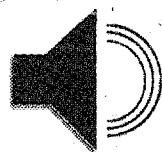


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Marine Cpl. Nick Draugelis is welcomed home by his dad, Ed (left), a Plymouth attorney, and brother Jake.

'I couldn't hug him hard enough'

Families lavish love, tears on returning Marines

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Just moments after stepping off a chartered plane Sunday afternoon at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Marine Cpl. Steven Oliver, 23, of Plymouth, was glad to be back home after serving a year in the Marine reserves, the last seven months in Iraq.

"You dream about this day the whole time you're over there," Oliver said shortly after a reunion with his mother, father, sister and girlfriend — complete with hugs, kisses and tears — who were there to welcome him home. "I'm glad it's come through."

"It's nice to know these people are back here supporting you at all times," said Oliver, who had been deployed to a Marine training facility more than a week ago before flying to Selfridge. "Now, I really feel home."

For his mother, Carole, the worrying



Marine Cpl. Steven Oliver is welcomed home (from left) by dad Larry, girlfriend Jen Bagladi, mom Carole and sister Kari.

can stop.

"My heart is somewhere up there," Carole Oliver said soon after giving Steven a big hug. "It's a moment in my life I will never forget. I keep pinching myself to make sure it's not a dream."

Nearly 115 Marines from the 1st Battalion, 24th Marine Regiment were

welcomed home on a day when the sun shone brightly and there were smiles from hundreds to welcome home family members they hadn't seen for nearly 10 months.

They included Steven Oliver's girlfriend, Jen Bagladi, 25, whom he met while studying at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Bagladi said she's been counting the days since she last saw Oliver in August.

"I had finals last week and I couldn't concentrate," Bagladi said. "But as soon as he got to the States, I knew he was OK."

Bagladi said the most difficult times were when she watched and listened to news reports of Anbar province, where Oliver was stationed, one of the deadliest areas of Iraq. However, it was the telephone calls that kept her spirits up.

"He tried to call every two or three

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Leaders hail accomplishments at annual fete

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Developers are making small progress on a retail development at Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty in Plymouth Township, the City of Plymouth will voluntarily lower its millage rate 8 percent and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools officials won't seek another bond anytime soon.

Those developments were the highlights noted by local leaders at Wednesday's State of the Community breakfast, sponsored by the Plymouth

Community Chamber of Commerce at Station 885.

The retail development in the township, Plymouth Towne Square, will be built adjacent to the property on which township officials built their new township hall. Work is moving forward despite the lack of a major tenant. Developers are looking for a grocery store to anchor the development.

"They still don't have an anchor tenant," Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume told the crowd. "But they're moving forward based on other leases they've signed."

Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer pointed out the city has erased projected deficits from its five-year budget outlook, thanking the "team" the city has used to fix its budget crisis. He said the city would "voluntarily reduce" its millage rate some 8 percent.

He also pointed out residents would see no water rate increase, and explained an intergovernmental agreement the city signed with Northville regulating the use of recreation software. Now, city residents can sign up for

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Under cover

Donations pour in to help museum get new roof

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When Plymouth Historical Museum Director Liz Kerstens saw the low bid of \$55,000 to replace the museum's 35-year-old roof, it certainly came as a shock.

However, it didn't take long for several Historical Society members to come forward with donations to help foot the bill.

"The bill was way more than we anticipated," said Kerstens. "However, it's exciting we are getting community support for our structure so our primary mission of telling Plymouth history can continue."

Kerstens said the museum received a surprise distribution from the Esther Shattuck estate. Shattuck, of Plymouth and a member of the historical society, left \$12,000 to the museum.

Former interim director Sanford Burr and his wife, Ruth, donated \$10,000 in the name of Burr's parents, George and Mildred (Bennett) Burr.

"Sandy's parents were very instrumental in the founding of the museum and the historical society," Kerstens said.

Life member Beverly Booker of Plymouth donated \$10,000 toward the roof, with Lois Dushiber of Plymouth adding another \$250.

Kerstens said the roof work will take about a week, but shouldn't impact the regular hours of the museum.

"We have it written in the specifications to keep the debris from the front door, with the Dumpster on the north side of the museum," Kerstens said. "We have been blessed with the fact that the problem inside the museum has been solely over the cloak room. We've had a drip since the end of February, and the insulation is saturated."



Dennis Baker of Fisher Roofing prepares materials for a new roof at the Plymouth Historical Museum.

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Board hopeful: District needs curriculum shift

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton school board candidate Larry Martin of Plymouth Township realizes the biggest challenge facing the school district is the budget, especially with more cuts in state funding being proposed by the state.

However, Martin has spent a lot of time looking at the district's curriculum, and believes changes are needed to help Plymouth-Canton graduates be better prepared to compete globally for the jobs of the future.

Martin is seeking one of the two, four-year seats on the Board of Education in Tuesday's election. The father of four girls — including a fourth- and second-grader — Martin said he's been following the district's curriculum choices the past few years, and he has some concerns.

"Plymouth-Canton does a much better job than many



Martin

other districts, but I don't believe the MEAP is representative of what kids need to do globally," Martin said. "When my kids get out of school, they'll be

fighting for jobs with kids from India and China."

Martin said he began paying more attention to the curriculum when his daughters began elementary school.

"The more I got into this Everyday Math, I see there's a nationwide revolt against it," said Martin, who called it "fuzzy" math. "Like long division, children are supposed to discover how to divide by themselves. Discovery methods of teaching are powerful ... but schools that implement it well have a 10-1 teacher-student ratio ... and it

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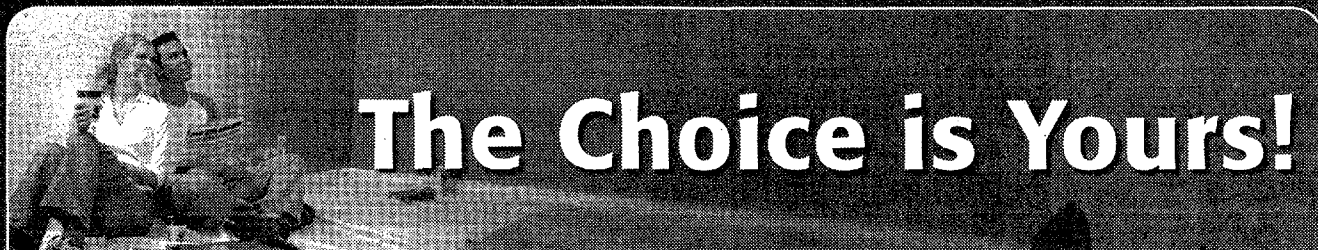
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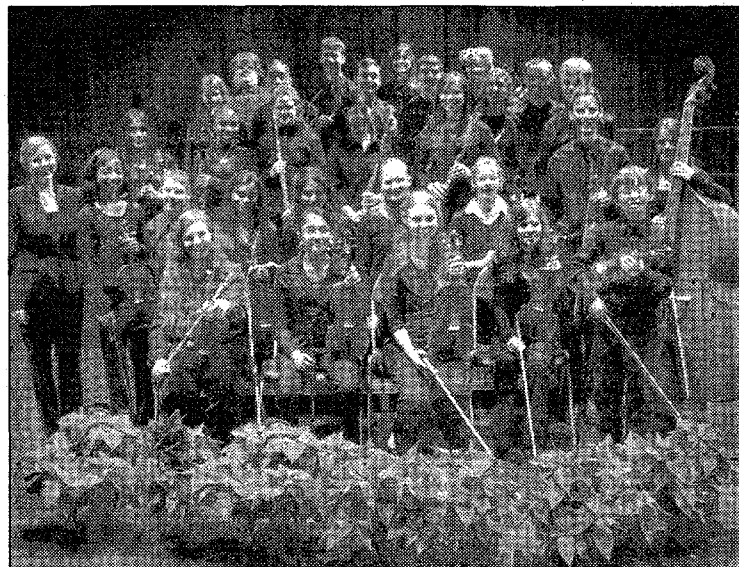
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JAMES JACOBY

Celebration Sinfonia (here after a 2006 performance) is ready for its May 8 Spring concert at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

Youth orchestra set for spring date

The Celebration Youth Orchestra presents its spring concert 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, dedicated to challenging and inspiring students through high-level ensemble training and the performance of standard and new repertoire. The CYO currently has two ensembles: the Celebration Sinfonia for students with 3+ years of training in string, wind, brass, and percussion instruments, and the Celebration Strings, designed for string players with more than a year of instruction who wish to learn ensemble playing techniques.

Young musicians in the CYO will perform a variety of classical and contemporary music. The Celebration Sinfonia will perform Aaron Copland's *Hoedown*, Benjamin Britten's *Five Courtly Dances from Gloriana*, *In The Hall Of The Mountain King* by Edvard Grieg, *Dance of the Yao People* by Mao Yaun, and the second movement of Beethoven's 7th Symphony.

The Celebration Strings will perform arrangements of Haydn's *St. Anthony's Chorale*, selections from Bizet's *Carmen*, the finale from Beethoven's *Fidelio*, *Appalachian Hymn* by Soon Hee Newbold. They will also perform 'side-by-side' with the Sinfonia on Percy Grainger's *Shepherd's Hey*.

The CYO is the youth orchestra supported by the Plymouth Symphony and is conducted by Ariel Toews, Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Canton Assistant Conductor.



BRYAN BEER

Celebration Youth Orchestra cellist Morgan Bacot will be among those performing at the group's May 8 Spring concert.

The CYO is part of the Plymouth Symphony's Youth Outreach Education Program which will impact more than 5,000 students this year.

The CYO is supported by Canton Leisure Services, Plymouth Rotary Foundation, and the Plymouth Optimists. Donations to the Plymouth Symphony's "No Kid without a Concert" education campaign help to fund the CYO, as well as many other programs for students throughout southeastern Michigan.

Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased through Summit on the Park, (734) 394-5460, online at the Village Theater link on <http://www.canton-mi.org> or at the Village Theater box office one hour before performance.

For audition information or more information contact the Plymouth Symphony office by e-mail at Jane@plymouthsymphony.org or by calling (734) 451-2112.

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Walking tours

In honor of National Preservation Month and Plymouth's 180th birthday, the Plymouth Historical Society and Plymouth Preservation Network will inaugurate their first summer-long series of historic walking tours in Plymouth.

The first tour will take place 10:30-11:30 a.m. May 5, and will feature the historic Baptist Cemetery in Old Village (at the end of Pearl Street; Rain date: May 12). This tour of one of Plymouth's most historic sites — which is not generally open to the public — will be led by Plymouth Historical Society President Sanford Burr, who will recount stories of the lives of those buried in the cemetery and their varied roles in the history of Plymouth.

Tickets cost \$10 and may be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m., or online www.plymouthhistory.org/walkingtours.html. There is a limit of 25 attendees per tour.

For more information about the tours or Plymouth History, please visit the Plymouth Historical Society Web site, www.plymouthhistory.org, or the PPN's web site, www.plymouthpreservation.org.

Senior activities

Plymouth Township's senior center, Friendship Station, hosts a variety of activities for senior citizens. Walk-ins are welcome, and all classes are conducted at the Friendship Station, 42375 Schoolcraft (east of Bradner, just east of where Schoolcraft joins Five Mile).

■ Line dancing — Seniors can learn the latest line dances and improve their technique dancing to pop, country and rock. Thursday morning class is \$4; Thursday evening class is \$6. Classes available include beginner, 10 a.m.-noon; beginner/beginner-improver, 6:30-7:15 p.m.; easy intermediate, 7:15-8 p.m.; intermediate/advanced, 8-10 p.m.; open dance, 10-10:30 p.m.

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■ Gentle bridge, 7-9:30 p.m. Mondays, \$3 per person — Play is guided by a certified

bridge teacher and life master. Players can ask questions. No partner is necessary but players must have some knowledge of bridge. For further information, contact Sharon Mytyk at (734) 459-9028.

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'Little Women' on stage

Plymouth Christian Academy presents its production of *Little Women* with 7 p.m. performances May 17-18 in the Calvary Baptist Church auditorium, 43065 Joy in Canton.

The event features a silent auction to benefit the new Fine Arts Booster Club. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students.

For more information, call (734) 420-6932.

Learn humane living

Learn more about humane living and an awareness of the connections between human rights, environmental preservation, and animal protection during the Citizens for Peace monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 8. The meetings are held at Unity of Livonia on Five Mile Road between Middlebelt and Inkster at 7 p.m.

Kim Korona, a Sowing Seeds facilitator for the Institute of Humane Education in Surry, Maine, will lead a mini-program about humane living and how our every day choices have an impact on creating a more humane world. She will demonstrate how each of us can contribute towards creating the peaceful world we all desire.

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Chorale concert

The BeckRidge Chorale with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra presents its Spring Concert, 'Sing for the Cure,' Saturday, May 5 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, May 6, at 3 p.m. 'Sing for the Cure, a Proclamation of Hope' is a unique musical journey through the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Librettist Pamela Martin wrote 10 songs after numerous interviews with breast cancer survivors, their partners and loved ones. Each song is set to the music of 10 composers who have been touched by breast cancer in some way. The performances will be narrated by a special guest celebrity, and proceeds from the concert will be given to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. All concerts will be conducted at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road in Northville. Tickets are \$25 and \$30. Tickets can be purchased by phone at (866) 924-4276 or visit the Chorale's Web site, www.plymouthcommunitychorus.org, for more information.

Michigan Humane Society, Korona earned her master's in education from the institute and holds a bachelor's degree from Goddard College in Vermont, where she studied social change and food politics.

A Westland resident, Kim's work has taken her to numerous places in the U.S. and Mexico and she was selected to conduct a series of weeklong workshops in Australia later this year.

Postal food drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army teams with the U.S. Postal Service for the 15th-annual Letter Carriers Food Drive Saturday, May 12.

Local residents should have gotten a post-card reminder in the mail. Carriers will be collecting non-perishable food items (such as instant pudding, powdered drinks, boxed potatoes, canned goods) and personal items (such as feminine hygiene products, soap, laundry detergents, toilet paper, toothpaste). Residents wishing to donate can simply leave the donation in a sack near their mailbox.

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Uptown Players

The Plymouth Uptown Players (PUPS), Plymouth Community Arts Council's youth theatre group, are prepared to delight audiences with their theatrical renditions of three comedic plays during the Mother's Day weekend in May.

Shows are open to the public, but seating is limited. Tickets are \$6, and PCAC officials highly recommend advance ticket purchase.

The first play, "Once Upon A Shoe," keeps in step with the best of Garland/Rooney traditions when Mother Goose's children come to the rescue of their beloved shoe home by putting on a show. The play, appropriate for young audiences, hits the stage 7 p.m. Friday, May 11, and 10 a.m. Saturday, May 12.

Unsuspecting townsfolk and audiences alike will be stunned by the surprise heroes in a spiced-up version of the classic "Stone Soup." Performances are 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, May 12-13.

"After Hours" takes audiences on a clandestine visit to a clothes shop that is locked up

tight for the night. The Players enact this comedy 7 p.m. Saturday, May 12.

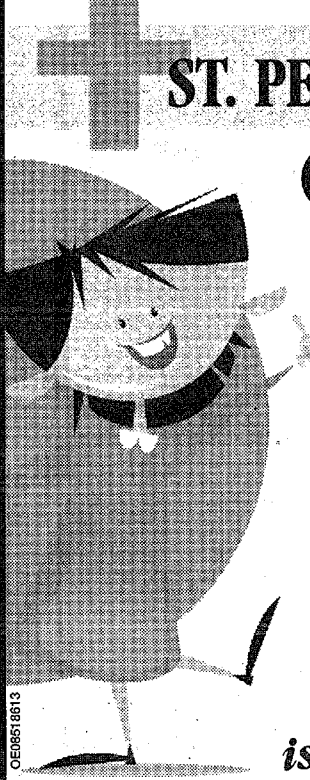
Performances take place at the Plymouth Community Arts Council located inside the Joanne Winkleman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon, in Plymouth. Call (734) 416-4278 for further information.

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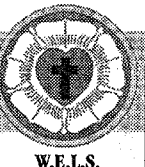
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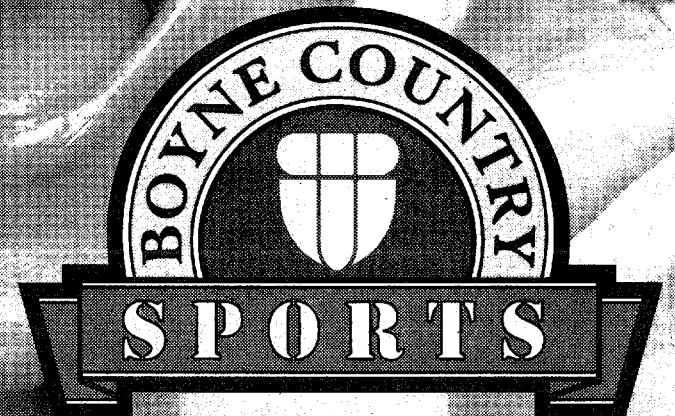
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days, sometimes for a few minutes and other times for a half-hour, and there were letters and e-mails, which helped tremendously," Bagladi said. "There would be time periods where he was moving and I wouldn't talk to him for a few weeks. That was difficult, not knowing where he was."

Oliver's sister, Kari, a Canton High School senior, was close to tears just thinking of her brother's return home.

"He's my big brother, my bully," said Kari Oliver, 18, as she remembered the teasing by her two older brothers during their younger years. "I was sad knowing he was gone. I couldn't talk to him as much to know what he was doing, what he was going through. I was afraid for him."

"The biggest fear for me and my mom was to see somebody (military personnel) outside our front door," she added.

Steven's dad, Larry Oliver, said even with all the joy surrounding the day, there was still a sad part to it all.

"There are 22 of them that

aren't coming back, and that makes it sad," Larry Oliver said.

Steven Oliver, who was awarded a Purple Heart after being hit by a stray bullet, said he plans to return Monday to Western Michigan University to catch up on his studies.

Also among the families at Selfridge was Plymouth attorney Ed Draugelis, anxiously awaiting his son, Cpl. Nick Draugelis, 21.

"I couldn't hug him hard enough," Ed Draugelis said shortly after being reunited with Nick. "We've been holding our breath for seven months."

"I was scared while they were in Anbar province," he added. "Every time I'd hear on the news on the way home from work that Marines were killed there, I was deathly afraid to turn on my street for fear there was a military car to give me the bad news."

For Diane Draugelis, it just meant taking it day-by-day during her son's deployment to Iraq.

"I just wished, every day, they were safe and sound," she said. "There were a lot of e-mails, but they were sporadic. Every e-mail was a relief."

For Nick Draugelis, seeing the hundreds who turned out at Selfridge was incredible.

"It was phenomenal, you can't really describe it in words," Nick Draugelis said moments after receiving hugs from the 10 people who were on hand to welcome him home. "I've been looking forward to this since Sept. 22 (when they were deployed to Iraq). It was great to see this kind of reception when we got off the plane."

Among those greeting the Marines was Beth Savalox of Plymouth, Savalox and her sister, Renee McKarge of Plymouth Township, organized a luncheon Jan. 21 for the families of the 1/24 at a restaurant in Livonia, their way of supporting the troops and their families. This time, Savalox, her daughter, 10-year-old Ella, and niece, 8-year-old Marissa McKarge, handed out nearly 100 goody bags filled with toys donated for the children of the families who were awaiting the Marines' return.

"It was a much different feeling than last time," Savalox said, referring to the uncertain times the families faced in January. "I started crying, seeing these babies who are six months old and you know their dads are seeing them for the first time. There is so much joy here."

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recreation programs online. "That's not the biggest thing in the world," said Dwyer, pointing out the city has some 30 percent fewer employees these days. "But it means you don't have to have someone sitting there doing that." School Superintendent Jim Ryan called the state of the school district "challenging,"

pointing out the failed bond measures in the last year have left the school board grappling with dwindling funding, which could get worse if Gov. Jennifer Granholm follows through on cutting \$125 per pupil from school funding, which would cost Plymouth-Canton some \$2.4 million. Such moves, he said, will leave the district - the state's fourth-largest with 18,706 students - with continuing challenges. He did say, however, another bond request would

not be part of any solutions. "They (school board members) will not do another bond request until the economy improves and the bond steering committee can come up with a proper recommendation," Ryan said. "It's a real interesting adventure as we watch Lansing and look to our state representatives and our state senator to see if there's anything they can do for us."

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Hospice volunteers honored for service

Local volunteers received recognition recently at Angela Hospice's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Hawthorne Valley Country Club in Westland hosted the dinner, where nearly 100 hospice volunteers were honored for their dedicated service.



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"The level of commitment and generosity demonstrated by Angela Hospice volunteers is extraordinary and inspiring," said Donna Kolodsick, volunteer and spiritual care manager for Angela Hospice. Kolodsick oversees the hospice's 475 volunteers, who contributed a total of 35,041 hours to the hospice's programs last year. Plymouth residents Karen Horton, Jim Leventis, Linda MacLachlan and Mary Beth Soignet were recognized for 10 years service. Horton also hit the 1,500-hour mark. Donna Beamish and Sarah Wolodkiewicz, both five-year volunteers, were also honored for 1,000 hours of service.

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Marie Beaghan was honored for 3,500 hours of service, while Georgia Scappaticci was recognized for 2,500 hours and Carolyn Duncan hit the 2,000-hour mark.

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner offered an opportunity to honor volunteers who reached milestones of 500 service hours, or five years of service. Those recognized received pins denoting their accomplishments.

Two special awards were also presented as the evening came to a close. Kolodsick surprised Livonia resident Janet Conway with the Volunteer of the Year Award. Sister Mary Eileen Malolepsza, also of Livonia, was named recipient of the 2007 Crystal Butterfly Award, for the most significant contribution to Angela Hospice.

Angela Hospice's volunteers deliver a diverse range of services. Sitting with patients, providing respite for caregivers, offering grief support, gardening, assisting with mailings, and planning special events are just a few of the ways volunteers assist in Angela Hospice's mission to serve the terminally ill. All Angela Hospice volunteers complete a comprehensive 8-week training program prior to beginning their volunteer work.

To learn more about volunteer opportunities at Angela Hospice, call (734) 464-7810.

Tech grants available

The AT&T Foundation, the philanthropic arm of AT&T Inc., is now accepting applications for the 2007 AT&T Excelsior competitive technology grant program. This

multi-million dollar grant program is designed to help nonprofit organizations integrate technology into their operations and community outreach. Resources may include hardware, software and Internet access, among others.

AT&T Excelsior addresses a variety of community needs in four program areas: Education, Community Development, Health and Human Services, and Arts and Culture.

State Representative Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) this week encouraged local nonprofit organizations to apply for available technology enhancement grants.

"Technology can be used in so many ways to build stronger communities, and I encourage our local nonprofit groups to take advantage of this opportunity to stay on the cutting edge," Corriveau said. "In this age of technology, it can be easy to get left behind when groups do not have the resources to keep pace with the latest advancements. Grant programs like these play a crucial role in leveling the playing field for nonprofit organizations."

Interested groups can visit www.att.com/foundation to download a copy of the 2007 AT&T Excelsior grant application.

"Nonprofit groups can be credited with building stronger communities, but they often have to work with very limited financial resources," Corriveau said. "Grant programs can help our local groups grow and thrive as they, in turn, help our communities do the same. I hope as many of our local nonprofits take advantage of this grant program as possible."

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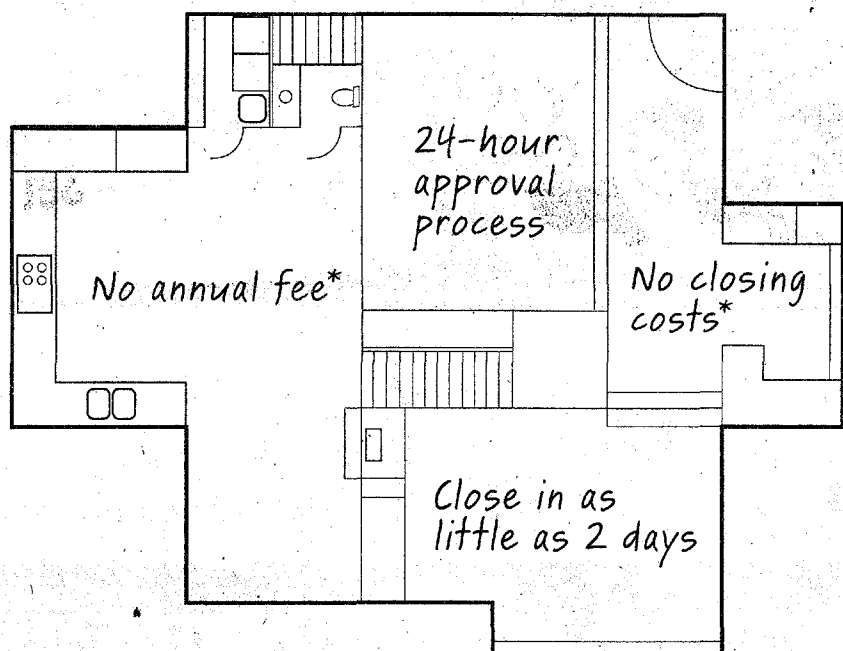
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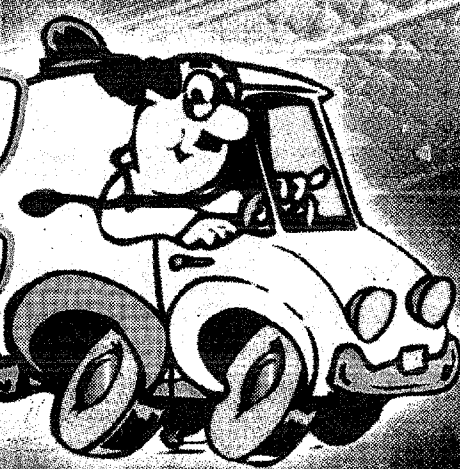
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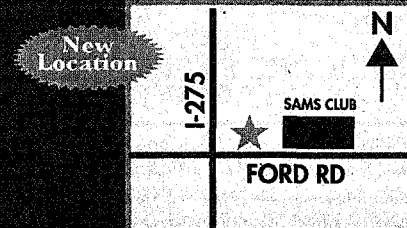
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MARTIN

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hasn't shown itself to be an effective method with 25 to 30 kids in a classroom."

Martin said his criticism of the curriculum doesn't stop with math, as he also has concerns with reading and writing.

"You look at the curriculum and there is no specific phonics," Martin said. "The Department of Education recommends there be specific, systematic phonics in kindergarten and first grade. It's the most effective way of getting kids to read. We have the LEAP (elementary reading) program, which is really good, but there's no phonics in there."

Martin admits it's not so much the district is doing poorly, but he questions the current board's easy acceptance of administration recommendations concerning teaching methods.

"There hasn't been the question of show me how it's worked in other districts, or why we should be implementing it here," Martin said. "I would like to see more open discussion and evidence of how something

works, and why it works. There should be more requirements than just getting something to match the MEAP."

Martin said while he realizes the budget will take a lot of the board's time, there should be more attention paid to it during the entire school year, not just in spring budget sessions.

"When you look back over the years, the board made reasonable cuts," Martin said. "But if they had gone a little more — like cutting \$3 million instead of \$2 million — four years later that extra million has turned into four extra million we have to cut now."

"There is a lot of out-of-the-box stuff you can do to survive, that aren't short-term solutions," he added. "If we expect the Legislature is going to come along and magically throw us money, we will lose."

Also on the ballot running for the Plymouth-Canton school board are Nancy Eggenberger, Richard Ham-Kucharski, Kurt Heise and Bruce Koldys.

Incumbent Mark Slavens is on the ballot, but last week announced he will step down from the school board May 8 to begin his position as a newly appointed Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court judge.

Personal trainer takes his brand of fitness on the road

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
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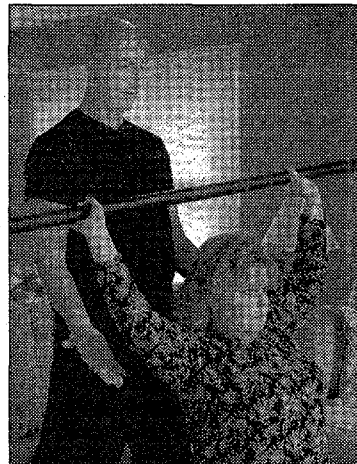
When he had appointments in the past, Rick Haber would wade through a sea of buff bodies and pricey equipment at a fitness club. These days, the personal trainer hops in his green Ford Explorer and drives to his client's home.

Haber of Dearborn Heights is the founder of MetFitChal, an in-home personal training business.

"I'm here for the stay-at-home mom that would love to workout but can't get away," he said. "And by me going to them, it's much more personalized."

Having trained at health club empires like Bally Total Fitness and Life Time Fitness, Haber said he felt it was time to go off on his own.

"It had become almost more



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Trainer Rick Haber works with his client, Barbara Woody, in her Canton home. Here they are working on Woody's flexibility.

like a sales job because we had to promote so many products," he said. "I don't have that backing on me anymore and I

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Haber, who started the company in February, said his personal training sessions are cheaper than those at fitness clubs.

According to his Web site, www.metfitchal.com, the \$200 "sampler" package includes four sessions, the \$360 "gets you started" option has eight sessions, the \$640 "changes occur" package features 16 sessions, and the 24-session "guaranteed results" option is \$840. All sessions are an hour long.

Canton resident Barbara Woody began training with Haber at Life Time Fitness in Canton and said she immediately jumped on board when she learned of his new venture.

"I still go to the gym for aerobics, but I use Rick for my personal training," she said. "We talk about my needs and it's totally geared to me."

Haber doesn't lug around bulky equipment for his sessions, but insists his methods

can yield results. Woody agreed and said she's lost 35 pounds in recent months.

"I can chuckle about it now," she said, as she warmed up by climbing her own stairs. "But a year ago, it was a pain for me to pick up a carton of bottled water. It was almost impossible but I'm so much stronger now."

Haber, who gave up his position as a computer technician to go into personal training, is also a certified massage therapist and said it's been a worthwhile career change. He smiled proudly when talking about a client that lost 60 pounds in a year and began kayaking and writing stand-up comedy.

"What a rush," he said. "I got into this because it seemed like a fun job — I never would have imagined the impact it's having."

While doing a move on an exercise ball in her living room, Woody jokes with Haber when he says "How about we do 12?"

"We?" she asked sarcastically and chuckled.

At the end of her 12th repetition, Woody sat up on the silver ball and said Haber makes exercise fun.

"If you're talking in a gym you can get distracted but I have his total attention here," she said. "It's great that he comes to me, especially on bad weather days."

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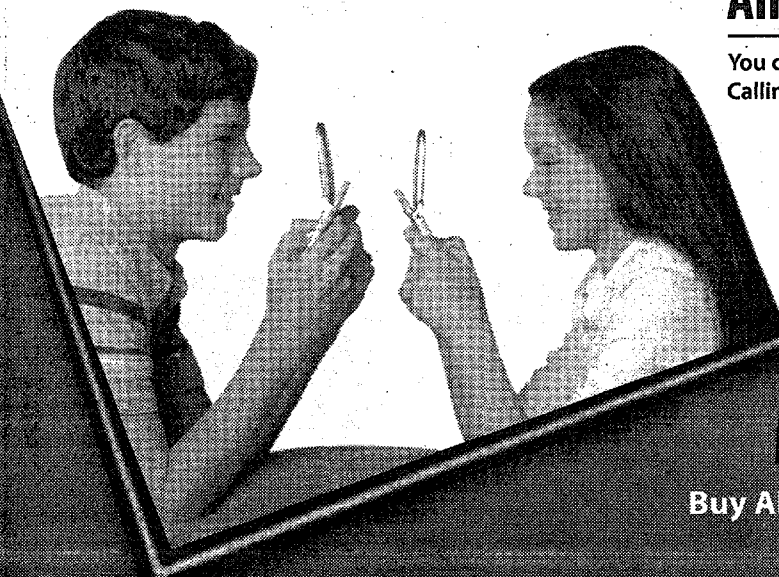
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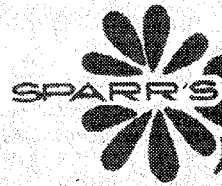
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Salem baseball team pitches fund-raiser by fixing up park

BY TIFFANY L. PARKS
STAFF WRITER

They found a community service project and are putting in the manpower. Now all they need are contributions.

The baseball booster club at Salem High School has partnered with Canton Leisure Services and the Canton Community Foundation (CCF) to create what they describe as a "win-win-win" fund-raiser.

The Salem Dugout Club has adopted Canton's Flodin Park and have already begun beautifying its surroundings.

Leisure Services provides the materials, the club provides the manpower and they are hoping businesses will soon sponsor their work.

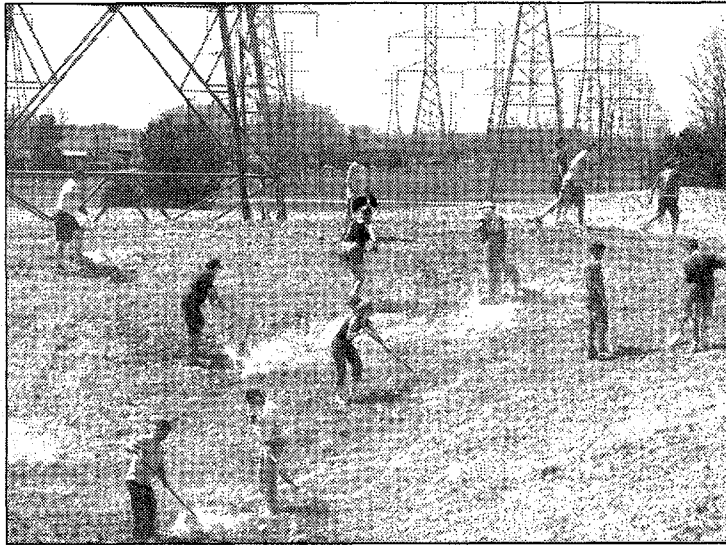
All donations would be made out to the CCF, a non-profit organization, which would make the contributions tax deductible.

CCF President Joan Noricks said one of the parents, Doug Bricker, approached her about what the team could do for a fund-raiser that would be more beneficial to the community than just selling candy bars.

"This is such a unique idea," said CCF President Joan Noricks. "When I spoke with Doug Bricker, he was so focused on character building."

Bricker's 16-year-old son, Kyle, is on the school's varsity baseball team.

"Instead of gimme, gimme, gimme they want to give back to the community," Noricks said.



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Seventy-five people, including players from the freshman, junior varsity and varsity baseball teams, went to Flodin Park earlier this month to clean up the grounds and put down landscaping blankets that will prevent erosion. They plan to perform routine maintenance at the park, which is located on the southeast corner of Morton Taylor and Saltz.

"For us putting in the manpower and labor, we want to sell sponsorships," Bricker said. "It's win-win-win for everyone."

With the CCF's guidance, the club recently designed a letter to send to businesses requesting their support.

They've set no minimum donation, but will honor those who donate \$500, \$1000 or \$2000.

"My whole thinking was to become proactive in fund raising," said Bricker, adding that their fund-raiser could become a model for other organizations.

Because the idea is just getting off the ground, Noricks said there's no way to determine if it will work.

"There's no proof on how effective it will be as a fund-raiser but in the sense of what the community has already gotten out of it - wow," she said.

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Fund-raiser set for Penn Theater

Tickets are now on sale for PENNdemonium, the largest fund-raising event for the Penn Theatre destined to become an annual event. Last year's inaugural fund-raising gala brought in more than \$40,000 to help pay for the restoration of the historic Penn Theatre located in downtown Plymouth.

The fun begins 6 p.m. Friday, May 11, inside the Meeting House Grand Ballroom located at 499 S. Main. Tickets are \$85 each.

The Friends of the Penn and their group of volunteers are looking to make this year's event even bigger and better than the last. The evening's festivities will begin with hors d'oeuvres, followed by a plated dinner with choice of entrée and dessert. Guests will enjoy a full open bar, while a DJ spins dance music. The highlights of the

evening will be the live and silent auctions.

This year's auction items include two, one-year memberships to Jazzercise on Main (valued at \$650 each). Both Compari and E.G. Nick's cooking clubs have donated their services to prepare a private dinner party for the top bidder.

"We have several golf packages, many gift certificates, six months of flowers; there's virtually something for everyone to bid on," said Julie Johnston, head of the auction committee. "We are overwhelmed by the generosity and support that we have received from our local business community."

A new feature of this year's auction is that items may be previewed on-line at www.PennTheatre.com. Volunteers are working to photograph and post every

item for guests so they can get an idea of which items they will want to take home with them.

There are a limited number of tickets available. Last year's PENNdemonium sold out, so people who are interested should not wait to make reservations. Tickets can be purchased by phone at (734) 453-0870, and at the Penn Theatre box office during regular theater box office hours. Requests for tickets can also be e-mailed to tickets@FriendsofthePenn.org

The Friends of the Penn are still accepting items for the auction that is the highlight of PennNdemonium. To make a donation to the PENNdemonium auction, contact Julie Johnston via e-mail at auction@friendsofthepenn.org.

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OUR VIEWS

Court should dump stipend

The move by 35th District Court judges to reduce their monthly expense stipend by 20 percent was a nice gesture. But it doesn't go far enough.

As Michigan's economy continues to flounder and municipal entities are struggling to find money anywhere they can, it seems gratuitous for judges making nearly \$140,000 per year to get additional help.

We agree with Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer that it shouldn't be up to local governments to augment the state-paid salaries paid to these judges.

According to Chief Judge John MacDonald, the stipend is a "judicial allowance that covers a multitude of things, such as mileage, dues, luncheons, a lot of things we go to. It's not meant to pay for a car."

That may very well be, although members of the 35th District Court Authority — representatives of the five communities which comprise the local court — aren't necessarily buying it. And even if it were, it wouldn't be like the 35th District Court is the only one making such use of taxpayer money.

In Livonia, judges receive a monthly \$350 car allowance, which is used toward a City of Livonia-leased car. If the lease is more than \$350, it's taken from the judges in a payroll deduction.

Livonia's judges drive a Buick Ranier and a Lincoln Navigator, respectively. In Westland, the two judges drive a 2007 Chevy TrailBlazer and a Lincoln MKZ, respectively.

Hasn't anyone ever heard of Hyundai?

MacDonald accurately points out the court has never tried to hide the stipend. It's been in the budget, which has always been passed by the Court Authority (although the authority only passes the overall budget; it doesn't have line-item power).

Dwyer admits he approved the budget without noticing the stipend. Neither he, nor Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack nor Northville Township Administrator Chip Snider is in favor of continuing to pay the stipend, particularly when the court's own projections show the possibility of being in the red in the next three years.

"There are legitimate judicial conferences, and for those cases we certainly would pay mileage," Snider said last week. "But, the automatic stipend in the budget needs to be reviewed. I think for the next budget year this will be at the top of the list."

MacDonald should make the decision that much easier and simply dump the stipend.

Drinking alcohol, prom should not mix

Prom marks the beginning of an exciting time for high school seniors, who are beginning their transition from childhood to adulthood. Graduating from high school is a tremendous milestone, and prom is certainly a time to celebrate it with friends who have been part of the journey.

In many cases, though, teens turn to alcohol to help celebrate the milestone, which is unfortunate considering the dangers associated with underage drinking.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, alcohol is the No. 1 drug problem among America's youth. Despite warnings, drinking alcohol continues to be widespread among teens. According to one nationwide study, three-fourths of high school seniors admit to having consumed alcohol at some point in their lives.

There is a cost to this trend. Each year, some 5,000 minors die as a result of underage drinking. The majority of those deaths occur when drinking and driving are involved. In 2005, for example, there were 421 alcohol-related traffic fatalities in Michigan. Of those, 70 were the result of underage drinking. Nationally, there are about 1,900 traffic fatalities linked to underage driving each year.

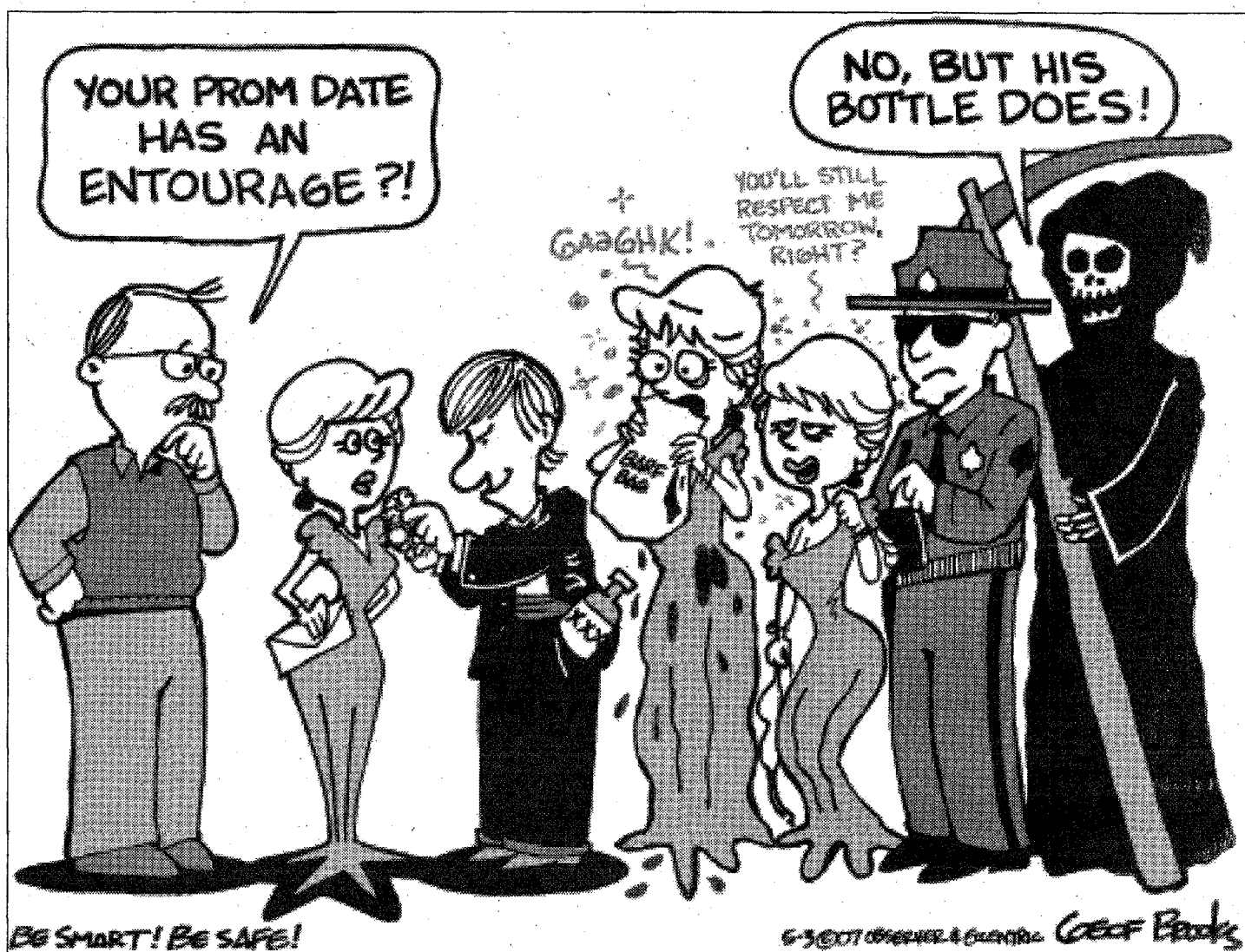
According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, these deaths spike during the months of April, May and June — prom and graduation season.

