty and Maynard and William. The areas were recently improved with seating and landscaping.

Rugby Grille

New executive chef imprints style



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Composed main plates at Rugby Grille include Norwegian Salmon served with a carpaccio of tomato confit, tempura squash blossoms and Meyer lemon emulsion.

BY ELEANOR HEALD
CORRESPONDENT

Quietly yet effectively since January, the Rugby Grille's new executive chef Jim Barnett, formerly corporate executive chef for the Matt



Barnett

Prentice Restaurant Group for 13 years, has been imprinting his style.

Now 48 years old, Barnett's passion has been in the kitchen since his first restaurant job at age 14. He went on to earn a culinary degree from Johnson & Wales University before chef stints broadly across America.

Barnett, a Birmingham resident, cited what he finds appealing about his new position at the Rugby Grille. "I wanted to be back in one building, striving for excellence in both the main kitchen and banquet service. I also wanted one kitchen on

a day-to-day basis. Touching the food is important to me, as is mentoring a young, energetic kitchen staff."

On this score, Barnett praises his night chef David Gilbert who has worked in notable kitchens such as Napa Valley's French Laundry and the Mansion on Turtle Creek in Dallas.

Table Hopping

EXCELLENCE

The Rugby Grille was rated the 16th best hotel restaurant in the U.S. by Zagat - an accolade of which Barnett is keenly aware.

"Because of the 90-seat size of the restaurant," he said, "I'm able to spend more time on each plate. Made-to-order food makes a huge difference. I search for the finest ingredients possible. Although I'm not fond of seasonal menus as such, I incorporate seasonal interpretations throughout the year.

"In a way, I have an Italian mindset when it comes to food preparations. I like bright fresh flavors from only four or five ingredients in any dish."



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Barnett said he's eclectic and believes every nice food has fun techniques. "Asian is pun-ty," he said. "Italian is simple and fun." French requires more complicated techniques."

On the dinner menu as starters, Black Truffle Lobster Risotto with celery root puree, scarpone and fresh herbs is Italian influenced. Mussels "Marinière" is classically French prepared and served with house-cut pommes frites. Asian inspiration is illustrated in Seared Day Boat Hawaiian Tuna Sashimi with wakame salad, ponzu, blood orange and citrus.

Composed main plates include Norwegian Salmon with a seasonal rich carpaccio of tomato, tempura squash blossoms and Meyer lemon emulsion.

Nutty, rich flavors of beurre de brioche sauce enhance Alaskan Halibut. Maine Diver Scallops are enriched with a 25-year-old balsamic vinegar addition.

Braised American Kobe Beef Short Ribs are marinated in Michigan apple cider and served with a sweet corn mash.

Even Roasted Amish Chicken is accompanied by a sweet Vidalia onion filled with Italian truffle black truffles and Brie de Meaux, then served with a warm spinach and bacon lardon salad.

All prime center cut steaks have been aged 28 days to ensure tenderness and flavor.

TRAS

A Light Fare Menu that includes Mini

RUGBY GRILLE

Where: The Townsend Hotel, 100 Townsend St., Birmingham (248) 642-5999.

Open: Sunday-Thursday 6:30 a.m. to midnight. Until 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday. Optional Light Fare Menu served from 2 p.m. on.

Food style: Contemporary continental.

Cost: a la carte menu with dinner main courses ranging \$34-\$38. Six course Chef's Tasting Menu \$75.

Reservations: recommended.

Burger Bites, three styles of Stone-Baked Thin Crust Pizza, and Seared Ahi Tuna Tartine among other selections makes a tasty late lunch, lighter dinner or late night option.

By the second half of July, Rugby Grille diners will see a different-looking, more modern wine list, designed by Master Sommelier Ron Edwards who has been hired recently as wine consultant and staff trainer.

Pastry chef Taylor Brockenshire offers five dessert selections to complete dinner. Chocoholics should opt for the Warm Chocolate Cake, although Strawberry Shortcake, complemented by Devonshire cream, offers a seasonal sweet ending.

Eleanor Heald is a nationally-published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*. Contact her by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

Charleston chefs visit Tapawingo

If you can get to Tapawingo (9502 Lake St., Ellsworth) on Sunday, Sept. 17, an Evening in Charleston is a not-to-miss dining event.

The dinner reunites chef/owner Pete Peterson with Mickey Bakst, his former partner and now maitre d' and manager of the Charleston Grill in Charleston, S.C.

Beginning at 4 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and wine in the restaurant's gardens, the event will move indoors for a five-course dinner. Three courses will be prepared by some of Charleston's best chefs, chosen by Bakst. Among them is Ken Vedrinski, executive chef/partner at Sienna, where Italian cuisine has been described in the *New York Times* by R.W. Apple as "remarkably fastidious, decidedly modern Italian cooking that could stand muster in New York, or in Milan."

Chef Mike Lata of FIG (Food is Good) has a food mantra, born from the love of pure flavor, using

ingredients at their best to capture the essence of the season. Chef Doug Blair's cuisine at Voysey's at the Kiawah Island Club reflects not only the island's culinary history, but the region's incredible bounty of the best local meats and produce as well as seafood harvested from surrounding waters. Tom Colicchio, the award-winning chef of New York City's Gramercy Tavern, is consulting chef at Voysey's and his collaboration has led to bold seasonal dishes for which the private club-restaurant has gained high respect.

Tapawingo's executive chef Jeremy Kittelson will join Peterson in the festive affair, each preparing an additional course.

This unique event is priced at \$200 per person. Reservations can be made by phoning (231) 588-7971. Advance payment will be requested one month before the event.

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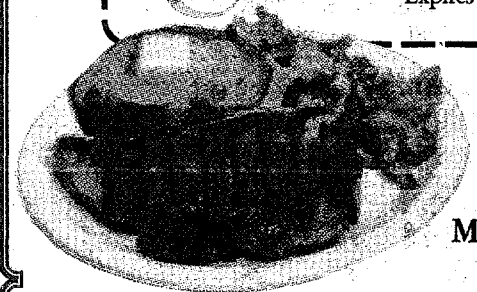
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ART EXHIBITS

Detroit Institute of Arts

The Art of Screenprint, at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward, Detroit, \$3-\$6, (313) 833-7900 or visit www.dia.org.

Cranbrook Art Museum

An exhibit of Philip Treacy's hats for muse Isabella Blow runs through Aug. 27, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$4-\$6, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrookart.edu.

Kresge Art Museum

Cat Chow: Second Skin - Ingenuity Transforms Fashion into Art, North Gallery; *In Vogue/In Prints: Period Fashion*, in the Works on Paper Gallery and *Personal Letters* by artist and Michigan State University alumnus John Scott, Old Masters Gallery, all exhibits run through July 28, www.artmuseum.msu.edu, (517) 353-9834.

Metalsmithing

Critical Mass: Metalsmithing at Cranbrook under Gary Griffin, through Oct. 15, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$4-\$6, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrookart.edu.

Pewabic Pottery

Teapots: Universal Adoration, through July 14, east and west galleries, 10125 E. Cadillac, Detroit, call (313) 822-0954 or visit www.pewabic.org.

Moving Sculpture

Time and Transformation, through Sept. 17, University of Michigan Museum of Art's temporary space, 1301 S. University, U-M campus, Ann Arbor, (734) 763-UMMA or visit www.umma.umich.edu.

More DIA

Annie Leibovitz: American Music, intimate portraits of those influenced by American roots music, Sept. 24 through Jan. 7, visit www.dia.org.

ART GALLERIES

Sherry Gallery

Abstractions of life paintings, through Aug. 26, 1274 Library St. at Grand River, Detroit, (313) 961-4500.

Arnold Klein

Gallery's 35th anniversary celebration, urban views exhibition with Arms, Christo, Mershimer, Murphy and others, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 32782 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 647-7709.

Meadow Brook Art Gallery

Oakland University, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester Hills, free, call (248) 370-3005 or visit www.oakland.edu/mbag.

Orchard Lake Art Gallery

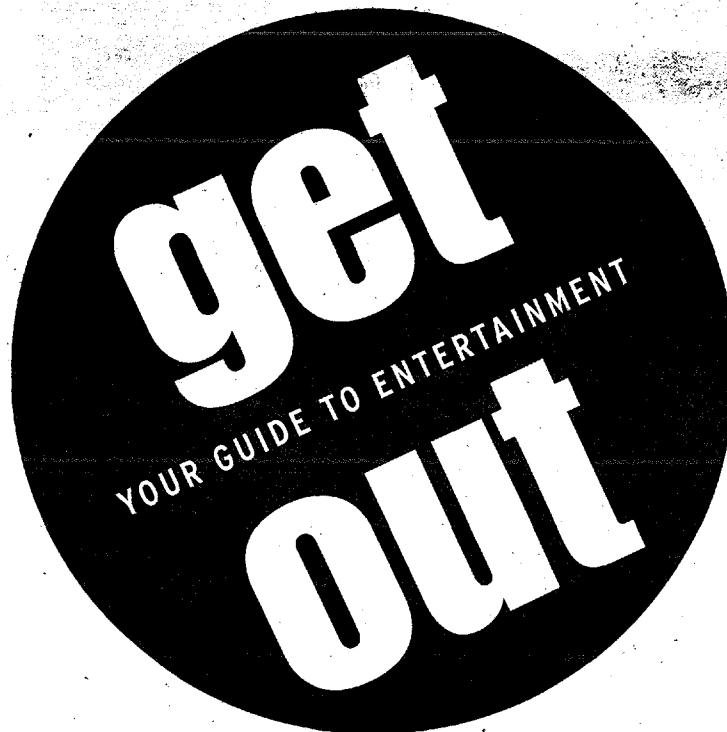
4301 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 538-9021.

Oakland Community College

Student Art Show at the Highland Lakes 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.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Artists' exchange show with Oasis Gallery from Upper Peninsula, show runs until Aug. 5, PCCA Main Gallery, 407 Pine St. (at Fourth) in Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.



ART, ETC.

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

Summer Solstice artworks, through July 21, featuring "40 Years of Separation" fiber exhibition, "Vanishing Landscapes" by Artists Alliance of Spring Lake, Mich., and BBAC student exhibition, free, open to public, 1516 S. Cranbrook, Birmingham, (248) 644-0866 or visit www.bbartcenter.org.

Michigan Watercolor Society

59th annual Exhibition Travel Show, through July 23, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit, www.mwscart.com, (313) 831-1250.

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Instructor exhibition, through month of July, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth, (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com.

Kresge Art Museum

Summer hours in July, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, closed August, first floor of the Kresge Art Center, on Michigan State University campus, www.artmuseum.msu.edu, (517) 353-9834.

CLASSICAL

Kirk in the Hills

2006 Carillon Series, Charles Dairay, July 23, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills, www.kirkinthehills.org, (248) 626-2515.

Orchestra Canton

Summer Sounds: A Pops Picnic, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 15, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, \$11-\$20 tickets, order box lunch at 7 p.m. and have picnic for \$10, www.orchestracanton.org, (734) 394-5460.

CLUBS

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The Ark

316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451, www.theark.org.

Bachelor's One

1967 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, (248) 682-2295.

Belmont Bar

Mademoiselle Mondays, \$10, for martini and manicure, therapeutic massage \$1 minute, punk nights Tuesdays, live rock Wednesdays, DJs and local bands on weekends, 10215 Joseph Campau, Hamtramck, (313) 871-1966.

Blind Pig

Longtime hip music spot, 208 S. First St., Ann Arbor, (734) 996-8555, www.blindpig-music.com.

Blue Martini

Live music 8-11 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays, and Saturdays and Sundays, 201 Hamilton, between Woodward and Old Woodward, one block north of Maple, (248) 258-3005.

Bosco

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Buddha Lounge

Thursday, DJ Shug plays super sonic smooth music and beer pong tournament. Saturdays DJ Terrence Parker & Mo Reese; Sundays, Karaoke; Tuesdays, Deep House; Wednesdays Jamtramck jazz band. www.gobuddha.net. (313) 535-4664.

Club Bart

CD release party for *There and Back Again*, Tracy Kash Thomas, 9 p.m. Sunday, July 30, 21 and over only, 22726 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 548-8746.

Club 2000

Fat Twosdays with DJ Carl the Invisible Man 9 p.m. Tuesdays, hip-hop, 18 and over, 299 E. Woodbridge, Detroit, (313) 235-2233.

Crazy Moe's Cafe

Food, dancing, music, 2 N. Saginaw St., Pontiac, (248) 322-5550.

Danny's Irish Pub

Laid-back, small, friendly, 22824 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 546-8331.

Dino's Lounge

Live bands on weekends, football specials on Sundays, hip, laid back, friendly, 22740 Woodward, just south of Nine Mile in Ferndale, (248) 591-DINO.

Edison's

220 E. Merrill, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150.

Elysium

Lounge, dance and happy hour 3-9 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays, nightclub hours Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., (313) 962-2244, 625 Shelby, Detroit. www.elysium-lounge.com.

Emerald Theatre

Concert house, dancing, 32 N. Walnut, Mount Clemens, (586) 913-1920.

Fiamma Grille

Roy Scoutz, 7-10 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays, George "The Kat" plays saxophone, 7-10 p.m. Thursdays, 380 Main, Plymouth, (734) 416-0100.

Ginopolis on the Grill

Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt (at 12 Mile) in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

John Cowley & Sons Irish Tavern

33338 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington, call (248) 474-5941 for more information.

Leland City Club

Avant garde, open until 4 a.m., access through unmarked door on the First Street side of the Ramada Hotel building, 400 Bagley, Detroit, www.lelandcityclub.com.

The Locker Room Saloon

Wild Wednesdays with DJ Oz, Trivia Night and Ladies Night Thursdays, Funky Fridays with DJ Paul, Insane Saturdays with DJ Oz, 7790 Auburn, Utica, (586) 731-3323, www.locker-roomsaloon.com, www.ckpep.com.

Rainbow Room

Laid-back atmosphere, dancing, 6640 E. Eight Mile, Detroit, (313) 891-1020.

X/S

High-energy dance club, 1500 Woodward, northeast corner at John R, Detroit, (313) 963-9797.

Seldom Blues

Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of jazz favorites. The restaurant also features live jazz every night of the week, located in Tower 400, Level 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to the Marriott, call (313) 567-7301.

Sky Club

Tango, salsa, and Latin dancing every Wednesday beginning at 8 p.m., located above Sangria's Restaurant, 401 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, (248) 543-1964.

Token Lounge

28949 Joy, Westland, (734) 513-5030.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Comedy Jamm, open mic night Thursday nights, starting 8 p.m. through October; Boston International Comedy Festival auditions, July 13; Jim McCue, July 14 and 15; (closed for Ann Arbor Art Fair, July 20-22); Tony Rock, July 28 and 29, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor, (734) 996-9080.

JD's House of Comedy

Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday, \$10-\$15, 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmas-

ter.com.

Second City

Bobble Heads of State, performances are Wednesday-Sunday, \$15-\$20, 42705 Grand River, Novi, call (248) 348-4448. For tickets, call (248) 645-5555 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Wise Guys Comedy Club

40380 Grand River, Novi, (248) 919-3216.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle

Stand-up, 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

Joey's Comedy Club

J.R. Remick, July 19-22; Randy Lubas, July 26-29; 36071 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 261-0555, also has comedy at second location, 5070 Schaefer, Dearborn, (313) 584-8885; www.joeycomedy.com.

DANCE

Michigan Swing Dance Association

Workshop 2 p.m., lesson 3 p.m., dance 4-8 p.m. July 16, fees, Rhythm-N-Shoes Dance Studio, 2172 Franklin, Bloomfield Hills, visit DanceMichigan@aol.com for information.

Tango for Two

Argentine tango by "I Tango," with attendance by Argentine ambassador to benefit DSO and Michigan Opera Theatre, July 29, Lutz Farm, Ann Arbor, (313) 237-3425 or www.MichiganOpera.org.

DOWNTOWN DISTRICTS

Chelsea

Sounds & Sights through Sept. 7, live entertainment, carriage rides, kids activities, art market, (734) 475-1145 or www.chelseafestivals.com.

Ferndale

3rd Thursdays on the Nine, live entertainment, July 20 and Aug. 17, Nine Mile, www.downtownferndale.com.

FAMILY

Robot exhibit

Robot City, new interactive exhibit, continues through Sept. 17, 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Cranbrook Institute of Science

Playing With Time, runs through Sept. 4, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$5-\$7, call (877) GO-CRANBROOK or visit www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Science Center

Exhibits include *As Time Goes By*, new exhibit about the aging process, and *A Journey to Our Future*, now open to accompany center's new permanent Space Laboratory exhibit, 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Detroit Zoo

The Peregrine Falcon: Return of an Endangered Species exhibit with photos, interactive displays and videos, runs through Sept. 8, open daily during regular zoo hours, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at no additional charge, zoo admission \$7-\$11, (248) 398-0900, www.detroitzoo.org.

FARMERS MARKETS

Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays through Nov. 18, live music from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and a market basket giveaway, Walter Sundquist Pavilion & Riley Park, Farmington Road and Grand River, visit www.downtownfarmington.org for more information.

FESTIVALS

Farmington Area Founders Festival
Parties on the Lawn, pie and ice cream social, Battle of the Bands, Farmington Idol and more music, July 20-22, visit www.foundersfestival.com for more information.

Homecoming

Dearborn Homecoming
Aug. 4-6, children's contests, carnival rides, fireworks, www.cityofdearborn.org, (313) 943-1515.

Deaf Fest

From 10 p.m. Aug. 12-13, lawn in front of Northfield's Civic Center along Evergreen, festival admission is free, www.chaldeanfestival.com, (248) 538-3700.

Melon Festival

17th annual Howell Jaycees Melon Festival, July 18-20, historic downtown Howell, (517) 747-7477, www.jcmelonfestival.com

Film Series

Fast Summer Film Series

Free films, through Aug. 26, every Saturday at Campus Martius Park, downtown Detroit, entertainment starts at 8 p.m., films show at 9 p.m. For information, go to www.comfilmseries.com.

Fireworks

Michigan '50s Festival

July 28, Novi Town Center, across from former Novi Expo Center, Novi Road and Grand River, live music, food, a cruise on the river, (248) 349-1950, <http://www.michiganfiftiesfestival.com/events.html>

Music at the Jazz Club

Jack Moss and the Paint Creek Jazz Society, July 14, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph, northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph, Northfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

Music and dinner

10th of Blue Tuesdays, at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the blues help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.

Music in the Garden

Shida Nurullah, July 13; Alma Smith, July 14; and George "Sax" Benson, July 27, shows 7 p.m., \$30, includes main floor tour, hors d'oeuvres and one drink ticket, cash bar available, on campus of Oakland University in Rochester, (248) 364-6263, www.meadow-orchard.org.

Music on the Bay Jazzfest

July 29, Suttons Bay Marina, featuring Betty Joplin Quartet, Epsilon 5 Band, The Harry Goldson Quintet, The James Quintet, \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door, (231) 271-4444.

More Music

Door Music Series

Fun in the Summertime music series, featuring The Sun Messengers, Thursday, July 20; Tartar Sauce Traditional Jazz Band, July 27, and Mystery Train featuring Jim McCarty, Aug. 3, concerts scheduled 7 p.m., Beverly Park, Beverly Hills.

Music in the Park

Concerts start at noon, featuring Jan Krist, July 19; Hometown Kids Concert, July 26, www.hometownlife.com



Jazzin' it up a bit

Saxophonist Warren Hill is just one of several performers slated for The Community House's 14th Annual Jazzfest, July 20-22, in Shain Park in downtown Birmingham. All concerts are free and open to the public. Flutist and Jazz fest Alexander Zonjic kicks off Jazzfest at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20, while Hill performs 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 22. For more information, call (248) 433-FEST or contact The Community House, 380 South Bates, Birmingham, (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

Thumm, Aug. 2; Gemini, noon, Aug. 9; Guy Louis Chautauqua Express, Aug. 16; Matt Watroba, Aug. 23; Kellogg Park, Plymouth, sponsored by Plymouth Community Arts Council, (734) 416-4278, www.plymoutharts.com

Concerts in the Park

Lorelei, Detroit's finest A Cappella Experience and Air Margaritaville, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2, Shain Park, Birmingham, www.myspace.com/lorelleiladies

Doors Open Detroit

All-day party at Campus Martius Park with national music acts, food, art market, June 23, downtown Detroit, www.campusmartius-park.org.

KerryTown

415 N. Fourth Ave., Ann Arbor, reservations recommended, (734) 769-2999, www.kerrytownconcerthouse.com.

Station 885

Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

Trinity House

Reservations recommended for 87-seat concert house, 38840 W. Six Mile (just west of I-275), Livonia, shows 8 p.m., no alcohol, no smoking, (734) 464-6302, www.trinityhouse.org.

Plymouth Coffee Bean

Victoria Zande, 8 p.m., Friday, July 21, 884

Penniman, in Plymouth, (734) 454-0178, www.victoriazande.com.

MUSEUMS

Henry Ford Museum

20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. For more information, call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.

Cranbrook Science Museum

Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission is \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Science Center

Premiere of *Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon* narrated by Tom Hanks and new planetarium show, *Journey to the Edge of Space and Time*, \$6, shows run indefinitely, 5020 John R, Detroit, \$6-\$7, (313) 577-8400, www.detroitssciencecenter.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

1927 Dairy Barn, 1850 and 1840 furnished farmhouses with permanent and temporary exhibits about regional history. General admission \$5 adults, \$3 seniors and students, (248) 656-4663, www.rochesterhills.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Day on the Town

10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 15, Birmingham's Principal Shopping District's annual shopping event with downtown merchants, live entertainment, Kidz Zone, street food sales from restaurants, Maple and Old Woodward area.

Cranbrook Academy of Art

Avant-garde hair designs of Seven Deadly Sins, Serious Moonlight fund-raiser, dancing, entertainment, strolling supper, silent auction, July 15, \$85-\$175, Cranbrook Art Museum, www.cranbrookart.edu/moonlight, (248) 645-3312.

Poetry at the Opera House

Asya Raines and Charles Fleetham, authors of *Asya's Laws - Lessons in Love Lost and Found*, 7-9 p.m. Monday, July 17, on stage in the Coffee House of the Michigan Opera House at Madison and Broadway (across from Comerica Park), www.asyalaws.com or www.rightbrainbooks.com

Drive-In movies

Compuware Sports Arena, double features, through Sept. 3, \$6-\$8, 14900 Beck, Plymouth Township, (734) 927-3284.

Meadow Brook Hall and Garden

Tea on Tuesday, 3 p.m. July 18, special Little Ladies Tea, Aug. 22, \$45 per person, reservations required, on campus of Oakland University in Rochester, (248) 364-6263, www.meadowbrookhall.org

Library of Michigan

Genealogy experts from libraries introduces family historians to collections at seminar, July 21-22, Michigan Library and Historical Center, 702 W. Kalamazoo St., two blocks west of the State Capitol in downtown Lansing, visit www.michigan.gov/lma, (517) 373-1300.

Ballroom dancing

8-11 p.m., third Friday each month, Costick Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 473-1830.

Rochester Hills Museum

Fun Friday events, bring picnic lunch, swimsuit and watershoes to enjoy entertainment noon to 2 p.m. and 100-foot Slip & Slide, \$2, 1005 Van Hoosen, Rochester Hills, (248) 608-8261, www.rochesterhills.org.

Great Lakes Bat Festival

Saturday, Aug. 5, Cranbrook Institute of Science, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, \$5-\$7, www.batconservation.org.

St. Joseph Mercy Health Exploration Station

Free Family Fun Days, fourth Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., inside the St. Joseph Mercy Canton Health Building at 1600 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, (734) 398-7518, www.healthexplorationstation.com.

Preservation Wayne

Walking tours offered of five historic areas of Detroit (downtown, Eastern Market, Midtown, Auto Heritage and the Cultural Center), Saturdays at 10 a.m. or Tuesdays after work, through September, \$10 per person, visit www.preservationwayne.org or call (313) 577-7674.

Movies at the Redford Theatre

Located at 17360 Lahser, Detroit. Visit www.redfordtheatre.com or call (313) 537-2560.

Wyandotte Waterside Concerts

7-8:30 p.m. at Bishop Park, Danceland, July 19; Reel Happy String Band, Aug. 2; Pelts and Company, Aug. 16, (734) 324-4506.

Mosaic Youth Theatre of Detroit

Purlie!, Detroit Film Theatre, Detroit Institute of Arts, Aug. 18-27, \$12-\$18, children 5 and under not permitted in theater, www.mosaicdetroit.org, call DIA to charge by phone (313) 833-4005.

SUMMER SERIES

Detroit Zoo

Wild Summer Nights at the Detroit Zoological Institute featuring live entertainment and extended hours, Wednesdays, through Aug. 30, 10 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 398-0900 or www.detroitzoo.org.

THEATER — COMMUNITY

DreamPlayers Productions

The Wizard of Oz, July 13-16, Groves High School, 20500 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills, \$12-\$15, www.projectdaydream.com.

Oakland Theatre Guild

Camelot, July 14-23, \$11-\$15, at www.starlighttheater.net/Box_Office.

THEATER — PROFESSIONAL

Michigan Shakespeare Festival

July 18 to Aug. 6, Potter Center at the Jackson Community College, Jackson, \$8-\$26, (866) 705-2636 or www.michshakefest.org.

Fisher Theatre

3011 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, \$28-\$69, call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.NederlanderDetroit.com or www.ticketmaster.com.

Breathe Art Theatre

Call (519) 980-0607 in Windsor or (313) 965-1515 in Detroit.

Menopause the Musical

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, \$39.50, (313) 963-9800, or Ticketmaster charge by phone, (248) 645-6666, and online at www.ticketmaster.com.

TICKETS ON SALE

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Temptations and Four Tops, Aug. 6; Ted Nugent, Aug. 17; Styx/Foreigner, Sept. 7; Hootie & the Blowfish, Sept. 8; Alan Jackson, Sept. 23, and Aerosmith with Motley Crue, Oct. 11.

Meadow Brook Music Festival: Guster, July 26; Get Back! Cast of Beatlemania, Aug. 12; Billy Ray Cyrus, Aug. 17; Ted Nugent, Aug. 18; Hootie & the Blowfish, Sept. 6, and Jim Gaffigan, Sept. 23.

For DTE, Meadow Brook Music Festival and Palace shows, visit www.palacenet.com or call Ticketmaster at (248) 645-6666 or visit any Ticketmaster location.

Fisher Theatre

Tickets for 2006-07 subscription series, five shows, \$199-\$346, call the Fisher Theatre at (313) 872-1000, Ext. 0, or visit www.NederlanderDetroit.com.

Royal Oak Music Theatre

Tickets may be purchased at The Royal Oak Music Theatre box, or call (800) 919-6272 or online at www.tickets.com, 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, Johnny Cash's The Tennessee Three (The Men Behind The Man In Black) with Catfish Mafia, tickets \$22.50, 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 5, ticket sales date TBA, "Marijuanalogues" featuring Tommy Chong.