But getting killed in a car accident is not the only danger drunken teens face. Studies show that drinking alcohol plays a significant role in risky sexual behavior, which can lead to unwanted pregnancies or the contraction of sexually transmitted diseases. The chance of sexual assault also increases when alcohol is consumed.

With prom season getting under way, we all have a responsibility to make sure it is as safe as possible. Retailers who sell alcohol need to be vigilant, especially during the prom and graduation season, to make sure their products are not making their way into the hands of teens.

And certainly parents have a responsibility to talk to their children about the risks of drinking alcohol.

The bottom line is teens do not have to drink to have a good time during prom or any other graduation events. This should be a time of celebration, not of tragedy.



LETTERS

Retain Gebhardt

Joan Gebhardt, an incumbent Schoolcraft College Trustee, was unanimously appointed to fill a vacancy in December 2006. She is running for reelection to retain her seat on the May 8 ballot.

Joan is a retired school teacher and administrator and has shown her strengths through the strenuous interview process. She should be retained so she can continue to serve the people of the Schoolcraft College district.

I strongly encourage all citizens to join me in voting to retain Joan Gebhardt for Schoolcraft College Trustee on May 8.

Sally Fedus
Plymouth

Museum showcases community

I read with great interest the article about the issues at the Plymouth Museum finally being settled with the IRS ("IRS clears museum," *Plymouth Observer*, April 26), but it is unfortunate they would not release the final report.

I had little doubt from the beginning they would not lose their 501(c)3 status. Ms. (Beth) Stewart is exactly correct in her statement, the issue is political and that is the reason the museum was questioned. It was about the Plymouth Museum perceived as being used as a political base for a candidate, which is improper and in violation of IRS rules for a 501(c)3.

It was not about just \$25 as was stated in the article, but much more. This took place during a political campaign and was singled out as an attack on Ms. Stewart. That was untrue, but it was to stop the use of the museum as a political base for a particular candidate. I had complained about it prior to this campaign (as your paper knew) and complained about it before filing a complaint with the IRS in hopes someone at the Plymouth Historical Society would take action and stop what was going on.

Once the issues went public and the museum continued to deny their actions were improper, I felt I had little choice but to file a complaint.

I believe the Plymouth Museum has taken the proper action to ensure this doesn't occur in the future. This is a place for everyone and a jewel in the community that keeps our history for all to see. Margaret Dunning along with many others should be thanked for their years of efforts to display our history and bring this facility to our community. It can be a place for all of us to share our opinions on different subjects, and continue to have different opinions.

If anyone ever goes through the museum you will find Plymouth history has always enjoyed diverse opinions. I believe that's what continues to make us a strong and growing community. If you have not taken the time to stop by the Plymouth Museum, please do and you can see what a great community we all live in.

Carl F. Berry
Plymouth Township

Supporting Heise

Over the course of my working career, in both the public and private sectors, I've had the chance to work with some pretty talented and dedicated individuals. Our neighbor, Kurt Heise, is among the best.

Kurt Heise is a leader. He demonstrated this as a deputy mayor. He continues to prove this every day in his professional life.

Kurt Heise is a critical thinker and a problem solver. That is why Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, Democrat, appointed Kurt Heise, Republican, as his director of the county's Department of Environment. That is why, four years later, the county executive still depends on Kurt Heise to solve some of Wayne County's toughest problems.

In his professional capacity, Kurt is in charge of a \$153 million department. That's equal to the size of the budget for the Plymouth-Canton School District. If he can make that sum work for Wayne County, he can make it work for the PCCS district.

Kurt Heise is a skilled and accomplished labor negotiator who has sought and achieved positive outcomes for employees and taxpayers alike. Kurt has worked with both Republicans and Democrats to pass common-sense environmental laws that have directly benefited Plymouth and Canton. Kurt Heise doesn't just talk about making the tough decisions in government; he's been making them every day for over a decade.

One could actually conclude that Kurt is overqualified for the job of School Board Trustee. While he probably is, Kurt seeks to serve us, our children and grandchildren.

Our school district certainly is confronted by its share of issues. These issues need to be confronted and resolved, not left to petty finger-pointing. Kurt Heise knows the issues, knows the district, and has the backbone to stand up and be counted on by us.

Kurt Heise is the kind of straight-talking, common-sense leader we need right now. He would be an outstanding school board member.

Please remember to vote on May 8, and cast one of your two votes for Kurt Heise.

Bruce Patterson
Canton

Breen, Broderick, Gebhardt

Over the last few years I have come to know and love the Schoolcraft campus. As the editor of the student newspaper and a student member of many committees (Student Disciplinary Standards Committee, Athletics Committee) I have received a well-rounded education both inside and outside of the classroom. It is with this in mind that I write in reaction to the hyper-political atmosphere surrounding the Board of Trustees race.

I must say that I am rather disappointed at how heated the race has become. While conventional wisdom suggests that the position has always been a springboard for politics (Thaddeus McCotter, Laura Toy and Kevin McNamara), it has traditionally been a low-cost, word-of-mouth campaign. Unfortunately, local political powerhouses have focused in on the seats. Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack has been sticking his nose in the race, crying foul at the appointment of certain candidates. He has been pushing Fausone for the seat for the better part of a decade, and expressed extreme outrage over the appointing of Joan Gebhardt.

This heightened political atmosphere reminds me of the politicizing of the 35th District judge race. It is a shame that local officials feel the need to turn certain races into the political war zones that turn people off and undermine the offices. It is with this that I am supporting all of the incumbent candidates: Mary Breen, Brian Broderick and Joan Gebhardt.

Michael Siegrist
editor in chief, Schoolcraft Connection
Canton

Broderick would serve best

Hugh Gallagher touched on the most important element of the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees race when he concluded his April 29 column by stating, "In the end, partisan or non-partisan, voters will have to decide who will serve intelligently, honorably, honestly and with the best interests of the students at Schoolcraft College."

Without a doubt, Trustee Brian Broderick is the only candidate who matches those qualities. He has served on the board for 12 years and has always placed the interest of Schoolcraft students first. He is neither pro-labor nor pro-management. He is pro-student and pro-community and that is why voters should not hesitate to elect him to another six-year term.

Scott Kappler
Canton

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"I won't be there in December when the budget is passed, but I will do my damndest to make sure the City of Plymouth never again votes for a budget that includes that item ... With the court trying to tell us they need to cut valuable programs if we don't give them the same amount of money for cars is bad form."

Dan Dwyer, Plymouth mayor, on nearly \$22,000 in expenses per year given to the three 35th District Court judges

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This is one school board race that'd better draw out voters

Gov. Jennifer Granholm sure did throw a monkey wrench into the Plymouth-Canton school board race. By recently appointing Mark Slavens to the Wayne County Circuit Court bench, she essentially took the two-term incumbent and probably the most electable candidate out of the race.

Unfortunately for many absentee voters, Slavens' announcement that he will resign from the board was made after many ballots were already sent out, which means he will undoubtedly receive some votes. What will be interesting is if he actually wins.

As school board elections go, this has been an unusually intriguing race. And that's probably because there is so much at stake. When voters head out to the polls Tuesday (and there probably won't be many if there is a typical school board turnout), they will be selecting two board members that will play a critical role in the future of the district, because there are some big decisions to make in the coming years.

Start with the budget. The district is trying to cut a structural deficit of \$7.5 million for the 2007-08 school year. The current board has already started down the path of making difficult and unpopular decisions, including laying off teachers, increasing class sizes and eliminating a popular athletic director at Plymouth High School. Unfortunately, they've only scratched the surface, especially if the state hands down more funding cuts as is being threatened by the governor.

In addition to that, the next board will also be responsible for hiring a new superintendent. Sometime next year, Jim Ryan, the current superintendent, will be moving on after a half dozen years with the district. Although some have criticized him for his role in the recent failed bond attempts, Ryan is very popular with parents and has done an admirable job leading the district during his tenure. So not only will the next superintendent have some large shoes to fill, but will have to fill them while trying to steer the district through some financially trying times. It will be critical to get the right person.

Which brings us to the five remaining candidates for school board. It is certainly an interesting group. Unlike some school board races, where there are a couple candidates who are in over their heads, this race features all knowledgeable, thoughtful candidates. Each offers a good deal of experience, is aware of the major challenges that face the district, and brings ideas to the table.

As for out-of-the-box ideas, Richard Ham-Kucharski, the race's other incumbent, cer-

tainly has some. Like making teachers take a one-time six percent pay cut to balance the district's budget. Asking teachers to make such a sacrifice is really unfair and frankly not going to happen. Ham-Kucharski must know that, so you have to wonder if he is just trying to appeal to disgruntled voters in the district or those who have lost jobs. But he is an experienced board member who is well versed with the district's financial challenges, and he doesn't seem afraid to make the necessary cuts to bring the district into the black.

Nancy Eggenberger is a solid candidate. She has been a district insider for several years, having served as co-chair of the last three bond issues and president of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Council. She has a background in the classroom and in schools, not to mention a parent who is involved in the education of her children. She is a safe choice for school board, because she will meld into the current board without much of a learning curve.

Newcomer Bruce Koldys, who recently moved to Canton, brings a fresh perspective to the table — of a person who pays taxes to the school district, but does not have any children. He feels this demographic has typically been neglected when decisions are made about the schools. Don't get the impression he doesn't care about the schools, however. He is keenly aware of how the fortunes of the school district will impact the value of his home. He knows it is in everyone's best interest that the schools do well.

Koldys says he has 28 years of experience in schools — as a substitute teacher, in building maintenance, and as a union representative for the Dearborn Federation of School Employees. His experience dealing with negotiations would be a great benefit to the school board.

Plymouth Township's Larry Martin, an engineer with GM, has children in the district. While he knows the budget is a pressing problem, he is also concerned about curriculum in the district. His real world experience in the global economy tells him children in the district aren't being served by the way math is being taught. He would try to change that.

Perhaps the candidate who has most tried to take advantage of the Slavens situation is Kurt Heise, the director of the Wayne County Department of Environment who moved to Plymouth Township six months ago. He has been the true wildcard in this race. He is being backed by some of the area's leading Republicans, and some feel he is being groomed to run for bigger and better things, which they are holding against him. My gut tells me he probably will run for other offices, but should that be held against

him. I'm not sure that's fair considering Slavens has run for statewide offices — twice.

What you cannot deny is that he brings a wealth of governmental experience, as both an attorney and director of a large department. He knows about budgets, and how to cut them — something the board of education is becoming familiar with. It is also worth noting that Heise has been a major player in the fairly successful efforts to restore the Rouge River in recent years.

Heise knows that with Slavens out of the way, he has a much better chance of getting elected. And he has done his best to make sure everyone knows Slavens will not serve on the board. The real question is whether Slavens is actually out of the race or not. Heise and others have criticized him for leaving his campaign signs up. Slavens hasn't exactly given the impression that winning would displease him.

I'm left to wonder, however, if some voters have been disenfranchised by the fact that Slavens' judicial announcement came so late in the game. Some have questioned whether Slavens knew about this longer than he is leading on. Heck, last year State Sen. Bruce Patterson predicted this was going to happen, when he said Slavens would get the judicial appointment as payback for running against him back in November — and that was before Slavens even announced his candidacy.

Interestingly there are some people, including former school board candidate John Nichols of Canton, who are still encouraging people to vote for Slavens, because if he wins the board will be able to appoint any person it wants. If Eggenberger doesn't win, you can bet the board would appoint her. If, on the other hand, she and Slavens are the top vote getters, the question will be if the board appoints one of the other candidates — something they don't have to do.

In my opinion they should appoint whoever comes in third place. Any of these candidates would be good additions to the board, and have shown they are willing to dedicate the time and energy to district. A third place finish would also prove they have some community support.

So voters will have a lot to think about when they enter the polls. Each of the candidates brings differing philosophies about the district and government. It will be up to voters to decide which philosophies they are in line with. Considering all that is at stake, hopefully some will actually make it out to the polls.

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LETTERS

How we deal with tragedy

The recent event at Virginia Tech in which 33 people died should make us reflect. Because Christ has called us to be salt and light in this dark and dying world, tragedy should call us to self-reflection. How can we and how should we respond to tragedy?

When tragedy hits a community, it's an opportunity for those of us who know that true joy comes from the Lord, to share our faith and be a light and witness to those who do not know that truth. People all over America are struggling to make sense of life. Many of these people only believe happiness can be experienced in what they can tangibly see or attain. This is why happiness is so fleeting for them, and in times of tragedy, hope is non-existent while despair is prevalent.

What's the bottom line? As the Body of Christ, we must first know what we know and really know it. We must be prepared to give an account for the joy and hope that is within us (1 Peter 3:15). Our faith can be shared during times like this, however our faith should really be on display through our everyday living. When our faith is on display in our everyday lives, God positions to be that effect light and salt (change agent) that He needs to win others for His glory.

You will find that as you really live a transformed life, you will not have to advertise that you are a child of the King. People will be drawn to you, because Christ draws people unto Him. People who are hurting will seek you. Will you be ready? Better yet, are you ready? Do you respond to tragedy with a sense of responsibility to be a minister to a lost world?

God saved you just for moments like these. What are you going to do about it? Share your faith today. Be available. Be relational. Be transparent. Be Christlike!

pastor David Washington Jr.
Canton Christian Fellowship Church

Must keep Gebhardt

Joan Gebhardt should be elected for a full term as a trustee of Schoolcraft College in the May 8 election. For the many years I have known Ms. Gebhardt she has continually impressed me with her enthusiasm and commitment to education and our community. Her past and present accomplishments stand as clear testament of her substantial abilities to make a positive difference.

Currently serving as an adjunct professor at Madonna University, Joan has 31 years of experience inside both the classroom and within the administrative network of our education system.

She has also taken a very active role in her community. Joan has shown her dedication to education in the State of Michigan, by working to hold leaders accountable for how their decisions affect education issues. Her list of both professional and independent projects is very impressive and demonstrates how Joan continuously excels at every assignment she undertakes.

Joan is an intelligent, articulate, energetic and enthusiastic manager and mentor. Her ability to bring differing points of view together for a common goal has proven her to be a very valuable educator and leader within our community. Joan's impressive balance of commitment and exuberance make her a must-keep trustee that should be retained on the Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees.

State Sen. Glenn Anderson
6th District

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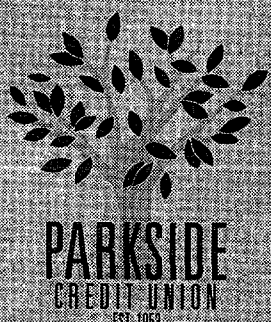
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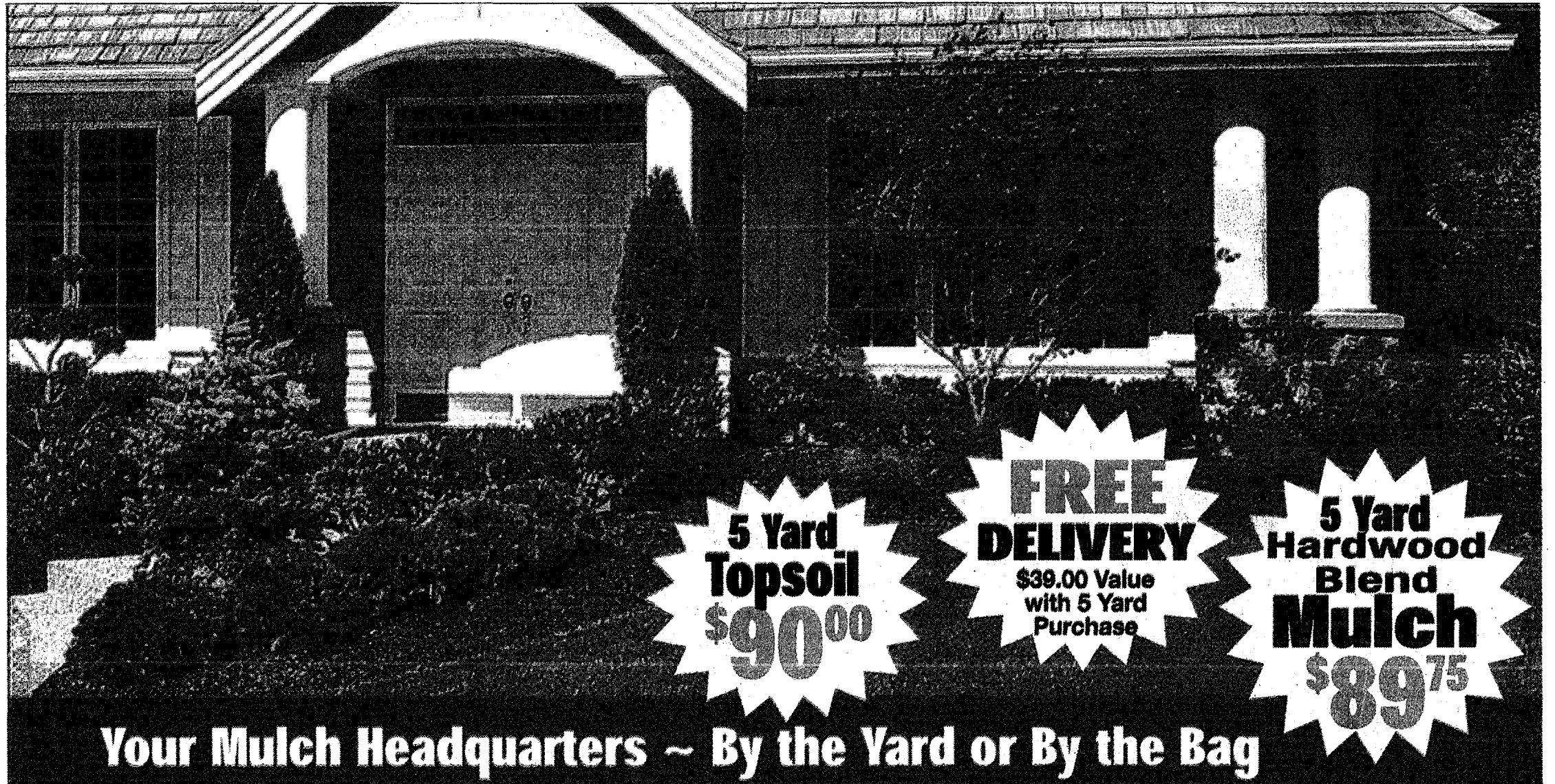
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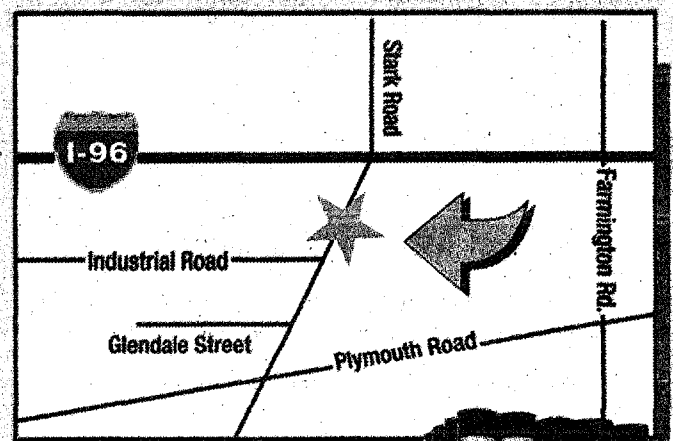
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Product Description	Weight Per Cu Yard	Price Per Bag	Approx. Coverage Per Yard
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Product Description	Bag Size	Price Per Bag	Approx. Coverage Per Bag
Shady	25 lbs	\$45.00	8 lbs per 1K sq feet
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Contractors	25 lbs	\$42.25	8 lbs per 1K sq feet
Hydromulch	N/C	\$12.25	Per bale

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Product	Price Per Ton	Approx. Coverage Per Yd.
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21 AA - Crushed Stone	\$24.00	80 sq ft @ 3" deep
6A Stone	\$24.75	100 sq ft @ 3" deep
Oversize Rock - 4"-8"	\$43.50	30 sq ft @ 2" deep
Egg Rock/River Rock	\$35.00	80 sq ft @ 3" deep
Boulders 1"-2"	\$85.00	1" high 20" long

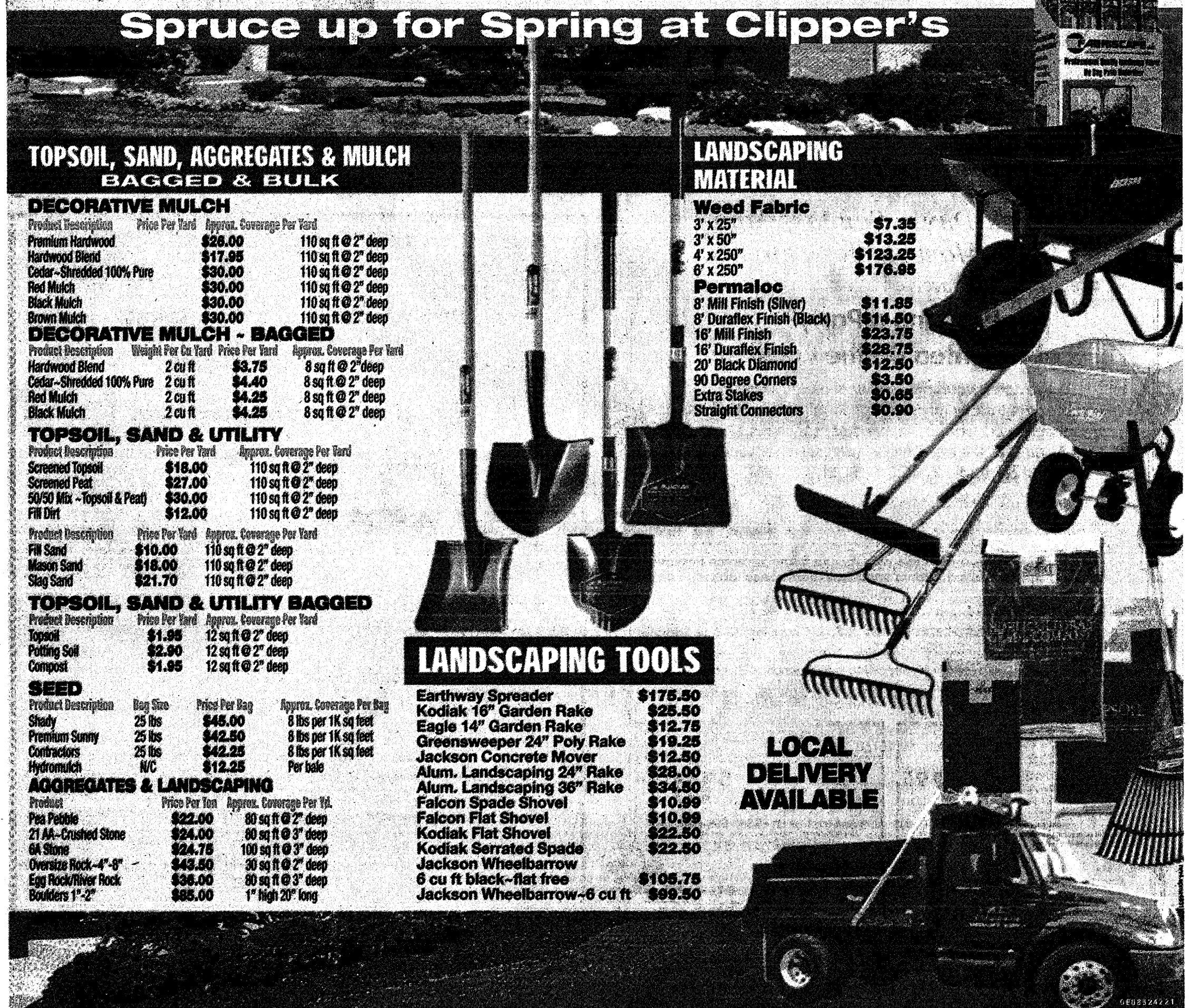
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Area leaders honored at 60th Madonna commencement

Madonna University's 60th commencement is 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 5, at Calihan Hall at the University of Detroit-Mercy. Approximately 980 graduates will join the Madonna University alumni ranks, with some 700 students receiving a bachelor's degree, associate's degree or certificate, and the remainder earning a master's degree.

Honorary doctorate degrees will be bestowed upon 1959 alumna Sister Mary Janice Ziolkowski, CSSF, and retired General Motors Vice President Edward P. Czapor. The Distinguished Alumna award will be given to Joan Duggan, class of 1973.

Presiding over the commencement ceremonies will be Madonna University Vice President for Academic Administration Ernest I. Nolan. The invocation will be given by Bishop John M. Quinn, auxiliary bishop, Archdiocese of Detroit and Madonna University trustee. The mace bearer will be Kevin King, director of the sport management



Duggan

Ziolkowski



Czapor

program in the College of Education.

All graduates and their families are invited to attend the Graduation Mass, which will be celebrated 7 p.m. Thursday, May 3, in the Presentation Chapel at the Felician Sisters' Motherhouse (36800 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia). The celebrant will be Bishop Francis Reiss, auxiliary bishop, Archdiocese of Detroit. A reception hosted by Madonna University President Sister Rose Marie Kujawa will be held in the Residence Hall Dining Room immediately following the Mass.

Detroit Metropolitan Airport 'tops-off' new North Terminal

The Wayne County Airport Authority recently celebrated a milestone in its North Terminal Redevelopment Project with the placement of the final steel beam composing the terminal structure at Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW).

The new, 26-gate terminal will open in 2008, replacing the aging L.C. Smith and Berry Terminals.

"The Airport Authority could not be more pleased to celebrate this important milestone in the redevelopment of our region," said Authority Chairman Michael Glusac.

"The Smith and Berry Terminals have served our region well throughout the past 50 years. It is now time for a brand-new facility that meets the needs and standards for efficiency and convenience set by today's airlines and travelers."

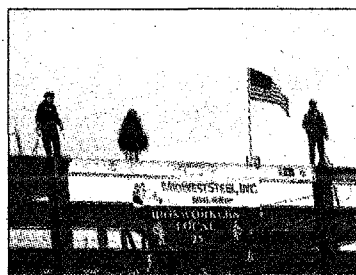
When it opens in 2008, the \$426 million terminal will be Detroit's home to Air Canada, American, AirTran, British Airways, Frontier, Lufthansa, Royal Jordanian, Southwest, Spirit, United, US Airways, and USA 3000, as well as non-scheduled airlines such as Champion Air, Ryan Air and others. Northwest Airlines and its SkyTeam partners, Northwest Airliner, Air France, Continental and Delta will remain in the McNamara Terminal.

"Today we recognize not only the significance of this new terminal for Southeast Michigan, but also the skilled tradesmen whose hard work continues to make this new facility a reality," said Authority CEO Lester W. Robinson.

The North Terminal Redevelopment Project will create an estimated 3,200 new, local construction jobs. Upon completion of the new facility, the existing Smith and



Detroit Ironworkers proudly affix their signatures to the final steel beam completing the framework for the new north terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.



Ironworkers place the last beam in the framework for the new North Terminal.

Berry terminals will be decommissioned-making DTW one of the newest, most operationally-capable and efficient airports in North

America. Together with the McNamara Terminal, which opened in 2002, DTW will soon feature two new terminals, nearly 150 gates, six jet runways, and two modern Federal Inspection Services facilities for international arrivals.

"The North Terminal will primarily serve local travelers - those beginning or ending their trip at DTW - who will now enjoy the same world-class facilities that our connecting passengers already do at the McNamara Terminal," Robinson said.

The tradition of topping-off

ceremonies dates back to a centuries-old tradition and signifies the completion of the terminal's framework. Over the next several months, the project team will focus on completing the exterior walls of the facility and then begin building-out the terminal's interior.

The Airport Authority plans to install a model of the new North Terminal facility, along with artist renderings, in the check-in lobby of the Smith Terminal. The community is invited to track the terminal's progress at www.metroairport.com.

Sing for a Cure to raise funds for Karmanos Cancer Institute

The BeckRidge Chorale with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Chorale director Michael Gross, presents its Spring Concert, Sing for the Cure, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 5, and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile, Northville.

Reserved tickets are available for \$25 or \$30 and may be purchased by calling (734) 340-4807. Tickets are also available at the door before performances. Visit the BeckRidge Chorale Web site at www.plycommunitychorus.org for more information.

The main composition to be

performed is called Sing for the Cure: A Proclamation of Hope. This work takes the listener on a unique musical journey through the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

Librettist Pamela Martin wrote words to the music after numerous interviews with breast cancer survivors, their partners and loved ones. Each song is set to the music of 10 composers who have been touched by breast cancer in some way. This performance will be narrated by a special guest celebrity. Proceeds from this concert will be given to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

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MAY

Rummage sale
Newburg United Methodist Church 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, between Wayne and Newburgh roads, Livonia will be holding a Rummage Sale fund raiser. Pre-sale is 5-8 p.m., Thursday, May 3 (admission \$2 per adult). Big Sale takes place 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 4, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 5, admission free. Saturday everything is half price.

Chief appearance
Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union sponsors a cooking demonstration at the International Women's Show in Novi by award-winning local chef Tom Mackinnon from Five Restaurant located at The Inn at St. John's. Mackinnon's cooking demonstration titled, Dressing Up Your Dining Experience, takes place at the International Women's Show 1:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3. For more information, call (734) 432-0212 or visit www.catholicparishesfcu.org

Grief counseling
Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary is sponsoring an eight week grief counseling workshop, From Grief to New Hope, beginning 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday, May 3, in the St. Mary

Activity Center (lower level of the church building), 18200 Merriman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. No charge and open to the community. It will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. Each session will begin with a talk about one aspect of grief followed by small group participation led by trained facilitators. Each person will be placed in a group with others who have had similar losses. To register, call Jim King, the Director of Youth and Outreach Ministry at (734) 422-0010.

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Mom to mom sale
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Saints Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer, between Venoy and Merriman, Westland. Admission \$1 for adults, kids free. Baked goods for sale also. Each paid ticket receives a raffle ticket for prizes. Food and drink available also. Strollers welcome. For table rental or other information, call Amber at (734) 238-0382 or Judy at (734) 522-3322 or e-mail to amber2brandon@yahoo.com.

Mass of anointing
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church of Livonia invites all area Catholics recovering from a serious ill-

ness, facing surgery, or suffering from a chronic health condition to attend a special Mass of Anointing 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at the church, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. All area Catholics interested in receiving anointing should call the parish office at (734) 261-1455, ext. 200, so the church will be able to prepare for the number of people attending.

Rummage sale
Volunteers and baked goods needed for Rummage Sale Saturday-Sunday, May 5-6, in the school gym at Our Lady of Loretto Catholic Church on the northeast corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly.

Drop offs Monday through Friday at the Gym 3-7 p.m. through Friday, May 4. Sale is 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday May 5, and 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday, May 6. Sunday is our \$3 brown bag sale. Jewelry, bake goods and large items are NOT included in this sale. Please call the Rectory at (313) 534-9000 if you can help us out.

Rummage sale
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5, in the gym at St. Valentine's School in Redford. Bag Sale starts at 1 p.m. Saturday. Drop off for sale is 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, May 4. For more information, call (313) 533-7149.

Concert of prayer
The Senior Choir of St. Michael Lutheran Church, Canton presents Somebody's Praying Me Through by Gary Rhodes and Karla Worley 5:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, and at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, May 6, in the church sanctuary (7000 N. Sheldon) to commemorate the

National Day of Prayer. For information, call (734) 459-3333. All are welcome.

Bridal fashion show
And luncheon 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5, at Meadowbrook Congregational Church, 21355 Meadowbrook Road, north of Eight Mile, west of I-75, Novi. For information, call (248) 348-7757.

Monthly dance
Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 5, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inker road, Redford. Cost is \$10. All Refreshments included. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

Response to violence lecture
Trudy Huntington, Ph.D., a noted Michigan author and researcher speaks about the remarkable way in which the Amish community responded to the Oct. 2006 shootings at their school in rural Pennsylvania, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Trinity Church of the Brethren, 27350 W. Chicago, Redford. Huntington wrote the book, Amish in Michigan, and co-authored Amish Children. For more information, call Michael Fletcher at (313) 937-1199.

Youth concert
Victory Voices Choir (grades 4-6) presents the musical Simon Says 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The Bell Choir will be having a Spring Ring from 5:30-6 p.m. that day in the sanctuary. For more information, call (734) 464-6722.

Youth wanted
Tweens and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Once a month our youth have an outing/activity geared specifically to their needs. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

A healthy you
Join with others as we discover ways to keep our minds and bodies healthy through a four-week class that is open to the public and free of charge at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Day and night classes available. To register, call (734) 464-0990.

Worship dancers
The Earth to Eternity Ensemble, a group of worship dancers, will be featured at the 10 a.m. service of the Anglican Church of Livonia Sunday, May 6. The church meets weekly at the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark. If you have never witnessed worship that combines dance with praise music, you are in for a special treat when the troupe, choreographed by Christina Eby, performs its unique art form during the service. For more information, call (248) 442-0422.

Concert
Fort Street Chorale & Chamber Orchestra perform Bach's B minor Mass 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort at Third, Detroit. Tickets \$15. Group rates and patron seating available. Free, secure parking. Call (313) 961-4533 or visit www.fortstreet.org.

Prayer breakfast
Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast 7:15-9 a.m. Thursday, May 10, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman, between Six Mile and Seven Mile, Livonia. Guest speaker is Paul Maier, professor of ancient history at Western Michigan University. Tickets \$15. \$10 students, and available by calling Sally Butler at (248) 476-9427 or visit www.livoniaprayerbkfst.org by Friday, April 27. Tables of 10 available.

Cinco de Mayo
Presented by Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 7 p.m. Friday, May 11, at St. Linus Activity Center, 6466 Evangeline, Dearborn Hgts. Please bring a dish of Mexican or spicy food or a Dulce de Leche Cream Cake (double cream cake), and \$5 at the door. Cards and board games afterward. For details, call (734) 513-9479.

Mother and daughter dinner
4-6 p.m. Saturday, May 12, Riverside Park Church of God sponsors a banquet for moms and their daughters. Cost is \$10 per adult; \$5 per child ages 5-12; age 4 and under free. This cost includes a full dinner, dessert and a free gift. Please register by May 9 at (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), in Livonia.

Real estate seminar
1-4 p.m. Saturday May 12, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. No charge. This seminar covers buying and selling a home, attaining a residential mortgage and refinancing, appraisals, homeowners insurance for primary residence, investment, vacation and vacant homes, remodeling, new construction and home inspections. All presenters are members of Newburg United Methodist Church or friends of the church. For more information, call (734) 422-0149 or send e-mail to rodney@newburgumc.org.

Teach-in
A journey to eliminating health care disparities 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church,

37775 Palmer, west of Newburgh, Westland. Do you ever wonder what your doctor said after you return from an office visit? Need to know what your prescription does? Have trouble hearing or understanding your medical directions? Join us for this Teach-in. For more information, call (734) 722-1735 or send e-mail to colleen@princeofpeacewestland.com.

Monthly meeting
For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, Saturday, May 19, at Leon's Family Dining, 30149 Ford road, next to Tim Horton's, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (734) 513-9479.

J.O.Y. meeting
The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share. Anyone age 55 plus is welcome to the luncheon. This is a time of fellowship with Christian brothers and sisters in a safe and fun environment. After lunch, feel free to stay around and play some good old-fashioned games.

UPCOMING

Garage sales
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday, June 1-2, at Cherry Hill Village and Cherry Hill United Methodist Church near the intersection of Cherry Hill and Ridge roads. If you need it, you will find it. Call church for more information or directions (734) 495-0035.

Rummage sale
Sellers wanted for rummage sale to be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 2 from when Riverside Park Church of God is promoting an outdoor mini flea market (weather permitting) to the public. Spots are available to rent at only \$20 each; 8' tables are an additional \$5. You must register by May 30. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. "One man's junk is another man's treasure" as the old saying goes. Find out for yourself on June 2.

Italian night & auction
Cherry Hill United Methodist Church presents the first Italian Night & Auction Friday, June 8, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Dinner and Craft Show, 7:30 p.m. Auction, in the social hall at 321 S. Ridge Road, one block west of Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Come one, come all. Free dinner, fun and a chance to support the church and its Habitat for Humanity Project. Call and reserve your spot at (734) 495-0035.

Baccalaureate Mass
And reception for Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at 47650 North Territorial at Beck. All area high school and college graduates are invited to attend. Graduates are to arrive in cap and gown and meet in the social hall on the lower level of the church at 3:30 p.m. To register, call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 243, or visit www.olgc-parish.net and click on Life Teen to download response form.

Father and Son Dinner
4-6 p.m. June 16, Riverside Park Church of God sponsors a banquet for dads and their son. Cost is \$10 per adult; \$5 per child ages 5-12; age 4 and under free. Cost includes a full dinner, dessert and a free gift. Please register by June 13 at (734) 464-0990. The church is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia.

Uplifting church services
Want a unique church experience? Join us Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service. Can't wait for Sunday? Come to our open discussion 7 p.m. Wednesdays as we examine the Word of God. Classes available for all ages, child to adult. Riverside Park Church of God is at 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

ONGOING

Preschool registration
Ward Preschool now enrolling children for the 2007-2008 school year. Morning and afternoon sessions available for ages 3, 4 and 5 by Dec. 1. Preschool is at 40000 Six Mile, west of Haggerty, Northville. Schedule and tuition information can be viewed at www.wardchurch.org. For information, call (248) 374-5911 or send e-mail to carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org.

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Depression recovery
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Church, 33144 Cherry Hill Road, Garden City. You can be happy again! Call (734) 673-5917 for more information.

Sunday services
Dan Strength, who was installed March 4 as church pastor, is leading services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inker road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is at 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study takes place 7 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

Alpha sessions
Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions which began 6-9 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Includes a free dinner each week. Alpha is a low-key, friendly, fun and pressure free class. Free child care available during class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to Margy.Burkhart@wardchurch.org.

Worship services
Regular church services 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with Nursery, Sunday School during 9:30 a.m. service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Adult Bible Study weekly on Tuesday and Sunday at 11 a.m. Visitors welcome. Visit www.holy-crosslivonia.org.

Bible study
7 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the rectory at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia. The current study is the Gospel of St. John. For more information, call (734) 261-1455.

Farmington Women Aglow
Meets from 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

Worship services
Praise and worship 10 a.m. Sunday, at Westwood Community Church, 6500 Wayne Road and Hunter, Westland. Contemporary music and casual dress. Children church and nursery. Call (734) 254-0093. Donuts and coffee served.

Kids night
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Classes
NorthRidge Church Women's Ministry invites you to participate in a variety of exciting groups and classes that began Thursday, March 8, at the church, 49555 North Territorial, Plymouth. Choose from a self defense class, Scrap-booking, Mops, Bible studies, cooking and nutrition, quilting, book club, and much more. Register on line at <http://www.northridgechurch.com/Women/>.

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Open registration began March 14, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0211.

Recovery program
Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville launches Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program helping men and women find freedom from their hurts, habits and hang-ups (addictive and compulsive behaviors), meets every Friday evening for 6 p.m. dinner (optional), 7 p.m. praise and worship, 8 p.m. small group discussion, 9 p.m. Solid Rock Café (optional coffee and desserts). Childcare during Celebrate Recovery is free and available by calling (248) 374-7400. For information, visit www.celebraterecovery.com and www.wardchurch.org/celebrate.

Bible study
The Gospels and You Bible Study began 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, at The Basilica of St. Mary Orthodox Church activity center on the lower level, 18100 Merriman, Livonia. No charge. The study focuses on applying the Gospel of St. Luke to daily life. Sessions will be led by Rev. George Shalhoub and Jim King, the church's director of youth and outreach ministry. For information and to register, call (734) 422-0010.

Sunday service
All are welcome to attend worship service at 10 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, one block west of Inker, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

Scripture study
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Worship service
All are welcome to attend 11 a.m. worship service Sundays, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne at Hunter, Westland. For more information, call (734) 721-0800.

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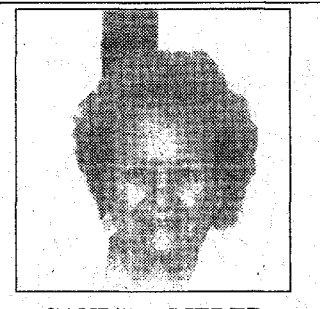
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ANNA YASIN
Age 95, formerly of Beverly Hills passed away December 11, 2006 in North Carolina. A memorial service will be held at White Chapel Cemetery, Troy, MI at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 5, 2007.