The Magic Bag

Scary Movie 4, July 13; Leon Russell, July 14; The Mega '80s, July 15; The Headhunters, July 21; Gary Hoey, Aug. 4; The Church, Aug. 13; Joe Firstman, Aug. 15; Charlie Hunter Trio, Aug. 31; Melissa Ferrick, Sept. 12; 2U (second best U2 show), Sept. 15, PM Dawn, Sept. 21, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com

TOP VIDEO RENTALS

Here are the top 10 U.S. video rentals for the week ending July 2:

1. "Failure to Launch," \$11.6 million
 2. "Syriana," \$8.9 million
 3. "The Hills Have Eyes," \$8.1 million
 4. "Eight Below," \$7.4 million
 5. "Ultraviolet," \$7.2 million
 6. "16 Blocks," \$7.1 million
 7. "The Pink Panther," \$6.9 million
 8. "Annapolis," \$6.23 million
 9. "Firewall," \$6 million
 10. "Madea's Family Reunion," \$5.9 million
- Source: imdb.com

Much ado and to do at the Michigan Shakespeare Festival

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
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Watch out Stratford, here comes the Michigan Shakespeare Festival.

Founded 12 years ago on the grassroots level by members of Michigan's acting community, the annual event has grown in attendance, risen in status and expanded its offerings.

Continuing through Aug. 6 at the Potter Center in Jackson, this year's festival includes a children's play set to live music. "This is a first with music — live music with audience participation," said John Neville-Andrews, the festival's artistic producer.

SHAKE IT UP

What: Michigan Shakespeare Festival presents "Hamlet," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and a family production with music, "RATS!"
When: Continues through Aug. 6. Performances slated 7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Additional shows of "RATS!" run 10:30 a.m. July 29 and Aug. 5.
Where: Potter Center, Jackson Community College, Jackson.
Admission: Children are free, adults at family shows, \$8, students, \$15, Friday and Saturday evening shows, \$26, and all other shows, \$23. For information and a detailed schedule, call (866) 705-2636 or visit www.michshakefest.org.

In 2002, the governor of Michigan declared the event the state's official Shakespeare festival. Today, nearly 5,000 people attend the festival during its three-week run.

Last year's new offering — dinner theater packages with free wine — continues



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Actress Janet Haley performs in the Michigan Shakespeare Festival in Jackson.

this year and is available before and after performances. The tragedy "Hamlet" and the comedy "A Midsummer Night's Dream" make up the 2006 program. The children's play "RATS!" is an adaptation of the Pied Piper story.

While Stratford produces several more works per season, the Michigan Shakespeare Festival may be on its way to catching up. Organizers are working on plans to build a second venue, a companion outdoor theater with covered seating and modern amenities.

"Our goal is to have an outdoor and an indoor theater," Neville-Andrews said. "I would allow us to give the audience much more variety than we do at the moment. We can expand our repertoire to take on more authors other than Shakespeare."

The festival would present Shakespeare's works in the outdoor theater and plays by other playwrights inside.

"For an audience, it seems more festive and more relaxed outdoors. It's not so much a ritual as when you go indoors and take your seat."

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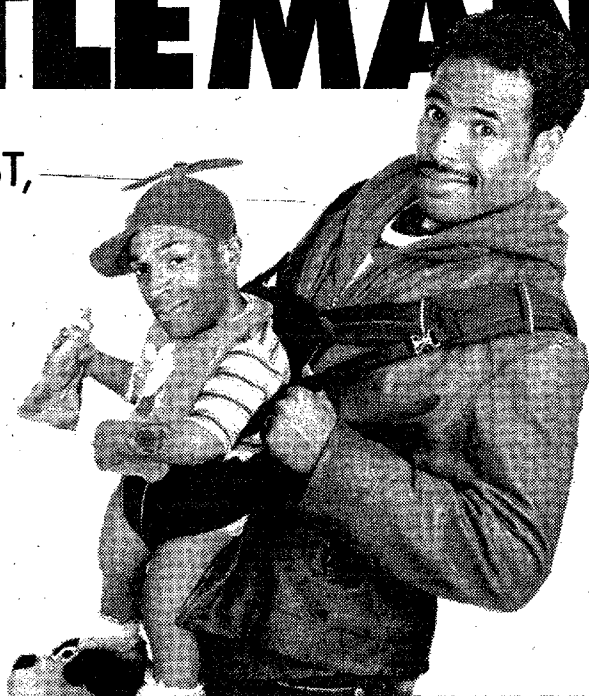
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Local music producer hooks up with the latest American Idol

BY NICOLE STAFFORD
STAFF WRITER

First it was Jeff Daniels. Now, it's new "American Idol" winner Taylor Hicks. Michigan music producer Steve Curran has worked with celebrities before, but getting a gig to write music

for the new "American Idol" winner — arguably one of the most famous people in the world right now — is, well, a big score.

Curran, co-owner of Lansing-based Harvest Music + Sound Design, and his

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Spend a Day on the Town

Some of the streets will be closed in downtown Birmingham this weekend.

But relax. It's time for the Day on the Town shopping event 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday, July 15.

Thousands of shoppers are expected to attend this shopping and entertainment extravaganza as downtown Birmingham merchants showcase their unique sale items to serious shoppers.

Several stages throughout downtown Birmingham will feature a variety of live entertainment throughout the day. Music will run the gamut from blues to jazz.

There are also activities for children. The "Kidz Zone," located on East Maple, is the place where kids can hang out and get creative. Tents and tables are set up for the children to do arts and crafts.

Many of Birmingham's varied restaurants, coffeehouses, and bakeries will provide street food sales with many having outdoor grills and seating to accommodate shoppers. Birmingham offers a variety of dining options. From seafood, steak and sandwiches to Greek, Italian, Thai and other ethnic fare, shoppers are sure to find their favorites.

The sales will center around the Maple and Old Woodward area. Old Woodward will be closed off from Hamilton to Brown. Maple will be closed from Bates to Peabody. The sale also includes shops on North Old Woodward. Don't forget that parking is free at all meters, in all city decks every Sunday, during most holidays and special city events. The first two hours of parking are always free in the city's parking structures.

Are you game?

Farmington features crafts, music, food

Farmington will be bustling with fun next weekend when the 41st Annual Farmington Area Founders Festival brings crafters, music and food to town.

New this year at the Farmington Founders Festival is Alley Regalley with food, wine and music, hosted by Gala — A New American Bistro and Salon Legato — Aveda Concept Salon.

Enjoy a taste of Jeff Condit's cuisine and wines of the world while listening to jazz and swing bands Thursday through Sunday July 20-23. No cover charge, plates of Caesar salad and fresh pasta and other specialties are \$5. There will be \$5 glasses of wine and other beverages available.

Alley Regalley will be stages behind the Civic Theatre, Gala and Salon Legato on the north side of Grand River at Farmington Road. Hours are 5-10 p.m.

Thursday, July 20; noon-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22, and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, July 23.

Here is a summary of other activities for next Thursday through Sunday, July 20-23:

Crafters on the Lawn: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, July 20-22, First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River.

Pie & Ice Cream Social: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 20; noon-9 p.m., Friday, July 21; noon-8 p.m. Saturday, July 22 in basement of First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River.

Pie Judging Contest: 6 p.m. Thursday, July 20, for rules and entry form, call (248) 474-6573

Founders Festival: 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday, July 21 and 22; and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, July 23, visit Web site for special events scheduled for Thursday, July 20, www.foundersfestival.com

Bright House Networks Music Festival: Battle of the Bands, 6-9 p.m. Thursday, July 20; Battle of the Bands-2006 winner, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Earth Angel, 4 p.m., Farmington Area Idol, 6 p.m., Farmington Community Chorus, 8 p.m., Run for Cover, 9:30 p.m., all on Friday, July 21.

On Saturday, July 22, musical acts include the 2005 winner of Battle of the Bands, 2 p.m.; Farmington Community Jazz Band, 3:30 p.m., Roots Vibration, 5:30 p.m.; Tracy Maree and Robyn Lee, 7:30 p.m., Funkeestation, 9 p.m.

On Sunday, July 23, performances include Fellowship of the Strings, noon; Next Generation Banjo Band, 1 p.m.; Positive Attitude Dance Studio, 2 p.m.; Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce Fantasy Raffle, 3 p.m., Mid American Pompon Studio, 3:30 p.m. and Farmington Rockets Cheerleaders, 4 p.m.

Toy soldiers march into Livonia

Well, they aren't really going to be marching.

But if you like historical toy soldiers, Livonia is the place to be Sunday, July 16.

The 15th Detroit Toy Soldier, Militaria and Figure Show features more than 75 vendors from around the world selling and displaying new and antique toy soldiers and historical figures.

There's also the Red Arrow Militaria Show featuring more than 50 vendors selling original antique militaria includ-

ing uniforms, equipment, medals, patches, books, and prints.

And if you like things really small, there's the annual Michigan Historical Miniatures Club Figure Show and Competition where modelers display their figure work in friendly competition.

It's all under one roof for one price.

For kids, there's an interactive area that includes a miniature medieval siege equipment demonstration and living historians dressed in period uniforms from the American Revolution through World War II. Dress in period costume and get into the show for free.

So what will you find at a place like

this? A typical show features new and old toy soldiers, historical miniatures to build and paint, vehicles, civilian figures, action figures, history-related books, prints, videos and memorabilia. For militaria collectors there are original uniforms, equipment and medals from the American Civil War era through modern times.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Livonia Holiday Inn at Six Mile and I-275. Admission is \$6 per family. The show is sponsored by the Michigan Toy Soldier Company of Royal Oak. For details visit (248) 586-1022 or michtoy.com.

Lana Mini

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team were selected by Ford Motor Co. to write music and lyrics for its new radio and television advertising campaign featuring Hicks' soulful vocals.

The TV ad, which showcases Hicks on an "American Idol"-like set along with Ford vehicles, continues to air nationally through July.

Curran thinks it's fitting that a music production company from Michigan, rather than Los Angeles or New York, was awarded the job, given that Hicks

and "American Idol" show winners go from obscurity to superstar status in a matter of weeks.

"The guy who wins 'American Idol' is from Birmingham, Alabama, and nobody even knew who he was. Then for six weeks, he's the number one pop singer on the charts. Then a Lansing, not an L.A. firm, gets the job," Curran said. "I love that. It doesn't matter who you are or where you are. It's what you generate."

Ford is trying to convey a similar message to viewers with its "American Idol"-style ad campaign entitled "Possibilities."

Curran and his team submitted original music and lyrics to J. Walter

Thompson, the firm handling the ad campaign, without knowing the "American Idol" winner would perform the song.

"They wanted a theme or a song that reflected or embraced the idea of an individual, a person who was in charge of their life," he said.

After learning the song would be performed by the "American Idol" winner, but prior to Hicks' selection, Curran waited anxiously for the conclusion of the mega-hit show.

"We knew whoever won, we were going to have to do an arrangement for them," he said.

After Hicks was crowned, Curran and

his team had three days to work on the arrangement, which he describes as "R&B Memphis soul."

The song was recorded at the Village Recorder, a Santa Monica, Calif., studio with a long list of clients, from Janet Jackson to Eric Clapton.

So what's the new American Idol like in person?

"He could not have been a nicer guy," Curran said.

"He was like, 'Hey, how you all doing?' I told him about the song and he had just a huge smile on his face and he said, 'You did this just for me?'"

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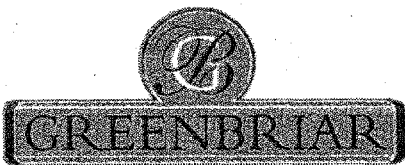
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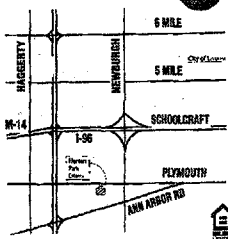
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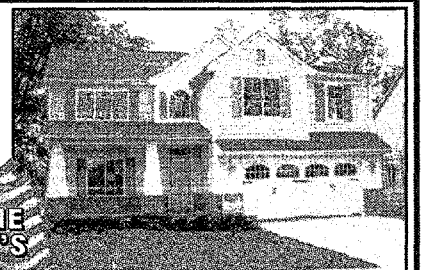
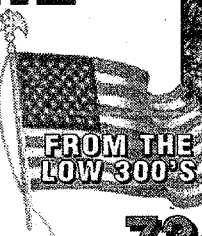


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CANTON \$340,000
New construction backing to preserve. Library w/French doors, formal Dining Rm w/bay win, vaulted Family Rm w/gas frpl, formal Living Rm, gourmet kitchen, mstr ste w/WC & glamour bath. MLS# 26112242 734-453-6800



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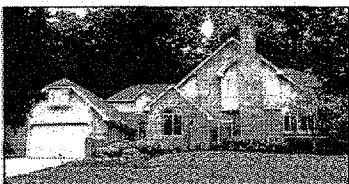
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$173,000
Beautiful 3 bedroom home on quiet dead-end street. North Dearborn Heights area. Landscaped backyard with iron rod fence around patio. Home warranty. MLS# 26106681 248-437-4500



FARMINGTON HILLS \$975,000
Cape Cod w/a Home Theatre In Fin LL, granite & Corian Counters, dual Staircases, wine cellar, fin W/o Inc. FR, Home Theatre, BR, Jack & Jill BA, hwd in 2-story Foyer, dr kit & 1/2 BA, & stamped Concrete Drive & Walks. MLS# 26109990 248-347-3050



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4 bedroom, partial finished basement, fenced backyard, hardwood floors, oak kitchen, corner lot. MLS# 26099075 248-437-4500