MAGERY E. DOBBS
Age 77, passed away on April 27, 2007. Beloved wife of the late Jack. Loving mother of Janet (Dan) Hayden of Hancock, Ed (Marilyn) Dobbs of Charlotte and Jerry (Cheryl) Dobbs of Brooklyn. Dearest grandmother of David, Julie, Craig, Jennifer, Elizabeth, Meghan and Molly. Dear great-grandmother of Sergio and Rylie. Dear sister of Jennie (Jim) Wellman of Cocoa, FL, June (Harold) Hansor of Howell, Ardith Drury of Livonia, Earle (Joan) Bassett of Plymouth and the late Lester, Warren and Edward Bassett. Visitation Thursday 2-9 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth. Funeral Services Friday 11 am at the funeral home. Share memories at schrader-howell.com

OLAN WAYNE EATON
Age 76, of 22 Covey Hill Lane, Greenville, SC and formerly of Birmingham, MI, died Monday, April 30, 2007. Born March 19, 1931 in Bonne Terre, MO, he was the son of the late Irvin W. Eaton and Elsie Mertine Richardson Eaton. Mr. Eaton served our country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was employed by the Ford Motor Company in the finance and marketing department. Surviving is his wife, Joan Eaton; two daughters, Pam Eaton and husband Joseph Roddy and Lisa Eaton, both of Greenville, SC and one brother, Leon Eaton of Bonne Terre, MO. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 6 until 8PM at The Mackey Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Concerned Citizens for Animals, P.O. Box 1332, Greenville, SC 29681 or to Safe Harbor, Inc., P.O. Box 174, Greenville, SC 29602-0174. The Mackey Mortuary, Greenville, SC. A message of condolence may be sent to the family by visiting www.mackeymortuary.com



CANDIDA LIEDER
Fifty-year resident of Livonia, age 89, passed away Sunday, April 29, 2007. Born in Cadiz, Spain. Beloved wife of the late Donald. Loving mother of Richard (Kathe), Linda and Donna Jean. Dear grandmother of Janie. She touched the lives of many with her kindness, optimism and sunny disposition and was especially devoted to her children. She worked for Burrough's Corporation prior to marriage and raising a family. Following her husband's death, she went to work at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers where she worked in the Circulation Department for more than 15 years. In later years, she enjoyed her travels back to Spain. Visitation Thursday, 6-9pm with an Eastern Star Memorial Service at 7:00pm, and funeral service Friday at 1:00pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St, Plymouth. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the charity of your choice.

REV. JAY P. COULTON
Passed away on April 21, 2007 at the age of 94 in Spring Hill, FL. He is survived by his daughters, Kathryn E. Thorden and Sarah Coulton-Moritz; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Father Coulton served as Minister of St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Livonia from 1950 to 1966 on then went onto St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Trenton, MI. He retired in Spring Hill, FL and Baldwin, MI, where he continued serving the Episcopal Church. Memorial service will be held on May 5, 11 AM at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 16360 Hubbard, Livonia, MI.

ROBERT WALLACE KIRKPATRICK
Age 86, a long time resident of Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills MI, passed away April 28, 2007 in Palm Beach Gardens, FL after a brief illness. He is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Helen; his daughters Wallace Berg of Corte Madera Ca, Robin Grams of Buffalo Grove IL, Nancy Scherba of Bloomfield Hills MI and Christine Millis of Clarkston MI and his grandchildren Sarah, Ted, Peter, Elise, Lara, Stephen and Jonathan. "Kirk", as he was known to his family, was born in West Va where he went on to attend Marshall University before joining the Marine Corps in 1943. In 1945 he moved to Michigan where he raised his family until his retirement from Amherst Industries in 1979. He spent his winters in Palm Beach Gardens FL where he was active in tennis and golf until his passing. He was an Honorary Life Member of Birmingham Country Club and PGA National. Kirk, who was a WWII Marine pilot will forever be a hero to his family. Tributes may be made at Contributions may be made to: Buckskin Council Boy Scouts of America 2829 Kanawha Blvd East, Charleston, West Va 25311-1727. Edgley Cremation Services, W. Palm Beach, FL.

GEORGE W. HURRELBRINK, JR.
Age 69 of Plymouth, passed away peacefully on April 28, 2007. He was born on June 21, 1937 in Northville, Michigan to George W. and Mary F. (Keller) Hurrelbrink. George was united in marriage to Glenda Nitzel on November 1, 1958. He had been a resident of Plymouth since 1970, he was formerly of Northville and Westland. George proudly served his country with the National Guard and then the Marine Corps. He retired from maintenance at Ford Motor Company on Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Mr. Hurrelbrink was a member of the Northville Moose Lodge 1190 and served as a past president of the Northville Eagles Club. He enjoyed gambling and going to the casino; especially Las Vegas where he would stay at the Riviera. He also enjoyed watching golf. He is survived by his devoted wife, Glenda Hurrelbrink; his loving son, Scott D. (Carol) Hurrelbrink; his dear sister Arlene (Edward) Holzschuh; and his adoring grandchildren Krystal L. Jones, Madison Hurrelbrink, Christine Thomsen and Tom Thomsen. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Stacey Anne Hurrelbrink, his parents, and sister, Cheree Gaydos. A time of gathering will be held Thursday, May 3, 2007 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. with a Memorial Service at 1 p.m. at Caterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Luftgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Research, 1111 Stewart Ave., Bethpage, New York, 11714.

DAVID C. RATHBUN
Age 67, passed away April 27, 2007. Funeral was held May 1st, 2007. Survived by his beloved sister, Mary Ellen and niece, Jeanne. Lifetime Plymouth resident and long time chef of Hillside Inn.

WALTER OGDEN VOGT
92, of Falmouth, ME, died April 22, 2007. Born in Waterbury, CT on May 7, 1914. Walter ("OG") was the son of Von Ogdan and Nellie Walter Vogt. He grew up in Chicago and attended the University High School in Chicago before obtaining his Bachelors degree at Beloit College and Masters at the University of Chicago. He served in the Pacific in WWII as a Captain in the Army Air Force. Walter was married to Carlyn Ashley for 55 years until her passing 2002, and they raised their children in the town of Birmingham, just outside Detroit, Michigan, where Walter was employed with Barger-Coleman for 28 years as a Sales Engineer before his retirement in 1979. Walter loved boats, and sailing was his passion. He spent many Barber-Coleman sailing the Great Lakes with friends. Once retired, he indulged his love of adventure and his interest in new people and places traveling the world with wife Carlyn. He was a loving father and a devoted husband, and he made new friends everywhere he went. He will be remembered by many for his quick wit, his easy smile, his generosity, and the twinkle in his eyes. He leaves five children: Buck Frederickson of Denver, CO, Joby Margadant of Davis, CA, Carlyn Klein of Royal Oak, MI, John Vogt of Falmouth, ME, and Prudy Yates of Winston-Salem, NC. There are ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother Philip Walter Vogt. A Memorial service will be held in Michigan in September at the Birmingham Unitarian Church with interment at Greenwood Cemetery. Arrangements by Jones Rich & Hutchins, Portland, ME.

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Farmington Women Aglow

Meets from 7-9:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) on the second Monday of the month in the Visitors Center (old Spicer House) at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 Mile and 11 Mile roads. For more information, call Linda Boone at (248) 476-1053.

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TOPS

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Learner's Bible study

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

Church service

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Senior activities

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tion, 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.

Church activities

St. James Presbyterian Church offers a Thursday dinner at 6 p.m. for \$5 prepared by Susan Navarro, The Cookie Lady, followed by Bible study at 7 p.m. and Chancel Choir rehearsal at 8 p.m.; Thrift store is open from 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.

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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.

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County delegation learns logistics of Europe's airport cities

BY HUGH GALLAGHER
STAFF WRITER

Logistics may become as important to metro Detroit's future as automobiles have been to its past if Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano can round up support for the development of an aerotropolis.

Toward that end Ficano led a 25-person delegation April 23-27 to Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and Frankfurt, Germany. The group included such prominent figures as Jim Epolito, chair of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; Doug Rothwell, president of Detroit Renaissance; Dick Blouse, president of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce and representatives from the communities along the I-94 corridor that connects Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports.

"No. 1 was to expose leaders in the area to how airports are driving economic expansion and how they get it in Europe, in Hong Kong and



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Shanghai," Ficano said.

The aerotropolis would center development around the area between the two airports with an emphasis on just-on-time transportation, warehousing and development of high tech industries that depend on speedy transportation. The area along I-94 also connects Ann Arbor to Detroit and the research facilities at the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

The county has been studying the concept for several years, working with John Kasarda, director of the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina. Kasarda is regarded as the leading authority on airport development.

Kasarda chaired the conference in Frankfurt and gave two presentations one on framing the airport cities concept and another on logistics.

He said Wednesday Detroit can learn from Amsterdam and Frankfurt.

"They have fully developed their airport facilities for job creation and investment," he said.

He said the delegation was able to learn how they were able bring together private and government investment. Kasarda believes the two county airports are prime for economic development.

"You have one of the largest airports in the country ... and the speed and connectivity that businesses are looking for," he said.

In addition to observing airport operations at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport, the delegation attended an Airport Cities Conference in Frankfurt and gave a presentation on Wayne County. The county hosted the annual conference in 2004 at Detroit Metro Airport.

Ficano said there is nothing to compare to Amsterdam and Frankfurt in the United States, with the possible exceptions of Memphis, a hub for FedEx, and the burgeoning Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

"Amsterdam is interesting because at one time it was a major seaport and now the airport drives its economy," Ficano said. "We have a great opportunity for growth. The concept of development is no longer location but speed, speed, speed."

He said international shippers have always thought of Chicago's O'Hare International Airport as the primary location for the Midwest.

"They have topped out. There are impediments to their growth," Ficano said of O'Hare.

He said that unlike Detroit's two airports, O'Hare is landlocked with no room to grow and its skies are overcrowded.

As part of a plan to develop the airports as a leader in logistics, the transportation of

materials, Ficano said he would like to convince Northwest Airlines to relocate its cargo operations from Chicago to Detroit. Detroit is a hub for Northwest passenger service.

"Our assets are enormous. Ford and GM do \$9 billion a year in logistics alone," he said. "Logistics operations in Amsterdam provide 60,000 jobs."

He said logistics are critical to the auto industry and to other industries and the two research universities as well. Ficano said he is especially interested in getting cargo forwarding operators to set up headquarters around the airports.

While Ficano is pushing the aerotropolis concept, he is also trying to get Wayne and Washtenaw county communities along I-94 to follow the county's lead in developing a 60-day permitting process for developers.

"We don't have the luxury of dragging this out for a year," he said.

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AARP driver safety program designed for age 50 and over

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STAFF WRITER

The rules of the road have changed since Lois Ann Beerbaum began driving. That's why the 67-year old Canton woman is volunteering her time to help drivers like herself update their skills by taking the AARP Driver Safety two session course 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday-Tuesday, May 7-8, in Room D of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center Road. The entire program takes place in the classroom.

The cost is \$10. For more information, call (734) 981-6424 until Monday night or afterwards (734) 895-8034.

One incentive for taking the course is the new Michigan law (HB-5661) which allows insurers to give discounts to residents age 50 and older who take a driver safety course. The Hartford, associated with AARP, gives the discount.

Beerbaum says there are several reasons people age 50 and over should take the course. According to the Federal Highway administration there are an estimated 75 million drivers age 50 and older in the U.S., or 38 percent of all drivers on American roadways. These figures are expected to rise in the future and increase the need for safe driving skills.

"It's important because older drivers have the highest rate of left turn crashes. It's a judgment exercise," said Beerbaum. "This program is good at distance evaluation. It helps all of us at keeping the distance appropriate between cars, to properly enter and exit from freeways. Neck turn capabilities are not as flexible as they used to be. We do demonstrate exercises for flexibility."

Beerbaum uses a presentation prepared by AARP, dialog and interactive video to teach drivers about reaction time, how to compensate for age-related changes in hearing and vision, safe driving strategies, and influence of medications.

People with disabilities are encouraged to request, in advance, any special arrangements they may need to participate in the AARP course.

"Video is interactive," said Beerbaum. "We'll talk about seeing, scanning, how to look ahead, intersection strategies, backing up, adverse weather, drowsy and distracted drivers, maintaining a vehicle, what to do when the vehicle breaks down, new vehicle technology like ABS brakes, and city, rural and interstate highway driving."

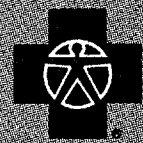
Beerbaum will also talk about when a driver should retire from the road. Her father, a retired Detroit traffic enforcement police officer, didn't quit driving until age 92. In fall, AARP and Beerbaum will offer the course, We Need to Talk, which addresses the specific issue of when to quit driving.

"There's lots of concern from children. We do touch on this," said Beerbaum who earned her doctorate in education and also volunteers with AARP's tax assistance program. "My biggest concern was my father has dementia. He could just not turn his neck. If I were concerned about a parent, I would drive with them to determine if it's safe for them to be on the road."

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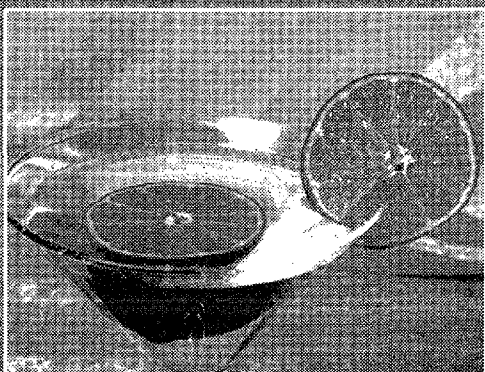
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Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Rising Dow index doesn't reflect entire stock market

The Dow Jones Industrial Average broke through the 13,000 mark and has set an all time record. Although I am always happy when the market does well, I want to take a step back and remind investors that we should not be overly giddy just like we shouldn't be overly depressed when the market is not doing as well. Investing is sort of like baseball season. A team's success in April will not guarantee winning the World Series in October. Just as there are many twists and turns in baseball, the same thing can be said about investing.

It is important to recognize the Dow, although being the most famous of indexes, is generally not reflective of the entire stock market. Only 30 companies are represented in the Dow Jones Industrial Average. These are all large companies and meant to reflect an overall view of the American economy. It does not contain any small companies and also does not reflect every industry. When you consider that there thousands of publicly held companies, 30 companies cannot adequately reflect the entire market.

How the Dow is calculated also is important to understand. The Dow is calculated using a price-weighted index method. This means that stocks that have the highest share price get a greater weighting in the index. This is different than how other indexes are calculated like the S&P 500 Index which is broader and contains 500 of the largest U.S. companies. The S&P is calculated using a market capitalization method. This means companies that have the largest market value get a greater weighting in the calculation of the index.

If you go back to March 2000 before the meltdown in the technology sector and look at how the 30 Dow stocks performed (even though the index is up and reaching new highs), a significant number of Dow components are still lower than they were in 2000. Examples are GM which is 62 percent lower, Intel nearly 69 percent and IBM 16 percent lower.

All too often, investors will only look at the Dow and make the assumption that since it is rising, everything else is. This is not the case. In fact, although the Dow is the most popular index and the one most widely reported, it is not an accurate reflection on the overall stock market.

In fact, you will get a different view of the stock market if you look at the S&P 500 Index where companies that are worth more count for more. The S&P 500 Index is still not where it was back in March 2000 and is still 2 percent lower.

Is there one index that investors can look at to get an overall view of how the stock market is performing?

Unfortunately, no. Particularly in today's world where international investing has become a significant factor, one index alone whether it is the Dow or the S&P 500 cannot fairly reflect stocks in general.

One last note, remember whatever happens in the stock market on a day-to-day basis is relatively immaterial to you and me as long-term investors. Although this sounds boring, the reality is to be a successful investor you must be diversified, think globally and most importantly, don't overreact to the day-to-day volatilities of the market.

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Sheriff offers 'Ladies Only' CCW gun safety class

Women who wish to obtain a permit to carry a concealed weapon (CCW) will have a chance to receive their required safety training as a group when the Wayne County Sheriff's Office offers a "for women only" CCW gun safety class on Saturday, May 12, Sheriff Warren Evans said today.

"We are seeing an increasing number of women who, for business or personal reasons, are choosing to carry a concealed weapon," Evans

said. "We thought that having a women's only class would make for a more comfortable environment since some of the women attending might be there because of stalking or domestic violence issues involving men."

The Class will run from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. The first half of the day will consist of classroom-based instruction at the Sheriff's Training Center, at 9555 Haggerty Road in Belleville. The second half of the day

will consist of firearms training at the Sheriff's indoor pistol range, located at 3100 Henry Ruff in Westland.

The cost for the class is \$125, which is much less expensive than many privately run CCW classes. Payment should be in the form of a money order made payable to the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.

Required equipment for the class includes shooting eyeglasses, headset ear protection, a cleaning kit for

9mm and .38 caliber firearms. Warm, loose clothing is suggested. Guns and ammunition will be provided by the Sheriff's Office

To register for the class, contact the Sheriff's Training Center at (734)699-6007.

This is a gun safety class. Completion of the class does not guarantee that each individual's application for a CCW license will be approved by the Wayne County Gun Board.

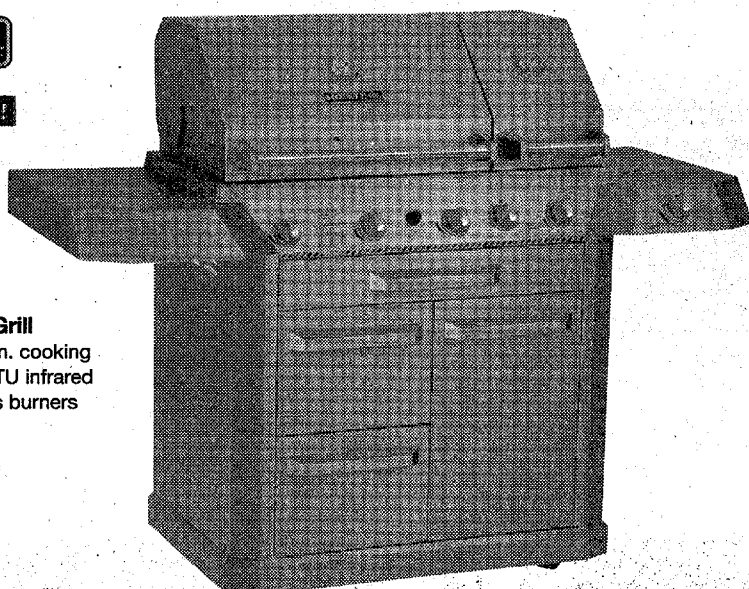
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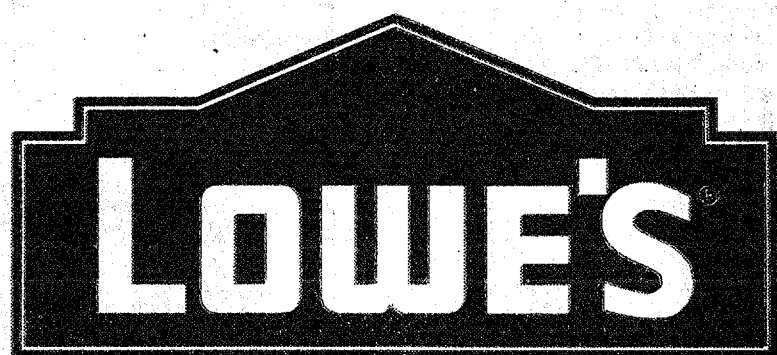
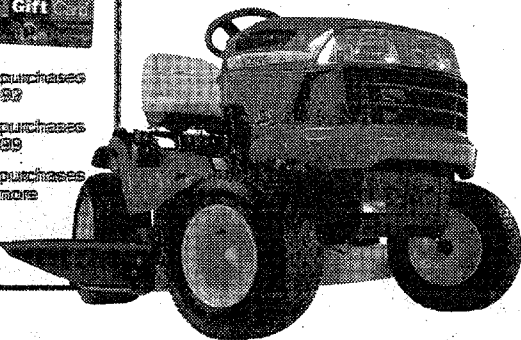
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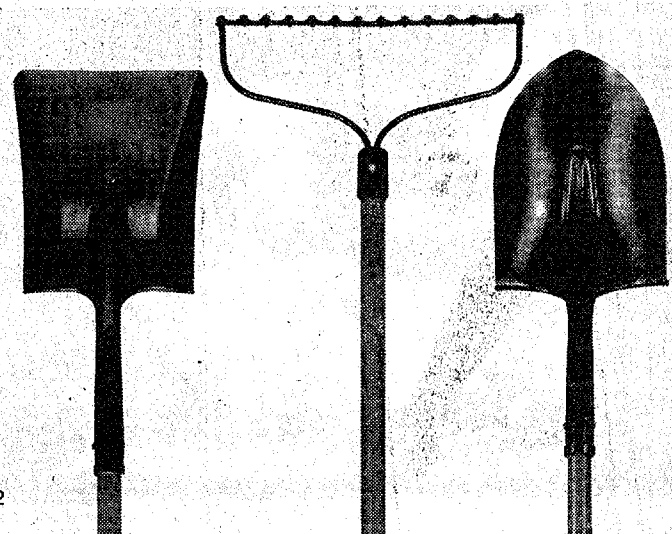
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Chiefs set to defend Observerland track title

BY BRAD EMONS
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Get out the cameras because it could be another photo finish this Saturday in the annual Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays.

This year's 18-team invitational, which starts at 3:30 p.m. at Farmington High School with the field events, promises to be as tight, if not tighter than last year when Canton captured its fifth title in seven years by edging Livonia Stevenson by a point, 64-63. (Both Northville and Livonia Churchill were a close third with 58 points apiece.)

By the time the finals of the running events get started at 6:30 p.m., things could become a little clearer as to which teams have legitimate shots at the coveted crown.

One team never to count out is Canton, despite a 70-67, dual-meet loss to WLAA-Western Division rival Northville.

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OBSERVERLAND RELAYS

What: 37th Observerland Boys Track & Field Relays.**When:** Saturday, May 5. Field events begin at 3:30 p.m., running prelims at 6:30 and finals at 7 p.m.**Where:** Farmington High School, 32000 Shiawassee, Farmington. The school is north of Grand River, south of Ten Mile and west of Orchard Lake.**Defending champion:** Canton, which has won five of the last seven titles.**Competing schools:** Canton, Catholic Central, Churchill, Clarenceville, Farmington, Franklin, Garden City, Harrison, John Glenn, Lutheran Westland, Northville, Plymouth, Redford Union, Salem, Stevenson, Thurston, Wayne.**Open events:** 110-meter high hurdles, 1,600 run, 100 dash.**Relays:** pole vault, high jump, long jump, discus, shot put, 6,400 meters, distance medley, 800,

3,200, sprint medley, shuttle hurdles, 400, 1,600.

Admission: \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Sidelines

Best track times needed

Local prep boys and girls track-and-field coaches are encouraged to e-mail their team's top performances in each event to Observer Sports Editor Ed Wright, who is compiling the times and distances for a "Best of Observerland" listing that is set to start running on Sunday, May 6.

The deadline for the first listing is 9 p.m. today.

Please e-mail the times and distances to: ewright@hometownlife.com.

Holly 9th/10th track results

The Canton boys track team placed 12th at the 22-team Holly 9th/10th Grade Invitational Saturday.

The Chiefs earned 12 points in the meet, which was won by Ann Arbor Pioneer.

Earning points for the Chiefs were pole vaulters Gage Hermann and Eddie Koelzer, whose combined effort of 20 feet was good for second place.

Also scoring for Canton was the distance medley relay contingent of Scott Zech, Jordan Wisniewski, Josh Hunt and Duncan Spitz, who covered the course in 1:47.8, which was good enough for fourth.

Demolition roll

The Detroit Demolition beat the Detroit Predators 83-0 in a rain-sprinkled, regular season Independent Women's Football League season-opening rout Saturday at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The Demolition's dynamic backfield running back duo of Aisha Brown and Kiana Dennis combined for more than 150 yards rushing and had seven touchdowns.

Quarterback Kim Grodus threw for one touchdown and ran for another.

The offense led 71-0 at halftime and sent in the second string for the second half.

The defense did the rest, easily shutting out the Predators, and giving up less than 100 yards total offense.

"In spite of the score, I am glad to see this team's minds were focused completely into the entire game and dominating on both sides of the ball," Demolition coach Tony Blankenship said.

Injury-prevention presentation

High school cross country runners and their parents are invited to attend an injury prevention presentation entitled "Common Overuse Injuries with Runners" from 7-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, in Canton High School's Duboise Little Theater.

The program will be presented by Glenn Edgerton, the head athletic trainer at Canton High School.

For more information, contact Cindy Hoerman at (734) 454-5746 or crh3d@aol.com.



2007 OHL Finals: Plymouth vs. Sudbury

'Cinderella' Wolves standing between Whalers, OHL crown

When the Plymouth Whalers take on the Sudbury Wolves in the best-of-seven Rogers Ontario Hockey League Conference Championship Series that starts Friday at the Compuware Sports Arena, they'll be taking on a team that legendary groundskeeper Carl Spackler would love.

Sudbury is the Cinderella Story of the OHL Playoffs.

The Wolves were the sixth overall seed in the Eastern Conference during the regular season, but have caught fire in the playoffs, defeating Mississauga in five games, sweeping top-ranked Barrie in four games (winning three in overtime) and advancing to the finals in eliminating Belleville in six games.

The Wolves have won six games in overtime in the playoffs, including a 4-3 triple-overtime victory in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference Finals.

Matt Dias scored at 3:23 of the third overtime to send the Wolves to their first Championship Series since 1976.

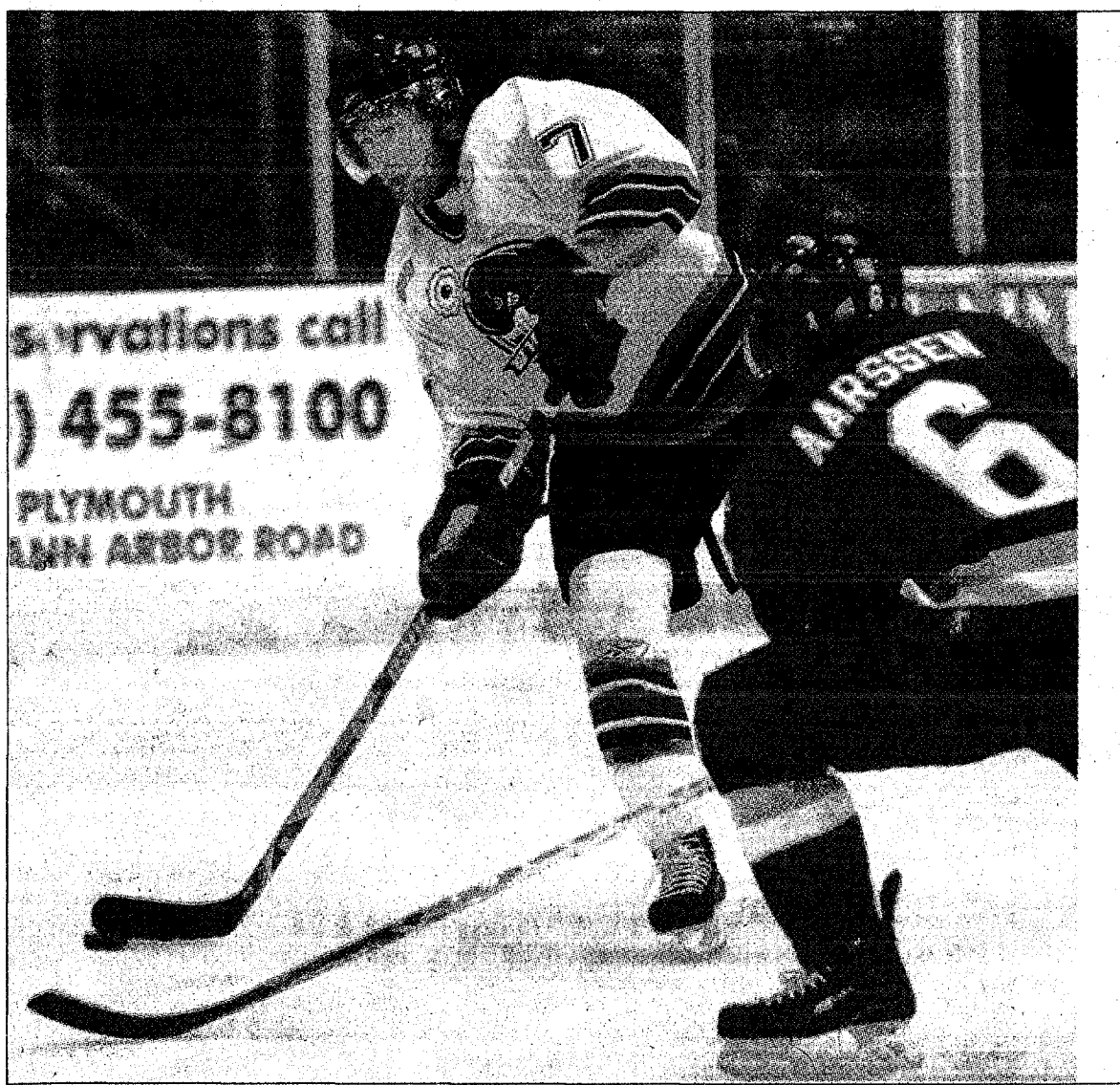
Sudbury last played in the OHL Championship Series in 1976, when they were eliminated by the Hamilton Fincups (now Erie Otters) four-games-to-two.

Sudbury, which is coached by former Red Wing Mike Foligno, features Marc Staal (a first-round pick of the New York Rangers) and Adam McQuaid (Columbus) on defense; and center Nick Foligno (Ottawa) up front.

Goaltender Sebastian Dahm has played well in the OHL playoffs with a league-leading 12 wins, a 2.23 goals against average and .937 save percentage.

Meanwhile, Plymouth, which finished 49-14-2-3 (103 points) during the regular season and second overall in the OHL, swept

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Dan Collins is pictured preparing to launch a slap shot during an OHL semifinal game against Sudbury in the OHL Championship Series that begins Friday at 7:05 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena.

Drama: Plymouth nips Pats, 12-11, in 8

Plymouth's softball team nearly suffered an upsetting case of déjà vu Monday afternoon in its Western Lakes Activities Association contest against Livonia Franklin.

One week after blowing a six-run lead in the seventh inning against Northville, the Wildcats saw their 11-6 seventh-inning lead over the Patriots dissolve into an 11-11 tie. However, the resilient 'Cats pushed a run across in the top of the eighth and registered a nail-biting 12-11 victory over the host Patriots.

The victory improved

Plymouth to 7-2 overall, 5-2 in the WLAA and 3-2 in the ultra-competitive Western Division.

"It was a slugfest from the first inning on," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "We had solid hitting the entire game and we were able to pull out the win at the end."

The winning run scored when freshman Stacey Klonowski reached on a fielder's choice then scored on fellow freshman Amanda Burnard's single.

Junior Megan Patterson earned the win on the mound for the Wildcats as she gave up 11

hits and one walk while striking out five in seven innings of work. Patterson pitched all but the seventh inning when she gave way to Ally Ciotti.

Plymouth first baseman Melissa Butzow started the game off with some fireworks when she blasted a two-run home run over the left-field fence.

Franklin answered in the bottom of the first with a pair of runs to knot the game at 2-2.

The Wildcats held a slim 4-3 advantage in the sixth before busting loose for seven runs to jump ahead 11-3. Franklin



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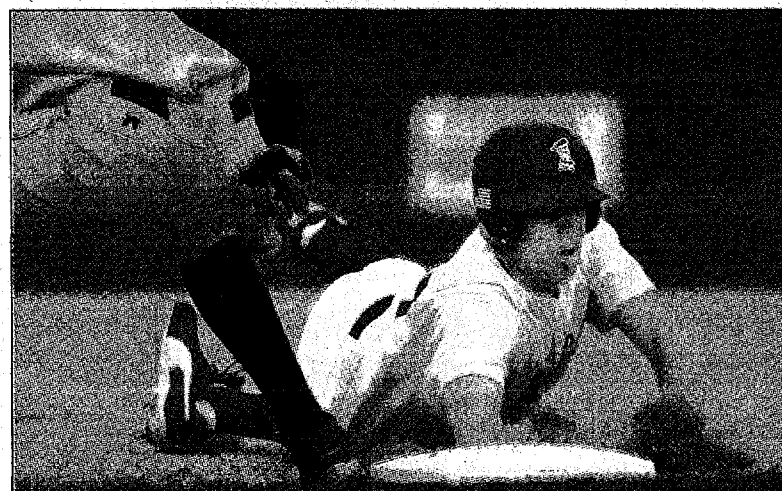
Plymouth's Melissa Butzow (center) is greeted by teammates after she hit a two-run home run in the first inning of Monday's 12-11 victory over Livonia Franklin.

rebounded with three in the bottom of the sixth and five in the seventh.

Leading the offensive charge for Plymouth were Beth Heldmeyer (2-for-2, two RBI, two runs), Butzow (2-for-4, home run, two RBI, two runs),

Kim Klonowski (2-for-5, two RBI, double) and Amy Bondy (2-for-3, walk, two runs).

Franklin was led by Brittany Taylor (4-for-4, two runs, two RBI), Brianna Taylor (2-for-5, double) and Natalie Sanborn (3-for-5, RBI).



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Salem's Joe Posler, pictured above diving back to first base to avoid a pickoff attempt in a game earlier this season, threw a shutout in the Rocks' 2-0 victory over Milan on Saturday.

Rocks blank Churchill, 3-0

Sophomore Sam Ott excelled at the plate and on the mound for Salem Monday afternoon in the Rocks' 3-0 victory over Livonia Churchill.

With the win, the Rocks improved to 5-6 overall and 2-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division. The Chargers slipped to 1-4 in the Lakes.

Ott tossed a complete-game shutout, striking out 10. Offensively, he contributed a single, triple and two RBI for the winners.

Losing pitcher Shea Dwyer also went the distance, giving up three runs on two hits and two walks. He struck out four.

Steve Jones went 2-for-3 for the Chargers.

On Saturday, the Rocks split a doubleheader with Milan, winning the opener, 2-0, before dropping the nightcap, 9-2.

Sophomore right-handed pitcher Joe Posler

threw a gem in Game 1 as he limited the Big Reds to one hit and one walk in five innings while striking out seven. Dave Hales worked the sixth and seventh innings for the Rocks to earn the save.

The Rocks scored all the runs they needed in the sixth when Justin Horger singled and Heath Parling and Kyle Bricker walked. Horger then scored on a wild pitch and Parling scored on a squeeze bunt by Steve Pydyn.

Salem was victimized by seven errors in the second-game setback as they allowed nine unearned runs.

Freshman Chris Kordick started on the mound for the Rocks and worked the first four innings, allowing five hits.

Dana Lorber, Matt Woster and Kyle Powell all stroked a pair of hits for Salem.

Canton's girls track team hurdles Western Wildcat runners clobber Pats

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Canton's girls track-and-field team hurdled its way to its first dual-meet victory of the season Thursday afternoon when it edged Walled Lake Western, 73.3-63.6, in a meet held at the P-CEP varsity stadium.

The Chiefs were paced by their talented corps of hurdlers, who swept both the 100-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles events. Ashley Hoener, Meghan Howard and Lauren Howard were the hurdling stars for the winners as they kept the Warriors hurdlers off the scoreboard. Hoener won the 100-meter race in 18.01 while Meghan Howard crossed the line first in the 300-meter race in 51.93 seconds.

"They're all amazing runners and athletes who work extremely hard, day in and day out," said Canton coach Pamela Schaufele. "They are always willing to go the extra mile in training."

The meet came down to the final event — the 1,600-meter relay — that the Chiefs needed to win to register their first dual-meet triumph. They did it thanks to the pressure-packed efforts of Lauren Howard, Meghan Howard, Megan Matheny and Beth Swanberg.

"We've had personal records at each meet these past two weeks and as the season comes into its final month, we'll expect even better performances," said Schaufele. "The girls are really coming together as a team and I'm proud of each athlete out there. It hasn't been an easy season, but we're up and coming."

WILDCATS WIN CITY MEET

Plymouth's girls track team captured its first P-CEP City Meet title Tuesday afternoon when it outdistanced runner-up Canton, 81-62. Salem placed third with 32 points.

"It was an awesome total-team performance from the girls," said first-year coach Kurt Britnell. "It's been a goal of ours since the get-go and the girls went out and did it. Everybody did a great job."

The Wildcats jumped to a quick lead thanks to first-place field-event efforts from Chrystien Guyton (shot put), Jill Morton (long jump) and Shaakira Haywood (high jump). Julie Hersey (100-meter dash), Kelly Hahn (1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs) also won races for the city champs.

CANTON 73.3 W.L. WESTERN 63.6

Thursday at P-CEP Stadium
(following are Canton's top performers)

Discus: 1. Ashley McClellan, 89-6; 2. Bonnie Reina, 81-6; 3. Jessica Kolton, 79-4.
Pole vault: 3. (tie) Wells, 6-0.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Ashley Hoener, 18.01; 2. Meghan Howard, 18.75; 3. Lauren Howard.

300 hurdles: 1. Ashley Banks, 13.37; 3. Megan Matheny, 14.01.

400 dash: 1. Beth Swanberg, 1:07; 3. Macey Flaishans, 1:12.

300 hurdles: 1. Meghan Howard, 51.93; 2. Ashley Hoener, 53.44; 3. Lauren Howard, 54.13.

800 run: 1. Beth Swanberg, 2:41; 3. Maggie Carlson, 2:46.

200 dash: 1. Ashley Banks, 27.69; 2. Ashley Hoener, 28.75.

1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Meghan Howard, Megan Matheny, Lauren Howard, Beth Swanberg), 4:36.44.

CANTON'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 1-3.
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 80

PLYMOUTH 57
Thursday at Plymouth

Shot put: 1. Robyn Whalen (LF), 36-11; 2. Ashley Price (LF), 31-0.5; 3. Kara Guimmo (LF), 24-9.

Discus: 1. Robyn Whalen (LF), 121-0; 2. Kara Guimmo (LF), 84; 3. Ashley Price (LF), 76-0.

High jump: Brittany Petty (P), 5-6; 2. Liz Holloway (LF), 4-10; 3. Shaakira Haywood (P), 4-8.

Long jump: 1. Jill Morton (P), 15-11.75; 2. Megan Wilson (LF), 15-11; 3. Megan Priebe (LF), 13-6.5.

Pole vault: 1. Meghan Powers (LF), 8-6; 2. Beah Knisely (P), 7-6; 3. Anastasia Benning (LF), 7-6.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Franklin (Laura Marshall, Walley, Allison Milican, Senneca Scott), 10:18.84; 2. Plymouth, 10:27.99.

100-meter hurdles: 1. Mandi McManus (P), 18.2; 2. Woods (LF), 18.3; 3. Carolanne Cucci (LF), 18.6.

100 dash: 1. Julie Hersey (P), 13.4; 2. Jill Morton (P), 13.5; 3. Megan Wilson (LF), 13.6.

800 relay: 1. Franklin (Casey Lynett, Monica Hardy, Ashley Butkowsky, Megan Wilson), 1:54.42; 2. Plymouth, 1:54.50.

1,600 run: 1. Kelly Hahn (P), 5:33.15; 2. Kari Saarela (LF), 5:37.84; 3. Molly Slavens (P), 5:50.59.

400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Jalesa Moise, Megan Davis, Jill Morton, Julie Hersey), 54:05; 2. Franklin, 56.81.

400 dash: 1. Senneca Scott (LF), 1:04.03; 2. Ashley Butkowsky (LF), 1:04.64; 3. Nour Bacha (P), 1:08.0.

300 hurdles: 1. Casey Lynett (LF), 51.82; 2. Mandi McManus (P), 53.43; 3. Angela Calcaterra (P), 53.84.

800 run: 1. Allison Milican (LF), 2:38.18; 2. Laura Marshall (LF), 2:40.06; 3. Etleva Mema (P), 2:41.06.

200 dash: 1. Julie Hersey (P), 27.66; 2. Megan Wilson (LF), 28.23; 3. Monica Hardy (LF), 28.65.

3,200 run: 1. Kari Saarela (LF), 11:54.79; 2. Kelly Hahn (P), 12:08.51; 3. Molly Slavens (P), 12:23.86.

1,600 relay: Franklin, 4:26.24; 2. Plymouth.

PLYMOUTH'S DUAL-MEET RECORD: 2-1
P-CEP TRACK-AND-FIELD

GIRLS CITY MEET
Tuesday at P-CEP Stadium

FINAL STANDINGS: 1. Plymouth, 82; 2. Canton, 61; 3. Salem, 32.

Shot put: 1. Chrystien Guyton (P), 30-0.25; 2. Oliver (S), 29-4.75; 3. B. Reina (S), 29-4.75; 3. B. Reina (S), 29-4.75; 3. B. Reina (S), 29-4.75.

Discus: 1. Ashley McClellan (C), 91-9; 2. Victoria Brotz (S), 84-8; 3. Jessica Colton (C), 84-2; 4. J. Hakala (C), 76-2.

Long jump: 1. Jill Morton (P), 15-10.75; 2. Megan Beyers (C), 13-7.75; 3. Courtney Bryant (P), 12-2; 4. Banin Kanji (S), 10-11.

High jump: 1. Shaakira Haywood (P), 4-8; 2. Megan Matheny (C), 4-8; 3. Kelly Determan (S), 4-4; 4. Shah (S), 4-2.

Pole vault: 1. A. VanVliet (S), 8-0; 2. Beah Knisely (P), 7-6; 3. C. Wells (C), 6-6; 4. H. Nagvi (C), 5-0.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth, 10:41.4; 2. Canton, 10:45.4; 3. Salem, 11:16.5.

100 high hurdles: 1. Ashley Hoener (C), 17.9; 2. Mandi McManus (P), 18.5; 3. Megan Howard (C), 18.8; 4. Lauren Howard (C), 19.1.

100 dash: 1. Julie Hersey (P), 12.8; 2. Jill Morton (P), 13.5; 3. Ashley Banks (C), 13.2; 4. D. Wright (S), 13.4.

800 relay: 1. Plymouth, 1:52.9; 2. Salem, 1:57.3; 3. Canton, 1:57.5; 4. Plymouth, 2:15.1.

1,600 run: 1. Kelly Hahn (P), 5:37.9; 2. Molly Slavens (P), 5:50.6; 3. Kelly Determan (S), 5:57.8; 4. Paula Schubert (C), 6:06.2.

400 relay: 1. Plymouth, 52.6; 2. Canton, 55.0; 3. Salem, 55.2.

400 dash: 1. Beth Swanberg (C), 1:03.1; 2. Christine Heaney (S), 1:03.9; 3. A. VanVliet (S), 1:07.3; 4. G. Zuzo (P), 1:07.4.

300 hurdles: 1. Megan Howard (C), 51.3; 2. Lauren Howard (C), 52.6; 3. Mandi McManus (P), 52.7; 4. Angela Calcaterra (P), 54.0.