FLUSHING \$149,900
Large ranch on nearly an acre. Great for entertaining with huge deck w/ inground pool and slide. Year round Florida room w/hot tub. Price reflects needed updates. Motivated seller. MLS# 26108057 248-437-4500



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HARTLAND \$239,900
Beautiful 1 1/2 story in Hartland Hills. Master on main floor w/bath. Cathedral ceilings and fireplace on almost an acre, wooded, hilly. Beautifully landscaped, fresh, clean, quality. MLS# 26105889 248-437-4500



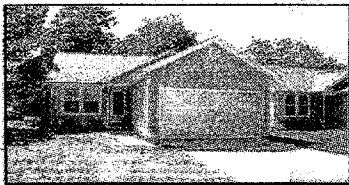
INKSTER \$110,000
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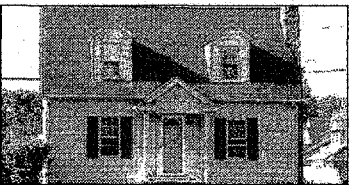
LIVONIA \$240,000
3 BR, 3 BA ranch w/1st flr laundry. Home boasts cathedral ceilings, hwdwd flrs, lg kit w/light oak cab, 3 spacious BR's, mstr BR w/full BA, & a fin bsmt w/ fireplace & full bath. Fenced yard. Close to freeways & schools! MLS# 26104791 248-675-1243



LIVONIA \$219,900
Remod Kit W/New Cabs Firing, Counters. FR W/Nat FP New Carpet & Doorwall To Patio. Prof Fin Bsmt W/New Berber Carpet, Ceramic In The BA's & Hwd In The Hall, LR & BR's. New Roof On House & Garage. New Gutters & C/a. MLS# 26102568 248-347-3050



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3BR 2BA ranch w/updtd gourmet eat-in kit, wndw, fin bsmt w/tons of storage-workshop & cedar closet, relax & enjoy yourself in the beautiful granite in-ground pool on huge entertainment patio. Private fenced yard. MLS# 26102977 734-453-6800



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MARION \$213,500
Spacious Cape Cod on over 1 acre. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, country kitchen, 2 tiered deck. Attached 2 car garage plus carport, concrete drive and pad for future out building. Don't miss! MLS# 26104089 248-437-4500



MILFORD \$1,850,000
Mansion w/6-car heated & second garage on 2.75 acres. Loaded w/ limestone, granite & cherry. Curved Brazilian cherry staircase. Fin LL w/o w/2nd kit, home theatre, bottle wine cellar. Prof. landscaped w/ stamped concrete. MLS# 26107502 248-347-3050



MILFORD \$449,900
Spectacular wooded lot in Lakes of Milford. Newly built w/4 BR, 3.1 BAs, MBR Suite w/WI closet. Quick occupancy. Many amenities incl lake & nature trails. 1 acre lot, prof landscaping, brick paver patio. MLS# 26099103 734-453-6800



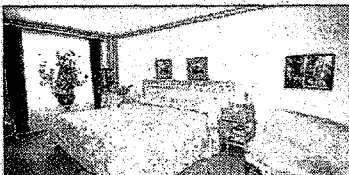
MILFORD \$190,000
Sharp Updated Ranch W Cath/Ceilings. Picture perfect lot. \$40,000 in Add On's. Super Porch w 4 Season Room. Lrg Kit, DR & LR. Newer windows, doors, flooring, water heater & More. Dream Garage. Perfect backyard. MLS# 26104364 734-591-0333



NORTHVILLE \$689,000
Spacious 4 BR colonial on huge private lot on cul-de-sac. 2-story Fam Rm w/2way FP into gourmet Kitchen. Luxury master ste. Huge unfin walkout, custom paver patio & lg deck backing to woods. Northville schools. MLS# 26104467 734-453-6800



NORTHVILLE \$669,000
5 BR, 4.2 BA Home w/Granite, Hdwd, Crown moldings, Art Niches, Butler's Pantry, Dual Staircase. Beautifully Fin LL. Inc. Media & Exercise Rms, Wet Bar & Billiard Area. Gorgeous landscaped Lot w/pavers & Deck. MLS# 26111720 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$160,000
Beautiful Condo in Country Place! 3 BR's, 2 1/2 BA. All Appl Inc & new Vinyl Flr in Kit & Breakfast Area. W/Lg Pantry, LR w/FP & Door To Patio, Mstr BR w/2 WIC's & Garage Is Attached. Wet Bar, Wallside Windows & New C/A. MLS# 26100810 248-675-1277



NOVI \$650,000
2+ acres & totally remodeled! Kit w/maple cabs, granite counters & vaulted cedar ceiling, projection TV screen in FR, backup generator, Florida rm w/hot tub, Anderson wndws, marble foyer, fin LL w/BA, GR & office. MLS# 26094733 248-347-3050



NOVI \$625,000
Upgrades Devonshire model w/use of crown mldg & wainscoting w/ limestone flrs in 2-story foyer; 1/2 BA; halls; kit & Indry; hrdwd flr in FR w/FP; kit w/maple cabs & granite counters; 3.5 car gar; Jack & Jill BA. MLS# 26092319 248-347-3050



NOVI \$339,900
Spacious updated home sits on a large lot on w/a large bright kit w/ newer cabs & island. Cathedral ceilings in FR & mstr BR. Mstr suite w/BA. Fresh paint, some newer windows. Prof fin LL. Inc. Home theater area & wet bar. MLS# 26108065 248-347-3050



NOVI \$295,000
Neutral decor, hwd flrs in foyer, kit & nook, 1st flr laundry, formal LR & DR, kit open to family rm w/light oak cabinets. Family room w/ natural FP, french door to patio, new roof shingles, new carpet t/o. MLS# 26102512 248-347-3050



NOVI \$142,900
Excellent remodeled end unit don't miss this freshly painted 2 BR, 2.5 BA condo. Spacious kitchen w/hook, fireplace in LR, private patio, 1 car garage. All appliances stay. Community pool. MLS# 26105973 734-453-6800



OAK PARK \$159,900
Beautifully decorated home with Ferrandale schools. Mint condition. Won Beautification Award for 2 years. Neutral colors. Home warranty included! MLS# 26092105 248-437-4500



OAK PARK \$89,900
Clean well maintained 3BR, 1BA ranch features kitchen w/ceramic tile, enclosed front porch & finished carport. Updates: roof, furnace, vinyl siding, electrical, kitchen, carpet, paint & more. Move in condition. MLS# 26092703 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH \$950,000
Exquisitely detailed executive home. Cust dream kit, HDWD flrs, soaring ceilings. 3 FP's, full finished walk out w/kit, ba, BR, work out room, family room. Sunite pool surrounded by gardens. MLS# 26095774 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH \$384,900
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PLYMOUTH \$269,900
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PLYMOUTH \$165,500
2 Blocks from Kellogg Park. End Unit Top Floor Condo. Redesigned & Remodeled in 02: Beautiful LR & DR. Doorwall To Covered Balcony. Granite Counters in Open Kitchen. Spacious Mbr W WIC. In unit Laundry W Storage. MLS# 26107868 734-591-0333



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MORTGAGE PRE-APPROVAL

A pre-approval is a simple calculation done by a mortgage lender that tells you (a) the amount you'll be able to finance through a loan and (b) what your monthly payment will be. When you find a home to buy, a pre-approval also reassures the seller that you have the financial means to purchase his or her home. Contact your agent for help in getting a mortgage pre-approval.

Once you know the amount the bank will lend you, the next step is to determine how much to save for your down payment. This will help you define the types of homes within your budget. Keep in mind the monthly costs associated with home ownership include not only your mortgage payment, but also real estate taxes, homeowner's insurance and utilities.

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YOUR DOWN PAYMENT

A down payment is the money you pay up front toward the purchase of your new home. Typically, the larger your down payment, the less you pay each month on the mortgage, and the lower the interest costs will be over the life of the mortgage.

How large should your down payment be? Many people make down payments of 5 percent, 10 percent or 20 percent of the sales prices of the homes they buy. There are also loans available for buyers with down payments of under 5 percent. However, the right percentage for you depends on many factors. Talk to a mortgage professional to learn more about your mortgage options and which is the right fit for you.

YOUR MORTGAGE

Your options for financing the home you find depend on your personal financial situation and your needs.



Check with an agent for guidance about contacting mortgage lenders and getting a mortgage pre-approval. This will help you gauge how much you can afford to spend on a home and the financing options available to you. Here's an overview of typical financing options available:

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■ **Fixed Rate Mortgage (FRM):** This is a mortgage with an interest rate that does not change during the entire term of the loan. This means the monthly payments for principal and interest are also fixed for the life of the loan.

■ **Conventional Mortgage:** This is mortgage that is not part of a government-housing program, typically has a limit of \$322,700, and is not insured by the federal government.

■ **Jumbo Mortgage:** This is a mortgage that typically exceeds \$322,700 and is not insured by the federal government. These loans usually have higher interest rates.

■ **Government Backed Loans:** There are two types of government-backed loans - FHA and VA. FHA loans are insured by HUD (the Department of Housing and Urban Development of the United States) and VA loans are insured by the Veterans Administration.

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After you find a home and receive mortgage approval, the closing is when ownership of your new home officially transfers from the seller to you. In some cases, sellers pay the closing costs. If not, you need to be prepared to pay this additional cost. This can add another 2 to 5 percent to the home purchase price. These costs also can vary from state to state. For specifics, ask your agent. Other additional costs may include:

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Brighton
CUL DE SAC LOCATION Built in 1999, 4 bd colonial w/ amazing oak Kitchen, 10k in recent updates, FR w/ doorwall to huge Deck, large master w/bath, & much more. (C-294DU) \$250,000

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Canton
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Dexter
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Canton
CHERRY GROVE CONDO 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo w/loft, GR w/frp & balcony, formal Dining, island Kitchen, part finished bsmt w/doorwall to backyard, 2 car garage, & private entrance. (P-846CH) \$219,900

Farmington Hills
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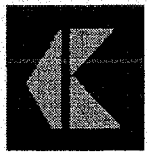
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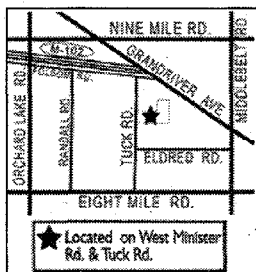
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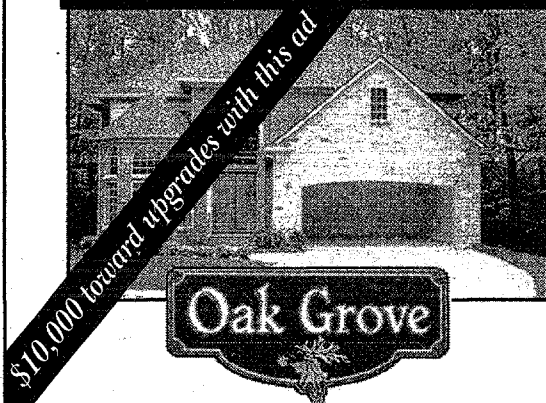
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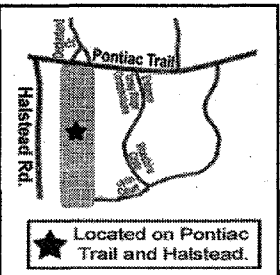
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Naples real estate market is changing

Q. I am thinking about buying a condo in Naples, Fla., and understand the market is softening. Do you have any information?

A. Based upon various articles published in the Naples daily newspaper and other real estate periodicals, the number of units for sale has dramatically increased in Naples. Some people are, of course, holding back on the sale of their unit depending upon market conditions but the market is definitely softening. That does not mean that there will not be an appreciation in value of the condominium units but the double digit figures of 20-25 percent may not continue for the foreseeable future. You are best advised to consult with an attorney of your choosing before making any purchase.

Q. I understand that there is a movement in the Midwest for high speed rail which will impact real estate development in Michigan.

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Do you have any information?

A. I recently attended a seminar put on by the High Speed Rail people in Chicago and it is their desire to increase the development of high speed rail generating from Chicago to various points in the Midwest including Detroit. That will result in the infusion of additional capital for construction and rehabilitation. That would also no doubt result in an improvement of property values along the right of way. High speed rail is important for economic development, particularly in light of the energy crisis and should be encouraged both through the political process and through private development.

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 \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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Use home equity carefully

Americans who recently purchased homes using home equity loans run the risk of owing more than their house is worth due to rising interest rates, according to RealEstateJournal.com, *The Wall Street Journal's* guide to property. Home equity borrowing has been a boon to consumers in recent years, allowing them to turn their houses into cash machines.

However, higher rates are fueling an increased interest in a different type of home equity borrowing: loans, which offer a lump sum and a fixed rate, instead of credit lines. Newly popular features let borrowers lock in a fixed rate on some or all of their line of credit.

The cost of tapping your home's equity has climbed dramatically as the Federal Reserve Board has boosted short-term interest rates 15 times over the past two years. Some borrowers are consolidating their adjustable-rate mortgage and lines of credit into fixed-rate mortgages.

This strategy – known as “cash-out refinancing” – doesn't make sense for everyone, according to RealEstateJournal.com. Borrowers considering it should look not only at the rate and size of their credit line, but also

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at their overall mortgage picture.

Borrowers who took out a home equity line a few years ago may be able to get a new one with a lower rate. Another option is to lock in a fixed rate on a portion of your credit line and then unlock it if rates move lower. Homeowners who opt to lock in could still see their monthly payments increase, however.

That's because borrowers with home equity lines often make interest-only payments. Borrowers who lock in a fixed rate on their credit line typically make both principal and interest payments.