800 run: 1. Kelly Determan (S), 2:38.7; 2. E. Mema (P), 2:38.9; 3. Beth Swanberg (C), 2:42.0; 4. K. Okolo (P), 2:45.4.

200 dash: 1. Ashley Banks (C), 28.0; 2. A. Hoener (C), 28.8; 3. Megan Davis (P), 28.9; 4. Megan Byers (C), 29.0.

3,200 run: 1. Kelly Hahn (P), 12:00.6; 2. Molly Slavens (P), 12:18.5; 3. S. Balgooyen (P), 13:12.1; 4. S. Brown (P), 13:23.3.

1,600 relay: 1. Salem, 4:29.6; 2. Canton, 4:30.2; 3. Plymouth, 4:43.7.

Plymouth's boys track-and-field team received key contributions from several performers during Thursday's dominating 80-57 victory over visiting Livonia Franklin.

Senior pole-vaulter Ben Ambrose started the winning proceedings when he won his event with an effort of 13 feet even. Gerald Lou took the shot put for the Wildcats with a toss of 136 feet. Also turning in first-place times for the winners were Nate Gholston (both hurdles events and the 200-meter dash), Connor McKinney (100-meter dash), Patrick Slavens (1,600-meter run), Kyle Wallath (400-meter dash) and Anthony Scaparo, who won the two-mile run.

CHIEFS WEAR DOWN WLW

Paced by senior Ryan Langdon and sophomore Sherif Hassain, Canton's boys track-and-field team sprinted past Walled Lake Western Thursday afternoon, 83-54. Langdon had a huge afternoon, winning the pole vault and the 400-meter dash before anchoring the Chiefs' first-place 1,600-meter relay team.

Hassain was also productive, placing second in the 110 high hurdles, winning the 300 hurdles and running the first leg of the 1,600-meter relay squad.

"At first, Ryan wanted to just focus on the pole vault, but he's been helping us out in a lot of areas this year," said Canton coach Bob Richardson. "I'm pleased with how all the kids stepped up today. A lot of the younger guys are making the best of their first varsity opportunity."

BOYS TRACK & FIELD 2007 RAIDER RELAYS

April 27 at North Farmington

Team scores: 1. Salem, 58; 2. Rochester Stoney Creek, 51; 3. Royal Oak, 45; 4. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Wayne Memorial, 44; 6. Farmington Harrison, 42; 7. North Farmington, 40; 8. Westland John Glenn, 36; 9. Walled Lake Western, 20; 10. Oxford, 13; 11. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 8; 12. Detroit Community, 1; 13. (tie) Ann Arbor Huron, Berkeley, Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse, 0.

6,400-meter relay: 1. Royal Oak (Gardner, Hull, Gaulier, Banyal), 19:00.8; 2. Western, 19:24.1; 3. Salem, 19:27.9; 4. North Farmington, 19:57.1; 5. Franklin, 20:13.5; 6. Stoney Creek, 20:24.2.

Shuttle hurdles: 1. Salem (J.P. Truesdale, Scott O'Connor, Mike Giles, Baze Efromov), 1:05.7; 2. Harrison, 1:06.8; 3. Stoney Creek, 1:07.8; 4. Franklin, 1:09.7; 5. North Farmington, 1:10.9; 6. Western, 1:13.5.

800 relay: 1. Harrison (Norman Shuford, Mark Dell, Darius Davis, Chris Pride), 1:32.2; 2. John Glenn, 1:34.5; 3. Wayne, 1:34.9; 4. Royal Oak, 1:35.5; 5. Western, 1:36.3; 6. Franklin, 1:36.4.

1,600 relay: 1. Stoney Creek (Bogedin, Hoyer, Olson, Poling), 5:53.3; 2. North Farmington, 6:09.5; 3. Salem, 6:26.8; 4. Franklin, 6:30.6; 5. Royal Oak, 6:34.9; 6. John Glenn, 6:37.6.

Sprint medley: 1. Royal Oak (Rushton, Radley, Jackson, Banyal), 3:41.8; 2. Edsel Ford, 3:48.0; 3. Wayne, 3:49.2; 4. John Glenn, 3:50.5; 5. Harrison, 3:55.5; 6. North Farmington, 3:56.7.

Distance medley: 1. Royal Oak (Hull, Plachta, Gaulier, Gardner), 11:54.0; 2. Stoney Creek, 12:27.6; 3. North Farmington, 11:51.9; 4. Wayne, 12:02.6; 5. Harrison, 12:10.3; 6. Oxford, 12:11.3.

400 relay: 1. Harrison (Norman Shuford, Mark Dell, Darius Davis, Chris Pride), 44.4; 2. Wayne, 45.19; 3. Western, 45.24; 4. Salem, 45.47; 5. John Glenn, 45.5; 6. Community, 46.5.

1,600 relay: 1. Stoney Creek (Bogedin, Hoyer, Olson, Poling), 3:30.4; 2. Royal Oak, 3:32.4; 3. Wayne, 3:34.1; 4. Salem, 3:37.9; 5. Oxford, 3:39.4; 6. Franklin, 3:43.5.

Pole vault: 1. Franklin (Nick Fenner, Mike Sylvester, Kevin Beadle), 32-6; 2. Salem, 29-6; 3. Oxford, 29-0; 4. John Glenn, 27-0; 5. North Farmington, 26-0.

Shot put: 1. John Glenn (Zach Bozigan, James Kelly, Bryan Henley), 131-6; 2. Stoney Creek, 128-0.4; 3. Wayne, 123-11; 4. Franklin, 123-2; 5. North Farmington, 121-7; 6. Salem, 115-5.

Discus: 1. North Farmington (David Gammouh, Mike Baughman, Troy Lambert), 369-11; 2. Stoney Creek, 368-3; 3. John Glenn, 357-3; 4. Oxford, 332-3; 5. Franklin, 324-10; 6. Salem, 320-0.

High jump: 1. Franklin (Kevin Beadle, Israel Wilford, Charles Pinnace), 17-4; 2. Salem, 17-4; 3. Harrison, 16-8; 4. North Farmington, 16-0; 5. Western, 16-0; 6. Royal Oak, 15-11.

Long jump: 1. Salem (Baze Efromov, Adam Kashoro, Jace Beardon), 55-3; 2. Wayne, 54-7; 3. Franklin, 54-5; 4. Harrison, 54-4; 5. North Farmington, 52-10; 6. John Glenn, 52-9.

PLYMOUTH 80
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 57
April 26 at Plymouth

Shot put: 1. Mike Wood (LF), 2. Sam Richards (P), 40-3; 3. David Fortin (LF).

Discus: 1. Gerald Lou (P), 136-0; 2. Mike Wood (LF), 135-3; 3. Kevin Wengert (LF), 115-8.

Long jump: 1. Israel Woolfork (LF), 19-8; 2. Connor McKinney (P), 19-6.75; 3. Mike Sylvester (LF).

High jump: 1. Woolfork (LF), 6-0; 2. Marvin Whitaker (P), 5-10; 3. Kevin Beadle (LF), 5-8.

Pole vault: 1. Ben Ambrose (P), 13-0; 2. Mike Sylvester (LF), 13-0; 3. Andrew Shepherd (P), 11-0.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Plymouth (Anthony Scaparo, Justin Huey, Matt Lewandowski, Kyle Wallath), 10:08.2; 2. Franklin, 10:20.

110 high hurdles: 1. Nate Gholston (P), 15.3; 2. Stuart Gregory (LF), 16.6; 3. Chris Wilson (P), 16.9.

100 dash: 1. Connor McKinney (P), 11.8; 2. Malik Rich (P), 11.28; 3. Janerian Caldwell (P), 11.42.

800 relay: 1. Plymouth (Connor McKinney, Malik Rich, Janerian Caldwell, Nate Gholston), 1:36.47; 2. Franklin, 1:36.85.

1,600 run: 1. Patrick Slavens (P), 4:41.21; 2. Justin Huey (P), 4:46.28; 3. Matt Lewandowski (P), 4:46.63.

400 relay: 1. Plymouth (Connor McKinney, Malik Rich, Janerian Caldwell, Nate Gholston), 45.52; 2. Franklin, 45.78.

400 dash: 1. Kyle Wallath (P), 52.26; 2. Mike Hanchett (P), 53.25; 3. Ken Lomske (P), 54.9.

300 hurdles: 1. Nate Gholston (P), 42.91; 2. Stuart Gregory (LF), 44.57; 3. Chris Wilson (P), 46.02.

800 run: 1. Justin Huey (P), 2:07.71; 2. Matt Lewandowski (P), 2:07.90; 3. Joe Morris (LF), 2:12.37.

200 dash: 1. Nate Gholston (P), 24.13; 2. Marvin Whitaker (P), 24.72; 3. Ryan Kiseda (LF), 24.92.

3,200 run: 1. Anthony Scaparo (P), 10:18; 2. Derek Lax (P), 10:36; 3. Alex Noble (P), 11:03.

1,600 relay: 1. Plymouth (Mike Hanchett, Ken Lomske, Marvin Whitaker, Kyle Wallath),

3:42.94; 2. Franklin, 3:45.86.

Dual meet records: Plymouth, 2-1 overall, 2-1 WLLA-Western Division; Franklin, 1-1 overall, 1-1 WLLA-Western Division.

CANTON 83
W.L. WESTERN 54
Thursday at Canton

Shot put: 1. Nick Moores (C), 49 feet, 9.5 inches; 2. Steve Paye (C), 45-8; 3. Richard Saxon (WLW), 41-10.5.

Discus: 1. Steve Paye (C), 144-3; 2. Nick Moores (C), 142-1; 3. Tyler Schonscheck (WLW), 111-11.

Long jump: 1. Deontae Mack (WLW), 19-1.25; 2. Alex Kassel (WLW), 18-6.75; 3. Okembi Oparaeke (C), 18-5.25.

High jump: 1. Eric Thornton (C), 6-3; 2. Ryan Seely (C), 5-8; 3. Tony Morgan (WLW), 5-6.

Pole vault: 1. Ryan Langdon (C), 13-0; 2. Joe Massel (C), 12-0; 3. Brian Rakovits (C), 11-0.

3,200-meter relay: 1. Western (Todd Bowmar, Jason Mahakian, Jon Rhodes, Brian Cheadle), 8:28.6; 2. Canton (Scott Zech, Eric Zech, Keith Zech, Marcus Sylvester), 8:31.5.

110 high hurdles: 1. Jon Rykalsky (C), 16.9; 2. Sherif Hassain (C), 17.9; 3. Tim Belcher (C), 18.1.

100 dash: 1. Nick Moores (C), 11.6; 2. Deontae Mack (WLW), 11.7; 3. Austin Probst (WLW), 11.8.

800 relay: 1. Canton (Tim Belcher, Ryan Randall, Josh Etim, Andrew Manuel), 1:36.2; 2. Western, 1:36.4.

1,600 run: 1. Brian Cheadle (WLW), 4:46.0; 2. Chris Schnaible (WLW), 4:48.2; 3. Todd Bowmar (WLW), 4:48.1.

400 relay: 1. Western (Deontae Mack, Austin Probst, Lucas Doe, Endrit Cela, 45.9; 2. Canton (Rohn Gaudi, Ryan Randall, Ryan Langdon, Bryan Smith), 47.8.

400 dash: 1. Ryan Langdon (C), 54.3; 2. Jack Schnaible (WLW), 54.5; 3. Josh Etim (C), 54.6.

300 hurdles: 1. Sherif Hassain (C), 42.5; 2. Deontae Mack (WLW), 43.2; 3. Jon Rykalsky (C), 44.9.

800 run: 1. Scott Zech (C), 2:07.7; 2. Josh Godwin (C), 2:08.1; 3. Jason Mahakian (WLW), 2:09.6.

200 dash: 1. Andrew Manuel (C), 23.2; 2. Lucas Doe (WLW), 23.4; 3. Tom Morelli (WLW), 23.6.

3,200 run: 1. Todd Bowmar (WLW), 10:27.5; 2. Jon Rhodes (WLW), 10:29.1; 3. Chris Schnaible (WLW), 10:31.4.

1,600 relay: 1. Canton (Sherif Hassain, Scott Zech, Marcus Sylvester, Ryan Langdon), 3:43.6; 2. Western, 3:50.4.

Canton's dual-meet records: 3-2 overall, 2-1 WLLA Western Division.

SALEM 77 W.L. CENTRAL 64

Thursday at W.L. Central
(following are Salem's top-three placers)

Long jump: 1. Jace Beardon, 19-0; 3. Baze Efromov, 18-4.

High jump: 1. Jace Beardon, 6-1; 2. Zack Gaskell, 5-6; 3. Grant Stone, 5-6.

Shot put: 2. Mo Saaidi, 38-5; 3. James Crabill, 38-2.

Discus: 2. Mo Saaidi, 118-2.

Pole vault: 1. J.P. Truesdell, 11-0.

300 hurdles: 1. Baze Efromov, 42.4; 2. J.P. Truesdell, 43.8.

110 hurdles: 1. Baze Efromov, 16.1; 3. J.P. Truesdell, 17.19.

100 dash: 1. Adam Kashoro, 11.7.

1,600 run: 2. Rob Curtis, 4:50.1.

400 dash: 2. Kevin Cope, 52.5; 3. Grant Stone, 54.3.

800 run: 2. Rob Curtis, 2:15.3.

200 dash: 2. Kevin Cope, 24.1.

3,200 run: 2. Kevin DeBear, 10:38; 3. Craig Cowing, 10:56.8.

3,200 relay: 1. Salem (Goble, Craig Cowing, Schreiber, Mike Marek), 8:56.6.

800 relay: 1. Salem (Adam Kashoro, Stephan Telenko, Grant Stone, Kevin Cope), 1:36.6.

Salem's WLLA record: 1-3.

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Canton senior Ja'nee Morton (holding jersey) recently accepted a scholarship to play basketball at Kalamazoo Valley Community College. Morton was one of the Chiefs' top scorers and rebounders the past two seasons. Pictured above with Morton are (from the left) her parents, Duane and Janet, Canton coach Brian Samulski, Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman and Kalamazoo Valley Community College coach Ron Welch.

WHALERS

FROM PAGE B1

Guelph in four games before ousting both Kitchener and London in five. The Whalers, who are coached by OHL Coach of the Year Mike Vellucci, has perhaps the deepest team in the OHL, led by eight National Hockey League draft choices – forwards James Neal (Dallas), Tom Sestito, Jared Boll (Columbus), Evan Brophey (Chicago), Daniel Ryder (Calgary) and Dan Collins (Florida); defenseman Ryan McGinnis (Los Angeles) and goaltender Michal Neuvirth (Washington). Neuvirth leads the OHL playoffs with a .942 save percentage. Plymouth used a familiar script in eliminating London in Game 5 of the

GRAND FINALE

- **What:** Ontario Hockey League Championship Series (best-of-seven games);
- **Who:** Western Conference champion Plymouth Whalers vs. Eastern Conference champion Sudbury Wolves;
- **When:** Game 1 is set for Friday at 7:05 p.m. at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township; Game 2 will be Sunday at 3 p.m. at Compuware; Games 3 and 4 will be in Sudbury on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.
- **About the Wolves:** Sudbury, which was the sixth seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs, is coached by former Detroit Red Wing Mike Foligno.
- **Tickets:** Are available by calling the Compuware Sports Arena box office at (734) 453-8400 or by visiting www.ticketmaster.com.

Western Conference Finals on April 26. The Whalers received excellent goaltending from

Neuvirth, gritty penalty-killing and timely goal-scoring in a 4-1 victory over London.

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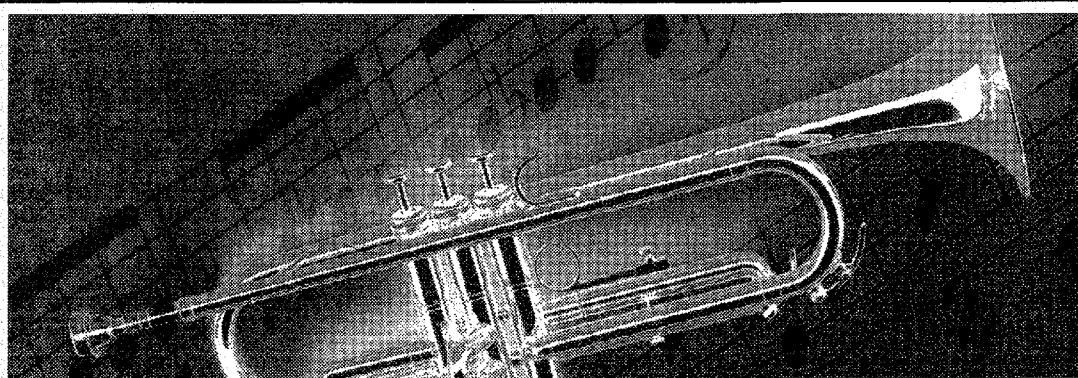
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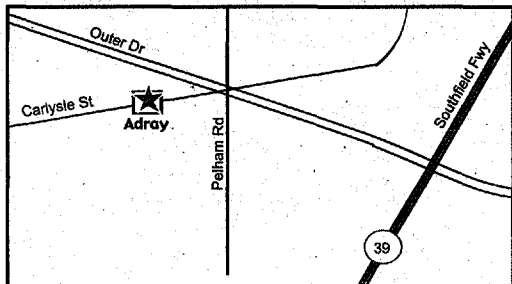
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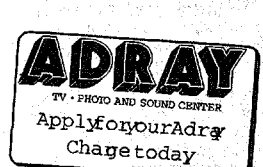
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Wildcats win 4th straight, 12-2

Plymouth's baseball team plated four runs in the bottom of the third inning to grab the lead for good in a six-inning, mercy rule-shortened 12-2 victory over visiting Livonia Franklin.

Freshman Matt Priebe did it all for the Wildcats, going 3-for-3 with a home run and three RBI at the plate and earning the win on the

mound with six solid innings. Priebe yielded four walks and four hits while striking out four.

The Wildcats outthit the Patriots, 12-4.

"Matt Priebe had an outstanding game today," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "He really gave us a lift on the mound and at the plate. This was, however, a

total team effort. We played solid defense behind Matt and our bats erupted when we needed it. This was by far our most complete game this season."

Plymouth scored in every inning but the second. Their big frames were the third and the fifth, when they scored five. Joining Priebe in the hit parade for Plymouth were

Matt Barrera (2-for-4, two runs), Ben Kosmalski (2-for-4, two runs, RBI), Ron Goble (1-for-2, three runs), Brad Lineberry (2-for-4, two RBI) and Mike Michno (1-for-3, RBI).

PLYMOUTH 5-9, MILFORD 4-8: On Saturday at Plymouth, the Wildcats swept a double-header thanks to clutch hitting and solid pitching.

The Wildcats fell behind early, 4-0, in the opener before registering one run in the fourth and a pair in the fifth and seventh.

Garrett Rebain earned the win, throwing a complete-game nine-hitter. Rebain walked just one and struck out four.

Offensively, the Wildcats were paced by sophomore shortstop Brad Lineberry (2-for-4, two RBI), freshman third baseman Matt Priebe (2-for-3, RBI) and Rebain, who helped his own cause with an RBI single.

The Wildcats displayed a flare for the dramatic in the nightcap, too, as they knotted the game at 8-all with a run

in the bottom of the sixth before winning it with one in the bottom of the seventh.

Senior Tyler Locklear earned the win for Plymouth, working four innings of relief. He yielded four hits and three runs.

Pacing the winners' offensive attack were Matt Barrera (3-for-4, two runs, RBI), Ronnie Goble (1-for-2, three RBI), Priebe (3-for-4, RBI) and Ben Kosmalski (RBI single).

Plymouth outthit Milford, 12-11.

Mustangs top Chiefs, 2-1, in pitchers' duel

Baserunners were few and far between during Monday afternoon's Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division showdown between Northville and Canton.

The Mustangs prevailed, 2-1, in a pitchers' duel between Northville senior Bryce Jenney and Canton junior Erik Wright that featured just five hits combined between the two schools.

The loss dropped Canton to 7-6-1 overall and 2-2 in the division. Northville improved to 10-4 and 4-0, respectively.

Jenney scattered three hits — including a solo home run off the bat of Chief center fielder Kyle Gring in the fourth inning — and struck out 15. Wright yielded just two hits while striking out nine.

"I thought both pitchers threw well," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "They had three hits and we had two. Our hits came with two outs and nobody on base."

"When Jenney is throwing his off-speed stuff for strikes, he's tough to hit."

Northville drew first blood in the second when Brett Spencer and Jenney delivered back-to-back doubles. The Mustangs upped their lead to 2-0 in the third when Gerald Powell walked, stole second and eventually scored on a wild pitch.

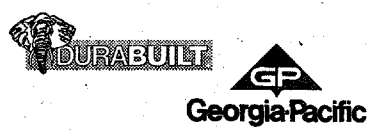
Wright did not give up a hit following Jenney's second-inning double.

"I thought both pitchers did a phenomenal job of getting ahead of the hitters, then keeping them off-balance with off-speed stuff," said Northville coach John Kostrzewa. "They both used the same philosophy — one did it from the right side (Jenney) and the other from the left (Wright)."

Gring blasted a laser over the right-center field fence in the fourth. It was the senior's third home run of the season.

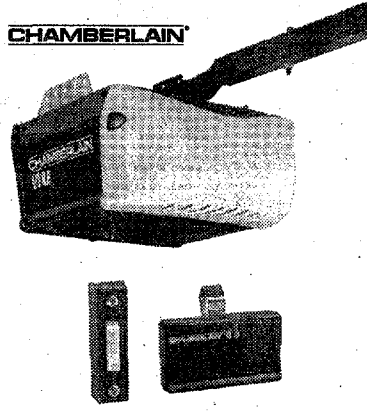
William Tidwell (second-inning single) and Brad Barath (sixth-inning single) had the only other hits for Canton. Neither team committed an error in the crisply played contest.

Jenney struck out at least one batter in every inning. He K'ed the side in third, fifth and seventh. Wright (4-1) rung up seven K's in the first three innings alone.



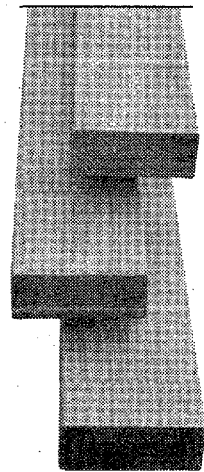
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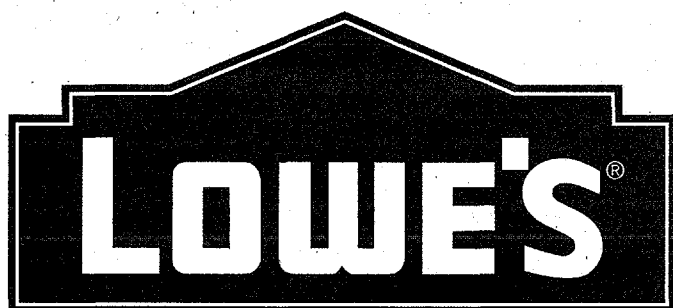
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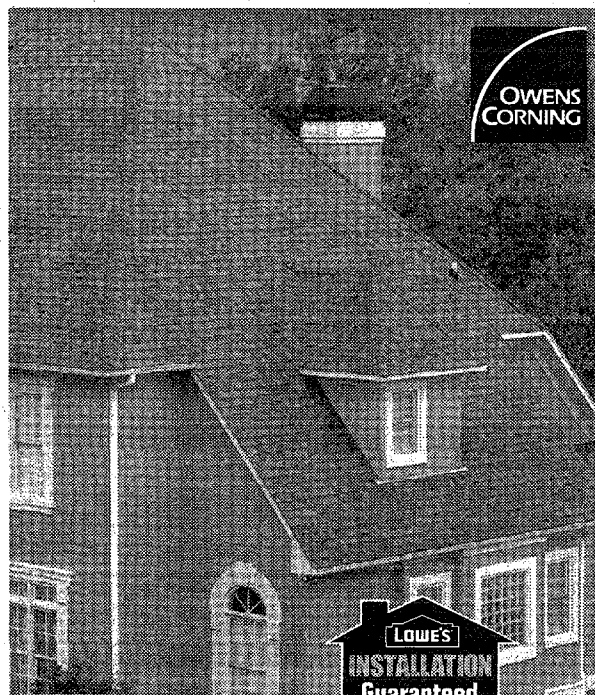


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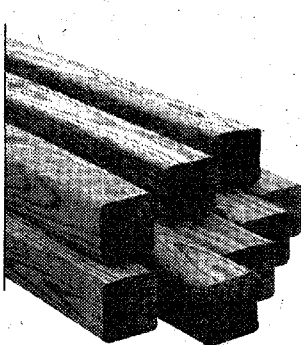
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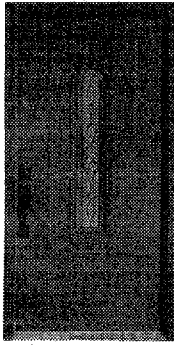
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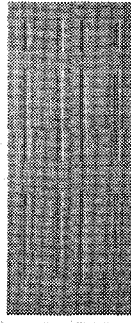
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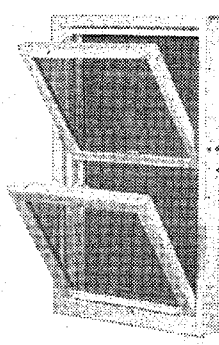
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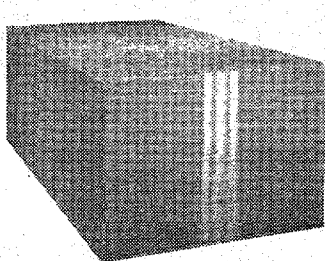
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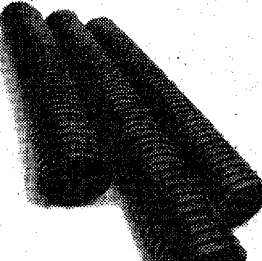
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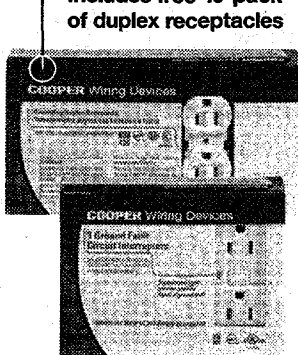
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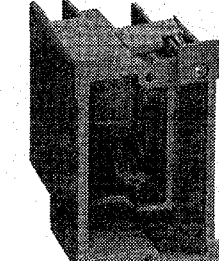
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"I'm looking forward to seeing if we can repeat," Canton coach Bob Richardson said. "It should be one of the toughest Observerland meets in a long time. There will be a lot of great teams there, including Northville, (Livonia) Stevenson, (Livonia) Churchill and Plymouth. There are probably five or six teams that can win it. We're going to set our lineup to be as strong as possible and hope that the guys run fast, throw far and jump high."

Nobody disagrees that the meet, which features all relay events with the exception of the 100-meter dash, 110 hurdles and 1,600 runs, is unique. "The key to doing well in a meet like this is to make sure you score at least some points in as many events as you can," Richardson said. "Even if you don't finish high in an event, you need to score points."

Stevenson hasn't won a title since 1980, but the defending WLAA and Division I regional champs, led by the White brothers, Myles and Mitchell, along

with distance runner Matt Rzepka, could be ready to atone for last year's one-point setback to the Chiefs.

"We're young with only three or four seniors, but our young kids are contributing right now, too," Stevenson coach Scott Shaw said. "We have decent depth. The meet set-up is difficult. You have the distance events up-top and the sprints thereafter."

"The long jump and high jump will be our strongest events, along with our relays. With our 4 x 100, 4 x 200 and 4 x 400 - we should be able to compete. We're going to run Matt Rzepka in the open 1,600, so we won't be able to use him in the 4 x 6,400 (relay)."

Shaw, however, realizes the field is as competitive as ever.

"Northville has some hurdlers and pole vaulters, along with a good distance runner in (Jason) Turnbull," the Stevenson coach said. "They beat Canton in a dual. Canton should be strong, they've got some people going in the shot put and discus, along with some pole vaulters. Churchill is strong across the board. It's going to be very com-

petitive."

Churchill will take on Stevenson today in a key WLAA-Lakes Division dual meet in preparation for the meet. The two teams met last week in the Livonia City Meet with the Spartans hanging on for a 100-97 win.

Churchill has some outstanding individuals, led by pole vaulter Derik Peterman and middle-distance runner David St. Amant.

"We feel we're a well-rounded team," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "We should have field event representation along with the distance and the sprints. Our pole vaulters will do well and we expect our throwers to perform well this Saturday. You've got to score in as many events as possible. Our speed relays have to come up big. And they're at the point of their training where we can earn some points."

There are sleepers out there as well, according to the Churchill coach. "Plymouth could figure in and it looks like Northville has a strong team," Austin said. "Stevenson obviously made a strong showing in our

City Meet and Farmington (Hills) always has speed which makes Observerland exciting."

Austin also may have summed it up best when talking about the 37th running of Observerland.

"It's an event our kids always get geeked up for," he said.

The host Falcons, who won the Farmington city meet, have quality sprint relays and could do well in the long jump, high hurdles and shuttle hurdle relay, too.

One drawback is the schedule. Farmington's dual meet Tuesday with Lahser was postponed to today, which means three meets in six days for the Falcons.

"We've been looking forward to (Observerland) all year, and we intend on giving it a very good effort," coach Chip Bridges said. "Initially, it fell very well into our schedule with a Tuesday (dual) meet. Now we have a Thursday, Saturday, Tuesday. I don't know yet if that's going to change our lineup, but we definitely want to have a good showing."

"We think we can put together some potent relays. I don't know if we can win it, but we

think we can be in the mix.

"We have a couple key-kids with injuries, so that will play a part as well. If they're healthy, that will really help us. If they're not, we'll score some points, but we won't be able to make a real push."

Farmington Harrison is a past champion, but it's been a while since the Hawks won at Observerland. Harrison is always strong in the sprints and field events, and this year is no different.

"It's always an awesome meet," coach John Reed said. "We're excited for the sprint relays; we think we're going to be real competitive in those."

The same goes for the high jump and long jump, he added.

"We think we're going to do well (in those areas)," Reed said. "But some teams are real powerhouses. Northville, Churchill and Stevenson are really good teams."

"I don't know if we have the complete team they have, but we expect to be right in there in the sprint relays and field events."

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'Cats 2nd at Crestwood Invitational

The Plymouth boys track-and-field team finished second at Saturday's Crestwood Charger Invitational held in Dearborn Heights. The Wildcats compiled 53 points, 62 less than champion Northville. Dearborn (44), Berkley (33) and Dearborn Fordson (28.5) rounded out the top five spots. Earning points for Plymouth were Brandon Roberts (second in the long jump), Ben Ambrose (second in the pole vault), Gerald Lou (fifth in the discus), Janerian Caldwell (fourth in the 100-meter dash), Nate Gholston (third in the 110-meter high hurdles and fourth in the 300 hurdles), Patrick Slavens (sixth in the 1,600-meter run), Mike Hanchett (seventh in the 400-meter dash), Kyle Wallath (sixth in the 800-meter run), and Anthony Scaparo (third in the 3,200-meter run).

GOLF RESULTS

LIVONIA STEVENSON 174
PLYMOUTH 218
April 30 at Hickory Creek
Stevenson scorers: Abbey Wolfe, 41 (medalist); Chrissy McHenry, 42; Chelsea Bathurst, 45; Lauren Geiger, 46.
Plymouth's scorers: Patricia Burns, 50; Liz Anderson, 54; Missy, 56; Melissa Miller, 58.
Stevenson dual match record: 4-0 overall, 4-0 WLAA.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 194
SALEM 242
April 27 at The Woodlands
Glenn scorers: Heidi Irvine, 45 (medalist); Jessie Veltri, 48; Courtney McKinney, 49; Carrie Kulikowski, 52; Jessica Riggs, 57; Jamie Young, 61.
Salem scorers: Erin Classen, 53; Emily Patton, 59; K.T. Coffey, 61; Natalie Barnett, 69.
Glenn's dual meet record: 2-3 overall, 1-1 WLAA.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 194
CANTON 291
April 18 at Fox Creek
Stevenson scorers: Chelsea Bathurst, 42; Lauren Geiger, 48; Abbey Wolfe, 51; Julie Francisco, 53.
Canton scorers: Chelsea Osburn, 57; Kara Gregory, 68; Alex Wee, 81; Amy Provost, 85.

Salem netters win Monroe Classic

Salem's boys tennis team captured the eight-team Monroe Trojan Classic Saturday as all four singles players as well as its No. 1 doubles tandem won their respective flights.

The Rocks compiled 20 points to outdistance second-place Plymouth, which finished with 18. Dexter, Woodhaven and Southgate Anderson tied for third with 12 points.

Going 3-0 for the Rocks were No. 1 Lawrence Washington, who won 6-0, 6-0 over Monroe in the final; No. 2 Neil Bakshi, who defeated a Plymouth player, 6-1, 6-0 in the title match; No. 3 Jake Burnstein, who defeated a

Wildcat, 6-2, 6-2 in the final; No. 4 Dave Benson, who defeated Plymouth, 6-4, 7-5 in the championship match; and the No. 1 doubles unit of Matt Benson and Tyler Jeleniewski, who won 6-3, 6-0.

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No. 1 singles: Lawrence Washington (S) defeated Michael Chou, 6-2, 6-0; No. 2: Neil Bakshi (S) def. Garek Ng, 6-0, 6-2; No. 3: Jake Burnstein (S) def. Lenny Kugel, 6-1, 6-2; No. 4: Dave Benson (S) def. Zak Goldstein, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Matt Benson-Tyler Jeleniewski (S) def. Nick Winkler-Arjun Mahajan, 6-3, 7-5; No. 2: Steven Wang-Brad Stone (WLW) def. John Bills-John Kang, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Drew Haak-Adam Goldman (WLW) def. Ryan Aubert-Yuvi Rajeev, 6-2, 6-4; No. 4: Blair Globberman-Daniel Wang (WLW) def. Andrew Fosdick-Paul Blackford, 7-5, 2-6, 7-5.



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Canton's Hilary Payne, pictured above batting in a game earlier this season, tossed a 1-hit shutout at Northville Monday afternoon.

Payne dominant for Canton

Canton junior pitcher Hilary Payne continued her season-long mastery of opposing batters Monday afternoon when she fired a one-hitter at arch-rival Northville to lead the Chiefs to a 3-0 victory.

Payne struck out eight and did not walk a batter.

The Chiefs generated all the offense they would need in the first inning when they

pushed two runs across. They added an insurance marker in the fourth.

Offensively, Canton was paced by a quartet of seniors: Alyssa Johnson (2-for-3), Kim Beaudoin (2-for-2), Kimmy Keppen (1-for-3, two RBI), and Sarah Anthony (1-for-3, RBI).

Rocks double up Chargers, 10-5

Don't look now but the Salem softball team is on a mini-roll.

The Rocks were triumphant for the second straight Western Lakes Activities Association game Monday when they doubled up Livonia Churchill, 10-5, in a game played at Salem.

Melissa Leach earned the victory on the mound for Salem, striking out eight while yielding just six hits and two walks. The win upped Salem's record to 3-9 overall and 2-3 in the WLA's Lakes Division.

"It's nice to have two division wins in a row," said

Salem coach Bonnie Southerland. "The girls hit the ball well today and they were more aggressive at the plate. We faced some great pitching at the Saline tournament over the weekend and it helped get them ready."

The Chargers struck first with two runs in the third inning. Salem rebounded with four in the fourth when Abby Pairitz singled and scored on Kait McKinley's double. Following a Mary Cox single, Liz Thomas ripped a double that scored McKinley and Cox. Thomas later scored on an error to stake Salem to a 4-2 lead.

Salem kept the heat on in the fifth when they plated five more runs on RBI hits from McKinley, Cox and Amanda Emmons.

The winners' final run came in the seventh on Emmons' RBI single.

Salem's quartet of McKinley, Cox, Thomas and Emmons combined for eight hits and seven RBI. The Rocks host the 10th Annual Salem Softball Invitational on Saturday starting at 9 a.m. They will be joined by Livonia Franklin, Holt, Redford Union, Lincoln Park, Farmington, Flat Rock and South Lyon.

Warriors stymie Okemos

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team improved its record to 6-4 April 27 with a 7-5 victory over visiting Okemos.

The Warriors trailed 4-3 at the half before knotting the game at 5-all with 15 minutes to play. Nick Cote scored the game-winner off an assist from Alex Avramoski with 7:56 left in the game. Ben Feeley tacked on an insurance marker with 5:39 to play. Patrick Downey assisted on the final goal.

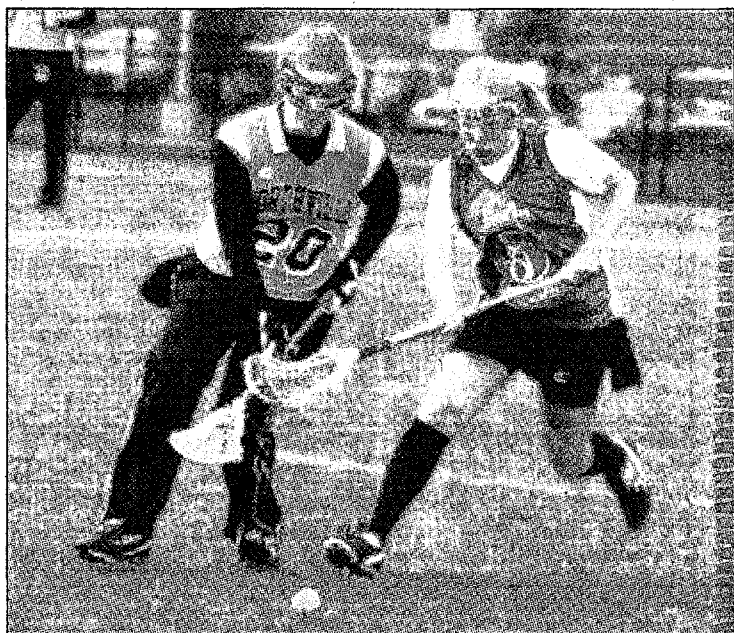
PCS goalie Justin Scott tied the team's single-game record with 19 saves against the Chieftains.

Cote finished with three goals and an assist for the winners, who received single goals from Devin Murphy, Connor Martin, Jared Ruark and Feeley. Scott Wisniewski, Cote, Avramoski and Downey all registered assists.

PCS prevailed despite getting outshot, 33-24. Okemos won 14-of-16 face-offs. PCS picked up 46 groundballs to Okemos's 37.

The Warriors return to action tonight when they host Ann Arbor Pioneer at the Plymouth High School junior varsity stadium.

NORTHVILLE LADY MUSTANGS 9, PCS LADY WARRIORS 7: On April 27, the Lady Warriors dropped



CHERYL BURRIS

Plymouth-Canton-Salem's Edra Burris (right) battles a Northville player for a loose ball during the April 27 contest played at the P-CEP junior varsity stadium. The Mustangs prevailed, 9-7, in the Warriors' first-ever home match.

their first-ever home match before a large and enthusiastic crowd.

Kate Spangler (three goals), Lauryn Ebersole (two) and Morgan Franke (two) lit up the scoreboard for PCS, which also received strong defensive efforts from Alex Rabe, Stephanie Matusiak, Sara Pursell and Kaitlyn Moore.

The Lady Warriors nearly scored an eighth goal with 50 seconds left, however, it was erased they were whistled for a crease violation.

"It was an exciting game and it lived up to what it was supposed to be," said PCS coach Dave Medley. "Congratulations to Northville, but we'll be back."

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By Jeff Lesson

A couple of the hidden gems in upscale public golf in Metro Detroit are the Westwynd Golf Club in Rochester and Mystic Creek in Milford.

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Mystic Creek at Camp Dearborn is 27 holes. It consists of the woods, the lakes and the meadows. The woods and the lakes are probably your best bet if you want the strongest test of your skills. All three nines wind through tree-lined fairways with plenty of natural beauty. The conditioning is also way better than par.

Mystic Creek was good enough to have hosted a futures tour event in the past. The futures tour is no the developmental tour of the LPGA Tour.

The bottom line folks is that there are plenty of top notch upscale public golf courses in Metro Detroit that still have excellent private club-like experiences ready to be had without the initiation fees or the monthly dues. Sure, you may sacrifice a few amenities like plush locker rooms and four star dining but the golf is closer than ever. This is especially true as both public courses and private clubs struggle to attract more golfers. And isn't the golf what it's really all about?

Jeff Lesson is a WWJ Sports Anchor/Reporter and host of the award winning feature "Lesson on Golf" on WWJ Newsradio 950 weekend mornings at 5:45, 6:45, 7:45 and 8:45 AND every Saturday morning 7-8 am on 1270 XLT The Sports Station.

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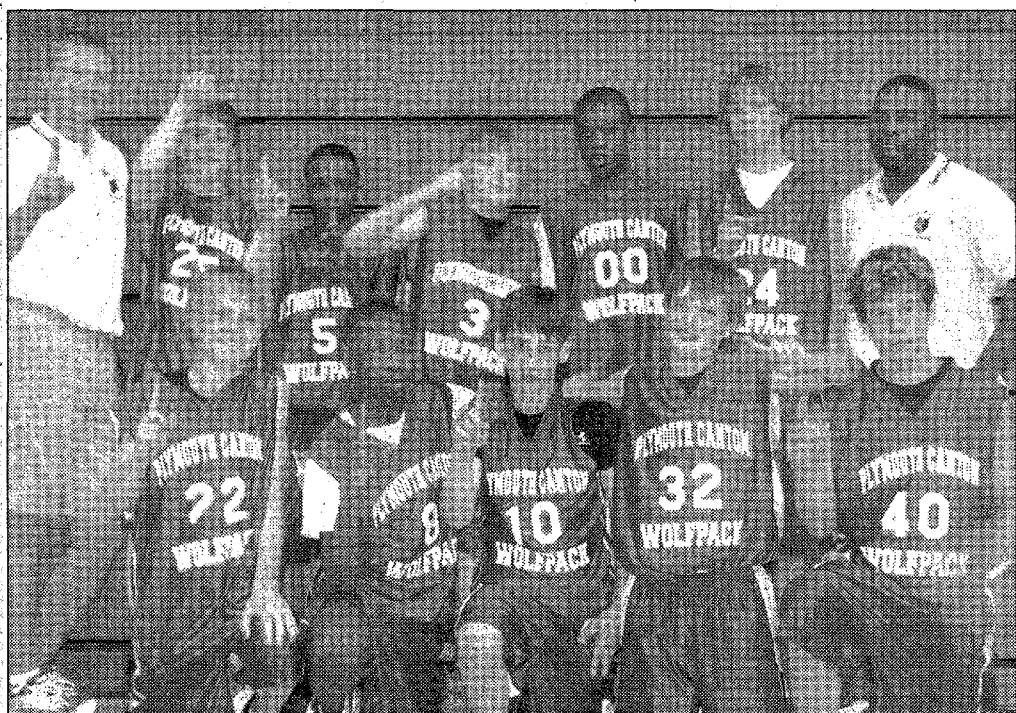
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Wonderful Wolfpack

The Plymouth/Canton Wolfpack 7th grade basketball team took first place at the South Lyon Spring Championship Tournament on April 21. The Wolfpack, which finished the season 16-5, defeated South Lyon, 34-32, in the championship game to take home the title. Team members include (front row from left) Tyler Stewart, Marcus Oden, Michael Ambrose, Josh Behrman, (back row from left) Coach Rob Stewart, Gavin Potter, Kevin Buford, Josh Peterson, Devin McMillian, Paul Baumgart and Coach Marcus Oden. Not pictured are Tyler Goble and Jake Pascarella



High-flying Cardinals

The 10U Canton Cardinals travel baseball team won the inaugural Sandlot Challenge Cup in April. The tournament was played at Victory Park in Canton. The Cardinals defeated the Livingston Storm, 12-8, before ousting the Novi Heat, 9-6, in the championship game. Pictured (front row from left) are Tommy Parrelly, Chris Roman, Josh Hejka, Yuki Taketani, (middle row from left) Scotty Bazner, Charlie Supernois, Kenny Arnold, Ryan Radwan, Dan Goertz, (back row from left) coach Tom Parrelly, head coach Jim Hejka and coach Jim Radwan. Not pictured are Kyle Murray, Jack McCormack and coach Jack Murray.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SALEM ROCKS WOMEN'S

FOOTBALL ACADEMY

The Salem High School football staff, players and Linebackers Club will be hosting a "Women Only Football Academy" on Saturday, June 2, at Salem High School.

Registration will begin at 7:59 a.m. in the Salem gym. The academy, which will run from 8:59 a.m. to 2:59 p.m., will include on-the-field instruction, classroom instruction, lunch and an intra-

academy scrimmage all in an effort to teach women the finer techniques, rules and strategies of American tackle football.

All of the proceeds from the event will be donated to "First Step" and the "Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute."

The cost of the academy is \$50 per adult and \$40 for girls under the age of 13. Only the first 200 registrants will be accepted.

Participants are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and tennis shoes.

Registration forms can be found at salemfootball.net. Forms should be mailed to: Salem High School, Attention: Parker Salowich II, 46181 Joy Rd., Canton, MI 48170.

For more information, send an e-mail to: salemrocksfootball@yahoo.com.

CANTON CHIEFS

BASEBALL CAMP

The 2007 Canton Chiefs Baseball Camp is currently

accepting applications.

The camp will be held June 18-23 at the Canton varsity baseball facility. The camp will begin each day at 9:30 a.m. and run until 1 p.m.

The camp's \$100 fee includes a T-shirt and lunch each day for the campers.

Registration forms can be obtained by contacting Debbie Neu at (734) 454-9144; or by visiting the team's Web site: www.cantonchiefsbaseball.com. Space is limited, so interested

campers are encouraged to register early.

CANTON FOOTBALL EVENTS

All returning Canton football players and their parents as well as incoming freshmen and their parents are strongly encouraged to attend a pair of important events set for May 8 at the high school.

At 6:30 p.m., the program's annual "Spring Slam" will be held in the Canton gym. Current players will perform drills and exercises so that the incoming players will know what to expect.

A "Meet the Coaches" meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Canton High School cafeteria. Canton coaches will provide paperwork, physical forms and workout-conditioning schedules among other things.

Expectations for all 2007 players will be discussed and there will also be a question-and-answer session. Parents will also have a chance to meet the Booster Club officers and sign up for various volunteer activities.

The annual Canton Football Skills Camp for kids in sixth through ninth grades will be held June 11-14 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Canton High School. All incoming freshmen players should plan to attend the camp, which will improve football fundamentals and skills. To register, contact freshman coach Richard Mui at (248) 229-2738 or rmuil@hotmail.com.

The fee is \$50 before May 26 and \$60 after that date. All campers will receive a Chiefs football T-shirt and shorts. Registration forms and more

information on the camps can be found at www.cantonchiefsfootball.com.

The annual Canton Football Team Golf Outing will be held June 23 at Fox Hills in Plymouth Township. The shotgun start is set for 1:30 p.m. For the \$100 entry fee, participants will get 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch, dinner, beverages and an opportunity to win prizes. There is a non-golf/dinner-only package for only \$40.

For more information on the golf outing, visit www.cantonchiefsfootball.com.

PLYMOUTH FOOTBALL

GOLF OUTING

The seventh annual Plymouth Wildcat Football Golf Outing will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, June 3, at Hickory Creek Golf Course, which is located at 3605 Napier in Canton.

Included in the \$100 entry fee for the best-ball scramble (shotgun start) are 18 holes of golf and a dinner afterwards. Individuals are invited to attend the dinner only for \$40.

There will be prizes for the first-place team; longest drive for men and women; and closest to the pin. There will also be a silent auction and 50/50 raffle.

To register, mail a check to and the names of the individual in your foursome to: Lisa Goble, 5160 Gotfredson, Plymouth, MI 48170.

For more information, call (734) 207-8889; or send an e-mail to: Rgoble64@aol.com.

The registration deadline is Tuesday, May 22.

Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings- April 24, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, April 24, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Bennett, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, Yack, Zarbo Members Absent: Caccamo (on Military leave), McLaughlin Staff Present: Director Eva, Executive Director Santomauro, Director Conklin, Director Faas, Fire Chief Mike Rorabacher **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended adding G-11 Consider Awarding the Construction Contract for the Proposed Water Meter and Pressure Reducing Station to DiPonio & Morelli Construction and G-12 Commission for Sale of Canton Property. Motion carried by all members present. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the Board Minutes of April 10, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Board Study Minutes of April 17, 2007. Motion carried by all members present. **Payment of Bills** Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried by all members present. **PUBLIC HEARING: 1. CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR BODYCOAT THERMAL PROCESSING, INC. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to open the public hearing at 7:14 p.m. to consider a tax abatement for Bodycoat Thermal Process, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. to consider tax abatement for Bodycoat Thermal Process, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the resolution for application of Bodycoat Thermal Processing, Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property. Motion carried by all members present. **2. CONSIDER TAX ABATEMENT FOR DURCON LABORATORY TOPS, INC. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to open the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. to consider a tax abatement for Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:18 p.m. to consider a tax abatement for Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to adopt the resolution approving application of Durcon Laboratory Tops, Inc. Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Personal Property. Motion carried by all members present. **3. APPROVAL OF FY 2007 CDBG PROGRAM. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to open the public hearing at 7:21 p.m. to hear comment on the Advisory Council recommendations for the FY 2007 Community Development Block Grant Program. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to close the public hearing at 7:23 p.m. for approval of FY 2007 CDBG Program. Motion carried by all members present. Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to accept the recommendations of the Canton CDBG Advisory Council for the FY 2007 Community Development Block Grant program and to forward the adopted program to the Department of HUD as the Canton FY 2006 Final Statement. Motion carried by all members present. **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the Township Supervisor's nomination of Greg King, Charles McBay, and Ralph Welton for reappointment to the Canton Historic District Commission for three year terms effective through April 30, 2010. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 2. AUTHORIZE THE YOUTH SPORTS AGREEMENT. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Youth Sports Agreements with the Canton Amateur Hockey Association, Canton Soccer Club, Canton Lions Football and the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER CANTON YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to authorize the Clerk to sign on behalf of Canton the agreement authorizing Canton to serve as Trustee for the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY - WALMART: ORDINANCE CHAPTER 70, SECTION 70-1 ADOPTION OF THE UNIFORM TRAFFIC CODE, R 28.1212, RULE 212. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter in response to their request and in compliance with Local Ordinance Chapter 70, Section 70-1 Adoption of the Uniform Traffic Code, R28.1212, Rule 212. effective immediately, I move to allow traffic enforcement on private property for the WalMart store located at 39500 Ford Rd., Canton, MI. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. WAIVE SIDEWALK SALE AND BANNER DISPLAY PERMIT REQUIREMENT FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2007. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to waive the Sidewalk Sale and Banner Permit process for one day - June 16, 2007 for businesses located along the Ford Road parade route/Downtown Development District/Charter Township of Canton. Motion carried by all members present. **GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER THE AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR THE WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following resolution and authorize the Township Supervisor and

Clerk to sign the Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement for the Western Wayne County Fire Department Mutual Aid Association. **Item 2. BUDGET AMENDMENT - 2005 UASI HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the General Fund budget amendment for the 2005 UASI Homeland Security Grant: Increase Revenues: Federal Grant-2005 UASI Homeland Security #101-000-545-0000 \$175,000, Increase Appropriations: Capital Outlay-Grant #101-860-977-1600 \$175,000 Motion carried by all members present. **Item 3. CONSIDER CAPITAL REPROGRAMMING - COLOR PRINTER FOR RECORDS BUREAU. (PSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the purchase of an HP Color LaserJet 4700N Printer from Smart Solutions, 23900 Mercantile Rd., Cleveland, OH in the amount of \$1,700. Funding to come from Police Capital Outlay Account # 207 301 977 0000, item #8 and reprogramming of \$600 from item #3. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 4. AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE CABLE FUND TO THE GOLF COURSE FUND. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the transfer of \$1,452,000 from the Cable TV fund (#230) to the Golf Course Fund (#584) and that the Treasurer make the necessary transfer of cash to pay back the Water & Sewer Fund as appropriate. Further I move to approve that the budget adjustment. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 5. GENERAL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT - APPRAISAL SERVICE. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the following General Fund budget amendment to provide funds for outside appraisal services. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 6. APPROVAL OF BARTLETT-TRAVIS HOUSE TREE PLANTING GRANT AGREEMENT. (FBD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the DTE Energy/DNR Bartlett-Travis House tree planting agreement between the Department of Natural Resources and the Charter Township of Canton for \$2,000 to be used towards the replacement of trees lost to the emerald ash borer at the Bartlett-Travis House site. I further move to approve the following budget amendment for this grant. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 7. AWARD BID FOR THE 2007 CANTON LIBERTY FEST FIREWORKS DISPLAY. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the bid for the 2007 Liberty Fest fireworks display to ACE Pyro, LLC, 13001 E. Austin Rd., Manchester, MI 48158 in the amount of \$20,000 for the 2007 fireworks. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 8. FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB IMPROVEMENTS. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the following bids for Fellows Creek Golf Club: Clubhouse Directional Signage to On Course Media, 2220 Argenta Rd. Unit 4, Mississauga, ON L5N 2K7, in the amount of \$7,298.63. South Patio to T.Y.M.E. Landscaping, Inc., 15522 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48154 in the amount of \$7,860. East Entrance Walkway to Action Concrete, 5445 S. Sheldon Rd., Canton, MI 48188-2526, in the amount of \$9,778. Increase Evangelista, 40028 Grand River, Suite 400, Novi, MI 48375 in the amount of \$3,507 for a total contract of \$46,107. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 9. AUTHORIZE REPROGRAMMING OF SUMMIT CAPITAL ITEMS AND PURCHASE OF DUAL TECHNOLOGY CARPET CLEANER. (CLS)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to purchase a Dual Technology Carpet Cleaner from Tennant Company, 701 North Lilac Drive, P.O. Box 1452, Minneapolis, MN 44550-1452 for \$7,222.64. I further move to approve the reprogramming of \$2,810 from Capital Outlay-Buildings #208-757-975-0000 capital item #5 to Capital Outlay-Equipment #208-757-977-0000 capital item #3. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 10. CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION THAT AUTHORIZES THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH WAYNE COUNTY FOR LILLEY ROAD FROM FORD ROAD TO WARREN ROAD. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Wayne County and Canton Township for the reconstruction of Lilley Road, Ford to Warren Road and authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 11. CONSIDER AWARDED THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE PROPOSED WATER METER AND PRESSURE REDUCING STATION TO DIPONIO & MORELLI CONSTRUCTION. (MSD)** Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to award the construction contract for the proposed water meter and pressure reducing stations to DiPonio & Morelli Construction for an amount of \$693,345.00 plus a contingency of \$56,655.00 for a total of \$750,000 to be funded by the water fund capital budget. Motion carried by all members present. **Item 12. COMMISSION FOR SALE OF CANTON PROPERTY. (SUPERVISOR)** Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve a real estate commission of 4% to Ron Kirk, Parker Stevens Realty for the sale of the Township's 61 acre site south of Michigan and west of Sheldon (parcel 135-99-0001-703) and authorization to be signed by the Clerk. Motion carried by all members present. **OTHER:** There will be no meetings on May 1, 2007 and May 8, 2007. The next Board Study meeting will be on May 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Building, First Floor, Board Room, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan 48188. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Zarbo, supported by Bennett to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. Motion carried by all members present. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. 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Wildcat kickers outlast Franklin

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Rainy days and Mondays get a lot of people down, but apparently not members of Plymouth's girls soccer team.

The Wildcats stayed in the hunt for a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division title by outlasting Livonia Franklin, 2-1, Monday night before a drenched crowd at the P-CEP varsity stadium. Most of the game was played in a steady downpour.

Plymouth is now 2-4-3 overall and 2-0-2 in the division. Northville leads with a 4-0 mark.

"We're not making things easy on ourselves, that's for sure," said Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich.

"We controlled the game most of the night, but it got pretty sloppy in the rain and we could never pull away from them."

After the Patriots scored 10 minutes into the contest to take a 1-0 lead, the Wildcats struck back just before halftime on Chelsea Quinlan's goal from Val Klemmer.

Approximately 15 minutes into the second half, Plymouth notched the game-winner when Kelly Dobbs scored an unassisted net-finder to make it 2-1.

"It was just an outstanding effort on Kelly's part," said Neschich. "She broke clear with the ball about 35 yards out, beat a defender then fired a shot that rebounded off the goalie. She got the rebound, beat another defender and scored. It was a nice individual effort."

Senior Brittany Warner played solid in net for the Wildcats. "Credit Franklin for hanging in there," said Neschich. "They stayed in front of us and never gave up."

NORTHVILLE 4, CANTON 0: On Monday at Northville, the Mustangs padded their 1-0 half-time lead with three second-half net-finders to top the Chiefs in a key WAAA Western Division contest played in rainy conditions.

The victory improved the Mustangs to 7-1-2 overall and 5-0 in the division. Canton slipped to 4-3-1 overall and 3-1-1 in the Western.

"On Saturday, we played probably our first full game of the season," said Northville coach Ron Meteyer said. "Before tonight's game, I told the girls to make sure that Saturday's game wasn't an anomaly. I thought they came out and played hard — except for a 10-minute stretch at the beginning of the second half when we looked a little sluggish. Other than that, I thought we played a solid game."

Danielle Toney, who is heading to Penn State University in the fall with a soccer scholarship, netted a pair of goals for the Mustangs, including the final one with 3:16 left. Karen Mayhall added a goal and Sarah Stern, Northville's leading scorer, contributed a goal and two assists.

Northville goalkeepers Julie Blaszcak and Liz Watza combined for the shutout.

"I thought Canton played well," said Meteyer. "I thought they would come out and do what most teams do against us — put a bunch of people in the box and try to keep the game low-scoring. But to their credit, they came out and played soccer, which opened things a little."

CHURCHILL 3, SALEM 0: Stefanie Turner made a key second-half save en route to her fifth shutout of the season Monday as WAAA-Lakes Division co-leader Livonia Churchill (7-0-2, 4-0-1) defeated host Salem (3-5, 1-4) at Centennial Educational Park.

"It was a highlight reel save," Churchill coach Dave Hebestreit said. "We were up 2-0 and (Christen) Shull hit a driving shot to the far post and Stefanie made the stop... we needed it because it could have been a one-goal game."

Bailey Brandon scored on a header for the game-winner during the opening half off a 40-yard free kick from Alisha Lussiez. Brandon then added her second goal — unassisted — as the Chargers built a 2-0 halftime advantage.

Alyssa Mira completed the scoring in the second half off an assist from Lussiez.

"It was a good win and it's nice to go undefeated through a tough first round in the (Lakes) division," Hebestreit said.

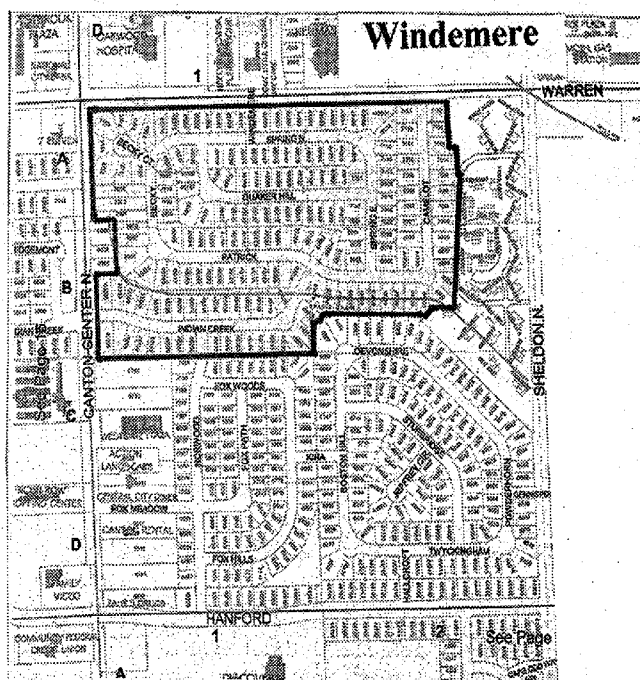
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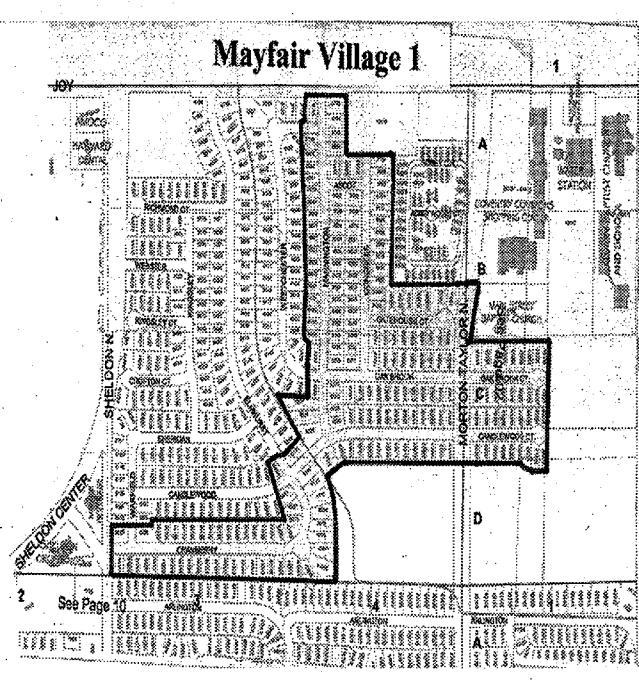
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- Miscellaneous Locations

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Public Act 80 of the Public Acts of 1989 of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the findings of necessity; assessment against owners of property; hearing; exceptions; notice of the Charter Township of Canton that the Board of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room for the proposed sidewalk replacements.

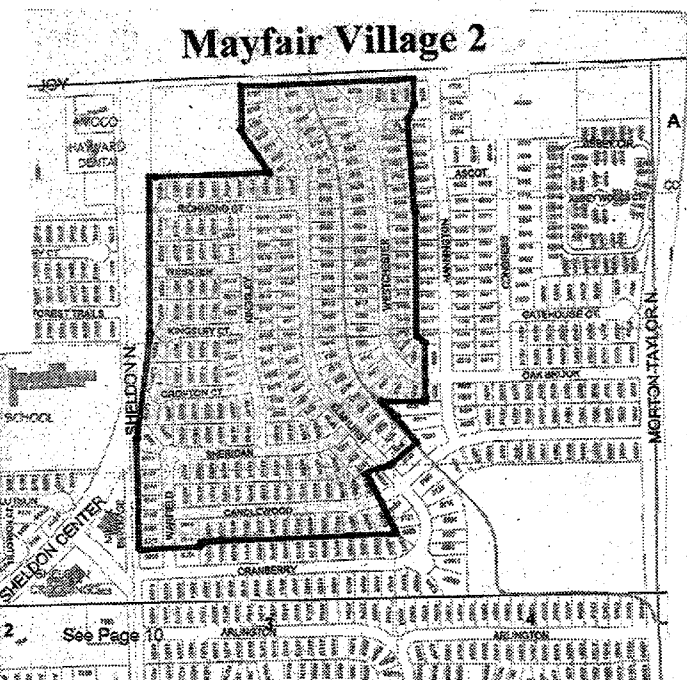
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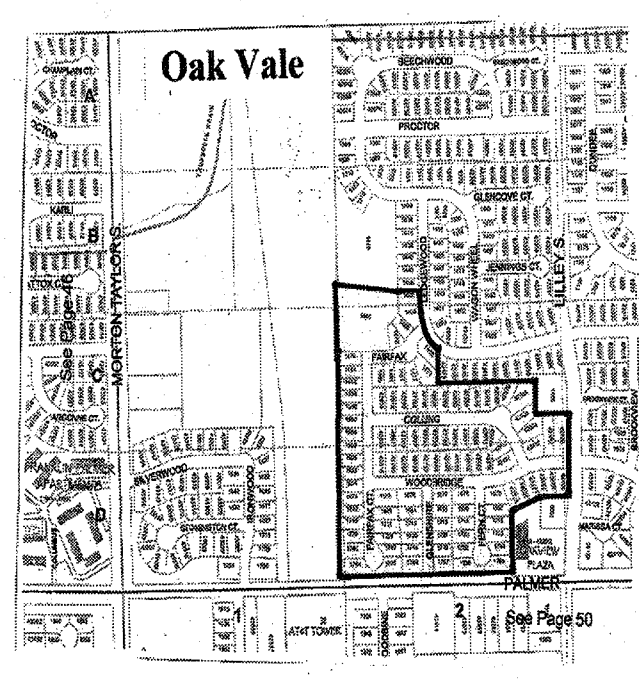
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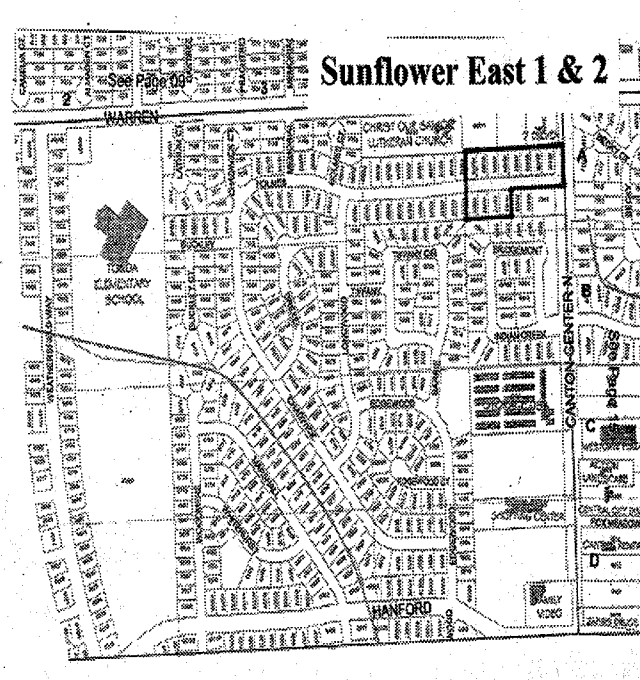
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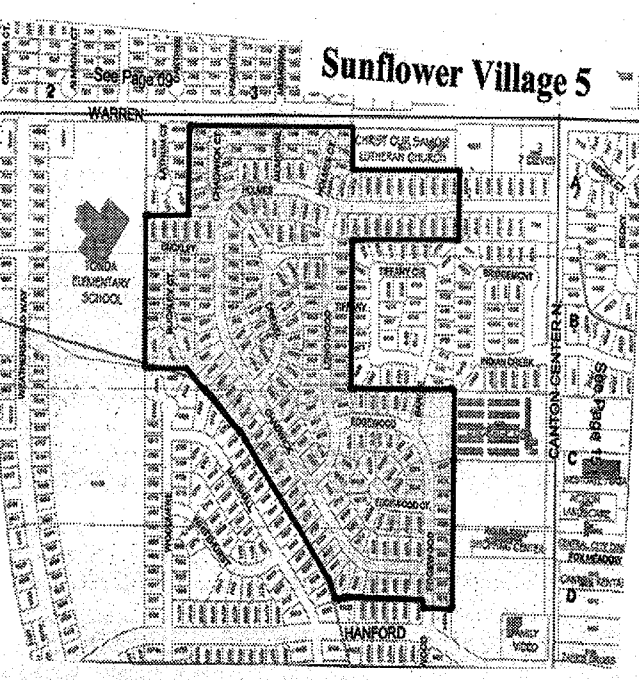
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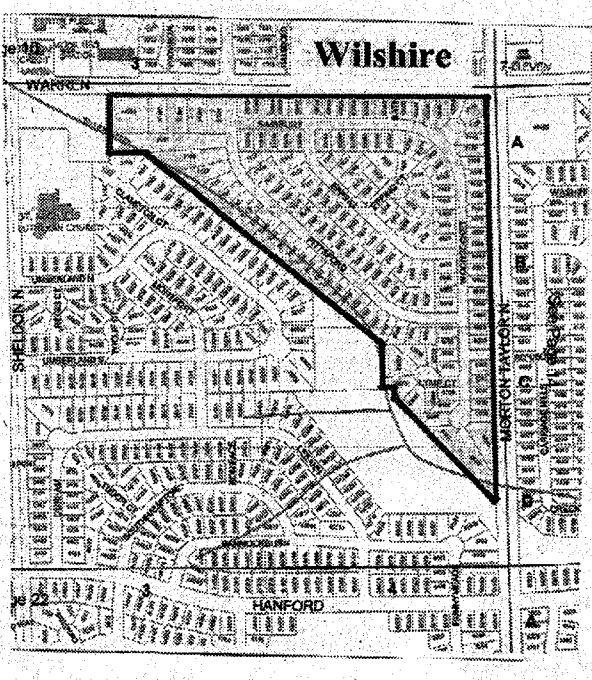
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THE WEEK AHEAD

- BASEBALL**
Thursday, May 3
Salem at Livonia Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton, 4 p.m.
Inter-City at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
- SOFTBALL**
Thursday, May 3
Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Canton, 4 p.m.
PCA at Franklin Road, 4:30 p.m.
- GIRLS SOCCER**
Thursday, May 3
Plymouth at D.H. Crestwood, 7 p.m.
PCA at Oakland Christian, 4:30 p.m.
- BOYS TENNIS**
Thursday, May 3
Salem at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
Friday, May 4
Plymouth at Northville, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 5
Salem at Woodhaven
Warrior Invitational, 8 a.m.

- BOYS LACROSSE**
Thursday, May 3
A.A. Pioneer at PCS, 8 p.m.
- BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**
Thursday, May 3
Salem at W.L. Northern, 3:30 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Canton, 3:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Northville, 3:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 5**
Stafford Relays, 9 a.m.
Observerland Relays at Farmington H.S., 3:30 p.m.
Stevenson Invitational, 10 a.m.
- GIRLS GOLF**
Thursday, May 3
W.L. Western at Salem at St. John's G.C., 3 p.m.
Friday, May 4
Canton at John Glenn at Woodlands G.C., 3 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth at Hickory Creek G.C., 3 p.m.

**ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/
POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION**
STATE OF MICHIGAN, JUDICIAL DISTRICT, 22ND JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT, CASE NO. 07-58-DO
Court Address: 101 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, MI 48107. Telephone:
(734) 222-3001
GUY T. BREMMER, 140 S. Harris, Ypsilanti, MI 48198, Plaintiff
v
ERICA ANN FRANCIS, Defendant
TO: ERICA ANN FRANCIS
IT IS ORDERED:
You are being sued by plaintiff in this court for Divorce. You must
file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court
at the court address above on or before May 19, 2007. If you fail to
do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief
demanded in the complaint filed in this case.
A copy of this order shall be published once each week in The
Plymouth Observer for three consecutive weeks, and proof of
publication shall be filed in this court.
Dated: March 21, 2007
Publish: April 19, 26 and May 3, 2007

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of
Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept
sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday,
May 31, 2007 for the following:
INTEGRATED FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department
or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals
must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the
proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and
date and time of opening. The Township reserves the right to accept
or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate
on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or
disability in employment or the provision of services.
TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK
Publish: May 3, 2007



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Absolutely charming Colonial. Updated kitchen, bath, formal dining room, lots of natural light. Living room; cozy brick fireplace. \$440,000. (EC87GR)
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WOW
3 bdrm. home with bsmt. & garage. \$119,900.

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Highland 3210
JUST LISTED!
Well maintained ranch on all sports Duck Lake. Prime spot with stunning views & private dock. Spacious with 2400 sq. ft., convenient kitchen with breakfast area plus formal dining room, comfortable family room with woodburning fireplace and doorwall to spacious deck for entertaining. \$499,500.
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BEVERLY HILLS Three-family. May 4-5, 9-3pm. Children's items, household goods, furniture, kitchenware. 21710 Hampton, 13 1/2 & Lahser.

BEVERLY HILLS 20226 Wellesley, 14 Mile & Evergreen Rd., May 4-5th, 9-4pm. Furniture, bikes, Barbies, misc. household items.

BIRMINGHAM Boy stuff, bedding, books, toys, bikes, household. 8 to 5. Thurs. & Fri. 1345 Fairway off Cranbrook, N.14 mi.

BIRMINGHAM - HUGE! Jewelry, collectibles, china, etc... 1692 Washington, off 14 Mile, btwn Greenfield & Southfield, May 4-5th 10-late.

BLOOMFIELD A good sale! May 4th 9-4. 6924 Halyard, S/off Maple, E/Inkster. Lots of stuff! Almost no clothes.

CANTON FOX MEADOWS SOUTH SUB Thur, Fri., Sat., May 3, 4, 5th 9am-5pm. Canton Center Rd. btwn. Ford & Hanford.

CANTON Kids' Resale - Sat., 5/5, 8:30-2pm. Toys, Clothing, Equip. and more! 43065 Joy Rd., W. of Lilley

CANTON May 3-5. 43812 Leann, off Hanford, E of Sheldon, girls' clothes, toys, furniture, piano, misc.

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CANTON - Moving / Garage Sale - Fri.-Sat., 9am-5pm. Freezer, riding mower, furniture, misc. 676 Shana Drive, S. of Ford, E. of Lilley.

CANTON - Estate/Garage Huge Sale! Machinist tools, vintage power tools, unique tools & tons of fishing. Sat. & Sun. 9-5. 499 Roseland.

CANTON 50045 Heron Ct., Ridge/Warren. Sat. only, May 4th 9-12. Household, Christmas, crafts, many, many extras! Don't miss it!

CLAWSON 105 Council, W. of Livernois, S. of Maple. May 5th & 6th, 10am-4pm. Lots of nice things, not a junk sale!

CLAWSON Fri.-Sat., 10am-5pm & Sun., 10am-2pm. Misc household items. 44 East Tacoma, 14 Mile & Main, next to A&W.

COMMERCE MOVING SALE Lake Sherwood Sub - EVERYTHING GOES! Vintage, Tools, Furniture, Linens, Christmas, Golf, Luggage, Books, Dining Room Set, More! Thur-Sat., 8am-6pm. 2820 Windwood Ct., Commerce Rd/Winewood

COMMERCE TWP Sub Garage Sale, 80 Families. Sat. May 5, 9-4pm. N. of Richardson, W. of Union Lk, W. on Woodspar.

COMMERCE TWP Pine Cove Villas Sub Sale off Richardson, W. of Union Lake Road. May 3 & 4, 8:30-3:30. May 5, 9-4. Furniture, TV, etc.

FARM HILLS May 4-5 from 9-5. 31999 Rocky Crest, Off Orchard Lk. bet 10 & 11 mi. Moving, electronics, household, office furniture/equip.

FARMINGTON HILLS 30475 Salisbury, near 8 Mile & Tuck Rd., May 5-6th, 10-5pm. Children's clothes & toys, new items adult clothes, books.

FARMINGTON HILLS Multi-homes, Farmington Green Sub, N of 12 btwn Farmington & Drake. May 3-4-5, 9am-4pm. Furniture, antiques, clothes, household. Bargains!

FARMINGTON HILLS 20835 Sunnydale, 8 Mile & Merriman Rd. May 3-5th 9-2pm. Moving Sale & Block Sale. Furniture, household, etc.

FARMINGTON HILLS SPRING CLEAN-UP SALE Steppingstone School 35700 W. 12 Mile Rd. Btwn. Halstead & Drake. Sat. May 5, 9am-5pm.

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FARMINGTON HILLS Best Garage Sale - Many vintage & unique items. Little Tikes, vacuum cleaners. Fri., 5/4, 8-5pm. 28453 Quail Hollow, 12 Mile & Farmington Rd.

Ferndale "MASSIVE GARAGE SALE" Moving out of state! Kids & baby items, household, vintage, crafts & more! Priced to move! 680 LaPrairie, (W. of Woodward, S. of Marshall) Sat. - Sun., 9-4 pm.

ROCHESTER HILLS The one you've been waiting for all year. Whispering Willows Sub. Sat., May 5th, 8am-5pm. Many open Thurs & Fri. W/ off Livernois, S/off Hamlin. Lots of great deals!

LIVONIA Massive, May 12 & 13. 8-6. 29129 Oriole, N. of School-craft, E. of Middlebelt. Antiques, toys, tools, clothes, furniture, household.

LIVONIA City-Wide Garage Sale 9:30am-3pm Saturday, May 5 68 Homeowners Selling Their Treasures LIVONIA COMMUNITY CENTER 5 Mile & Hubbard (btwn Farmington & Merriman Rds) 734-466-2900 FREE ADMISSION

LIVONIA Moving - sale. Furniture, small appliances, clothing, tools, misc. Thurs, Fri., Sat., 9-5pm. 9106 Stonehouse, N/Joy, W/Hix.

LIVONIA - Giant moving sale! All must go, including appliances, furniture and more! 9120 Salem. May 3-6, 8-5pm.

MILFORD Garage Sale - 230 N. Houghton 5/4 - 5/6, 8am-5pm. Furniture, tools, collectibles, etc.

MILFORD Huge 2 Family - Furniture, baby/kids, snowboards, clothing/housewares/appliances, brand new air conditioner, bikes. Fri. & Sat., 9-4pm. 990 Hill Hollow Ct., Forest Ridge Sub., Westside S Milford Rd.

NORTHVILLE Arcadia Ridge, 49026 Rainbow Lane, S. 6 Mile, W. Beck. Furniture, jewelry. Thur., May 3, 8:30-3pm.

PLYMOUTH May 3, 4 & 5. 9-4pm. Pine Ridge Estates, 49476 Pine Ridge Ct. Off Ridge, bet. Ann Arbor Rd. & Powell. Household items, sporting goods & toys.

LIVONIA May 4 & 5, 9am-5pm. Annual Sale - Multi-Family, 35963 Dover, W of Wayne, S of Ann Arbor Trail. Lots of Misc.!

LIVONIA HUGE 3 FAMILY SALE! 38280 Roycroft Ct. LIVONIA 48154. Yard equip. Baby equip, boys' clothes & toys. Near 5 Mile & Hix. Fri. 5/4 & Sat., 5/5, 10am-4pm

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LIVONIA May 5 & 6, 9-6. 9185 W. Bassett Ct., S. of Ann Arbor Rd., off of Bassett. Baby items/clothes, farm style dining set, bedroom, set, quality office desk/chair & unique find cabinet, household items, trophy cases, snowblower.

LIVONIA SCRAPBOOK Yard Sale Over 30 sellers. Sun., 5/6, 12-5p. Scrapy Chic 33509 W 8 Mile 248-426-9020.

LIVONIA - 4 FAMILIES Sat.-Sun., May 5-6, 9-4pm. 14859 Fairway, S. of 5 Mile, E. of Levan. Furniture, toys, household & misc.

LIVONIA - WOODCREEK FARMS SUB - 20+ HOMES! May 3-4-5, 9am-4pm. Furniture, toys, tools, etc. E. of Farmington, btwn 5 & 6 Mile

LIVONIA - 4-FAMILIES May 4 & 5, 9am-4pm. 34247 Hathaway, E/Starck, S/Plymouth. Household, furniture, old records, many treasures!

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REDFORD Multi Family Yard Sale Thur-Sat, 9am-5pm 9640 Mercedes, Redford

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ROCHESTER HILLS Estate Sale - Fri. & Sat., 10-4pm. 57 Texas, Walton betw Adams & Livernois

LAKE ORION Rolling Meadows sub division. May 4 & 5, 9-3pm. Baldwin/ Maybee Rd. area. Follow the signs. Something for everyone.

Garage Sales (7110)
PLYMOUTH - May 4-5, 9-4pm. Furniture, stove, yard tools, teen girl's clothing, toys, much more! 9064 Woodgrove Drive, Ridgewood West Sub.

PLYMOUTH 467 Roe St. (Ann Arbor Trail & Main). May 5 & 6, 9am-5pm. Lots of brand name baby & toddler clothing, furniture, appliances, & misc.

PLYMOUTH Garage Sale - May 4 & 5, 9am-4pm. 1121 Linden. 2 Family Sale - Something for everyone!

PLYMOUTH Sat. Only! 9:00am. Multi-Family - 1320 Hartough, east off Sheldon, one light north of Ann Arbor Road. Lots of Good Stuff!

PLYMOUTH May 4 & 5, 9-4pm. 45500 Green Valley, W. Sheldon, N. of Ann Arbor Rd. Toys, tv's, furniture, household. Quality items. Must see!

PLYMOUTH May 4, 5, 6, 9-5 pm. 644 Blunk N. of Farmer, E. of Sheldon. Multiple family, childrens toys & clothes, household items, furniture.

PLYMOUTH - Multiple families in DEER CREEK SUB. W/off Beck, N/off Powell. Thurs-Sat., May 3-5, 9am-3pm. Furniture, toys & more.

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ROCHESTER HILLS - Estate items. Couches, TV's, lamps, mirrors, ladies clothes. May 4-6, 8-4pm. 1405 Olympia, off Tinken btwn Adams/Squirrel

REDFORD TWP 25821 Dover, Corner of Dover & Beech Daly Rd., May 3-5th, 9-3pm., Variety of items. Everything from A to Z!

SOUTH LYON 1146 Chestnut, Trotters Pl. Push mowers & riding mower. Sat/Sun May 5th-6th, 8am-4pm

SOUTH LYON Huge Sale! Girl's clothes 6X-14, Baby Born & Chou Chou, Barbie, Polly Pocket & accessories, toys, electronics, furniture & more! Something for all! Don't miss 546 Lyon Blvd. S. Lyon May 5 & 6, 9-4pm

TROY 2685 Timberwyck Trail, off Adams, S. of Long Lake Rd. May 4th, 9-4pm, May 5th 8-3pm. Baby clothes/items/toys, living room furniture, treadmill, books, kitchenware, & more! Everything must go!

TROY Hand Painted furniture, much much more! Don't miss this sale! SATURDAY ONLY 9-5pm. 2801 Palmerston, off Adams, N of Big Beaver

TROY - Craft supplies, mannequins & parts, funky vintage clothes & accessories, much more! May 4-5, 9-3pm. 2511 Brooklawn Rd., S. off Big Beaver, 1 blk E. of Adams.

TROY - 6792 Pineway, Crooks/South Blvd., May 4 & 5, 10am-3pm. Carter's, Old Navy, Baby/toddler boy clothing, toys. In good condition.

TROY - Downsizing! 15 yr. Nascar collection, collectibles, tools, furniture, household, '89 F-150, '90 Oldmobile, 1971 Triumph, motorcycle. Definitely no pre-sales. Sat. May 5 9-2, Fri. May 6 11-7. 150 McKinley, btwn E. Long Lake/Square Lk, off Livernois.

TROY - May 3 & 4, 8am-3pm. 1024 Norwich, 1 blk E/ Adams, off 16, enter Brooklawn. Antiques, furniture, paintings. Don't miss!

WAYNE 4690 Mildred 5/5-5/6 9am-6pm Household items and more

WEST BLOOMFIELD Two-Family Garage Sale - Beans, bikes, books, lots of women's clothing, computers, electronics, furniture, snowblower, toys, much more! NO Early Birds! Fri/Sat., 9-5pm. 6317 Eastbrooke.

Garage Sales (7110)
WEST BLOOMFIELD Rummage Sale - Sunday, May 6th, 10am-3pm. Fleischman Residence/ Blumberg Plaza, 6710 W. Maple Rd., W. Bloomfield. Furniture, toys, art, household goods, sports equip & more!

WEST BLOOMFIELD - BIG MOVING SALE! Furniture, kids stuff, toys & more! 4076 Old Dominion off Orchard Lake Road. May 10 & 11 (Thurs & Fri) from 10am to 5pm.

WEST BLOOMFIELD - Huge Sale! May 4-5, 8-5. Horse saddles & misc. girl's books, toys, clothing - ages 3-10, furniture, etc. 4307 Stoddard, near Lone Pine & Middlebelt.

WEST BLOOMFIELD, Fri. and Sat. May 4 & 5, 9-2pm. Thule roof rack, Toro Snow Blower, Miele Vacuum, storm fridge, karate clothes and Bows, garden items, china. 2005 Apollone Dr., 48323. All items priced to sell!

West Bloomfield, May 3-5, 10-5. S off Maple, W. of Inkster Rd on E. Dartmouth. Antiques, art, household items, ladies clothing, collectibles, plants, misc.

WEST BLOOMFIELD-HUGE SALE! 7356 Heather Heath Lane, off 14 btwn Orchard Lake & Middlebelt. May 3-5th, 9-5pm. 734-649-0492

WESTLAND Huge Multi-Family - Saturday, May 5 only! 9:00-4:00pm. Clothes, furniture, misc. 1421 S. Venoy (church parking lot).