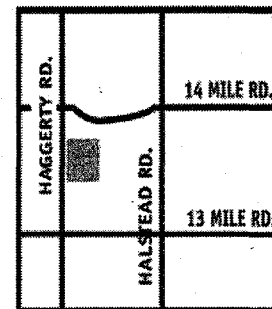
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3 Bedrooms 2.2 Bathrooms \$280,000
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level features mstr ste w/Nautilus tub
& sep shower, a 2nd full BA, 2
additional BRs, & loft. C/A, irrigation
sys, oversized lot, patio. Appls incl.
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HAZEL PARK

2 Bedrooms 1 Bathroom \$89,900
Great starter or rental! Numerous
updates have been completed incl: all
new carpet t/o, freshly painted,
marble bar island in kitchen & new
counter tops, glass block windows in
foyer. Fenced backyard. Immed Occ.

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LIVONIA

3 Bedrooms 1.1 Bathrooms \$169,900
Charming spacious brick ranch w/
Livonia Schools. Conveniently
located, close to shopping & I-96 Fin
bsmt. Carpeting t/o, fenced yard.
Built in stove. Washer, dryer, & fridge
stay. Move in cond. Immed. Occup.

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NORTHVILLE

2 Bedrooms 1.1 Bathrooms \$129,900
Great opportunity to own a Highland
Lakes condo w. Northville schools &
elementary in sub. Updated kit w/
new appls! Extremely priv! New
carpet. Relaxing community w/pool,
tennis, & priv lg prvlgs. Gas included.

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PLYMOUTH

4 Bedrooms 2.1 Bathrooms \$369,900
Trailwood Sub! Offers many features:
updated kit w/ lg island & eating area
, LR, formal DR, family rm w/FP, den,
FFL. Updates include: furnace,
windows, HWH, roof, vinyl siding/trim
& C/A. Remodeled in 1998!

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ROSEVILLE

3 Bedrooms 2 Bathrooms \$148,000
Nice ranch style brick home near
Macomb Mall. Dining area off the
galley kitchen has patio door leading
to 14x16 deck. Fin basement with
optional 4th BR. Sprinkler & fenced
backyard. C/A. Appliances stay!

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ROYAL OAK

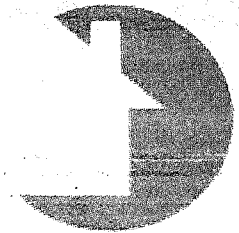
2 Bedrooms 1.1 Bathrooms \$259,900
Beautiful downtown condo w/
dramatic open floor plan and 1300 sq
ft. Bay window in living room w/nat.
fireplace. Custom paint and vaulted
ceilings in both bedrooms. 2 car at
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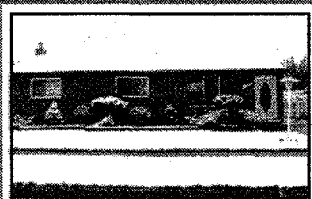
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plumbing, paint, circuit breakers &
more! Walking distance to Heritage
Park! All new doors t/o home. Hurry,
this won't last!

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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

4 Bedrooms 3.1 Bathrooms \$319,900
Gorgeous 2400 SF colonial. 2 Story
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Ceramic tile in foyer. Study with Bay.
Dining Room. Custom Paver Patio.
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4 Bedrooms 2.1 Bathrooms \$419,900
Features ceramic tile in foyer, hwdvs
in kit, open floor plan to FR w/ crown
molding & marble fpl, fin bsmt, &
mstr ste w/BA & jacuzzi tub! Cul-de-
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2 Bedrooms 1 Bathroom \$119,900
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DEARBORN

3BR, 2BA bungalow w/fin bsmt. Newer carpet. Both baths updated. Huge MBR w/WIC closet & built-ins. Fenced corner lot & concrete patio. Ceramic tile kit floor.
 \$134,900 (T40CHA) 248-349-5600



NOVI

Oakland county's most exclusive community. 4BR colonial on W/O. Open floor plan inc: gourmet kit, 2-story GR, parlor, stately library. Bldr incentives. Call for details.
 \$1,438,477 (T15BEL) - 248-349-5600



LIVONIA

Wow, great location for this 3BR, 2BA brick ranch on a huge approximately .48 acre lot. Newer carpet, paint, roof, furnace, stove & dishwasher.
 \$175,000 (T07FIT) 248-349-5600



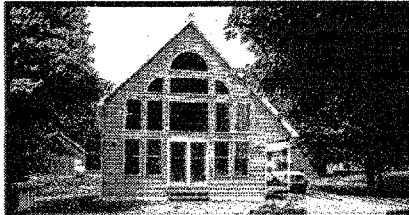
NORTHVILLE

Custom home backing to woods, private. Lovely elevation, beautiful custom hardwood floors, cherry cabinets, granite, lovely glamour master bath.
 \$699,000 (T67WIL) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE

Almost new home-2005. 4BR, 3.5BA colonial. 3 car gar, FFL, 2-way frplc w/hearth. Master suite with double WIC, vanities & jet tub. Lease available.
 \$485,000 (T83COU) 248-349-5600



MARTINY TOWNSHIP

This beautiful 1-1/2 story lk front home located on the north side of all sports Pretty Lake approx 20 minutes from Mt. Pleasant. Open floor plan, Cath ceilings & hardwood floors.
 \$349,900 (T55PRE) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE

Ranch style condo tastefully decorated w/a finished W/O bsmt. 2BR, 2.5BA, large deck with a view from LR & MBR. Walk to town. Pets allowed.
 \$217,800 (T46EAS) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE

A diamond in the rough. Bring your creative side & make this a beauty. 3BR, 2BA, 2 car garage. Currently used as art studio. Garage has loft w/ bedroom & bath.
 \$241,900 (T15YER) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE

Gorgeous estate in Stonewater sub. Across from Lk & gazebo. Awesome loc. Custom T/O. Gourmet kit, 4 season rm, glamour MBA, fin LL w/BR, study, Exercise & game rm & full BA.
 \$699,000 (T29CLO) 248-349-5600



LIVONIA

Sprawling brick ranch on approx 1/2 acre park-like setting. Lovely inground pool. Many updates-roof, windows, driveway, kitchen, A/C. Open floor plan, neutral décor & fireplace.
 \$199,900 (T00HILL) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS

1998 built colonial. 3BR, 1.5BA, LR w/natural frplc, huge eat-in sunny kitchen, full basement, 2 car attached gar, just under acre lot, Farmington schools, home warranty.
 \$175,000 (T84MID) 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH

Classic 4BR, 2.5BA brick colonial with formal LR & DR & fireplace in FR with w/door wall. Large kitchen with appliances. Den, FFL, basement & 2 car attached garage.
 \$309,000 (T56CAN) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE

Private wooded lot w/babbling creek. Great floor plan to entertain. Large MBR suite. GR w/stone frplc. Fin LL W/O w/kit, FR, BR & BA. Extensive pavers, 2-tier cedar deck.
 \$369,900 (T36CEN) 248-349-5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD

Stately 4BR brick col. Master ste w/frplc, grand master BA, cherry stain kit w/beautiful views of the woods. 2-story FR, 2 staircases, 2 half baths on 1st floor lib. 3 car gar.
 \$679,900 (T49CHE) 248-349-5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD

Beautiful home on a wooded cul-de-sac! Maple cabs, granite hrdwd in this cooks delight kit. Grand master ste w/glamour BA, Jack & Jill guest ste, private backyard & 3 car.
 \$678,000 (T43CHE) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS

Spacious 4BR, 2.5BA col w/large mstr suite, open floor plan w/frplc in FR. 2 car att garage. FFL. Extra high bsmt ceiling. 2-tier cedar deck off kit. Excellent landscaping.
 \$374,900 (T52ELM) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE

Stunning 4BR, 2.5BA colonial. True gourmet kit-04, FR w/new stone frplc-03, Andersen windows-05, dimensional shingles-03, newer baths, crown molding, Fin LL & FFL.
 \$439,900 (T64GRE) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE

Home boasts traditional flr plan w/formal DR, LR, FR & lib. Mstr ste w/Glamour BA, frplc & balcony. Spacious kit has maple cabs, Corian Counters & hrdwd flrs. Must see.
 \$679,900 (T01PRI) 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON

Classic custom home on 1st fairway of Tanglewood golf comm. 4 spacious BR, 5BA, 2 masonry frplcs, dual staircase, fin LL w/media room, rec room, exercise area w/full BA.
 \$779,000 (T58STA) 248-349-5600



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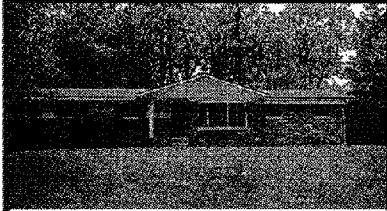
Amazing 4BR, 3.5BA home on prem wooded lot in one of Novi's finest subs. 2-story GR, 4 season sun rm, x-tra deep bsmt w/daylight windows, brick paver patio & kit w/maple cabs.
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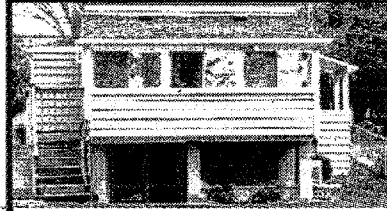
COMMERCE
New construction. 3 to 4 BR, 2 BA in a new small sub. Vaulted GR w/frpc. Master suite w/wic & ceramic BA. Hrdwd flrs. Daylight bsmt w/9 ceilings. Huge 3 car garage. Others avail.
\$299,900 (T74ALO) 248-363-1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD
3 BR brick ranch situated on .5 acre lot. Features completely updated kitchen & bath, frpc, bsmt, 2+ gar, newer windows, furnace, water heater, patio, lake privileges.
\$225,000 (T51DAR) 248-363-1200



COMMERCE
Cross Creek Sub, 2000 built, formal layout w/living, dining & family rooms, 4 huge BR, library, paver patio, great backyard, city water/sewer, Walled Lake Schools.
\$352,000 (G31LAN) 248-363-1200



WHITE LAKE
All sports Sugden Lake 2 BR, spacious great rm w/fireplace, vaulted ceiling and separate all-season nook. Newer windows and roof, updated BA. Views of beautiful nature preserve.
\$214,900 (T48CAS) 248-626-8800



FARMINGTON
3 BR, 3.5 BA, w/LL w/o...
Open fir plan, winding stair, 2 frpcs, skylights. Fin LL w/association paid by the seller.
\$369,900 (T08LEG)



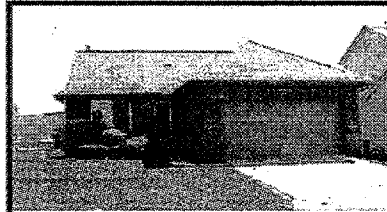
WEST BLOOMFIELD
Great party kitchen w/island & plenty of cabinets. 3BR, 3BA. Gently curved staircase to upper BRs. Walled Lake Schools, deck off kitchen, gas frpc & wet bar in family room.
\$269,900 (T31ANN) 248-363-1200



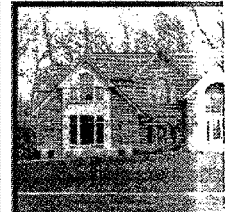
WHITE LAKE
Extremely clean & well maintained colonial located on .75 acre lot. Formal dining, great room, lrg deck, paver patio, part fin basement, 2.5 BA, .5 car gar. Easy wway access.
\$240,000 (T40FOX) 248-363-1200



COMMERCE
Over the top describes everything about this newly constructed home on approx 1 acre, 4 BR, 3.5 BA w/o extra, extra deep bsmt. look on line for all the photos. Too much to mention!
\$565,000 (T22LEI) 248-363-1200



NOVI
Beautiful 3 BR, 3 BA ranch in golf community has fresh neutral décor and features found in more expensive homes. Finished w/o lower level, perfect for a nanny or a teen.
\$279,900 (T93COL) 248-626-8800



COMMERCE
Canal front. 3 BR, 3.5 BA, FF MBR Extensive use of floors. Loaded with extras winning Walled Lake school.
\$774,900 (T89MAG)



WATERFORD
Updates galore! Pergo flooring, tile, maple cabinets. Newer fixtur & windows. 2 car garage, full basement, central air. 3 BR, 1.5 BA. Fresh paint & carpeting. Must see!
\$179,900 (T56BEA) 248-363-1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD
Great location, move right into this 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial featuring many recent updates. Formal living & dining room, family room w/french doors to large deck, gas frpc, part fin LL.
\$265,000 (T35KOL) 248-363-1200



MILFORD
Walk to downtown Milford! Better than new 2005 home w/granite & walk-in pantry, entry level master suite w/cath ceiling, huge WIC & jetted tub. Easy care yard.
\$305,000 (T20MIL) 248-363-1200



FARMINGTON HILLS
Huge open foyer w/ceramic tile, lrg open kit w/all appls. 2 door walls lead to large 2 story deck, cath ceiling, MBR w/jetted tub, WIC, & full BA. FFL. LB w/tall wndws. DR w/wet bar. 1 yr HW.
\$399,900 (T01FLE) 248-626-8800



COMMERCE
HOUSE TO BE BUILT. Co...
This sub features canal bridges, and trails. All site front. Only 3 remain.
\$572,000 (T91SER)



COMMERCE
Lovely 3 BR w/lake privileges on all sports lake. Well maintained gorgeous yard & gardens, mature trees, patio, acclaimed Walled Lake Schools. A must see! Hurry, it won't last!
\$195,000 (T46BOG) 248-363-1200



MILFORD
Stunning executive home on beautiful wooded acreage. Great location. 4 BR, 2.5 BA. Upgrades throughout, 2 frpc, granite, hrdwd flrs, calif, closets, 3 car gar, extra deep w/o LL. Wow!
\$430,000 (T41HIL) 248-363-1200