WESTLAND Block Sale, August St., 4 blks. W. of Middlebelt, S. of Joy Rd. May 3-6th, 9-5pm. Everything from A to Z!

WESTLAND Clothing, household items, electronics, Nascar, kids' games, toys. Thurs-Sat 9-5, 24135 S. Duncan, South of 10 Miles, W. of Middlebelt

WESTLAND BLOCK SALE - Conway. Sat/Sun., May 5 & 6, 9-4pm. Westland (Livonia) 1 block NW Merriman/Ann Arbor Trail.

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WESTLAND Moving Sale! May 3-5, 9am-4pm. 38292 St. Joe, off Avondale, W/Newburgh, Oak desk w/ Barrister bookcase, etc., household.

Garage Sales (7110)
WESTLAND-MDA FUNDRAISER INDOOR SALE Sponsored by Motor City Ladies of Harley Free entry. Sun., May 6th, 10-4. Joy Manor, 28999/Joy Rd. 2 blks. E/ Middlebelt. Tools, toys, clothes, motorcycle parts, leathers, household, collectibles. Lunch & bake sale, cash bar. Proceeds help SEND A CHILD TO MDA CAMP.

WESTLAND Orchard Place Condo, 30450 Orchard Lake Rd., unit #67, S. of 14 Mile. TVs, crystal, kitchenware. May 6 & May 12, 12-5pm. 248-767-4981

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LIVONIA ESTATE SALE Fri-Sun. May 4-6th 10-4. 14327 Arden, W. Merriman, S. of 5 Mile. Bdrm sets, living rm. furniture, china cabinet, dishes, knick knacks, ladies' clothes, household items.

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REDFORD May 7-11th, 9-5pm. 15432 Lola Drive, btwn 5 & 6, btwn Beech & Telegraph. EVERYTHING FROM A TO Z!

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SOUTHFIELD MOVING SALE Beautiful furniture, art work & much more. 21888 Colony Park, No. 102, 242-262-1153. May 5-6th, 10am-5pm.

TROY 70 McKinley, W. off Livernois, N. of Long Lake. May 4-5th, 10-2pm. Living rm., dining rm., family rm. & bdrm furniture, etc...

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WEST BLOOMFIELD - Desk, file cabinet, serving cart, artwork, fine china, household items & more! Sat-Sun., 9-4pm. 6692 Maple Lakes Drive.

WEST BLOOMFIELD HUGE MOVING SALE. Children's toys, complete dining room set, antiques, artwork, maternity clothes, Polish pottery & more. 2680 Elizabeth Lane May 3-4 8-5, 9-3pm.

WEST BLOOMFIELD ESTATE SALE 6273 Potomac Circle, Maple & Farmington Rd. May 5-6th, 9-4. Household goods, furniture, ping-pong table, etc.

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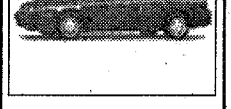


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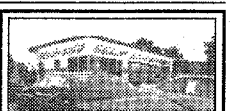
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OnStar Still Blazes Trails In 'Telematics' Services

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By Dale Buss

General Motors' OnStar and other "telematics" services use GPS satellites and powerful microchips to communicate with drivers, trip switches in the vehicle, monitor safety systems and other functions, and diagnose trouble. And clearly, their safety and security applications have created grateful constituencies among each auto maker's ownership base.

"Our customers express a high level of satisfaction with Tele-Aid," said Sascha Simon, telematics supervisor for Mercedes-Benz USA. "Mainly they value the peace of mind that, whatever happens to them, someone is looking out for them."

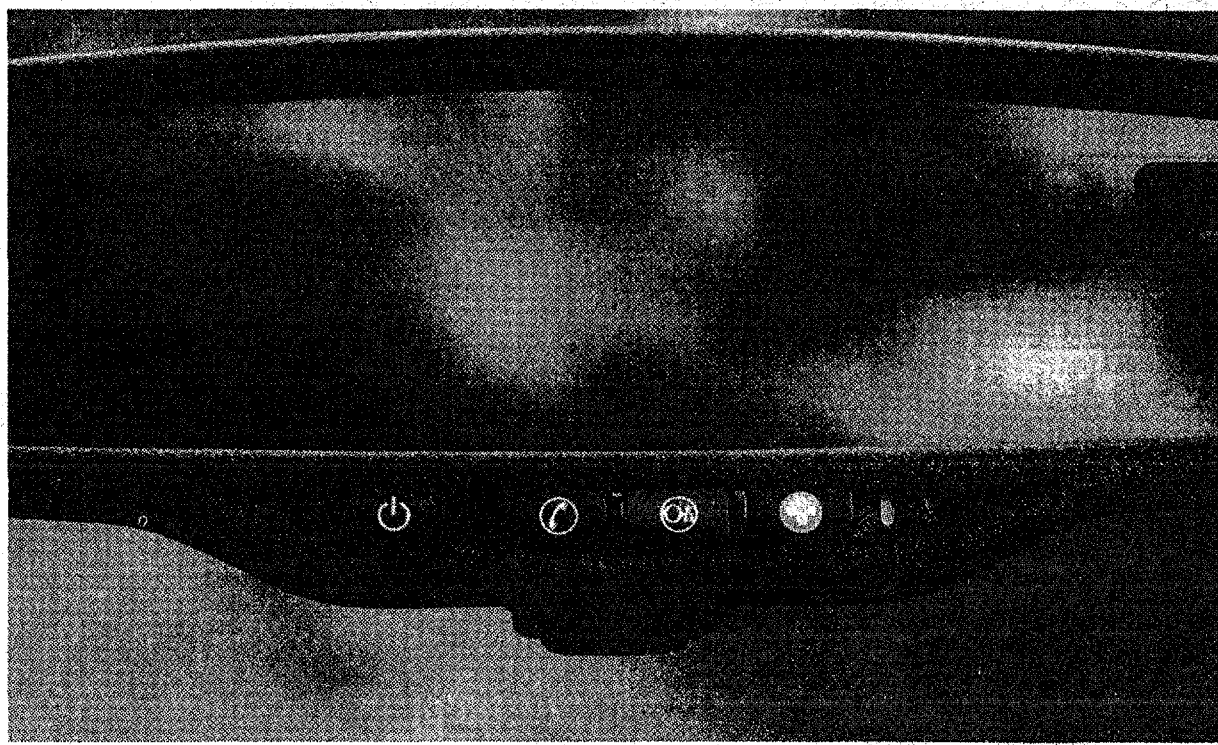
In fact, GM's industry-leading OnStar brand has succeeded in becoming a household name, and it has more than 4.7 million subscribers in the United States and Canada. It becomes standard on every GM model this year, including one year of complimentary services. After that, GM charges \$16.95 a month for its safety and security offerings, and \$26.90 a month for a broader package (Directions & Connections) that includes advisors making restaurant suggestions and hotel reservations, among other helps.

For a while, GM focused on trying to make OnStar into a mobile portal to the internet. But a few years ago, it got wise and began heavily marketing OnStar's core safety and security services such as notification of emergency authorities when an airbag is deployed. Radio ads featuring real-life dramas between anxious subscribers and soothing, capable advisors created a real marketing groove for OnStar.

OnStar's emergency operators get the same training as telephone 911 dispatchers. "We're not there to provide medical assistance but to understand who we're talking to, and how best to make the handoffs," said Terry Inch, OnStar's director of service-delivery operations.

This investment has garnered OnStar a 60% renewal rate by consumers after the free year, a proportion that has risen steadily over the years - albeit slowly. And to continue to boost that, OnStar has been unveiling more services.

One is a beefed-up remote diagnostics program. OnStar can monitor the vehicle's essential functions and



The blue OnStar "on" button by now has become familiar to nearly five million subscribers.

systems and notify drivers immediately of any big problems as well as keep them up to date on routine-maintenance needs. In fact, now OnStar will e-mail subscribers a monthly status report as part of its basic services. More than half of its customers have signed up.

OnStar also has begun offering Turn-by-Turn Navigation. The driver asks for directions to a destination, and if it's one of 10 million points of interest nationwide, a voice on OnStar unreels the directions one by one to the driver over the course of the trip - however long that is. OnStar customers already are using this service about a half-million times a month. After the first year, it's provided as part of the premium Directions & Connections package.

And GM just announced that it's going to be testing an enhanced version of Turn-by-Turn that will allow drivers to look up five destinations on Mapquest.com and upload them online to OnStar before getting into the vehicle. Then they would be available as part of the Turn-by-Turn function. "This will be an additional way to get value of the service without any change in price," OnStar President Chet Huber said.

While GM is the only company that has made a commitment to telematics throughout a broad range of vehicles and price points, most luxury brands offer telematics as well.

"A very high percentage of owners" have signed up for BMW's service, reported Fran Dance, services manager for BMW Assist. It's standard in most top-end BMWs and

part of a premium package on some others. On 2007 and later-model-year vehicles, BMW Assist is free for four years. Both BMW and Mercedes-Benz outsource their emergency-operator services to ATX Group in Irving, Texas.

Tele-Aid is free for the first year and is standard on all Mercedes-Benz vehicles except C-class models, where it's a first-year option - for a pricey \$820 a year. ("I'm working on changing that," Simon said.) Thereafter, Tele-Aid offers a basic package for \$240 a year and a Luxury and Convenience bundle for \$450 a year, with discounts applying as time goes on.

One technological obstacle has begun looming large for the telematics industry: the phasing out of all analog equipment as everything converts completely to digital. Cellular carriers won't be required to support the analog cellular network beginning in early 2008, following a ruling by the Federal Communications Commission in 2002 that was aimed at accelerating the nation's inevitable transition to an all-digital world.

But about 90% of OnStar subscribers have vehicles that either are capable of operating on the digital network or can be upgraded to do so, at a cost of \$15 at a dealer. And more than 99% of subscribers in GM vehicles produced after the government's ruling will be able to continue to receive OnStar services. The percentages are similar for Tele-Aid, but it will cost Mercedes-Benz customers \$600 to upgrade to new digital systems.

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Cinco de Mayo



Hispanic flavors are infusing more foods

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Cinco de Mayo is a great party. Businesses in Mexicantown and Mexican restaurants throughout the Detroit area promote that holiday with everything from drink and dinner specials to mariachi bands.

But Cinco de Mayo (translated to "the 5th of May") isn't Mexican Independence Day. That's Sept. 16.

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the Mexican militia's victory over the French army at The Battle of Puebla in 1862.

It is primarily a regional holiday celebrated in the Mexican state capital city of Puebla and throughout the state of Puebla, but most U.S. cities with a significant Mexican population celebrate Cinco de Mayo, too.

And as with any population on the planet that originates in the tropics and closer to the Equator, the temperatures of the food of that culture go up, too.

Shoppers today are seeing an infusion of Mexican foods. It's no longer just taco kits and envelopes of enchilada and burrito mixes at the market. Even the ethnic food sections at stores are mainstream as exhibited with more variety in produce, such as readily available tomatillos, avocados and jicama.

That's because companies have found that Latin-inspired foods not only resonate with Hispanics - at 14 percent of the population now the nation's largest minority - but also make a splash with mainstream consumers ever on the prowl for new and exciting flavors.

"Latin flavors are hot, and they're hot across all market segments," says Bill Briwa, an instructor at the Culinary Institute of America who notes that the rise of Hispanic flavors has been sudden and fast. A decade ago, chipotle was virtually unknown in the mainstream.

Now today, companies like Sargento Foods are launching chipotle-seasoned cheddar. Three varieties of it. Kraft, whose iconic Oreo cookies already come in dulce de leche (a caramel-like flavor popular in South America), is rolling out Fresa (strawberry). Wrigley's Orbit chewing gum now

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CINCO DE MAYO RECIPES

Try this sauce and rub with a pork roast or on a chicken enchilada.

TEXAS STYLE MILD GREEN CHILE ENCHILADA SAUCE WITH TOMATILLOS

- 1 pound tomatillos, peeled and rinsed
- 1/2 large bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1/2 medium onion, chopped
- 1 serrano chile (or jalapeno)
- 1 tablespoon cooking oil
- 2 1/2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon salt or to taste chicken broth
- Roux made with 1 tablespoon oil and 1/2 tablespoons flour

Place tomatillos, bell pepper, onion and chile in a medium-size saucepan,

PLEASE SEE PEPPERS, D3

Cooking Around the World

International recipes help raise money to fight Hepatitis C

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Here's a cookbook that offers recipes from almost every ethnic cuisine imaginable; it's called *Cooking Around the World* and was created locally in Ann Arbor.

French Asparagus En Croute, Asian easy Maki Sushi Rolls, Indonesian pork chops, vegetarian portobella with Mediterranean stuffing, Korean Bulgogi, German Rouladen and Mexican Picadillo, are just a few examples.

Written by Debbie Green, the book was created for one reason: To raise money for Hepatitis C medical research.

Hepatitis C is expected to kill more people than AIDS in the next 20 years, yet it doesn't receive equal media attention, Green said. It already affects 4 million people in the U.S. alone and more than 100 million worldwide.

There is no vaccine. Green, president of The Greenview Foundation, a charity arm of Greenview Data

Inc., founded the charity group with her husband Theodore, in 2006 with a goal of raising \$100,000 by next year. All proceeds from the book go toward Hepatitis C research.

Cooking Around the World includes recipes from many Michiganders, and from people across the nation.

"There is no need to be afraid of cooking international food with *Cooking Around the World*," Green said. "There's more than 500 ethnically diverse recipes. It's a piece of cake. Not only are the recipes easy to follow, they are delicious and mostly healthy."

The book is 280 pages and available for \$15. Purchase the book online at www.hepcfund.org or send \$18 (which includes shipping) to: Greenview Hepatitis C Fund, 2773 Holyoke Lane, Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

VEGETARIAN: CASSEROLE DE PROVENCE

- 1 medium onion, thinly sliced, quartered
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 small eggplant, peeled and cut into 1 inch pieces

- 1 can (14 ounces) whole or chunked tomatoes, juice
- 1-2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 roasted red pepper, chopped
- 1 can (15 ounces) Crock Pot Beans (Glory brand, beans are a mix of navy, baby lima and pinto)
- 1 box (10 ounces) frozen baby lima beans (optional)
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- Pinch of cayenne, optional

In large pot, cook onion in olive oil until tender, about 5 minutes. Add eggplant, tomatoes, and garlic and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; add remaining ingredients. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Makes 5 servings. Recipe published in *Cooking Around the World*, courtesy of Mary Ann Pierce of Ann Arbor.

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iTunes and the future of music downloads

You may have heard the announcement a few weeks back that music label EMI plans to offer restriction-free music via Apple's iTunes store.

Perhaps you're wondering what this means for you, and for the future of digital downloads.

It's a pretty big deal, actually, nothing short of a sea change for iTunes, the iPod and online music stores in general. The future's still a bit cloudy, but it's definitely looking brighter. Here's why:

As you're probably aware, songs bought from iTunes (and most other online stores, including Napster and Yahoo Music) are saddled with certain restrictions.

For example, you can burn them to only a limited number of CDs and play them on a limited number of PCs.

What's more, they're compatible with exactly one brand of portable player: the iPod. If you own another player, like the Microsoft Zune or SanDisk Sansa, well, why did you buy songs from iTunes?

The EMI deal changes all that. For \$1.29, 30 cents more than the price of a standard (i.e., copy-protected) track, you get a file that's free of restrictions.

Burn it as often as you like. Copy it to as many PCs as you like. Heck, give it to a friend if you like. (Just don't distribute it on the Web. It was piracy then and it's piracy now.)

Perhaps best of all, you can copy it to as many portable players as you like - provided they support AAC, the file format Apple uses to distribute music. Most players can recognize MP3 and WMA files, but only a handful (the Zune among them) will play AAC.

That means you may have to use third-party software to convert the files to a format supported by your player.

That's a hassle, but at least it's one less step than the previous method: Burn the songs to a CD, then rip them from that CD to a supported format.

The \$1.29 tracks will also be produced at a higher bit rate than their 99-cent counterparts, meaning you'll get better audio fidelity.

To me this is a non-issue - I can't hear any difference - but audiophiles will no doubt welcome the bit-rate bump.

No, the removal of copy protection is the big news here. It's expected that other music labels will follow suit (I'll be shocked if they don't), and there are even rumblings that all the Digital Rights Management (DRM) nonsense of the past five years will soon disappear for good.

Good riddance. DRM treats customers like criminals and creates countless technical hassles.

Of course, that didn't stop iTunes from selling a staggering number of DRM-encrusted songs. But obviously it wasn't enough, otherwise EMI wouldn't have taken this landmark step.

To Apple's credit, you don't have to buy songs twice. That is, if you've already bought a song and want the new DRM-free version, you need pay only the 30-cent difference.

What's more, you'll be able to buy entire DRM-free albums for the regular price (usually \$9.99).

By jove, I think they've got it!

I do worry that all this newly unprotected music will end up on Web sites and file-sharing services, just like in the early days of Napster, and send EMI scurrying back to DRM.

Time will tell. With any luck, other labels and stores will follow EMI's lead, and DRM will be nothing more than a bad memory.

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Starting this month, some of the songs in Apple's iTunes store will be free of copy-protection restrictions. But you'll pay a bit extra for the privilege.

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Clean condenser coil clears up many problems

There is going to be a lot of money spent this year on service calls regarding the refrigeration products we have in our homes.

Good, honest, reputable service companies will perform many of these service calls, but I still suggest you do at least a little preliminary investigating before you call anyone into your home.

Go to the Better Business Bureau Web site at easternmichiganbbb.org and check out the business on

which you are going to spend money.

It is a simple way to find out what its track record is, and also interesting to see what pops up when you type in your favorite service company. You never know what you're going to find.

I think back to the days when I used to repair a few hundred dehumidifiers every summer. I used to think it was the easiest moneymaking in-shop repair going.

All I did was take the dehumidifier apart, blow out the dirty condenser and oil the fan motor, and away went another happy customer.

Many times I didn't have the time to fix any more, so I would instruct the homeowner

how to do it himself or herself. I didn't make much money on these customers, but I sure made a lot of friends.

The subject of dehumidifiers began a conversation piece on more than 50 major radio stations across this country. Today I want to reiterate some of that talk in this column.

Many millions of room air conditioners and dehumidifiers have been thrown away by consumers and have landed in America's landfills.

I can tell you that a great percentage of these never had a serious problem with them except that they were dirty. I mean dirt that you couldn't see from looking at them, but it was there.

The dirt was inside and cov-

ered the surface of the condenser, and kept the product from performing its task of cooling or removing humidity in the air.

So simple is the problem and the necessary maintenance as well. If you're handy with a screwdriver, remove all the screws that hold the cabinet or cover in place. Take off the cover and use a brush to clean the condenser coil.

If you make it a yearly task, sometimes all that's needed is a good spraying at your local car wash. Some people clean it at the car wash without even taking the cover off, and that's OK as well.

Now, here is a note of importance before you plug in your clean air conditioner or dehu-

midifier: Let it dry! The electrical parts inside are wet, so you must give it a few days to dry out.

Say you're in a rush. You didn't do this now; you waited until it was 90 degrees outside. In this case you should use a fan or a hair dryer to remove the moisture.

But either way, if you turn the product on when it's wet, you will cause some serious problems.

Yes, there will be a lot of service calls performed this year, and it's sad to say that homeowners who brush away this column will spend money on needless repairs.

Remember the rule on refrigeration products. Your refrigerator, freezer, central

and room air conditioners, and dehumidifiers all have a condenser coil.

If you keep it clean you will add years of life to the product, limit the amount of times it needs to be serviced and reduce its energy consumption by as much as 35 percent. 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.

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BACARDI RUM CAKE

- 1 package yellow cake mix
- 1 package (3-1/2 ounces) instant vanilla pudding
- 4 eggs
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1/2 cup Bacardi dark rum
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Grease 10-inch tube pan. Mix all ingredients in electric mixer until smooth. Pour into pan and bake 1 hour. Cool in pan 25 minutes. Invert onto serving plate. Mix rum sauce.

- Rum sauce:
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
 - 3 ounces water
 - 1/2 cups white sugar

1/2 cup Bacardi Gold rum (or dark rum)

Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in water and sugar. Boil 5 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in rum. You may pour part of it on the cake and serve the rest on the side or just let diners pour on their own sauce.

If desired, in addition, you can use this Chocolate Glaze:

- 4 ounces semi-sweet chocolate
 - 1 teaspoon butter
- Melt chocolate and butter over low heat.

Variation: You could substitute on package of yellow cake mix with the pudding in the mix instead of one package of cake mix and one package of pudding.

Recipe from *Cooking Around the World*, courtesy of Honey Smith, Pittsford, N.Y.

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Royal Oak Flower & Plant Sale

Celebrate Mother's Day by choosing flowers, plants and yard art at the 14th annual Royal Oak in Bloom sale 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 13, in the city's Williams Street parking lot. The Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce sponsors this event, which features about 50 vendors.

The parking lot is on the south side of 11 Mile Road, just east of Main near the Royal Oak Public Library.

Rose programs

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses in Sumpter Township, offer a series of free public programs at the nursery, 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpter roads. The schedule includes How to Plant Roses, a slide lecture and hands-on garden demonstration, to take place rain or shine 1 p.m. Sunday, May 6 (repeated 11 a.m. Monday, May 7), and Buck Roses from Iowa, a slide presentation, 1 p.m. Sunday, May 13 (repeated 11 a.m. Monday, May 14). Each presentation lasts about 1-1/2 hours. Reservations aren't needed. Dress for the weather. For more information, call (734) 461-1230 or visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com.

Plant sale

The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum will present their 27th annual Spring Plant Sale Friday-Sunday, May 4-6, at Matthaei Botanical Gardens, 1800 N. Dixboro in Ann Arbor. Admission and parking are free. The

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sale will feature 25,000 pots and more than 1,000 varieties of top-quality plants, free gardening demonstrations, and garden art, tools and unusual gifts. View the complete plant sale list at www.mbgna.umich.edu. For more information, call (734) 647-7600 or visit the Web site. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. Friday is Members Only Presale; hours are 3-7 p.m.

Oakland County Land Conservancy

Laura Palombi, associate curator of invertebrates at the Detroit Zoo, will discuss a project to reintroduce the rare karner blue butterfly to south-east Michigan after the conservancy's annual meeting, 7-9 p.m. Monday, May 14, at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center, 3325 Franklin Road, north of Long Lake Road. Registration suggested: (248) 601-2816, e-mail dfolland@oaklandlandconservancy.org. Visit www.oaklandlandconservancy.org.

Oakland County Land Conservancy

Native plant sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 3, Betty Stodgill Pancake Pavilion, Pike and Mill streets, Pontiac, (248) 601-2816; e-mail dfolland@oaklandlandconservancy.org or Web site at www.oaklandlandconservancy.org.

Ford House

Events at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House include the Staff Life on the Estate tour (7 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, \$10), the Secrets Behind the Paintings tour (11 a.m. Friday, May 11, \$10),

Gardens and Grounds Exploration (11 a.m. Fridays, May 4 and 11, \$10), Bird Walk (7:30 a.m. Thursday-Saturday, May 10-12, \$10), Wildflower Walk (9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 5, \$6) and Spring Tea and Tour (3 p.m. Saturdays, May 5 and 12, \$25).

Reservations are required for all events. Call (313) 884-4222.

The house is at 1100 Lake Shore Road in Grosse Pointe Shores. Visit www.fordhouse.org.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening presents a variety of classes for different levels, including Landscape Design, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 6:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, May 9 to June 20, in Livonia (fee is \$245); Shade Gardens, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays, May 11-18 (\$75) in Royal Oak; Healthy Soil and Wise Fertilizing, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. four Saturdays, beginning May 12 in Royal Oak (\$140); and Doubling Up Perennials, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, May 14, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham (\$29, call (248) 644-5832 to register).

Among other offerings are Expert Perspective Garden Walks. The schedule includes Rock Gardens, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 5, in Ann Arbor (location announced upon registration), \$42; and The Environmentally Aware Gardener, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the Detroit Zoo, \$42.

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New design look

Architectural Digest executive editor/home furnishings Katherine Scully will present Innovation Without Renovation: Simple Steps to a New Design Look, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at Drexel Heritage, 2125 Telegraph in Bloomfield Hills. The magazine and Drexel Heritage will host a wine reception for guests wishing to meet Scully and hear her presentation, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Call (248) 454-0900 for complimentary reservations. Scully will offer creative ways to reinvigorate home decor from a portfolio of fresh looks.

Designers homes

Four five beautifully appointed homes in Designers Homes on Tour, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 20. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

All of the homes (three in Troy, one in Bloomfield Hills and one in Rochester Hills) have been designed by local interior designers. Three are residences of designers. A Spring Art Boutique at one of the Troy homes will offer an assortment of work from local artists for sale.

Tickets are \$20 and available in advance at Dillman & Upton in Rochester, (248) 651-9411; Chapman

House in Rochester, (248) 651-7630; Michigan Chandelier in Troy, (248) 583-3200; Hagopian World of Rugs in Birmingham, (248) 646-RUGS, and Novi, (248) 449-7847; Detroit Garden Works in Sylvan Lake, (248) 335-8089; The League Shop Inc. in Grosse Pointe Farms, (313) 882-6880; H.E. West Designs in Auburn Hills, (248) 844-4810; Arkay-Walker Paint Co. in St. Clair Shores, (586) 772-5295; and Beaver Tile and Stone in Shelby Township, (586) 991-0780.

For more ticket information, call the Home Tour Hotline at (248) 542-7150. The Michigan Chapter of the International Furnishings and Design Association is hosting the event. Sponsors include Ruszkowski Construction, Arkay-Walker, The Ghiorde Knot, Mark Cabinetry, Emerson House Design, SRF Enterprises, Changing Places Moving, The X Tiles, Roma Design Ltd., Universal Plumbing, Prestige Glass and Dillman & Upton.

Cindy Crawford visit

Popular supermodel Cindy Crawford will greet guests and introduce her new furniture collections 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, at Art Van Furniture, 6500 14 Mile in Warren (phone (586) 939-2100). She will also autograph a photo provided by Art

Van. Cindy Crawford Home Collections include selections for living rooms, bedrooms and dining areas. Exotic woods, luxurious leathers and carefully selected fabrics are incorporated into the designs to ensure the collections appeal to a wide variety of lifestyles. Prices begin at \$699 for sofas and \$999 for dining sets. Visit artvan.com for more information.

Upscale garage sale

The Junior League of Detroit will host an Upscale Garage Sale Saturday-Sunday, May 26-27, in the cafeteria at Grosse Pointe North High School, 707 Vernier in Grosse Pointe Woods. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 26, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 27. Admission is \$1. Ample parking is available in the main lot.

The sale will include artisans, antique dealers and craftsmen, and thousands of bargain-priced, gently used garage sale items donated by league members and the community. For details, visit the league Web site at www.jldetroit.org.

The league hopes to raise \$15,000 for its community programs at the event. Individuals interested in donating items for sale may contact the league office at (313) 881-0040. All donations are tax deductible.

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Vietti is Piedmont star

Barolos and barbarescos hail from the Piedmont, region of northern Italy and are produced from the nebbiolo grape variety. They require aging before they can be fully appreciated. So what do you drink while waiting for your prized barolos to mature?

Barbera!
Prime examples are those made by Luca Currado, fifth-generation producer for his family's Vietti winery. "Barbera is a beautiful wine today," Currado said. "Unfortunately, many years ago barbera had a bad name because too much light, simple wine was produced. In the 1980s, barbera was rediscovered when producers dramatically reduced yields, resulting in wines with dark color, rich with ripe red plum flavors, soft and round on the palate.

"At Vietti, we have always been huge fans of barbera and I think it has become more popular recently because we make it as a pure Piedmontese variety. It reflects the terroir of its origin. It's not a blend of several different varieties that can be reproduced anywhere in the world. Consumers want to experience the genuine taste of a wine and acquaint themselves with the emotion behind its production."

ASTI VS ALBA

In the Piedmont, barbera is grown in two regions, Asti and Alba. To achieve physiological ripeness, it requires excellent sun exposure and low yields. Because Asti and Alba are distinct from one another, there will always be differences of opinion as to which growing area is best.

Some producers insist that Asti is best because the soil contains a high percentage of chalk and minerals and therefore Barbera d'Asti produces a wine that is more concentrated and muficent while Alba's cool climate yields a wine with more sophistication and grace. Barbera



Focus on Wine

Ray and Eleanor Heald

WINE PICKS

Other Italian wines that have delighted us recently:
2003 Michele Chiarlo "La Court" Barbera d'Asti \$41
Neil Empson is one of the premier Italian wine importers. Among white wines in his portfolio are:
2006 Amano Fiano-Greco, Puglia \$12
2005 Teruzzi & Puthod, Tuscany \$23 (80 percent vernaccia and 20 percent chardonnay)
Empson Reds:
2005 Amano Primitivo, Puglia \$12
2003 Amano Zinfandel, Puglia \$12 - interesting but not California style
2005 Bucci Pongelli \$21 (a lovely, mellow, balanced montepulciano and sangiovese blend)
2004 Monte Antico, Tuscany \$12 - easy-drinking

d'Alba is like an elegant, delightful woman while Barbera d'Asti is more open and generous.

"Most barbera is grown in the region of Asti," Currado says, "but the vineyard for the Vietti Barbera d'Alba Scarrone Vigna Vecchia is an exception. It's grown in Alba where Nebbiolo is grown for barolo. We grow barbera in both regions, as a matter of fact, in 1994, we purchased a vineyard in Asti with a very good exposure for growing barbera.

"Barbera d'Alba is drinkable when young while Barbera d'Asti is powerful," Currado continues, "so we age it one year longer in the bottle before releasing."

Young Barbera boasts aromas of flowers and fresh cherries. With age, barbera develops delicate oak aromas, layers of complexity, greater body and finesse with a note of spice.

"Barbera d'Alba is ageable but it changes," Currado contends. "It develops the character of wild fennel, dried flowers, leather and white truffles. I love to drink barbera two to seven years after release and then again at about 15 years. Young barbera is like Marilyn Monroe, while mature barbera is Grace Kelly."

AT THE TABLE

Barbera offers an attractive option to merlot and cabernet sauvignon because it provides a good acidity allowing it to complement food without becoming boring. Why? Because it's bright, vibrant and versatile. Barbera is easy to understand, delicious and pleasurable. It complements light, contemporary cuisine emphasizing vegetables, grains, fish, sushi and pasta. Barolo is a great wine, but is best with meat preparations or with a cheese course.

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2003 Vietti Barbera d'Asti "Tre Vigne" \$17
2001 Vietti Barbera d'Asti "La Crena" \$54

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comes in a "mint mojito" flavor. "Hispanic cuisine has really taken off and become part of Americana," says Chris Groom, spokesman for Plymouth, Wis.-based Sargento.

"One of the goals behind (chipotle cheddar) was to create something that appealed not just to the Hispanic market, but resonated with the mainstream," says Groom. And the company's market research indicated Hispanic flavors excel at that.

Sargento found that the number of chipotle-flavored menu items at national restaurant chains had tripled to 2,800 between 2004 and 2005.

Did you know hot peppers, so prevalent in Mexican cooking, are good for you?

Ounce for ounce, hot peppers contain 357 percent more vitamin C than an orange. Capsaicin, the chemical that provides all that heat, has been found to work as an anticoagulant, thus possibly helping prevent heart attacks or strokes caused by blood clots.

Small amounts of capsaicin can produce numbing of the skin and have a slight anti-inflammatory effect. In some countries, peppers are used in salves.

Clinical studies have shown that capsaicin is extremely effective for relieving and preventing cluster headaches, migraine headaches, and sinus headaches.

Capsaicin is an active ingredient in many of the most popular "fat burning" supplements on the market. A thermogenic agent, capsaicin helps to increase overall metabolic activity, thus helping the body burn calories and fat.

Peppers contain high contents of vitamins C and E and carotenes, antioxidants that help prevent cancer and cardiovascular disease and defend against toxic and carcinogenic chemicals.

Associated Press contributed to this story as did Seminis, producer and marketer of vegetable seeds and a subsidiary of Monsanto, which is based in St. Louis.

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cover with water and bring to a boil. Simmer vegetables until tender; about 10 minutes.

Pour off water, place cooked vegetables in a blender and blend for about 30 seconds. Strain using a sieve or a food mill with a fine blade. Heat a medium-size sauce pan over medium heat, add oil, stir in pureed vegetables, garlic powder and salt. Adjust sauce to desired consistency and flavor by adding chicken broth and simmering for 15 minutes to adjust the tomato taste or to thicken it. You can thicken the sauce by adding the roux and cooking for one minute.

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1 teaspoon chili powder
1 teaspoon garlic powder
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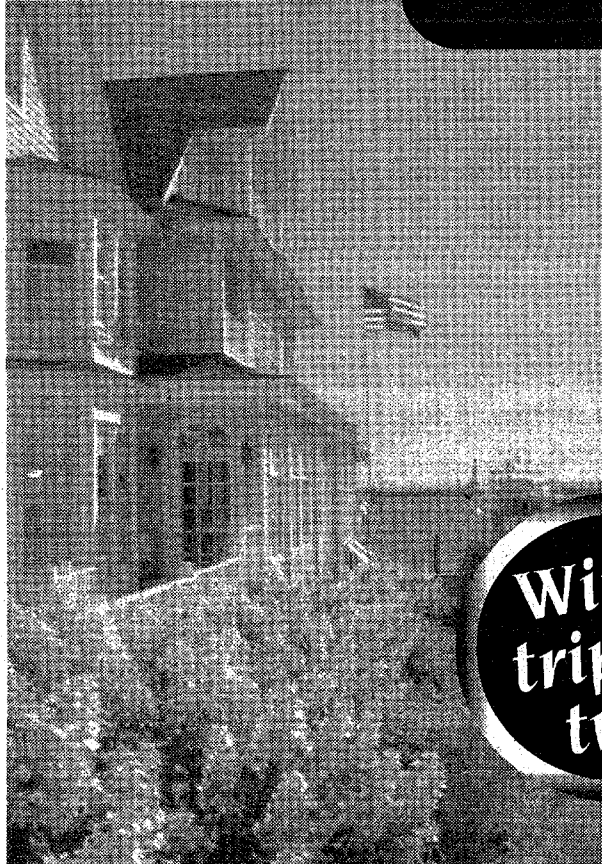
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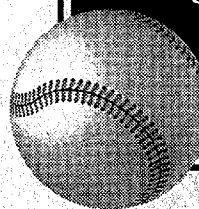
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Dior rolls out red carpet for Pati Dubroff

By Wendy Von Buskirk

Pati Dubroff is one of Hollywood's most sought after makeup artists. For the first time ever, Dubroff will bring her cosmetics case to Metro Detroit, overflowing with Christian Dior products and red carpet beauty secrets.

Dubroff will lead three master classes at Macy's Somerset on May 10. During the two-hour workshops she'll share makeup tips and tricks she's perfected working for national magazines and doing makeup on celebrities like Naomi Watts, Jennifer Aniston, Kate Winslet, Sandra Bullock and Sharon Stone.

From May 8-11, floor appointments are also available with national Diorshow artists trained by Dubroff herself.

In anticipation of her arrival, PINK asked Pati for some backstage beauty advice:

How do you recommend keeping your skin protected and looking great this spring and summer?

It is important to use sun protection, and also important to keep the skin hydrated. I am a big believer in using serums. Foundation tends to be lighter in the summer as well. I really like tinted moisturizer. It covers the SPF and bronzy needs.

What are some of Christian Dior's new colors that look great on everybody?

For eyes, try 5-Colour eyeshadow in Beige Massai or 1-colour eyeshadow in Khaki. For cheeks, Sunshine Harmony Blush in Siesta, and for lips, New Ultra Gloss Reflect in Raffia Orange and Lip Liner in Carmel.

You do makeup for many celebrities and photo shoots. How do you have to change

your 'touch' for the everyday woman? When I do makeup for photo shoots I need to powder a lot more than I would for 'real life'. The everyday woman can take ideas from pictures of celebs for makeup inspiration. Celebrity makeup is most often more approachable than some very stylized fashion shoots.

What is something most women overlook when they do their makeup?

Eyebrows. Use the lightest most natural highlight in your hair to match your brow pencil. With feathery strokes, create fuller eyebrows.

Bold lips are back. How do you spotlight the lips?

I like to do lip color before eye makeup to let the tone and intensity dictate the level of eye makeup. With your finger, apply the matte tone of lip color following the shape of your lips. Give a little blot and refine the shape with a matching lip liner, focusing on the bow and contouring the corners of the mouth. Put shine on the bow and center for fullness. Put your lips in the spotlight with a light sweep of eye shadow and lots of mascara.

Speaking of mascara, what's your secret behind great runway lashes?

Before everything else, apply a coat of DiorShow Mascara. This allows you to see the shape of your eye and it will catch any eye shadow that may fall, creating more volume. After it dries, add liner and eye shadow until you reach your desired intensity, then apply another coat of mascara.

What Dior product is your absolute must-have?

There are quite a few. DiorShow Mascara, Skinflash, and I am hooked on L'Or de Vie serum. I also love the eyeshadows ... they are the best in color and formula.

What do you have planned for Macy's in Troy?

I hope that I can inspire the women who come to our event to have fun with their makeup and to break up their routine. I also will introduce some colors if they haven't experimented with color.

Pati Dubroff is National Celebrity Makeup Artist for Christian Dior. Only 120 spots are available in her master classes. Call (248) 816-4120 to register.

Christian Dior Master Classes

When: 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Thursday, May 10

Where: Macy's, Somerset Collection North, Troy

Who & What: Christian Dior National Celebrity Makeup Artist Pati Dubroff will share beauty secrets and tips featuring Dior's products during three master classes.

R.S.V.P.: Cost, \$110, includes a \$100 gift card to be used at the Dior counter, and a \$10 donation to the Ministrelli Women's Heart Center at Beaumont Hospital. To register, call (248) 816-4120.

Photo of Pati Dubroff

Photo of Dior products

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By Wendy

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Exclusive Ford Edge workout wear at Dominator in Birmingham

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Gwen Stefani's Sweet Escape Tour, coming to The Palace June 1

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An Evening at the Sapphire Lounge

Impeccable styles and tastes will fill the air as Saks Fifth Avenue and Ambassador Magazine host "An Evening at the Sapphire Lounge," starting at 5:30 p.m. on May 10. The evening includes cocktails & hors d'oeuvres, music by DJ Mike Anthony, a Kids Kicking Cancer martial arts demonstration and a runway show with men's and women's fashions from Saks. Ticket, \$50, include a \$25 contribution to KCC, and a \$25 gift card redeemable storewide at Saks Fifth Avenue through May 13. Call Kids Kicking Cancer at (313) 557-0021, or email Cgood@kids-kickingcancer.net.

Vera Wang Bridesmaids Trunk Show

The Bridal Salon at Somerset will host a Vera Wang Maids Trunk Show May 4-6. Find dresses that suit the mood of the wedding, yet appeal to the attendant's different personalities and body shapes. Appointments suggested. Call (248) 816-4270.

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Mamaphobia: The Reality of Motherhood

Comedian Peggy Ward will deliver her one-woman show "Mamaphobia: A Comedy about the Reality of Motherhood" 7 p.m. May 5 at the Coffee Beanery Cafe, 28557 Woodward Ave. Folk-rocker Larry Arbour and Comedian Ben Konstantin also will appear. Tickets: \$25, include a wrap and refreshment, with proceeds benefiting Ashley's Friends. Call (248) 219-9604 or visit www.ashleysfriends.org.

Sisters of Swing: The Story of the Andrews Sisters

Travel back in time to the WWII era with "Sisters of Swing: The Story of the Andrews Sisters" at

Meadow Brook Theatre through May 20. This touching tribute to one of the most successful female vocal groups in history features elegant harmonies and toe-tapping favorites such as "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" and "Don't Sit Under the Apple Tree." For tickets, \$22-\$38, call (248) 377-3300 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Michigan International Women's Show

The Michigan International Women's Show returns to the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi May 3-6. The weekend includes shopping, fashion shows, gourmet food samples, cooking demos, chair massages, makeovers and more. Mario Lopez, from Dancing with the Stars, will make an appearance. The first 100 guests when doors open 10 a.m. Thursday will receive a \$5 gift card to Macy's. Admission is \$8 at the door, \$7 in advance at Meijer, and \$5 after 5 p.m. during Girl's Night Out Friday. Call 1-800-849-0248 or visit www.rockfinancialshowplace.com.

An Afternoon Tea to Remember

The American Cancer Society Discovery Shop will host "An Afternoon to Remember" at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday, May 5. Stop by for tea sandwiches, biscuits, sweets and tea and receive a gift bag with items donated by local shops, restaurants and services. Door prizes and a drawing for a free gift basket are also included. Donations, \$25, benefit the ACS. Call (877) 537-8665 after April 20.

Learn 'The Secret': The Law of Attraction

Everyone is talking about "The Secret," and now you can get in the know. The principles of "The Secret" and "The Law of Attraction: The Science of Attracting More of What You Want and Less of What You Don't" will be explored and put into use during three seminars to be held at 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 10 at the MSU Management Education facility in Troy. The cost is \$99. Visit www.become-more.net for more information.

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Enter to win a spot in PINK Mommy Boot Camp, valued at \$850 per person!

If you've had a baby in the last

two years and are ready to lose that baby bump, we want to hear from you!

We are looking for up to five lucky readers to join PINK Mommy Columnist Wendie DeLano and PINK Editor Wendy Von Buskirk in PINK Mommy Boot Camp.

During this six-week challenge, local fitness expert Jennifer Gray will get the group started on a "no excuses" routine that will have us on our way to looking like our old selves again.

Along with exercise, Boot Camp contest winners will work with a chef and a registered dietician to learn meals that are healthy and easy to make.

The Boot Camp member who meets or exceeds her goal by the

greatest amount will win a PINK Mommy Makeover.

Readers chosen to participate will be required to make a commitment to the six-week fitness routine and menu plan starting in June, and must be willing to have their goals and progress featured in PINK.

You also must own or be willing to purchase kickboxing workout gloves (about \$30).

Boot Camp requires attendance at specific fitness classes in West Bloomfield, Rochester, Royal Oak, Southfield or South Lyon at least twice a week, plus up to three additional workouts on your own.

Visit Jennifer Gray's Web site, www.bodybyjenn.com for more details on her Body Beautiful



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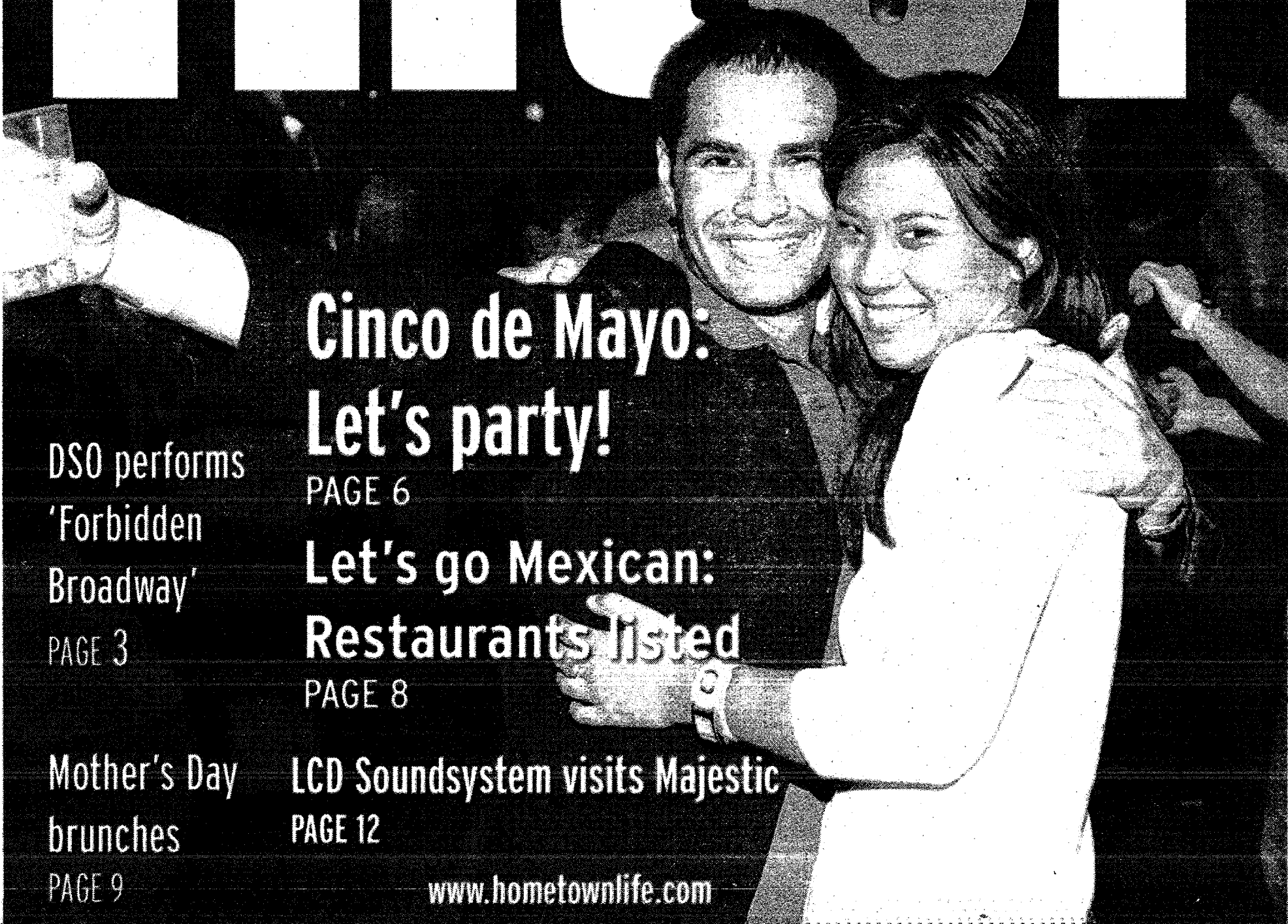
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HimalAmazon: The Extreme Log Ride, which combines photo-realistic animation with digital surround sound, is a "roller coaster ride" with an ecological message.

The ride is set sometime in the near future where a looming environmental disaster, due to years of over-harvesting in the Amazon forests, has forced scientists to develop a Super-Tree that quickly generates desperately needed wood and life-giving oxygen. The Super-Trees are grown in a simulated "super world" called HimalAmazon, a unique combination of the Himalayas and the Amazon. The adventure begins as riders follow one of the Super-Trees from seed to harvest. HimalAmazon: The Extreme Log Ride is a SimEx-Iwerks Entertainment production.

Located in the Ford Education Center, the Wild Adventure Ride offers a unique you-are-there experience from the comfort of a specially equipped motion-simulated big-screen theater seat. All riders must be at least 36 inches (three feet) tall, and it is recommend that they be at least 5 years of age or older.

The Wild Adventure Ride is open during regular Zoo hours; show times vary. Tickets are \$4 for passengers of all ages. Tickets are available at the admission gates and the Wild Adventure Ride ticket booth during regular Zoo hours. For more information, call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

DIA hosts photo discussion

Fred Bohrer, an associate professor of art at Hood College in Maryland, will explore a selection of photographs in "Photography, Islam, and Art: The 19th Century & Now," 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 4 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

The lecture is free with museum admission, which is a suggested donation of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. DIA members are admitted free.

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"Forbidden Broadway" is the longest-running comedy revue.

'Forbidden Broadway' returns to delight Detroit audiences

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Now in its 25th year *Forbidden Broadway* still delights musical theater fans by poking fun at such beloved shows as *Les Miserables*, *The Lion King*, *Phantom of the Opera* and *Hello Dolly*.

The popular comedy revue teams up with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra this month as the final presentation of this season's DTE Energy Foundation Pops Series at the Max M. Fisher Music Center.

Producer John Freedson has been involved in the musical production since it's early years. He joined the cast first as an actor in 1984, and later took on directing and producing roles for the show.

Having acted since the age of 12 in his hometown of Reading, Penn., Freedson had ample experience with musical theater and enjoyed doing impersonations. He

FORBIDDEN BROADWAY

When: Shows at 10:45 a.m. and 8 p.m. Thursday, May 3; 8:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 4-5; and 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6.

Where: Orchestra Hall at the Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, Detroit.

Tickets: \$15-\$70, call (313) 576-5111 or visit www.detroitssymphony.com.

started as an understudy and soon joined *Forbidden Broadway's* four-person cast. He didn't realize then it was a major career move.

Though Freedson has produced other shows, including *Forever Plaid*, and written for children's theater productions, *Forbidden Broadway* remained "a labor of love for me," he said, on a phone interview April 20 from Chicago.

When casting the show, Freedson said, he looks first for actors with a "huge and beautiful" singing voice – those who can handle some of the greatest music Broadway has had to offer, thanks

to icons like Ethel Merman, Julie Andrews and Michael Crawford.

"My feeling is, if we're making fun of these people, we better be as good as them – otherwise it feels like sour grapes," he said.

Cast members are also expected to have larger-than-life personalities. With minimal sets, lighting and costumes, the performers really carry the weight of this production.

They have to "make us laugh at the audition," said Freedson. And a knack for celebrity impersonations always helps.

"It's a roast and a tribute of the best of Broadway," he said.

In 1989 Freedson began training cast members to do impersonations, and it led to the expansion of *Forbidden Broadway* in other cities, including Detroit. "I got to go places in the country I'd never been before," he said. "I still do."

He produced the show in its 1992 Detroit premiere, a year-long run at the Gem Theatre. Bringing along three other seasoned actors

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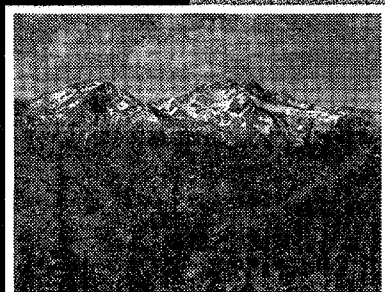
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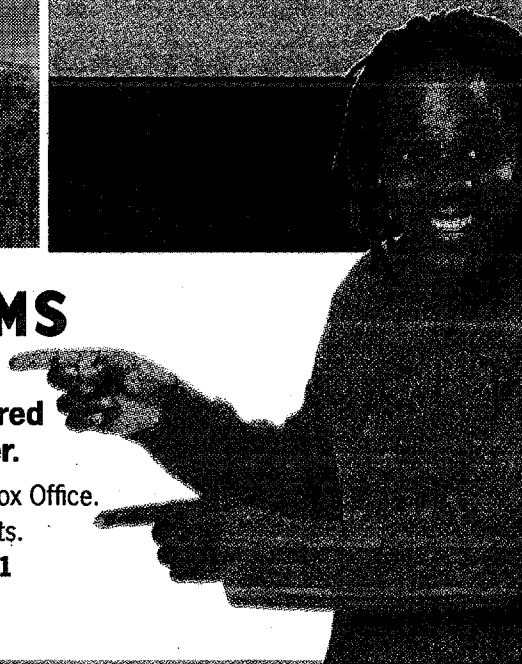
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BravoBravo! supports Detroit Opera House

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER



BravoBravo! returns 7 p.m. Friday, May 4, to the Detroit Opera House. In its eighth year, the popular annual fundraiser continues to grow, now featuring more than 40 restaurants, a host of musical performances, and a silent auction.

BravoBravo! supports the restoration of the Detroit Opera House. "This event not only helps to raise money for the multiple renovations needed for the maintenance and upkeep of the Detroit Opera House, but it also proves to be the perfect opportunity to introduce a younger and more diverse audience into the amazing arts and cultural scene that Detroit has to offer," said Kerry Doman, media chair for BravoBravo!

The event is coordinated annually by the Michigan Opera Theatre Volunteer Association, and will be hosted by local

BRAVOBRAVO!

When: 7 p.m. Friday, May 4.

Where: Detroit Opera House, 1526 Broadway, Detroit.

Tickets: Cost \$65 in advance or \$85 at the door. Tickets are tax deductible.

VIP Tables: Patrons can purchase a package, including 10 tickets, reserved seating and a bottle of premium alcohol for \$1,500.

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style guru Jon Jordan.

"The BravoBravo! Committee is a perfect example of the collaborative efforts being made by young professionals interested in supporting the city, the arts and a piece of the downtown architecture," Doman added.

Party-goers will stroll the red carpet before entering the Detroit Opera House - which will be transformed into a posh club for the evening thanks to Ital Moda.

Patrons will then sample some of Detroit's best cuisine, from restaurants including Slow's Bar-B-Q, Opus One, Vicente's Cuban Cuisine, City Cellar Wine Bar and Grill, the Union Street Saloon and Centaur.

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Young musicians perform in Canton

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The Celebration Sinfonia will perform Aaron Copland's *Hoedown*, Benjamin Britten's *Five Courtly Dances from Gloriana*, Edvard Grieg's *In The Hall Of The Mountain King*, Mao Yaun's *Dance of the Yao People* and the second movement of Beethoven's *7th Symphony*. Another group of musicians called The

Celebration Strings will perform arrangements of Haydn's *St. Anthony's Chorale*, selections from Bizet's *Carmen*, the finale from Beethoven's *Fidelio* and *Appalachian Hymn* by Soon Hee Newbold.

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BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

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There's mariachi music in the park; parades with low-riders, bands, and highly-decorated floats and bicycles; shopping, family

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fun happens

in the local

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5 and Sunday, May 6.

The holiday of Cinco De Mayo celebrates both Mexican-American culture and the May 5, 1862 victory of the small Mexican militia over the French army at The Battle Of Puebla.

Remember that when raising your glass.

Obviously Cinco de Mayo isn't a day to just drink. But, a cold cerveza (beer) is welcome on a warm spring day, so pass the Tecate — a sharp lager, or the ever popular Corona with lime — although Dos Equis with lime is equally good.

Start your day in Mexicantown around 9 a.m. and have breakfast at any of the restaurants listed here. Outdoor festivities begin at 11 a.m.

Continue by visiting the Mexicantown International Welcome Center, located at the foot of the Ambassador Bridge near the corner of Bagley and 20th Street. Located nearby is the new \$17 million Mexicantown Mercado, a 45,000-square-foot marketplace that features stores, restaurants and an outdoor plaza.

All day long visitors can explore a children's village, live music, crafts, food and dancing in Mexicantown.

The parade begins on Sunday, May 6, at Patton Park; located on the corner of Woodmere and West Vernor. The route travels on West Vernor and ends at Clark Park on Scotten. And don't forget to walk the streets of West Vernor and side avenues to discover the tiny mar-

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Authentic, spicy and mild foods in this restaurant that seems to be crowded any time of the day.

Margarita's Mexican Restaurant, 27861 Woodward Ave., Berkley (248) 547-5050. Has a reputation for the healthiest Mexican food on the west side.

The owners are careful not to include high fat contents in the meals, but the flavor is still equally robust.

Old Mexico Restaurant, 28407 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, (734) 421-3310.

Popular margaritas in the cozy-style restaurant. A comfortable place to bring the kids.

Tio's, 333 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-6650. Known for its 250 hot sauces and said to have the hottest sauces in town — but that depends on the palate.

kets, and authentic bakeries.

Highlighted below are some of the outdoor events at the Welcome Center area. For more information visit www.mexicantown.org

SATURDAY, MAY 5

Shopping at the Mexicantown Mercado and throughout Mexicantown, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

"Milagros: Made in Mexico" documentary by Martina Guzman, can be viewed all day, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Art and Craft Workshops with the Detroit Institute of Arts, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Folkloric Ballet Raíces



PLEASE SEE CINCO DE MAYO, E7

Tryst in Canton hosts Fiesta Danza 2, its annual Cinco de Mayo party, on Saturday.



Canton nightclub hosts Fiesta Danza 2

If you don't want to try to find parking in Mexicantown (it was packed last year), and want a Cinco de Mayo party that's bound to be just as festive, try Tryst in Canton.

There the Fiesta Danza 2 takes place at that hipster nightclub at 8663 N. Lilley Road.

The party is Saturday, May 5 with a \$10 cover charge that includes live music by Mariachi Especial Alma de Mexico, music by popular DJs iMix, Joey A, Victor V and Donovan Tate. Other entertainment includes dancers and live percussionists. Guests can also enjoy a taco bar and prizes.

Tryst is a chic Canton bar that looks like it belongs on the East Coast with warm woods, dark sofas with modern

lines and high-end lighting that creates an intimate atmosphere in the lounge area, yet the dance floor area is upbeat.

Perfect for a fiesta!

The dress code is stylishly chic. No athletic apparel is permitted including jerseys, warm-ups, velour suits, white T-shirts, men's athletic T's, tank tops, hats, tennis shoes, sandals or flip flops. All pants must have buttons and zippers and T-shirts cannot be longer than six inches below the hips. Admission is 21 and over only. VIP booths are available by visiting viplist@djimix.net or call (734) 254-0882. How good is the party? Remember our cover from last year's event with the happy clientele? Visit www.trystcanton.com for details on this year's party.

CINCO DE MAYO

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Mexicanas, noon

Bringing Communities Together; Scottish Society of Windsor Pipe Band, 1 p.m.

Folkloric Ballet Ixtac Chichimeca Pan, from San Juan del Rio, Queretaro, 1:30 p.m.

Blessing/Presentation; New Mexicantown Welcome Center and Mercado, 2:30 p.m.

Mariachi Music, 3 p.m.
More live entertainment, 4-6 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Shopping at the Mexicantown Mercado and throughout Mexicantown, noon-6 p.m.

Milagros: Made in Mexico documentary, by Martina Guzman, noon-6 p.m.

Art and Craft Workshops with the Detroit Institute of Arts, noon-4 p.m.

Live entertainment, noon-6 p.m.

When your ready for lunch or dinner — many restaurants have live entertainment either inside or in the parking lot. Stroll the area. Dine at one, have a drink at another, and dance at a third. Most of the restaurants in Mexicantown are very affordable and meals can be purchased for well under \$10 at many. Here's a few:

■ El Comal Restaurant, 3456 W. Vernor Hwy. (313) 841-7753 (See related story on page 8)

■ Xochimilco Restaurant, 3409 Bagley Ave. (313) 843-0179. The popular restaurant has three rooms and bustles every day, so expect lines on Cinco de Mayo.

■ Taqueria Mi Pueblo, 7278 Dix Hwy. (313) 841-3315. Fun with an extensive menu. The place attracts a lot of locals.

■ Armando's Restaurant, 4242 W.

Vernor Hwy (313) 554-0666. Welcoming for families with its comfortable seating and casual atmosphere.

■ Doña Lola Restaurant, 1312 Springwells (313) 843-4129. It serves Puerto Rican food, too!

■ El Rancho Restaurant, 5900 W. Vernor Hwy. (313) 843-2151. Very reasonable priced and friendly.

■ El Zocalo Restaurant, 3400 Bagley Ave. (313) 841-3540. Authentic meals for under \$5 including hardy tamales.

■ Evie's Tamales Restaurant, 3454 Bagley Ave. (313) 843-5056. Try the tamales with pineapple! Nice for families.

■ Las Brisas Restaurant, 8445 W. Vernor Hwy (313) 842-8252. Live music and family owned, large tequila menu.

■ Los Galanes Restaurant, 3362 Bagley Ave. (313) 554-4444. Live music and seafood bar.

■ Taqueria La Tapatia, 4314 W. Vernor Hwy. (313) 841-5044. Known for its tacos, worth the drive just for them.

■ Taqueria Lupita, 3443 Bagley Ave. (313) 843-1105. Inexpensive, authentic and open early enough for breakfast and late enough for the after-party snacks.

■ Taqueria Mexico, 5827 W. Vernor Hwy. (313) 841-2100. No alcohol, traditional fare and experimental concoctions popular with local Mexicantown residents

■ Taqueria Mi Pueblo 7278 Dix Hwy. (313) 841-3315. Another restaurant wildly popular for its tacos.

■ Taqueria Nuestra Familia 7620 W. Vernor Hwy. (313) 842-5668. Festive and fun with hardy meals.

Other restaurants that are authentic, easy on the pocket and worth discovering — like a good secret — are: Mexican Village Restaurant, 2600 Bagley Ave. (313) 237-0333; Los Altos Restaurant, 7056 W. Vernor Hwy. (313) 841-3109; Taqueria Arandas, 1807 Livernois (313) 297-7533; Taqueria Jalisco, 5436 W. Vernor Hwy. (313) 841-2213.

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El Comal is more than just Mexican

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

O.K., we know it's Cinco de Mayo and you're probably craving tacos and burritos.

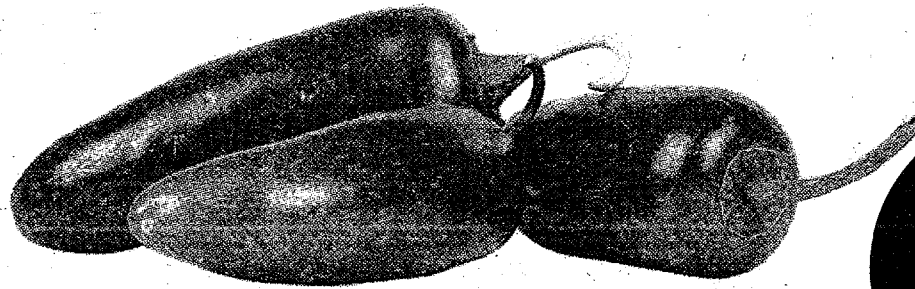
No problem, El Comal has them and the portions are large and the prices are low.

But, for a few dollars more you can expand your meal on Cinco de Mayo and include some Guatemalan, Colombian and El Salvadoran side dishes to your Mexican meal.

For example, with your huge burrito and fresh guacamole at El Comal, as a side dish of one of my favorite foods on the planet, fried plantain.

Visit El Comal Restaurant 3456 W. Vernor Hwy. (313) 841-7753, in Mexicantown in Detroit and is popular on Cinco de Mayo.

For years, residents of Mexicantown have made El Comal a second home. It's so popular, it recently located and expanded. While the restaurant offers traditional meals, it also has a few experimental dishes. And, the beer and tequila list is strong.



Jalapeño peppers fire up dishes during Cinco de Mayo at local restaurants.

The open, airy, restaurant with bright natural lighting and a friendly staff makes anyone feel welcome.

There the tortillas are thick, warm and handmade. The pupusa is a cornmeal cake stuffed with whatever you desire: cheese, beans, etc.

El Comal Cantina does well to keep business fresh year round. While the homemade, fresh tasting dishes are reason enough to come, so is the live music. There may be mariachi on one night and

merengue or reggaeton on another.

Here patrons are festive and friendly with guests at nearby tables. This is a great place for a fiesta.

MORE FUN

Another fun Mexicantown restaurant is Taqueria Mi Pueblo, 7278 Dix. (313) 841-3315. Popular are the Totras — a Mexican style bun sandwich that includes meat or beans plus tomato, avocado, jalapeno peppers and, mayonnaise.

It's similar to tostada fixings on bread and mayo replaces the salsa verde. The price is \$4.50.

The tostados at Taqueria Mi Pueblo are served with either fish, chicken, pork or beans, plus all the standard fixings of lettuce, onion, tomato, and optional pico de gallo and guacamole. Soups are packed with either shrimp, octopus, catfish or vegetables.

I love the Chilis

Relleno, vegan style. It's a poblano chili stuffed with zucchini, tomatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, dipped in batter and lightly fried and then topped with a mild sauce.

The dish was just \$7. Cheese topping is optional.

DON'T FORGET THE BAKERY

I couldn't believe my eyes when I walked into the Mexican Town Bakery

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MEXICAN

FROM PAGE E8

one year ago, 4300 W. Vernor Hwy. (at Clark Street) (313) 554-0001.

I was raised on good bakery fare from an eastside Sicilian bakery and as an adult I'm always frustrated at the astronomical prices of so many. But Mexican Town Bakery — I dare anyone to find a bakery with a bigger selection and lower prices.

(Side note, Julian Brothers, 518 S. Rochester Road, Clawson, www.julianbros.com, is an Italian bakery where you can actually get quality sweets such as pink and white frosted cookies for under \$1.)

And at Mexican Town Bakery you can purchase pastries for 50 cents.

That's right.

I purchased 15 pastries, sweetbreads and cookies for \$7. I thought the cashier made an error. The bakery is also a market where you can purchase freshly baked tortillas, jarred hot peppers and molé sauce.

'Crawl' restaurants in Farmington Hills

Sample Farmington and Farmington Hills restaurants 6-10 p.m. May 8 at A Taste of Two Cities.

Eight restaurants will be serving up sample menu items. Shuttle service will be provided approximately every 30 minutes between establishments or patrons can travel the circuit, with maps provided, using their own transportation.

Featured restaurants are: **Antonio's Cucina Italiana, California Pizza Kitchen, Ginopolis' on the Grill, John Cowley & Sons, LaMarsa, Priya Restaurant & Bar, Steak & Ale and T.G.I.Friday's.** A cash bar will be available at each site.

Participants must be 21 or over.

Admission is \$30. In lieu of tickets, patrons must purchase a t-shirt to wear during the evening which will easily identify them as participants in the restaurant tour. T-shirts featuring the distinctive A Taste of Two Cities logo are available for purchase exclusively at the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, 27555 Executive Drive, Suite 145 (southeast corner of Twelve Mile and Halsted Roads).

For more information call the Chamber at (248) 474-3440, Ext. 220.

Wondering where to take Mom for Mother's Day on May 13?

We've listed a few ideas:

The **Gem Theatre** in Detroit and adjoining **Century Grille Restaurant** are offering a special Mother's Day brunch and show package.

Respect: A Musical Journey of Women makes the perfect Mother's Day event for moms, daughters, and families with a celebration of the history of women through popular songs from 1900 to today.

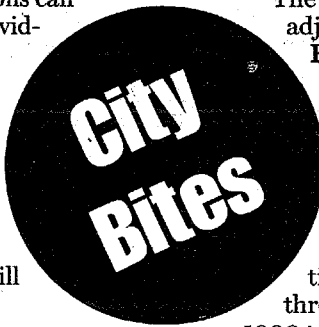
Tickets for *Respect: A Musical Journey of Women*, are available for \$39.50 for shows at 2 and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 13. Century Grille Mother's Day Brunch costs \$35 and is available from 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Tickets to both the show and brunch are \$74.50. Call (313) 963-9800.

For more information, call (313) 963-9800, visit online at www.gemtheatre.com, or in person at 333 Madison Ave. in

Detroit.

A Mother's Day Afternoon Tea is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Saturday May 12 at the **Historic White Horse Inn**, 1 E. High Street, Metamora (north of Oxford.) For grandmothers, the inn is hosting a Grandmother's Afternoon Tea at the same times on Saturday, May 5. A horse-drawn carriage ride and dinner package is offered on Mother's Day. For information and details on any of these events, call (810) 678-2150.

Mother's Day brunches and/or specials will be offered at the following restaurants or locations: Epoch Events Catering inside the Rock Financial Showplace, 41600 Grand River Ave., in Novi (248) 348-5600 Ext. 200, Forté, 201 S. Old Woodward, Birmingham (248) 594-7300; Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft, Livonia (734) 462-0770; Majestic Café, 4140 Woodward, Detroit (313) 833-9700 Ext. 207; Tribute, 31425 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills (248) 848-9393; and The Henry Ford, Dearborn (located west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue), (313) 982-6001 or visit www.thehenryford.org.




FISHBONE'S

Sunday May 13th • 9am - 3pm

Omelette Station • Belgium Waffles • Scrambled Eggs • Biscuits & Gravy
 Bacon • Sausage • Hash Browns • Muffins & Croissants • Salad Station • Salmon
 Shrimp • Baked Chicken • Carving Station • Ribs • Mashed Potatoes
 Jambalaya • Rice & Red Beans • Catfish Beignets • Dessert Table

<p>Greektown 400 Monroe St. Detroit, MI 48226 313-965-4600</p>	<p>Southfield 29244 Northwestern Hwy Southfield, MI 48034 248-351-2925</p>
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Send, fax or e-mail items for consideration in Get Out! at least two weeks in advance to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, fax (248) 644-1314 or e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com. Please include a short summary with details of the event, address of the event location, date and time, a phone number and/or Web site that members of the public can contact for more information.

For an expanded calendar list, visit the Get Out! calendar online at the Filter Entertainment section at www.hometownlife.com.

ART EXHIBITS

Cranbrook Art Museum

The 2007 Graduate Degree Exhibition runs through May 11, at 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

Detroit Institute of Arts

Friday Nights at the DIA, music in museum's Rivera Court, 6:30 and 8 p.m., guided tours of Highlights of Europe and America, 6 and 7:30 p.m. Fridays, and 1 and 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays; 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

University of Michigan Museum of Art

Imaging Eden: Connecting Landscapes, Lyle Gomes' landscape photographs, through June 3, guided tours offsite 7 p.m. May 3 and 17, and 2 p.m. May 6 and 20, 1301 S. University (at South Forest), Ann Arbor, (734) 763-UMMA, www.umma.umich.edu

Wayne State University's Community Arts Gallery

Michigan Water Color Society's 60th Annual Exhibition, June 22 to July 20, opening reception 5-8 p.m. June 22, at 5400 Gullen Mall, Detroit. Call (313) 577-2423.

ART GALLERIES

Artcraft Gallery

Dani - Message from Life, art works of David Wickman and Francis LeVeque, through May 31, 32410 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 549-9000.

Ave Maria Fine Art Gallery

Porches and Gardens, acrylic paintings by Bertie Bonnell, through May 31, Domino's Farms Office Park, 24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive, Ann Arbor, (734) 930-7514, www.ave-mariaart.com

Cass Cafe

Disposable Heroes, paintings by Ron Zakrin, exhibit runs through June 16, 4620 Cass, Detroit (313) 831-1400.

POP Gallery

Livonia artist Topher Crowder's *Playing God*, runs through May 19, 4160 Woodward, Detroit, (313) 833-9901

Habitat Gallery

35th Annual International Glass Invitational, through May 19, 4400 Fernlee, Royal Oak, (248) 554-0590

Lawrence Street Gallery

The Palette and Brush Club juried exhibition, opening reception May 4, runs through May 25, 22620 Woodward, Suite A, Ferndale www.lawrencestreetgallery.com, (248) 544-0394.

Northville Art House

The Muses, 12 artists Interpret the Figure, artists' reception, 5:30-8:30 p.m. May 4, through May 20, 215 W. Cady, Northville (one block south of Main, two blocks west of Center).

Oakland University Art Gallery

Oakland University 2007 Senior Thesis BA in Studio Art Exhibition, through May 20, 208

Wilson Hall, Oakland University, Rochester, (248) 370-3005 or www.oakland.edu/ouag.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Main Gallery features Luzhen Qiu: Installation, one-woman installation which transforms the gallery into a unique theatrical space; 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or www.pccart.org.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Mino Watanabe-Dunning, paintings, through June 16, reception 6-8 p.m. June 1, First Floor Gallery; also Rochester K-12 Art Show, through May 12, Main Gallery, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

paukotulaprojects

Cut, with Scott Klinker, Heather McGill, Kathleen McShane, Abigail Murray, Jill Slosburg-Ackerman, through May 26, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, www.paukotula.com, (248) 544-3020.

Pewabic Pottery

Vessels produced from 1901-1967, through May 18, all at 10125 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, (313) 822-0954 or www.pewabic.org.

River's Edge Gallery

Amy Chenier, Tim Burke and photography of Elaine Redmond, through May 12, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 246-9880, www.artattheedge.com.

Sherrus Gallery

The Heart of Nigeria, featuring Nigerian twin brothers, Kehinde and Tayewo Oyediji of KennyTay, through May 30, 109 N. Center, Northville, (248) 380-0470, www.sherrus-gallery.com.

ART, ETC.

Birmingham Fine Arts Festival

Featuring over 200 artists, May 12-13, Shain Park in Birmingham, visit www.BBArtCenter.org for information.

Fine Art at the Village

101 juried artists, Village of Rochester Hills shopping center, northeast corner of Walton and Adams, May 19-20, www.FineArtAtTheVillage.com

Oakland Community College

11th Annual Student Art Exhibition, artists' reception, exhibition runs through May 23, free, OCC's Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 942-3355.

Detroit Urban Craft Fair

Applications online for DUCF, Aug. 4, at Majestic Theater Complex, visit www.detroiturbancraftfair.com, deadline is May 25; fair also seeking sponsorships from

independent businesses, e-mail sponsors@detroiturbancraftfair.com

AUDITIONS

Birmingham Musicale

Betty J. Hixon Saxophone/Clarinet Award, open to high school graduates between ages of 18 and 22, 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 6, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Big Beaver Road (east of Adams, west of Coolidge), Troy, for information and application, (248) 375-9534.

Birmingham Musicale

Dorothy K. Roosevelt Piano Award, high school graduates between ages of 18 and 22, 10 a.m. May 12, University Presbyterian Church, 1385 S. Adams (north of Hamlin), Rochester Hills, for information and application, (248) 375-9534.

The Performance Network

Joint general auditions, along with The Blackbird Theatre, Williamston Theatre, Planet Ant Theatre and Tipping Point Theatre, for 2007-2008, 2-6 p.m. May 21-22 for equity performers, 6-10 p.m. May 21-22 for non-equity performers, at 120 East Huron, in Ann Arbor. Call (734) 663-0681 for an appointment.

BLUEGRASS

Oakland Community College

Rhonda Vincent and The Rage, 7:30 p.m. May 4, \$20, Student Center Arena, Highland Lakes campus of Oakland Community College, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford; (248) 341-2270.

BOOKS

Borders

Lisa Dunlap and Linda Hasley, authors of *Sacred*, a book on motherhood, signing at 1 p.m. May 5, 1122 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills; 4 p.m., 8101 Movie Drive, Brighton.

CHORUS

Farmington Community Chorus

Come to Your Senses, 27th annual spring concert, 8 p.m. May 11-12, Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia, \$12-\$15, for tickets, call (810) 632-4067 or visit the Costick Center at 28600 W. 11 Mile Rd in Farmington Hills.

CLASSICAL

Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra

With a Not-So-Stiff Upper Lip pops concert,

finale for 32nd season, May 6, student musician perform in lobby at 6:15 p.m., Temple Beth El, 14 Mile and Telegraph, \$25; students and children under 18, free; (248) 645-2276, www.bbso.org.

Celebration Youth Orchestra

Spring concert, 7 p.m. May 8, Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton, \$6, www.canton-mi.org.

Chamber Music Society of Detroit

Opus 9 concert series concludes with viola da gamba expert Jordi Savall, 8 p.m. May 12, Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 W. 13 Mile Rd. (corner of Lahser on campus of Detroit Country Day), Beverly Hills, \$41-\$75, Chamber Music Society of Detroit Ticket Service at (248) 855-6070.

Dearborn Symphony Orchestra

Musical Magic, May 11, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, \$5-\$30, (313) 943-2354 or www.dearbornfordcenter.com.

The Madrigal Choral of Southfield

Durufle's Requiem with guest conductor Eugene Rogers, 3:15 p.m. May 6, First Baptist Church of Detroit, 21200 Southfield Road, Southfield, \$15, call (734) 485-3451.

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Mahler's Symphony No. 2, *Resurrection*, May 10-12; Branford Marsalis, May 17, all at Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward (313) 576-5111 www.detroitso.org

Fort Street Chorale & Chamber Orchestra

Bach's B minor Mass, Sunday, May 6 at 3 p.m. at historic Fort Street Presbyterian Church, 631 W. Fort in downtown Detroit (corner of Fort and Third), \$15 for general admission, group rates and patron seating also are available, (313) 961-4533, www.fortstreet.org

Vivace

Woodland Trio, 7:30 p.m. May 20, \$18-\$21, The Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, (248) 788-9338 for tickets.

Woodward Corridor Musicians

For The Birds Chamber music concert with selections from Haydn, Vivaldi and Gounod, 7:30 p.m. May 5, \$10, Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., located near the northwest corner of Woodward and Lone Pine Road, (248) 546-5818.

CLUBS

Bosco

Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

Bert's Warehouse Theatre

Sultry saxman Marion Meadows, 8 p.m. May 11, \$30, 2739 Russell, Detroit, tickets at ticketmaster.com or bertsentertainment.com.

Eden Nightclub & Ultralounge

Friday night dance party with DJ Ryan Richards, 10 p.m. guest celebrity hosts and DJs; DJ Urban Chris in the Garden Room, DJ Pannos in the Ultralounge accompanied by percussionist Jared Sykes, 10 p.m. Saturday, 22061 Woodward Ave, Ferndale (248) 541-7674.

Emerald Theater

Trick Trick and The Good Squad, with Sino, G. Gutta, Good Money, and Rob Beatz, 9 p.m. May 13, 31 North Walnut Street, Mount Clemens, \$10, www.emeraldtheatre.com or (586) 913-1920.

Cliff Bells

Scott Gwinell and his 16-piece jazz orchestra, 9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, 2030 Park (near Comerica Park), Detroit (313) 961-2543.

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.

The Magic Bag

Roger Clyne & the Peacemakers, May 3, 22920 Woodward, Ferndale, (248) 544-1991, event hot

line (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

pi Restaurant

Sheila Landis, May 4-5; Jessie Palter, May 11-12; Ed Stone, May 18-19; Shahida Nurullah, May 25-26, 28875 Franklin Rd. (southwest corner of 12 Mile and Northwestern Highway), Southfield, (248) 208-7500, visit www.piosouthfield.com.

Seldom Blues

Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of jazz favorites, 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.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Kevin McPeck, May 3-5; Karen Rontowski, May 10-12; Jim McCue, May 17-19; Elliot Branch, May 24-26; Dustin Diamond, May 31, June 1-2; all at 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; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club

LA Hardy with Scooter Loftis, May 4-5; Jeff Havens with Dave Bell May 11-12; Norm Stulz with Phenecia Banks, May 18-19; Bill Bushart with Keith Lenart, May 25-26, all shows 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

The Comedy Room at Portofino

Bill Bushart and Laura Lou and Friends Cinco de Mayo Comedy Party, May 4-5; Patrick Deguire and Korry Hall, May 11-12; Connie Ettinger and Kate Brindle, May 18-19; Jeff Havens and Duane Gill, May 25-26, 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte, call (734) 624-5561 or visit www.portofinoontheriver.com.

The Second City

Michigan Impossible: All Laid Off & No Place to Go, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com; Register now for Adult classes, \$200 for an 8-week course; call (248) 348-4448. Class sizes are limited, and registration is processed on a first-come, first-serve basis.

FAMILY

Detroit Zoo

HimalAmazons: The Extreme Log Ride, photo-realistic animation with digital surround sound, debuts May 4, (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

Baby & Family Expo 2007

Live entertainment, educational demonstrations, children's castle wonderland with face painting, baby crawling contest, free gift for first 100 people, May 5-6, Universal Mall, 28582 Dequindre, Warren, free, (586) 393-6634.

Detroit Zoo

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo, pet adoption, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 5-6.

Maybury Farm

Trot for Animals, fund-raiser for animal feed, 9 a.m. May 12, \$15, (248) 374-0200 for registration form.

Westland Figure Skating Club

2007 Westland Figure Skating Ice Show, 7 p.m. May 4, 1 p.m. May 5-6, \$6-\$8, Mike Modano Ice Arena, 6120 Wildwood (one block north of Ford Road), Westland, www.WestlandFSC.com, (734) 729-4560

FILM

Redford Theatre

Charade, May 11-12; Stagecoach, May 25-26; Back to the Future, June 8-9; Till the Clouds Roll By, June 22-23; The Best of Years of Our Lives, July 6-7; King Kong, July 20-21; Shall We

Dance? Aug. 3-5; On The Town, Aug. 17-18, at 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit.

FUND-RAISERS

Sing for the Cure

The BeckRidge Chorale with the Birmingham-Bloomfield Symphony Orchestra present a Spring Concert, Sing for the Cure, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville, \$25-\$30, at (866) 924-4276 or www.plymouthcommunitychorus.org

MAMAPHOBIA

Show performed by Chicago comedienne Peggy Ward, Larry Arbour kicks off event at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 5, The Coffee Beanery Café, 28557 Woodward Avenue, Berkley, proceeds benefit ASHLEY's Friends, an organization that provides support and counseling for children in grief, tickets, \$25, (248) 219-9604, www.ashleysfriends.org.

Comedy Night 2007

Fund-raiser for Forgotten Harvest with comedian John Pinette, 7 p.m. silent auction/cash bar, 8 p.m. show, afterglow dessert reception at 10 p.m. May 5, Music Hall for the Performing Arts, 350 Madison, Detroit, \$75, \$150 includes afterglow, (248) 350-3663, general seating, \$25-\$40, (313) 887-8501, www.ticketmaster.com

PENNdemonium 2007

Items needed for second fund-raising gala at second annual fund-raising gala to benefit historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth, 6 p.m. May 11 at Meeting House Grand Ballroom, 499 S. Main, Plymouth, to donate contact Julie Johnston at (734) 354-6069 or email auction@friendsofthepenn.org, for information on PENNdemonium, www.PennTheatre.com

Special Days Camp

Benefit for children with cancer and families, bowling, karaoke, silent auction, food, door prizes, 6 p.m. May 11, \$20, Ford Lanes Bowling Center, 23100 Van Born, Dearborn Heights, www.specialdays.org, donate or ticket sales information from Ryan Tucholski at (313) 278-2220.

Victorian Tea

The 7th Annual Victorian Tea will be held at the newly-reopened Whitney restaurant 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12. Proceeds from the tea support the work of the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association. The Whitney is located at 4421 Woodward at Canfield, in Detroit. Tickets are \$55 for adults and \$30 for youth (ages 5 through 17), call (586) 776-3900 for tickets and information.

MommyHood

Stage play brings to life emotions of mothers through monologues, noon-5 p.m. May 13, Macomb Center for Performing Arts, 44575 Garfield Road in Clinton Township, (586) 286-2222, www.macombcenter.com

The Emergency Animal Relief Foundation

4-9 p.m. June 3, Fox & Hounds Restaurant, 39560 Woodward, www.ovrs.com for information

A Salute to Gerhardt Knodel

A benefit for the Gerhardt Knodel Scholarship Fund begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at Cranbrook Academy of Art and Art Museum, 39221 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, reserve tickets at (248) 645-3032. Includes a preview of *Hot House: Expanding the Field of Fiber at Cranbrook, 1970-2007*.

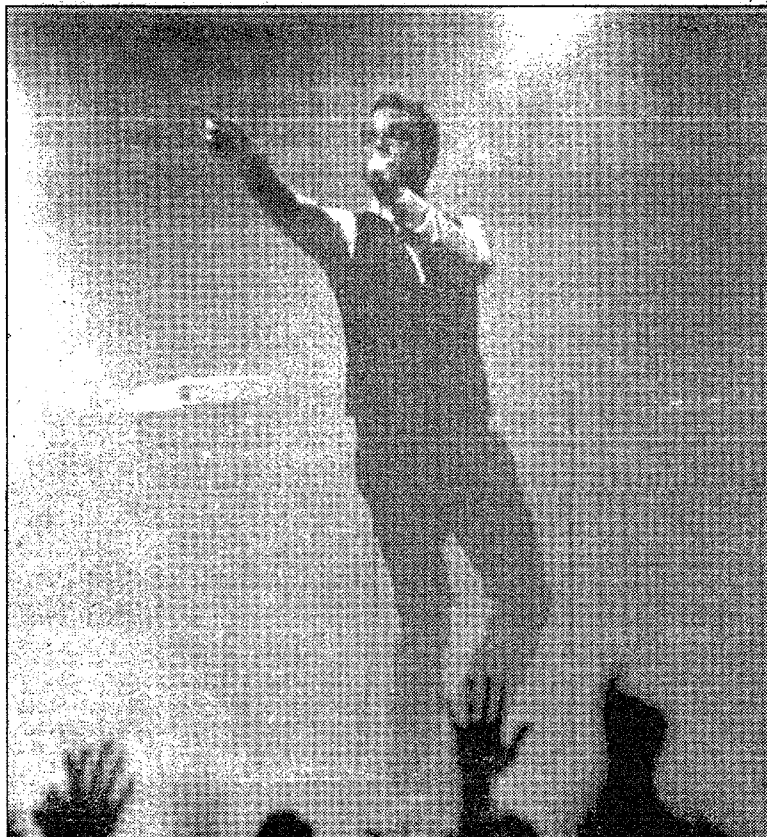
JAZZ

Jazz and dinner

"Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.

pi Restaurant

Sheila Landis, May 4-5; Jessie Palter, May 11-12; Ed Stone, May 18-19, all at 12 Mile Rd. and



MUSIC

Lucky ticketholders will catch a mesmerizing performance by The Killers, on tour supporting their sophomore effort *Sam's Town*, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 9 at the Fox Theatre Detroit. The Live Nation show quickly sold out.