WATERFORD
Creatively rebuilt ranch. The entire home is brand new. 2 car att gar, 1.5 BA, 2 BR, great layout, spacious rooms, lake access on Crescent Lake. Come see it!
\$185,000 (T28PHE) 248-363-1200



FARMINGTON HILLS
Nestled deep in sub. Neutral décor t/o w/skylight, bay window in dining rm & vaulted ceiling. 2 BR w/WIC, 2.5 BA, beautifully fin LL, fireplace in great rm. Home warranty.
\$184,900 (T38GLA) 248-626-8800



COMMERCE
Must see this 4 bedroom basement. Home has hardwood floors, granite master bedroom. Very nice.
\$429,000 (T30WEN)



WHITE LAKE
2BR 2BA ranch w/lake privileges on beautiful Round Lake. Pella windows, custom paint, woodburning stove, parquet flrs. Fin bsmt w/wet bar. Walled Lake Schools. Home Warranty.
\$182,500 (T25CLE) 248-363-1200



COMMERCE TWP
4-5 BR, 2.5 BA, 1.5 story partially fin w/o on premium lot overlooks pond & park. This home is handicap equip including elevator to 3 levels, hrdwd flrs, large rooms, 1st fir laundry. Fresh!
\$387,999 (T71HUR) 248-363-1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD
Gorgeous 4 BR, 2.5 BA custom beauty. 1st floor master. Huge kitchen. Breakfast nook & sun/keeping rm. 3 car garage. Great 1st fir laundry. West Bloomfield Schools. A must see home!
\$390,000 (T85SAD) 248-363-1200



FARMINGTON HILLS
3 BR ranch on wooded lot. New kit in 06 w/maple cabs, granite counters & ceramic heated flr. GR w/nat frpc, cath ceiling & skylights. MBR w/huge WIC. Hot tub in private yard.
\$220,000 (T40LAM) 248-626-8800



FARMINGTON
Builders/investors: your approximately acre site, bedrooms, 4 baths. Home
\$274,000 (T46WES)



WILSON
 Private community. Updated kitchen, hardwood floors, granite, deck, pool, theater. 1 year warranty.

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LIVONIA
 Lovely home in great sub. 4BR 2.5BA in updated home decorated with designer colors. Newer kitchen cabinets, and doorwall from BRKFST Rm leads to large deck.

\$234,900 (T30SHE) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH
 Custom built 4 bdrm, 4.5 bath ranch w/premium fin W/O, 4 car att gar, gorgeous kitchen offering quality cabs, granite & upgraded appls, + lovely indoor pool.

\$1,199,900 (T91PAC) 734-455-5600



MADISON HEIGHTS
 This home sparkles. Updated 4BR home w/2.5 car garage. Newer roof, flooring, paint, kitchen, bath, oak hand railing, fenced-in yard. Bring your fuzziest buyers.

\$174,900 (T43SHI) 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE
 Gorgeous executive estate on court overlooking pond. Fabulous layout. Immaculate. Custom molding, lighting, window treatments, huge kit w/ 2-way frpic, cust deck & premium lot.

\$584,500 (T10WHI) 248-349-5600



Custom built home w/ite and hardwood floors. Replaces. Award winning.

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REDFORD
 Beautifully decorated to the perfection w/walk-out lower level. HRDWD floors, woodwork t/o, oak kit, DR, lib/study & 3 car gar. 3 BR, 1.5 BA.

\$194,900 (T21MIN) 734-455-5600



INKSTER
 Gorgeous 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath brick colonial offering fam rm w/frpic, 2 car att gar, full bsmt, formal din rm, huge eat-in kit, 1st flr laundry & much more!

\$309,000 (T13CHE) 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS
 Great 4BR, 2.5BA cape cod w/1st floor master. Huge GR w/sleek contemporary windows for wooded views. Updated kit w/brkfst room leading to deck. DR, FFL & bsmt.

\$399,000 (T61SUN) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS
 Soft contemporary w/1st floor MBR & 2BR up w/Jack & Jill baths. Library, GR w/custom frpic & built-ins. LR, kit, FFL, 3 season sun room, 2.5 car side entry garage.

\$395,000 (T64WIL) 248-349-5600



Home to paradise. Covered walking path, canal, walkout, canal.

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FARMINGTON HILLS
 Lg ranch w/4 bdrm, 2 bath, DR, FR, LR, 2 car att gar, 2 frpics, open flr plan. Updates incl: windows, oak flrs, roof, gutters, maple kit & lg fin bsmt.

\$259,900 (T30LOR) 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH
 Charming 3 bdrm updated bungalow offering master suite w/gas frpic, bathroom w/2 shower heads & Jacuzzi tub, tiered deck & lg shed w/A/C & elec.

\$195,000 (T40IRV) 734-455-5600



DEARBORN HEIGHTS
 3BR brick ranch w/2 full BAs & fin bsmt. Newer oak kit w/2 pantries. Appls inc. Newer furn, C/A, HWH & roof. Hrdwd floors, 2 car gar plus a carport. 1 year warranty.

\$169,900 (T88TER) 248-349-5600



ROYAL OAK
 3BR ranch w/3 BR, newer roof, updated kit & newer windows. 50 gal HWH. 2-car garage & full basement. Appliances included. 1 year home warranty.

\$173,000 (T29AME) 248-349-5600



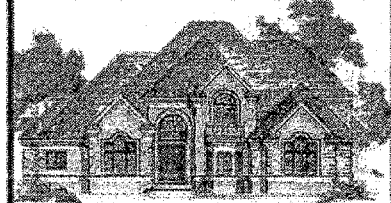
Home with finished many upgrades, new roof, new floors, new paint. First floor open plan.

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WESTLAND
 Exceptional well built 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial built in 2003 and offering 2 car att gar, bsmt, beautiful fam rm w/frpic & oak kitchen & some much more!

\$289,900 (T34AUT) 734-455-5600



CANTON
 New const. On approx 1 acre lot w/4 bdrm, 3.5 BA, 4 c att gar, 2 story foyer, formal DR, hearth rm off lg kit, breakfast nook, all bdrms w/WIC, full bsmt and you can pick your special wishes.

\$875,000 (T52ROL) 734-455-5600



LIVONIA
 Custom home on large country lot. Sits back from road w/plenty of parking. Matching pole barn for storage or workshop. Unique master w/ 2 person jacuzzi. Lots of extras.

\$269,900 (T78WAY) 248-349-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS
 Brick ranch w/3BR, 1.5BA, hardwood floors, newer furnace, A/C, HWT, newer windows, large kit, door wall to backyard, 2.5 car garage. Nice yard. Great location. Home warranty.

\$179,900 (T70BAR) 248-349-5600



Home with finished many upgrades, new roof, new floors, new paint. First floor open plan.

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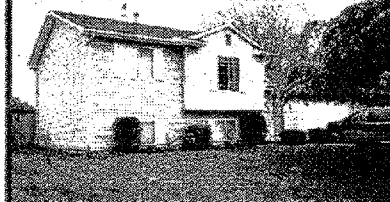
CANTON
 Spectacular 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial in Cherry Hill Village offering custom upgrades T/O. Grand 2 story GR, bsmt, 2 car att gar, mstr suite w/private balcony.

\$369,900 (T05HAR) 734-455-5600



CANTON
 3 bdrm, 3.5 bath colonial w/2 c att gar, fin bsmt, great rm w/frpic, extra lg rooms & lots of WIC, updated kitchen has island, 1st flr laundry. HURRY!

\$251,000 (T37MAR) 734-455-5600



WIXOM
 Beautifully maintained 3BR, 1.5BA home w/open floor plan. Neutral décor, vinyl siding, C/A, 2-car att gar. Private yard & many updates. All this and a 1 year home warranty.

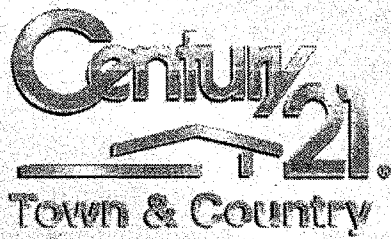
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LIVONIA
 Beautiful landscaping surrounds the backyard patio and home. Contemporary 3BR, 2.5BA w/GR w/fireplace, fin bsmt, wood floors. Faces golf course. Kitchen island w/maple cabs.

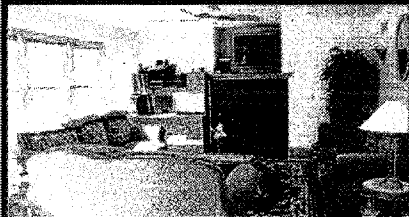
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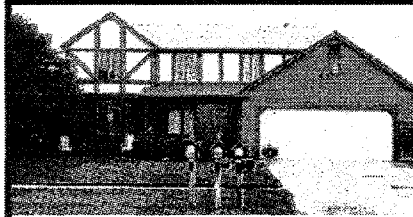


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ANN ARBOR
 CUSTOM BUILT COLONIAL sitting on a country lot w/lower level W/O, 2 story foyer, open staircase, gour kit, open FR w/frplc, mstr suite w/glamour BA, 5 BRs & 2.5 BAs + 2 c att gar
 T64EAS \$475,000 734-455-5600



CANTON
 ABSOLUTELY STUNNING Great updates on this 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial w/newer maple cabinets, newer furn, C/A, Anderson windows & newer Pergo flring. Private fence.
 T30CLA \$269,900 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH
 DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH CONDO 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath, fresh paint, cer kit & entry, frplc, master suite w/WIC. Nicely fin space in lower level. Newer windows, att gar, private deck & appls.
 T18ANN \$189,900 734-455-5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD
 PRIVATE WOODED SETTING Hrdwd flr in 2 story foyer, kit, fam rm & power rm. Kit w/granite island, bay window overlooks deck. Mstr suite w/frplc, & 2 WIC s, fin W/O w/full bar & bath.
 T37MIS \$489,000 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH
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CANTON
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VAN BUREN
 WONDERFUL COUNTRY LIVING 4 BR, 2 BA, 2 car att gar, w/deck, approx 2.5 acres. Newer roof, furn, AC, siding, wndws, stone fir in kit & foyer. Kit w/Corian counters, & Moen faucet.
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CANTON
 OUTSTANDING COLONIAL 5 bdrm, 2.5 bath w/ updated oak cabs w/crown & tool molding, bay picture windows in brkfst area, great rm w/frplc, & doorwall to deck + 2 car att gar & bsmt.
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 ELEGANT WOODLORE SOUTH Brick front. Fyr w/crvd strcse, hdwd in GR w/cath cell, marb trim FP, DR & LR, French drs-lib, kit w/cherry cabs, bfst area to sun rm, mstr w/sit area, 3 c gar.
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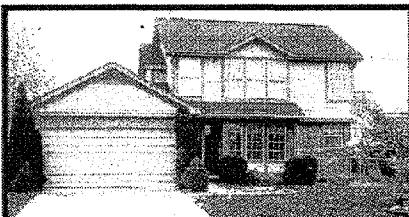
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 IMMACULATE COLONIAL Wonderful 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath home, 2 c att gar, bsmt, formal din rm, brkfst nook w/doorwall to Trix deck, frplc in fam rm, all appliances & so much more
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VAN BUREN
 SPECTACULAR COLONIAL 4 BR 2.5 BA home on prime builders lot. LR & DR w/crown molding. Lg oak kit w/brfst area & door wall. Mstr ste w/cathedral ceilings, WIC & jacuzzi tub.
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CANTON
 BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL Home w/perfect wooded setting. 3 spacious BR, 2 updated BA, GR w/gas frpl, hrdwd floors, 6-panel doors & crown molding. Beveled glass doors & windows.
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CANTON
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Canton- The nicest home in the neighborhood! Immaculate 4 BR, 2 BA quad offers an updated kitchen, extra large family room, and a beautiful finished basement. Some of the many updates include roof, windows, electrical, HWH, and carpeting. Enjoy the built in hot tub and lovely grounds. \$259,900 (05ARL)



Canton- Amazing. This newer built 2 story condo offers 3 BR, 2.1 BA. Neutral decor w/o, gas fireplace in the living room, 1st floor laundry, and a full basement. 2 car attached garage. Enjoy the 20 acre nature preserve that backs to subdivision; offering a calm and peaceful setting. \$214,900 (63CON)



Canton- Spotless, move in condition 2 BR condo. New windows, newly remodeled kitchen, roof, reglazed bath w/10 yr transfer warranty. Walk in closet w/washer and dryer, freshly painted, all appliances stay, C/A, and carpet. Gas and water included w/assoc fees \$104,900 (57SAV)



Canton- Spectacular new construction! This 3 BR, 2 BA ranch offers special features including hardwood flooring, gourmet kitchen with granite, custom wood trim and a hand carved fireplace. Master suite offers a private luxurious bath, Ceramic tile in the 1st floor laundry. This home is a must see! \$299,900 (12BEC)



Canton- Come take a look at this fabulous 3 BR, 2.1 BA colonial. Updated carpeting, paint, & light fixtures w/o. Hardwood floors and 1st floor laundry. Master Ste w/cathedral ceilings, large VIC, & granite bath. Prof. finished basement w/wet bar. Large corner lot that is prof. landscaped, with a cedar deck & brick sewer patio. All appliances. \$239,900 (02WEL)



Dearborn Hgts- Beautifully landscaped 4 BR, 1.1 BA ranch in secluded cul-de-sac. Largest yard in area w/patio & garden. Remodeled bath, basement w/5th BR and large family room, newer Pergo floors, & custom window treatments. Newer roof and garage. \$209,900 (45CRE)



Farmington Hills- Inviting 3 BR, 1.1 BA ranch. Natural fireplace in spacious living room, large family room in finished basement, updated kitchen with plenty of natural light. Doorwall in kitchen leads to deck overlooking large backyard w/2.5 car garage. 1200+ sqft and all appliances stay. \$194,000 (59LON)



Garden City- Well maintained 3 BR ranch with a finished basement. Newer 1.5 car garage, updated kitchen, Wallside windows, steel entry doors, furnace & C/A. Fenced yard, pool w/wreath liner and equipment, 1000 sqft, & some appliances stay. \$139,900 (22LEO)



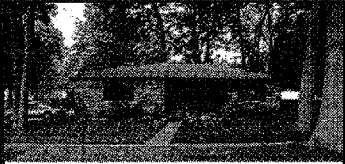
Garden City- What a great home! This 3 BR, 2 BA brick ranch offers newer carpeting, oak kitchen, vinyl windows, and newer central air. Finished basement with ample storage and a wet bar. Great landscaping and an extra deep lot. 2 car garage. This home will not last! \$139,900 (62BEL)



Lambertville- Gorgeous 4 BR, 1.1 BA ranch with 1900+ sqft. Shed, fenced yard, patio, common pool, & tennis court. 2 car attached garage, C/A, & corner lot. Sun filled Great RM with awesome surround sound and cathedral ceilings. Best home in Monroe. Won't last. \$184,900 (12KEN)



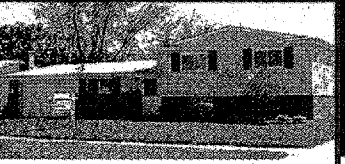
Livonia- Sharp 2 BR, 1.1 BA condo with hardwood flooring. Basement is finished w/half bath, C/A, freshly painted, new windows and doors. 2 parking spaces, and laundry room. Wonderful location and a great buy! Everything is done! \$91,900 (35MID)



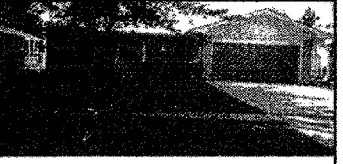
Livonia- WOW! This 4 BR, 2.1 BA all brick ranch is a must see. Enjoy the calm, serene setting this home has to offer with its incredible trees, landscaping, and hammock. 1100 sqft finished basement with egress. All appliances included. Brand new central air, newer roof, updated kitchen, and a heatolator fireplace. \$216,900 (05IRV)



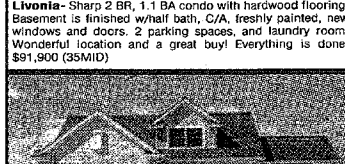
Livonia- Gorgeous 3 BR, 3 BA newer built ranch on 1/2 acre lot. Stunning basement with full bath, 2 car garage with work area and wood burning system. Sprinklers, great room, C/A, and a home warranty. Enjoy the country setting from your large deck. \$219,900 (71AMR)



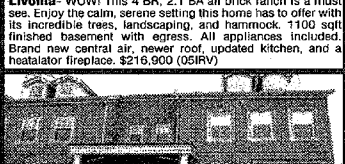
Livonia- Large 3 BR, 1.1 BA tri-level. Newer roof, windows, furnace, and C/A. Appliances stay, downwall to patio and large open yard. Basement, garage, and immediate occupancy. Owner is currently adding fresh paint and sod. Hurry and you can pick your colors. \$194,900 (42CDU)



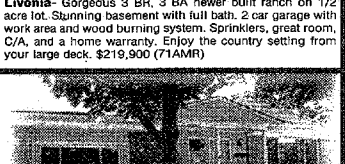
Livonia- Lovely 3 BR, 1.1 BA brick ranch. Spotlessly clean! Updated bath, newer windows, and furnace. Gas fireplace in 7/3. Florida room. Extra wide driveway, home warranty, garage, sprinklers, and bsmt. Beautiful curb appeal. Security system. 1300+ sqft. \$229,900 (45HOU)



Lyndon- 4 BR, 3.5 BA colonial built in 2005 on almost 3.5 acres. Reduced \$20,000 for quick sale. Sprinklers, garage, and a walkout bsmt. Kitchen opens into nook and family room with gas 7/3. Beautifully decorated Barely lived in! \$499,900 (68WES)



Northville- Desirable Downtown Northville! This 2 BR, 1.1 BA condo is located in quiet, park like setting. Rare end unit which includes large Bay Window in kitchen. Upgrades include rdwd floors, cherry cabinets, 12' ceilings & prof. painted w/o. Large Mstr BR w/doors leading to Balcony. All appliances stay. \$219,900 (51IRV)



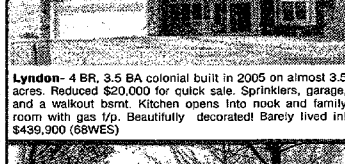
Northville- Walk to Downtown Northville! This 3 BR, 1.2 BA is very close to elementary and middle schools. Unique Master BR offers his/her separate lavs and sinks. Partially finished basement, fireplace in the family room, and all appliances included. 2 car garage. \$239,900 (31ELY)



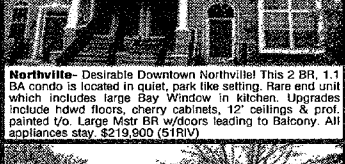
Northville- Beautiful Stonewater Sub. Exquisite Cranbrook I colonial w/4 BR and 3.1 BA. Loaded with updates! Granite thru out kitchen and all baths. 2 story great room and foyer with open rod iron spindles. Basement prepped for full bath. Garage, sprinklers, and more. \$669,900 (91BIN)



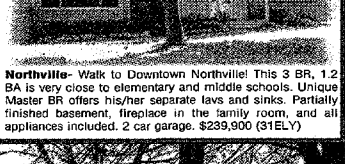
Plymouth- Well kept home with a comfortable setting that is ready to move into & ready. This 3 BR, 2.1 BA offers many updates including tile, carpet, kitchen and bath improvements. Most appliances stay. Large yard with a deck to enjoy during the summer. 2 car detached garage with a workshop. \$199,900 (94ERH)



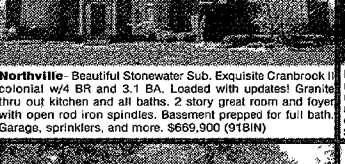
Plymouth- Elegance, serenity, & comfort! This beautifully 4 BR, 3.1 BA colonial is nestled on a wooded acre. Enjoy the new home theatre, updated kitchen, and the exquisite landscaping & breathtaking waterfall. Master suite w/private bath offering hot tub/spa. 4th BR is currently a dressing room that can be easily converted back. \$699,000 (31NDR)



Plymouth- What a steal! Drastically reduced! Immaculate 4 BR, 2 BA home. New entry door, ceramic tile in foyer, kitchen and over 1900+ sqft. Shed, attached garage, C/A. Bsmt, laundry room, TV room, office or bed room. Large country lot, all updated in 1992. \$244,900 (38THO)



Redford- Fabulously unique 3 BR, 2 BA colonial with all the updates. Located in a great neighborhood and walking distance to schools and shopping. Huge kitchen and a separate dining room for quality family dinners. All appliances included. Partially finished basement and a 2 car attached garage with electric. This is a must see! \$159,900 (22ROY)



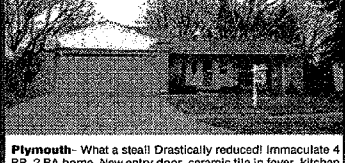
Redford- A fantastic starter! This 3 BR bungalow is located on a beautiful tree lined street. Move in and enjoy. Remodeled kitchen, newer windows, and hardwood flooring. Newer roof, furnace, and updated electrical. Remodeled bath and a partially finished basement. 2 car garage and a fenced yard. All appliances stay! Great location. \$109,900 (29POI)



Redford- Incredible describes this 3 BR brick ranch with a long list of updates. Updates include newer copper plumbing, windows, entire electrical system, central air, & ceiling fans. Newer flooring & hardwood floors complete this adorable home. Partially finished basement and a 1 car garage. Don't miss out on this home, it won't last. \$134,900 (25NCR)



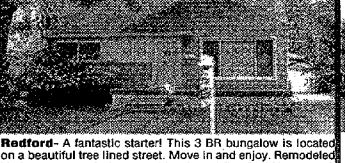
South Lyon- Unbelievable! Over 3600 sq ft of living space. Home offers 3 BR possible 5 BR, with 3.1 BA. Finished walk-out basement with a full bar, bath, rec. room, & fireplace. Hardwood floors in dining room. Great landscaping w/pool. Extensive decking & brick pavers on the serene setting overlooking the open meadow. \$329,500 (06CLO)



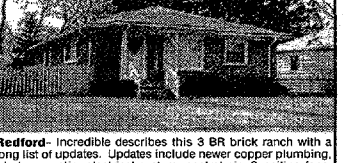
Walled Lake- Beautiful 3 BR, 3 BA home with almost 3000 sqft. Walkout basement, Florida room, garage, shed, BBQ grill, & fenced yard. 2 fireplaces, 3 heat zones, new liner in in ground pool plus a large dock. Home warranty. Sub with beach and park. \$279,000 (49MEV)



Westland- Clean, solid 3 BR ranch with Livonia Schools. Full size open basement, large 2.5 car garage, fenced yard, and 1000+ sqft. Good size bedroom with large closets. Newer roof, furnace, and HWH. Appliances stay. What a bargain. \$145,000 (71PER)



Westland- Must see to believe! Spectacular 4 BR, 3.1 BA colonial on 1.5 wooded acres. Home offers a mechanic's dream, 2 garages, the 2nd with electric, heating, & cool! Large kitchen w/doorwall leading to 16x30 deck. Great room w/ vaulted ceilings, balcony, & a fireplace. Master suite w/full bath, separate shower, & jetted tub. Finished basement. \$374,900 (86HIX)



Westland- 3 BR, 2.5 BA condo with Livonia Schools. Master and 2nd BR both have doorwalls to 2nd story balcony. Basement, new furnace, C/A, vinyl windows and appliances stay. Common pool and clubhouse. \$129,900 (93GAR)

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As a member of the association, King has dedicated her service on various committees and task forces including the Board of Directors, Member

Services and is currently serving as chair for the First Charity Ball.

King also strongly believes in fair housing and equal opportunity in the real estate industry and shows her support by attending the Annual Fair Housing Luncheon held in conjunction with 10 local boards throughout south-east Michigan.

As chair of the First Charity Ball, King has been working to develop plans for the association's gala in which the Make-A-Wish Foundation has been selected as the official Charity. She has also participated with numerous projects relating to other various association charities.

Scheduling time for family can be

particularly challenging for those in real estate because their activities are dictated by the schedules and demands of others. With husband Dick at her side, daughter Kelley and a granddaughter, King has found that regardless of how hard you work and play ... one can strike the right balance between work, family and community.

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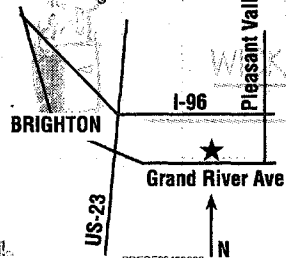
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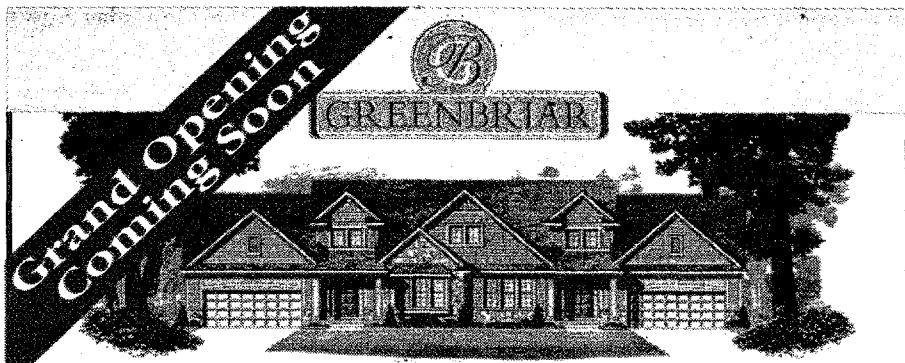
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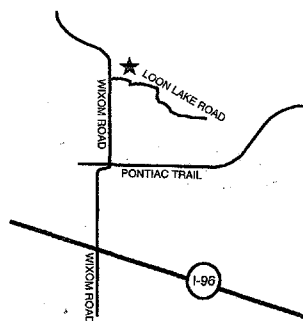
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dents plus \$30 for books. Spouse's discount is half the tuition.

Preregistration with payment is required by Thursday, July 20, to Henry Ford Community College. Call (313) 317-1500.

Information on the institute is available online at www.buildersinstitute.com. Call (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 for a free brochure and current schedule.

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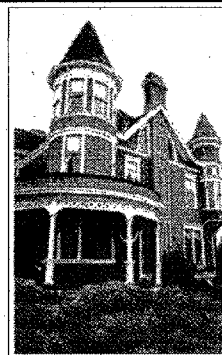
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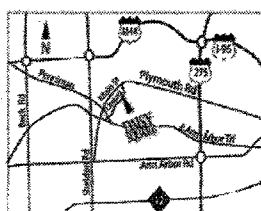
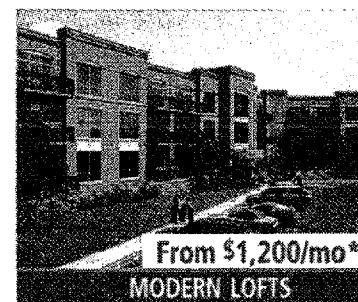
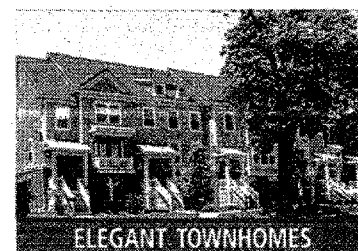
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CREW to honor property developments

The Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW-Detroit) has named the judges for its fifth annual commercial real estate award program, the CREW-Detroit Impact Awards, which accepted entries until June 30.

The awards recognize two southeast Michigan commercial property developments that made significant positive impacts on their surrounding communities.

The 2006 Impact Awards judging panel includes: John Gallagher, real

estate reporter, *Detroit Free Press*; Cindy Goodaker, executive editor, *Crain's Detroit Business*; Amy Green, assistant professor of architecture, University of Detroit Mercy; Susan Harvey, vice president-leasing/acquisitions, Ashley Capital; Julie Ju-Youn Kim, studiozONE/construct2; Doug Manix, president, Campbell/Manix; Lawrence Marantette, president & CEO, Taktix Solutions; Mark Woods, vice president/managing director of operations-

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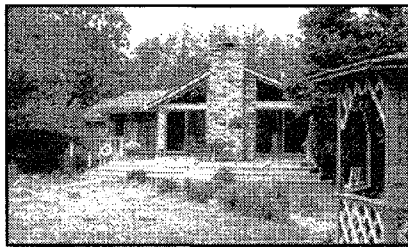
Entry packages are available from Karen Colucci of Signature Associates at (248) 359-0607 or kcolucci@signatureassociates.com, or online at www.crewdetroit.org/awards.html. Entries and a \$100 entry fee must be submitted by 5 p.m. June 30.

The 2006 competition is open to new construction and redevelopment projects completed between Jan. 1, 2005 and June 30, 2006. The projects must also have involved at least one firm with

a CREW-Detroit member, said Laura Agabashian of WorkSquared in Novi, the award committee co-chair. CREW member companies are listed at www.crewdetroit.org/memlist.htm.

Projects earn points for being environmentally friendly, improving the surrounding community and creatively using current materials, space and technology, Agabashian said. Royal Oak's William Beaumont Hospital South Tower addition

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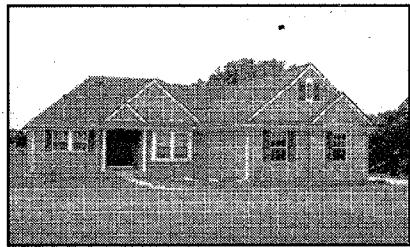


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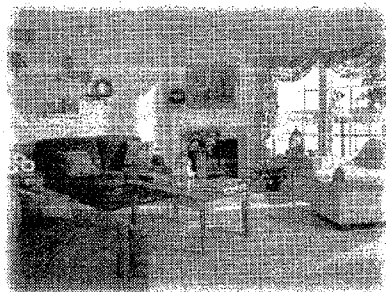
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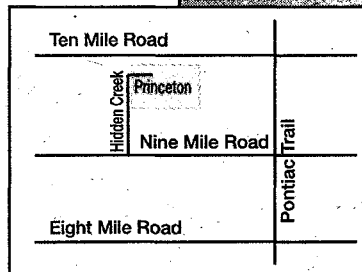
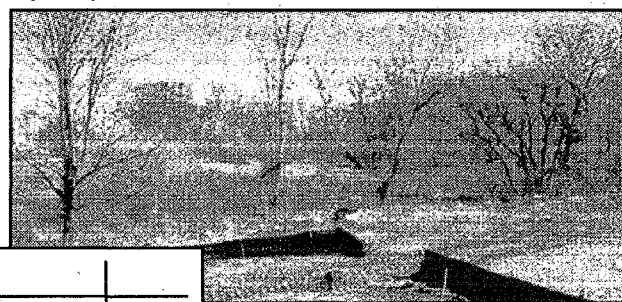
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Canton		Farmington		Farmington Hills		Livonia		Novi		Plymouth		Redford		Westland	
2371 Amber Dr	\$232,000	2051 Vanderbilt Rd	\$261,000	33640 Hillcrest St	\$186,000	6128 Arcola St	\$140,000	23200 Balcombe	\$310,000	32582 Benson Ct	\$166,000	35105 Palmer Rd	\$142,000	35105 Palmer Rd	\$142,000
41513 Bedford Dr	\$154,000	1645 Walnut Ridge Cir	\$200,000	32301 Shiawassee Rd	\$225,000	6452 Elizabeth St	\$145,000	114 Bernstadt St	\$202,000	32737 Benson Dr	\$159,000	35138 Palmer Rd	\$173,000	35138 Palmer Rd	\$173,000
4038 Berkeley Ave	\$144,000	7100 Woonsocket St	\$250,000			571 Lathers St	\$132,000	41600 Hamlet Ln	\$199,000	7394 Central St	\$89,000	1355 S John Hix St	\$141,000	1355 S John Hix St	\$141,000
4101 Brookstone Dr	\$58,000					753 Lathers St	\$145,000	45327 Jacob Dr	\$133,000	38553 Cherry Hill Rd	\$157,000	37085 Vincent St	\$173,000	37085 Vincent St	\$173,000
340 Cherry Grove Rd	\$245,000					33620 Rosslyn Ave	\$144,000	40798 Lenox Park Dr	\$346,000	34405 Fairchild St	\$133,000	37535 Vincent St	\$240,000	37535 Vincent St	\$240,000
164 Cherry Stone Dr	\$238,000					28431 Sheridan St	\$105,000	41429 Mission Ln	\$150,000	35528 Florane St	\$145,000	1156 Woodbourne St	\$140,000	1156 Woodbourne St	\$140,000
244 Cherry Stone Dr	\$237,000							30425 Norwich Dr	\$475,000	1129 Judith St	\$166,000				
43694 Cherrywood Ln	\$225,000							44851 Revere Dr	\$335,000	32412 Lapeer Dr	\$115,000				
50650 Colchester Ct	\$176,000							30951 Savannah Ct	\$240,000	27630 Mackenzie Dr	\$157,000				
7036 Copper Creek Cir	\$195,000							23647 Stonehenge Blvd	\$130,000	1985 N Berry St	\$146,000				
44841 Danbury Rd	\$291,000							41666 Tera Ln	\$204,000	1950 N Norma St	\$155,000				
218 Dartmouth Ct	\$262,000									35105 Palmer Rd	\$142,000				
1527 E Lakeview Ln	\$210,000									35138 Palmer Rd	\$173,000				
47074 Eastbourne Rd	\$395,000									1355 S John Hix St	\$141,000				
4045 Forest Bridge Dr	\$58,000									37085 Vincent St	\$173,000				
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45609 Graystone Ln	\$169,000									1156 Woodbourne St	\$140,000				
45625 Graystone Ln	\$185,000														
1238 Hendrie	\$407,000														
7315 Heron Way	\$469,000														
50033 Jackson Ln	\$50,000														
50537 Jefferson St	\$65,000														
45751 N Stonewood Rd	\$220,000														
47323 Northgate Dr	\$375,000														
48579 Oak Bridge Dr	\$58,000														
8151 Rolling Meadows Dr	\$514,000														
48812 Stonebriar Dr	\$58,000														
48840 Stonebriar Dr	\$58,000														
7311 Stonebrook Dr	\$376,000														



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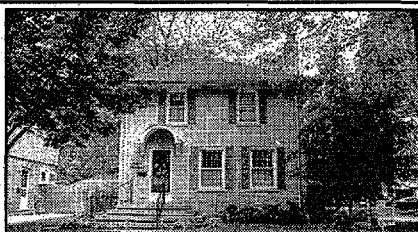


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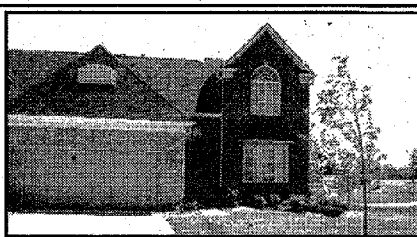
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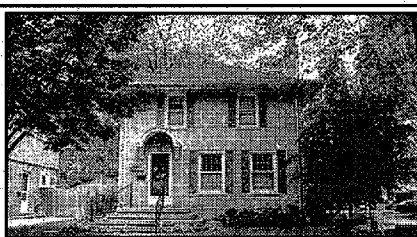


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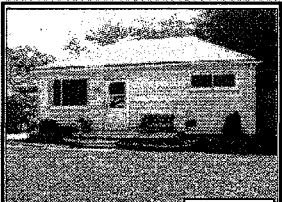
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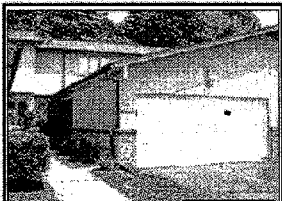
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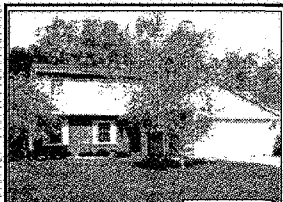
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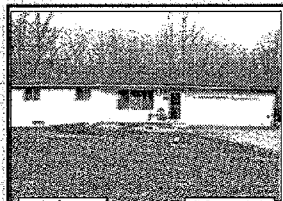
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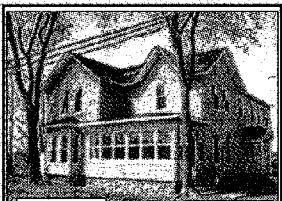
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\$177,000
Huron Valley schools.
Huge yard & 2 car garage.
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\$269,900
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath w/1.33 acres.
Large deck off family room.
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\$597,500
Hardwood floors throughout.
Newer roof, siding & more.
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\$243,000
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Charming spacious 4 BR colonial
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2.59 acres back of sub w/w/o capabilities.
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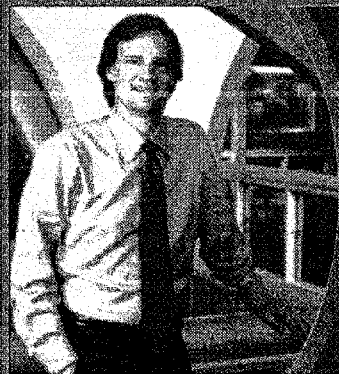
\$1,289,000
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31240 Country Way	2BR/2BA/1car/condo	\$149,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26075136
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10685 Laurel	3BR/2BA/2car/ranch	\$234,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26051720
14216 Arden	4BR/1.1BA/2car/col	\$229,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26074435
34177 Grove	3BR/1.1BA/2car/ranch	\$229,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26062404
35709 Grennada	4BR/2.5BA/2car/ranch	\$219,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26108359
14129 Alexander	3BR/2.1BA/2car/quad	\$219,900	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26109080
14100 Hillcrest	3BR/2BA/2car/ranch	\$215,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26057805
18800 Hillcrest	3BR/2BA/2car/col	\$199,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26055007
14385 Blue Skies	3BR/2BA/2car/ranch	\$194,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26001870
38849 Northfield	3BR/1BA/2car/ranch	\$189,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26019086
19642 Ingram	3BR/2BA/2car/bsmnt	\$189,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26095936
33910 Orangelan	4BR/1.1BA/3car/ranch	\$179,330	734-455-7000	realestateone.com/26053862
18625 Merriman	3BR/1.1BA/2car/ranch	\$175,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26046658
30654 Elmita	3BR/1BA/2car/ranch	\$170,000	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26093929
15208 Melrose	3BR/1BA/1car/ranch	\$159,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26070209
8874 Henry Ruff	3BR/1.1BA/1car/ranch	\$117,900	734-591-9200	realestateone.com/26010214
MILFORD				
900 Hill Hollow Lane	5BR/5BA/3car/N/C	\$994,000	248-363-8300	realestateone.com/26052736
1130 Buno	4BR/3BA/2car/sauna	\$415,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26045151
3170 E. Maple	4BR/2.1BA/2car/frp/c	\$414,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26112518
899 Barberrry	4BR/2.1BA/2car/deck	\$249,900	248-363-8300	realestateone.com/26110976
NORTHVILLE				
455 Baseline	4BR/3.5BA/2car/LL	\$669,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26111007
1002 Whitegate	4BR/3.5BA/2car/bsmt	\$514,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26085688
16935 Sycamore Ct.	3BR/2.1BA/2car/condo	\$433,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26086812
20820 Taft	2BR/2BA/2car/condo	\$139,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/25175980
NOVI				
23677 Broadmoor Park Lane	4BR/3.1BA/3car/col	\$618,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26079244
24570 Terra Del Mar Dr.	4BR/2.1BA/2car/deck	\$600,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26064082
24519 Willowbrook	4BR/2.2BA/2car/WIC	\$365,000	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26109759
45168 Roundview	4BR/2.1BA/2car/col	\$353,500	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26100814
28930 Hearststone	3BR/2.2BA/2car/col	\$319,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26104972
24703 Jamestowne	4BR/2.5BA/2car/frp/c	\$315,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26108746
45069 Huntingcross	4BR/2.1BA/2car/col	\$309,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26108297
22461 Brookforest	4BR/2.1BA/2car/col	\$274,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26089071
24503 Christina Lane	4BR/2.1BA/2car/col	\$274,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26083063
22843 Brookforest	3BR/2.1BA/2car/deck	\$259,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/25178991
39601 Burton	3BR/2BA/2car/ranch	\$197,500	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26097647
23672 E. LeBost	3BR/2BA/1car/frp/c	\$194,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26102511
41863 W. Canterbury	3BR/3BA/2car/condo	\$179,900	248-348-6430	realestateone.com/26