Northwestern Highway, Southfield, call (248) 208-7500 or visit www.piofsouthfield.com

Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, James Dapogny on May 5, Paul Klinger on May 19, Kerry Price on June 2, all at Shield's Pizza, 25101 Telegraph (northwest corner of 10 Mile and Telegraph), Southfield, \$8 cover, (248) 478-0172.

MORE MUSIC

The Ark

Luke Sayers & Mark Iannace CD release concert 7:30 p.m. Sunday, May 13, at 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451.

RED Comma Cafe

Matt Watroba opens for Don White, 8 p.m. Saturday, May 5, \$15, \$22 with dinner, Congregational Church of Birmingham, 1000 Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 646-4511; ccbchurch1000@sbcglocal.net.

Solisti della Scala

Accomplished clarinetist Maestro Fabrizio Meloni and pianist Maestro Nazzareno Carusi will perform 6:30 p.m. May 2, at the Community Arts Auditorium on the Wayne State Campus in Detroit, free.

Trinity House Theatre

Black Jack and the Carnies, May 4; Bill Bynum and Company, May 18; Dolly Varden with The Milroys, May 19; Floyd King and the Bushwackers, 8 p.m. June 8, at 38840 West Six Mile, Livonia, \$12, \$9 for members, call (734) 464-6302 or visit www.trinityhouse.org

Woodbridge Bible Church

David Phelps with co-headliner Mark Lowry, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at 6600 Rochester Road, Troy, \$20-\$30, call (248) 879-8533.

MUSEUMS

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 \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.

Detroit Institute of Arts

Lecture: *Photography, Islam, and Art: The 19th Century & Now*, 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 4; Ansel Adams exhibit runs through May 27, all at 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Call (313) 833-7971.

Exhibit Museum of Natural History

Wild Weather, Changing Climate, through May, University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-0478.

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. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.

Museum of Contemporary Art-Detroit

STUFF: International Contemporary Art from the Collection of Burt Aaron features works by more than 75 artists, opening reception 6-8 p.m. May 11 features music by the Northwoods Improvisers, exhibit runs through July 29, all at 4454 Woodward, Detroit, call (313) 832-6622 or visit www.mocadetroit.org.

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

Display on Mothers, Daughters and Leaders of Oakland County, Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, through June 16, 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays; 1005 Van Hoosen Road, off Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Detroit Derby Girls

Pistolwhippers vs. Devil's Night Dames, May 12; Detroit Pistoffs vs. Devil's Night Dames, June 2; Pistolwhippers vs. D-Funk All-Stars, June 23; Detroit Derby Girls Championship Bout, July 21, all at Masonic Temple Drill Hall, 550 Temple, Detroit, \$15, www.detroitderbygirls.com.

Drummer's clinic

Dave Weckl, 8 p.m. May 15, Motor City Guitar, 1565 Crescent Lake Road, Waterford, (248) 673-1900.

Gala Cabaret Concert

A Reef Good Time: Music from the Movies, Ars Nova final performance, as director and founder Craig Scott Symons retires, silent auction, Royal Oak Elks Club, I-75 service drive, south of 11 Mile Road in Royal Oak, 7:30 p.m. May 5, \$10, (248) 541-4100 Ext. 1311 for further information www.arsnova-mi.org

Historic Ford Piquette Ave. Plant

Tour the Birthplace of the Model T, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., every first and third Saturday of the month, May to October, 461 Piquette Ave., Detroit, call (313) 868-2377.

Jackson Storyfest

May 4-5, free public performances, 7:30 p.m. Jackson High School, 544 Wildwood Ave., family matinee 2 p.m. May 5, Jackson Symphony Orchestra Hall, 215 W. Michigan Ave., downtown Jackson, free, donations appreciated, visit www.jacksonstoryfest.org for details.

The Secret

The Secret is Out! Learn How to Apply the Law of Attraction, a three-hour seminar by Nancy M. Wegierski, 9 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Cost is \$99, visit www.become-more.net.

Car Swap Craft Show-O-Rama

Car clubs, swappers, crafters, games, raffles, door prizes, food, cars will be judged, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. May 19, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia, car and swap inquiries, call (248) 777-0242.

Preservation Wayne Walking Tours

Walking tours of Downtown Detroit are hosted 10 a.m. Saturday, May through September, various starting locations, \$10, call (313) 577-3559 or visit www.preservationwayne.org.

The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

Archaeology training class (learn digging techniques, record keeping, research, ethics, and the history of the site) for those adults interested in digging at the Museum's archaeology site, class is 1-2:30 p.m. May 5 at the Dairy Barn Conference Room, advance registration is required, (248) 656-4663. The Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Rd. (off of Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road).

WSRO, ON THE AIR V

A simulated studio radio show, May 4-6, 11-13, 18-20, \$10-\$12, SRO Productions, 26060 Berg Rd in Southfield's Historic Burgh, (248) 796-4645 for reservations, visit www.srotheater.org.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Breathe Art Theatre Project

Wonder of the World, by David Lindsay-Abaire, through May 12, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, At The Furniture Factory, 4126 3rd St., Detroit, \$20 (\$12 Sundays and students), (313) 831-1939, www.BreatheArtTheatreProject.com

Broadway Onstage

Sherlock's Veiled Secret, through May 19, 21517 Kelly Road, Eastpointe, call (586) 771-6333.

Heart of the Hills Players

Lil' Abner, May 17-19, Warren Community Center, 5460 Arden, Warren, \$12, call (248) 650-3871.

Inspire Theatre

Divine Stella Devine, 7:30 p.m. May 10-12, at the Underground Cafe, located in the Dearborn Covenant Church, 18575 Outer Drive, Dearborn. For tickets, call (734) 751-7057.

Oakland Theatre Guild

High School Musical, May 11-27, Starlight Theater, between Claire's and Kohl's stores, Summit Place Mall, Waterford (248) 335-1788, www.starlighttheater.net

Players Guild of Dearborn

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, through May 20, 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive, Dearborn, call (313) 561-TKTS

Rosedale Community Players

Over the River and Through the Woods, through May 6, at Upstage Theater, 21728 Grand River, Detroit, call (313) 537-7716 or (313)

532-4010 for tickets.

South Lyon Theatre

Dilemmas With Dinner, May 11-13 and 18-20, 126 E. Lake Street, South Lyon. Visit www.the-phoenixplayers.org or call (810) 227-4594.

Stagecrafters

Signature Broadway, through May 13, 415 S. Lafayette, Royal Oak, call (248) 541-6430.

St. Dunstan's Theater Guild of Cranbrook

Amadeus, June 1-9, in the outdoor Cranbrook Greek Theatre, 400 Lonè Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 737-3587 or visit www.StDunstansTheatre.com.

StarBrite Productions

The Foursome, through June 16, cocktails and dinner at Guiliano's Guiliano's Italian Ristorante in Premier Entertainment Center; show is at The New Premier Theater, 33151.23 Mile Rd., 2 miles east of I-94, in Chesterfield Township, www.starbriteprod.com for information or call (586) 725-2228 for reservations.

Village Players of Birmingham

Wait Until Dark, May 11-13, 18-20, \$15, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham (two blocks south of Maple), (248) 644-2075 or www.birminghamvillageplayers.com.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill

Annie Capps, singer/songwriter, 8 p.m. May 4, \$10, inside Theater's Biltmore Studio; Tales of Motherhood featuring Personae Ensemble, 2 p.m. May 5, \$15; (734) 394-5460. Visit www.canton-mi.org/villagetheater.

THEATER - PROFESSIONAL

Meadow Brook Theatre

The Sisters of Swing: The Story of the Andrews Sisters by Gilleland and Beverage, 8 p.m. through May 20, tickets \$22-\$38, call (248) 377-3300 or visit www.mbtheatre.com.

Meadow Brook Theatre

Nunsensations! The Nunsense Vegas Revue by Dan Goggin, May 31-June 10, \$28-\$38, (248) 377-3300, www.ticketmaster.com, www.mbtheatre.com.

Performance Network Theater

Amadeus, through June 10, 120 E. Huron, Ann Arbor, www.performancenetwork.org, (734) 663-0681.

Planet Ant Theatre

Before and Laughter, through May 5; *Out of the Running*, through May 12; all at 2357 Caniff, Hamtramck, (313) 365-4948, reservations@planetant.com.

TICKETS ON SALE

DTE Energy Music Theatre

Eddie Money opens DTE Energy Music Theatre's summer concert season, 7:30 p.m. May 25; Fall Out Boy, May 27; Montgomery Gentry, June 2; Legends of Motown: The Temptations Revue featuring Dennis Edwards and The Contours featuring Sylvester Potts, Sunday, June 10; Barenaked Ladies, June 15; The Fray, June 16; Def Leppard, July 24; Ted Nugent, June 22; Chicago and America, June 29; Toby Keith, July 5-6; Moody Blues, July 20; B.B. King Blues Festival, July 29; Opie & Anthony's Traveling Virus, Aug. 4; Rysh, Aug. 28, call (248) 645-6666 or visit palacenet.com.

The Palace of Auburn Hills

Billy Joel, May 4; Lynyrd Skynyrd, May 12; Champion Cage Fighters, May 26; Gwen Stefani, June 1; John Mayer, July 5; The Police, July 17; Dave Matthews Band, Aug. 23, visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

Fox Theatre

Brian McKnight, May 5; The Price of Fame Tour, starring Bow Wow, May 11; Heaven and Hell: Black Sabbath's Dio Years, May 12; Majida El Roumi, May 19; All Stars of Comedy, May 25; Godsmack, June 1; Alison Krauss & Union Station, July 31; tickets at OlympiaEntertainment.com or (248) 433-1515, for information, call (313) 471-6611.

LCD Soundsystem takes its dance-punk revolution on the road

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Let's get one thing straight. James Murphy is not a fan of Myspace.com.

The dance-punk pioneer behind LCD Soundsystem has been known to banter with fans on his own Web site's forum. But he won't dare look at the band's Myspace page. It was created for him by employees of his DFA record label. Murphy came home from a tour to find thousands of people

sending messages like "Thanks for the add."

"I'm not a 15-year-old girl," he said, during a phone interview from his New York City home. "What am I doing? I'm a grown man. I'm not doing this."

"I don't need to be in a constant state of approval."

The New Jersey native was a member of 1990s punk bands like Pony and Speedking, before moving into sound engineering, producing and traveling the world as a DJ.



LCD SOUNDSYSTEM

When: 7 p.m. Monday, May 7.

Where: The Majestic Theatre, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Tickets: \$16 for this all ages show, call (248) 645-6666 or visit www.majesticdetroit.com.



James Murphy

"I don't remember ever not being interested (in music) actually," said Murphy. He was constantly surrounded by it. "My dad was a big band jazz fanatic. I always grew up with music. And it was expected you had an opinion about music."

Becoming increasingly frustrated with the state of modern music, he created LCD Soundsystem. "I guess, there was nothing for me," he said. "Instead of complaining about it, I decided to get to work on doing something."

Murphy credits dance music for "pulling me out of my indie rock blues." All of a sudden, he said, music became fun again. "I don't understand why you would make other kinds of music."

In 2006, LCD Soundsystem's eponymous debut earned two Grammy nods. Songs like the snarky, sly *Losing My Edge* and the dance floor favorite *Daft Punk is Playing at My House* kept on gaining ground.

In March, Murphy followed up that success with the much-anticipated record *Sound of Silver*. In just nine songs, he refined the LCD esthetic, pumping in equal parts pulsating beats and infectious melodies.

"Songs get written in my head," said Murphy. The meandering closing song *New York I Love You But You're Bringing Me Down*, Murphy said, ran through his head for a couple of years before he finally recorded it. Conversely, the slow-building opener *Get Innocuous* came as "the product of working, of just trying things and searching for what I wanted to happen."

North American Scum, the first single, was actually the last song Murphy recorded. It evolved from a joke he shared with drummer Pat Mahoney. In it he declares: "And for those of you who still think we're from England/We're not, no."

"I write lyrics the day I sing them," said Murphy. "It keeps it from being overwrought."

For *Sound of Silver* Murphy returned to Longview Studio in central Massachusetts, where he recorded the first album.

He thought he'd be as focused as he was the first time around. Instead, Murphy became rather frustrated. He wasn't happy with the way the record was coming along.

"I took a significant break from the record to do a couple of remixes, a DJ tour and a compilation for DFA," he said.

Then, he was hired by Nike to create a piece of music to accompany a workout. The result, *45:33*, actually spanned 45 minutes and 55 seconds. While he had his reservations about accepting the offer — "I was afraid if I did it, it wouldn't look cool," he admitted — the Nike project ultimately saved him.

"It freed me up. I was really happy with it artistically. When I got back to work on the album, it wound up making me really happy. It reminded me of how it's not so hard."

Murphy returned to the studio with renewed confidence. He's admittedly much happier in the studio, than he is on tour. "I'd rather be home, making music," he said.

Though he handles most of the recording himself, there was an open invitation for his touring bandmates to join him. "They let me deal with it and come up when they can," he said.

When the bandmates in question include members of indie darlings like !!! (pronounced chk-chk-chk) and Hot Chip, scheduling can get tricky.

The same could be said for his touring line up, which has gone through some changes. The Detroit performance, set for May 7 at the Majestic Theatre, will be a homecoming of sorts for newly-added bassist Philip Skarich. The current LCD lineup also features Nancy Whang on keyboards, Pat Mahoney on drums, and Al Doyle on guitar.

The live show depends heavily upon the crowd, Murphy said. Whether it becomes an unabashed dance party or a straight-ahead rock show, it's an interpretation of what he's recorded.

Murphy explains it this way: "We're a cover band. I go into the studio and make a record. I listen to it and look at who's in the band. We see how we can do this. We're the best LCD Soundsystem cover band in the world."

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Queen of Soul seeks actors

Aretha Franklin has announced the final call for auditions for actors in a musical production based on her New York Times best-selling autobiography, *Aretha From These Roots*.

Open calls are scheduled noon- 7 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Holiday Inn Express, 25100 Northwestern Highway in Southfield.

The production is tentatively planned to kick off in her hometown of Detroit in March 2008.

The Queen of Soul will be involved in the casting process, choosing the performers that will play herself at varying ages, "key members" from her family, her close friends, background singers and associates, including Sam Cooke, Dinah Washington, Smokey Robinson and pianist Art Tatum.

Like the autobiography, the play will recount Franklin's life, from her early musical beginnings rooted in gospel at the New Bethel Baptist Church in Detroit, to the top of the pop and R&B charts, and her legendary standing in popular culture.

Anyone who auditions must have a minimum of three years stage experience (except children under the age of 15), and

must be over 21 years of age or accompanied by a chaperone who is over 21 years of age. Those auditioning must bring a non-returnable resume, 8- by 10-inch black-and-white or color photograph, CD, DVD or videotape to leave behind with the producers and designated reps. Auditioners also must bring their own DAT/CD or cassette or use the piano accompanist, if they bring their own sheet music.

Auditioned parts that require singing include:

Wyleen Ivy (background singer) - Individual should be about 22 - 23 years of age, thin, approximately 100-105 pounds, black/dark brown eyes, black hair with bouffant look, with sharp features and dark brown skin.

Evelyn Green (background singer) - Individual should be about 21 - 22 years of age, medium build, approximately 110-125 pounds, with big brown eyes, afro hairstyle, have lots of personality, and be fun.

Parts being auditioned that will not require singing are listed below. Those auditioning for these parts should bring a CD/DVD to submit to casting representative that include acting vignettes of five to seven minutes.

Auditions

'The Condemned' indicts, then peddles, violence

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capsule reviews of films that opened last weekend:

The Condemned

You probably wouldn't expect a movie about hardened killers battling each other to the death to be funny, but here's what's hilarious: This has the audacity to serve as a self-righteous indictment of graphic, gratuitous violence, even though that's exactly what it's peddling.

A World Wrestling Entertainment film, under the watch of WWE Chairman/Executive Producer Vince McMahon, pretending to have a soul? Yeah, good stuff there.

The Condemned also attempts to dress us down as a society for being such mindless sheep that we'll watch anything

shocking - and it scolds the media and the entertainment industry for constantly pushing the limits of what's considered shocking.

Stone Cold Steve Austin deserves better. The longtime wrestling superstar seems like a likable guy - potentially, a burly action hero in the tradition of Arnold Schwarzenegger. Here, he's one of 10 prisoners plucked from death rows around the world and dropped by helicopter onto a remote island for a deadly reality competition being broadcast live on the Internet.

A mad-genius producer has assembled them to have them kill each other.

The one left standing gets to go free.

R for pervasive strong, brutal violence, and-for language. 113 min.

One star out of four.

- Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

SYMPHONY

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repertoire.

The CYO currently has two ensembles: The Celebration Sinfonia for students with three or more years of training in string, wind, brass, and percussion instruments, and the Celebration Strings, designed for string players with one or

more years of instruction.

Conductors is Ariel Toews - who is also the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra and Orchestra Canton assistant conductor. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased through by calling (734) 394-5460, online at www.canton-mi.org, or the Village Theater box office one hour before performance.

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BROADWAY

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from the New York cast, Freedson reprised his role as a castmember and watched *Forbidden Broadway* become a Motor City favorite.

"The audiences really embraced it," he recalled.

Those who aren't familiar with the comedy revue often ask whether a knowledge of musical theater is required to understand and enjoy *Forbidden Broadway*. Freedson said that the show's creator "Gerard (Allessandrini) writes it so that his 84-year-old mother in Needham, Mass. — who doesn't get out much — will get the jokes."

While the production is revised annually for New York audiences, there is a certain amount of repetition in the touring version. Detroit audiences will recognize songs and scenes that spoof *Chicago* and *Cats*. New additions take aim at the revived Broadway hit *Mary Poppins* and Yoko Ono's *Lennon*.

A brand new finale reworks classic songs like *No Business Like Show Business*. Freedson said it gave him "chills." This new symphonic version elevates the show to new heights. "For the first time, we're hearing *Forbidden Broadway* as it was meant to be," said Freedson.

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Since its inception in 1982, "Forbidden Broadway" has spoofed popular musical productions.

MOVIE REVIEWS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Capsule reviews of films that opened last weekend:

Diggers

Long before the invasion of celebrities like Alec Baldwin, Christie Brinkley and Puffy (or whatever Sean Combs was calling himself back then), the Hamptons were, apparently, pretty sedate and unpretentious. We're talking decades ago — like, the 1970s — a place and time this small charmer of a film takes us to with rich storytelling and vivid performances. Paul Rudd, Ken Marino, Ron Eldard and Josh Hamilton star as longtime friends and clam diggers clinging to their livelihood as corporate forces move into their sliver of Long Island; Marino also wrote the script as an homage to his father. He's created characters who feel incredibly real in the way they support and affectionately needle each other, as well as in their struggles and failures. If there's anything wrong with the film from director Katherine Dieckmann, it's that it's a bit too superficial. These are interesting people you'd like to get to know better, and our time with them feels rushed. Maura Tierney, Lauren Ambrose and Sarah

Paulson co-star. R for language, drug use and some sexual content. 90 min. Three stars out of four.

— Christy Lemire, AP Movie Critic

Next

Nicolas Cage, Julianne Moore, Jessica Biel and director Lee Tamahori muck up a fine Philip K. Dick story with this dumb thriller that offers a few unintentional laughs for its lousy dialogue and silly plot twists. Cage stars as a man able to see a couple of minutes into his future, a talent an FBI agent (Moore) needs to help stop a gang of terrorists from setting off a stolen nuclear warhead in Los Angeles. Biel co-stars as the woman of Cage's dreams; she becomes bait for the feds and villains trying to get at the guy with the second sight. In transplanting the story *The Golden Man* from the future to the present day, the three screenwriters take only the basic clairvoyance notion and leave behind all the nuance, cunning and weirdness that make Dick's tales so attractive in the first place. PG-13 for intense sequences of violent action, and some language. 98 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

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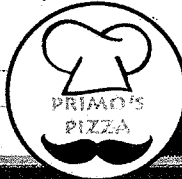
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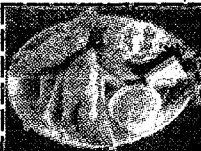
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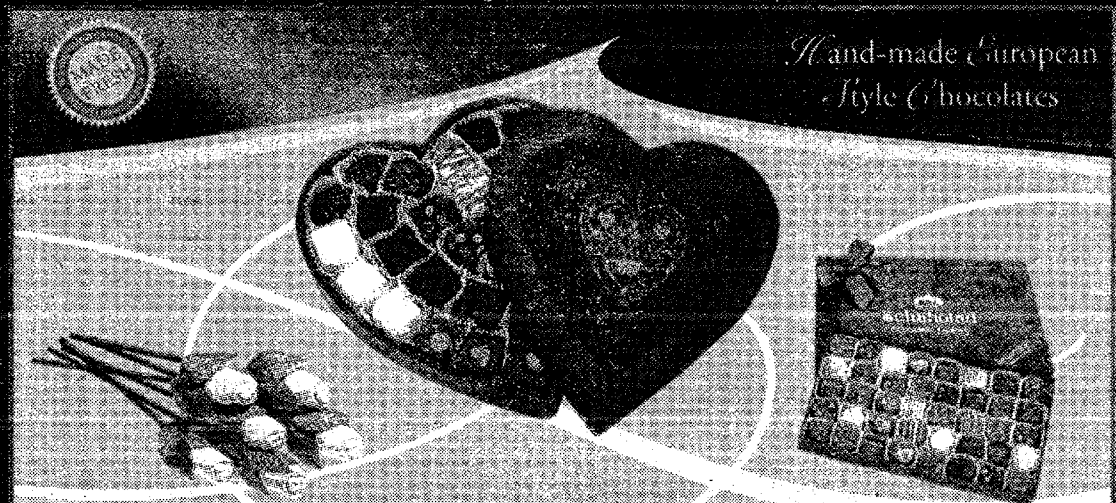
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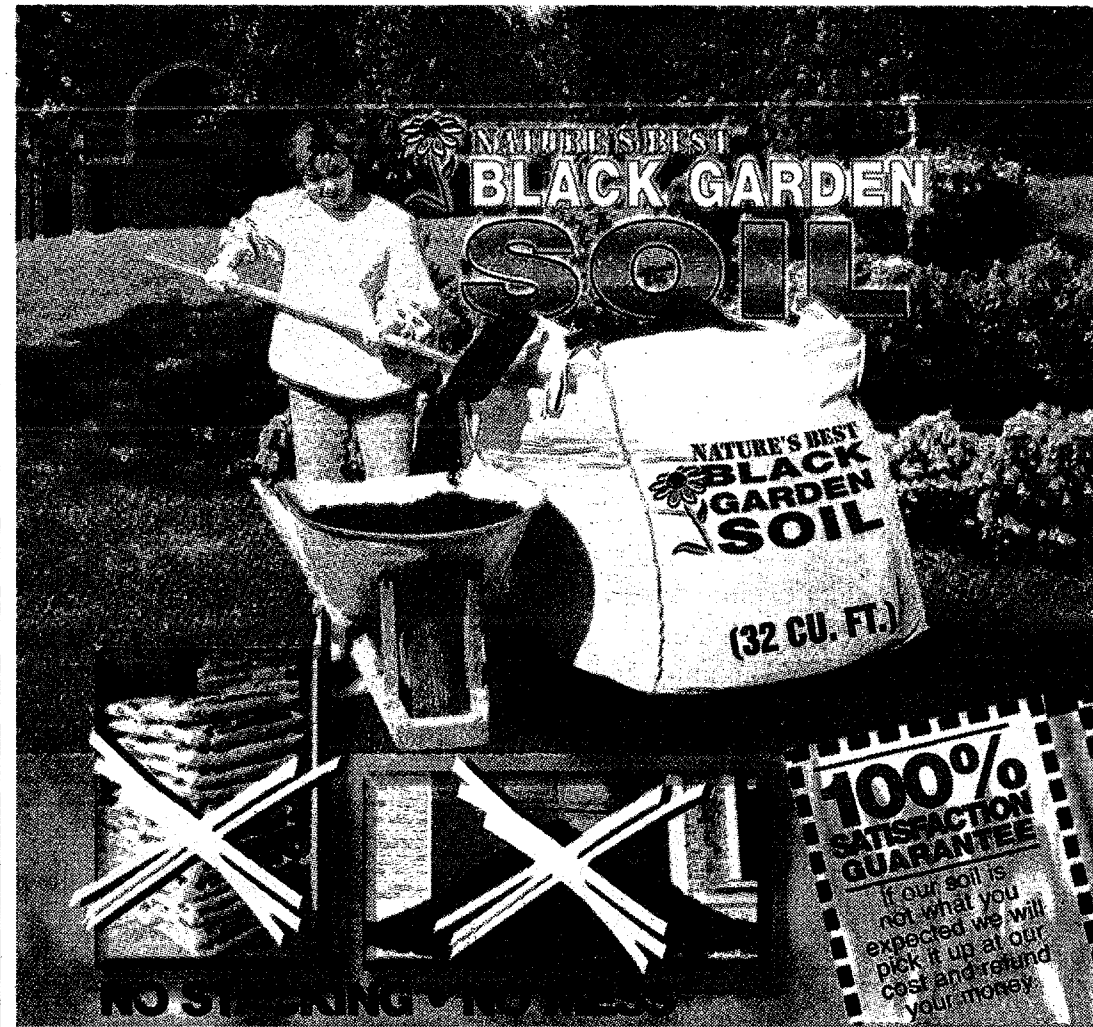
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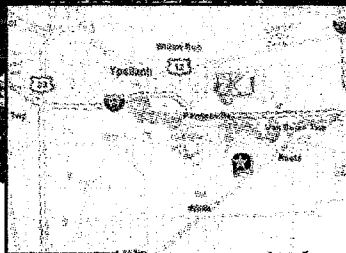
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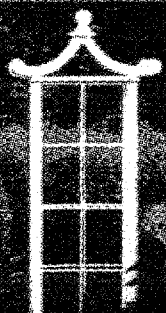
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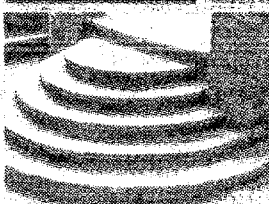
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Learn how and when to water your lawn to conserve water and reap the benefits of a beautiful landscape.

(MS) - There are certain ingredients vital to the survival of your landscaping. One of the most important is water. H₂O is the lifeblood of plants, trees and lawns.

Still, as simple as watering your lawn and garden may seem, there is in fact a science behind doing so correctly and efficiently.

1. KNOW YOUR SOIL

Depending upon what type of soil you have, watering needs will be varied. Plus, soil should be loosened around plants to allow water to penetrate more easily.

The best type of soil is loam soil. Loam features a combination of sand, silt and clay, which allows water to penetrate and then stores it for plants to use.

Clay soil absorbs water slowly, so water only as fast as the clay can absorb. You should also mix in peat moss or organic compost to improve the soil.

Sandy soil is often encountered. Water can run through very quickly, making it difficult for roots to obtain what they need. Add organic matter to supplement the soil.

2. WHEN TO WATER

Watering in early morning or evening is best. This reduces the amount of water that will evaporate from the sun.

Also try to time watering when the wind is calm, otherwise you may not be able to control where the water goes.

3. TIPS FOR WATER USE

Watering deeply once is better

than shallow watering several times per day. Watering to a depth of 4 to 6 inches promotes stronger, deeper root growth and development, and also contributes to longer times between watering.

To measure how much water a lawn or garden is getting, the U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends placing an empty tuna fish can (or cat food can) on the lawn while watering. When the can is full, stop watering.

4. CHOOSING A SPRINKLER OR HOSE

There are many types of watering accessories available. Many homeowners prefer the convenience of underground sprinkler systems that water set areas on a timer. There are other sprinklers that attach to a garden hose that can water a lawn efficiently.

Cascading sprinklers are more effective than the rotating shoot-shoot types because they'll saturate the ground more quickly and there's less chance of water being wasted on sidewalks and driveways.

It is difficult and time-consuming to water a larger lawn by hand with a hose and spray nozzle - you just may not water long or deep enough.

5. HOW OFTEN?

You should be safe watering a lawn and garden every five to seven days in moderate weather.

During extremely hot patches of weather or when there hasn't been adequate rain, you may want to water every three days.

It's time for lawn maintenance or a new grill

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

The wintry temperatures experienced in early April didn't get homeowners out in their yards to do any spring cleaning.

Soon they will need air filters, spark plugs and tune-ups to keep the engine on the mower running efficiently, according to Mark Henry, manager at Town & Country Hardware in Garden City.

"The mower has been sitting all winter, so it's important to have the fuel flushed out before it is put away for winter and start with fresh gas in the spring," Henry said.

After gas sits for 45 days or so, it can create problems with deposits in engines.

What is just as important for lawn

maintenance is to ensure the blades are sharp on the mower.

"You don't want the (dull) blades tearing through the lawn, especially if you are mulching," Henry said.

It's also time to begin prep work on the garden. Black & Decker has a new cordless garden cultivator out now for \$99.99 that helps with weeding and clearing out the garden for new plants, Henry said.

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Weed trimmers, edgers and lawn spreaders are all equipment that is in high demand at this time of year, Henry said.

With Memorial Day less than a month away, "barbecue grills are also in big demand," Henry said.

A Swiffer mop with a scrub brush is a popular purchase at this time of year for spring cleaning as is a portable vacuum.

A cordless chainsaw also is popular because of its versatility and portability, Henry said.

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Farmer's Almanac can help your garden grow

Spring is around the corner, and for recreational gardeners everywhere it's time to prepare for this year's garden. The 2007 Old Farmer's Almanac All-Seasons Garden Guide can help.

The must-have gardening resource is written for novice and experienced gardeners alike and includes easy-to-follow, time-tested planting tips and projects.

"The challenge in preparing the All-Seasons Garden Guide is that it must be relevant throughout the year and appeal to a wide range of gardeners—from different experience levels to various gardening styles," said Editor Janice Stillman. "The 2007 edition achieves this difficult balance with articles on a number of different plant types and information to keep the garden thriving and colorful. But we also have recipes and projects for those who aspire to garden and don't yet grow their own."

Backed by 215 years of experience, The 2007 Old Farmer's Almanac All-Seasons Garden Guide is bursting with information. Here's a sneak peek at what's inside:

* Pick the best perennials for your gardening zone. Whether you live in a temperate climate or one that experiences a range of weather extremes, there are flowers that will flourish ... we tell what grows well where.

* Cultivate elegant ornamental grasses such as Japanese blood grass and blue fescue. The good news is that these beauties thrive in any spot with average, well-drained soil.

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* Craft an aromatic wreath out of dried flowers. Use blooms and herbs from your own garden (we tell you how to harvest and dry!) or buy what you need. For example, chives, oregano, and lavender will add long-lasting fragrance and color.

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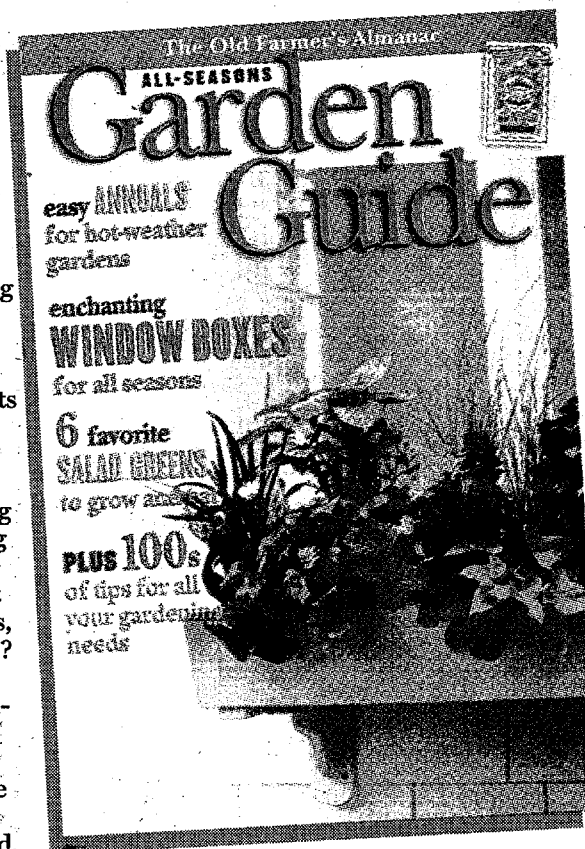
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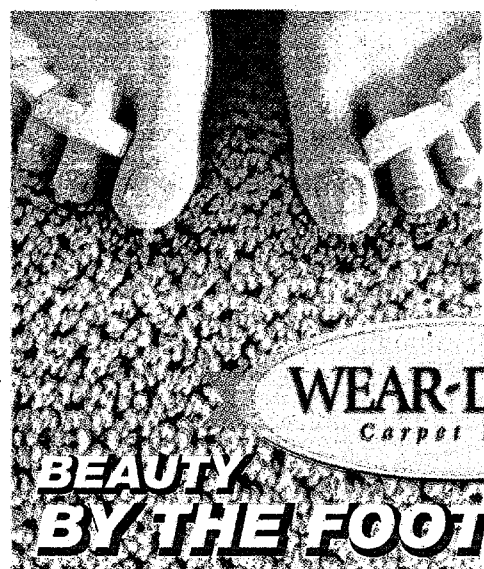
* Spruce up typical borders by adding a living fence. Hint: Create your fence out of several types of small trees and shrubs. Using this approach ensures that it will not be at the mercy of insects and disease, and will become a living work of art!

* Grow exotic onions. You won't cry while reading these tips and interesting tidbits about alliums, which are among the oldest known vegetables in the world. For example, did you know that onions have been held to cure baldness, repel evil spirits, and ward off infection?

The 2007 Old Farmer's Almanac All-Seasons Garden Guide, \$3.99, is produced by Yankee Publishing Inc. of Dublin, New Hampshire. It is available at plant nurseries, home stores, and wherever books and magazines are sold. Copies can also be ordered at Almanac.com or by calling 800-256-2622 (800-ALMANAC).



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Today's home remodelers looking for a new look this spring are installing new cabinetry in kitchens

Homeowners are looking to remodel kitchens, baths

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

With slow, stagnant home sales, many homeowners are staying put.

And that means they are putting their money into remodeling.

And that's good for companies like New Concept Kitchen & Bath in Livonia.

"People are staying in their homes," said Dave Stapleton, owner of New Concept Kitchen & Bath. "When they decide they are going to remodel their kitchen, they know they eventually will get 90 percent of the value of the project back."

They're also ripping out everything, even the soffits, when they do it.

Today's home remodelers looking for a new look this spring are installing new cabinetry in kitchens and baths, much of it cherry and maple stained, Stapleton said.

Much of that trend Stapleton attributes to the variation in stains and woods now offered.

"The grains are non-porous, so when you stain it, it looks really good," Stapleton said.

Popular cabinet stains are toffee, a medium maple, and spice, a medium cherry, Stapleton said.

Oak cabinetry also remains popular. "It has been popular for 100 years," Stapleton said. "Their grandparents' table was solid oak. They know oak is strong, quality material."

New Concept offers cabinet lines for all budgets, from the Kitchen Compact (entry level) to Homecrest (semi custom) and Starmark (custom).

New Concept will measure and develop

three or four designs, Stapleton said.

"We like to know what they like and don't like in terms of designs," he said.

They only need to compile a budget.

Undercut sinks in stainless steel and solid surface like Corian and Gibraltar are popular. Those finishes are popular in countertops, too, along with granite and Silestone, a man-made quartz.

Homeowners want floors made of laminate and hardwoods, namely hard maples and Brazilian cherry.

Homeowners also are removing soffits.

"They're going with the taller cabinetry for more storage, and it makes the room look bigger," Stapleton said.

Bathroom remodels also share similarities with kitchens.

"The cabinet trends are the same as the kitchen," Stapleton said, as are the buying trends in countertops and sinks. "Where you are seeing the differences is in the tile."

"In the kitchen you will see it as a backsplash. The tiles in the bathroom will be travertine, and the sizes will vary, either 8-by-10-inch size, or 4-by-4, not the 4-by-4 standard of the 1950s, '60s, '70s or '80s. There's so many new decorative tiles out there now to spruce up the bathroom."

For anyone who wants a brick look, they can tile with 8-by-10s for a staggered appearance, using that size on the walls with 6-by-6s on the floor, or 6-by-6 tiles, creating diamonds next to the 8-by-10s.

That - and cabinetry offered in 3-inch width variations of 9, 12, 18 and all the way up to 48 inches - give remodelers cabinetry to fit any space, Stapleton said.

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Choosing between sod or seed

(MS) - Anyone who has ever laid down their own lawn has had to come to the decision eventually: Once the ground has been prepared, is it best to go with sod or seed?

Not surprisingly, like many other decisions with respect to homeownership, choosing between sod or seed isn't an easy call.

Part of what makes the sod versus seed question hard to solve is that there's often no right answer. Most of the time, the decisions need to be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

Before you go ahead with deciding what's best for you, consider the following factors that could weigh heavily in your decision.

■ **Price** - One of the first things any homeowner wants to know when it comes to repairing or improving his home is what it's going to cost. The same goes with the yard, where prices can differ greatly depending on the choice you make.

When it comes to a new lawn, seed is far less expensive than sod. Sod is essentially seeded grass that someone else tended to. As a result, the cost of sod reflects the effort that went into tending to the grass.

While seed doesn't cost as much, you'll have to be diligent in tending to your lawn once you've laid down the seed. But if cost is your chief concern, seed is your best bet.

■ **Time of year** - While you can apply seed any time of the year, it's not going to grow outside of growing season. Typically, growing season is in late spring or early fall.

If you've missed seeding season, don't even bother throwing down seed. It will prove to be an expensive mistake that yields no result, and you'll just have to apply seed again once the season returns.

Sod, on the other hand, can be laid down throughout the year (though laying sod in the dead of winter would be a bad idea) and take to the soil.

■ **Landscape** - Neither seed nor sod takes to every lawn. For instance, homeowners whose yards are laden with trees should choose to go with seed. That's because sun is a big factor in whether or not most sod will take to the soil.

If you seed areas under trees, be sure to choose a seed that will thrive without much sunlight. Ask your local lawn care professional for the best seed for such areas.

On the other hand, if your yard is hilly or slopes a lot, you'll probably want to go with sod. This is to ensure rains or water won't wash the seed down the hill.

■ **Why you're planting** - Homeowners hoping to sell their house and increase the home's curb appeal with a new lawn should consider sod as opposed to seed. That's because sod will look better instantly, whereas seed will take a while to grow into a beautiful, lush lawn.

Another example where time plays a role is if you're hoping to have an outdoors party where you don't want your guests stepping in and then tracking mud



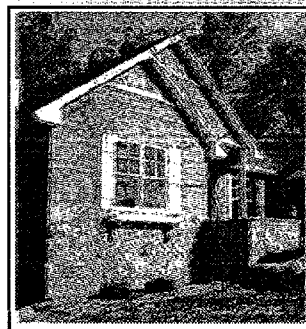
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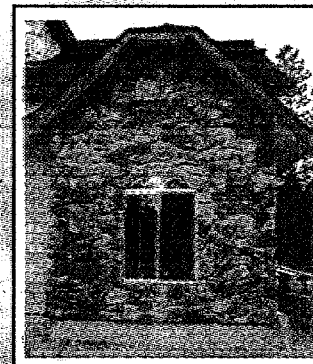
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Trees of green can save gold and silver

(MS) - "For in the true nature of things, if we rightly consider, every green tree is far more glorious than if it were made of gold and silver." - Martin Luther

Trees aren't made of gold and silver, but they can be a real treasure when it comes to energy savings.

According to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, planting trees strategically around homes and buildings cools interiors and decreases air conditioning costs and energy demands.

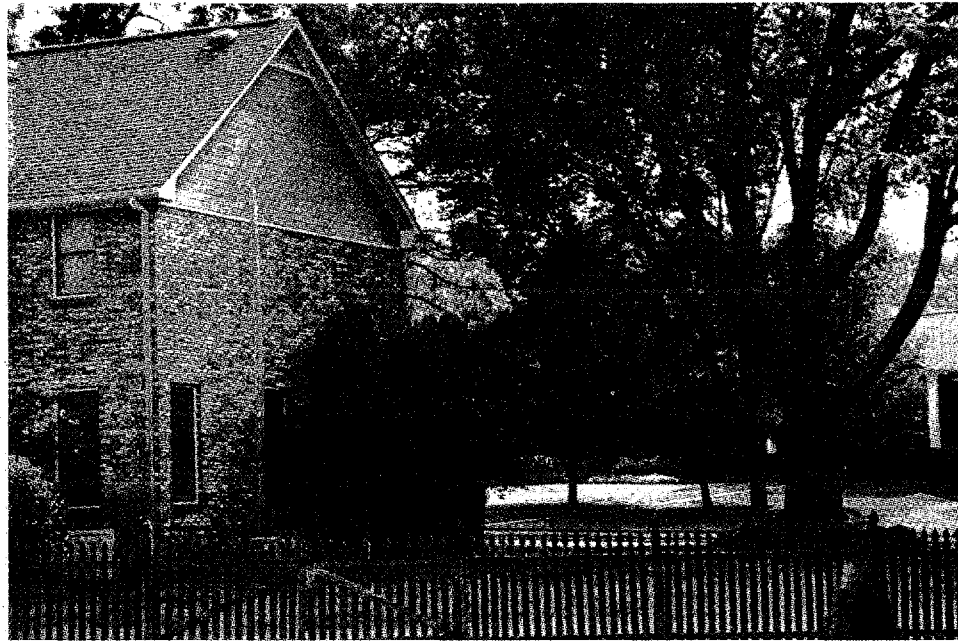
Carefully positioned trees can reduce a household's heating and cooling energy consumption up to 25 percent.

Deciduous trees, those that drop leaves in the fall, provide cooling shade during the summer. In the winter they warm buildings by letting sun shine through. Plant these on the south and west side of buildings.

Coniferous trees, or evergreens, planted on the north and west sides block cold winter winds. This "windbreak" eases the load on heating systems.

Trees and vegetation also improve air quality by filtering carbon dioxide emissions. They decrease storm water runoff, help reduce the heat island effect and improve community livability.

You need to do a little homework before grabbing a shovel. Find out what tree varieties grow well in your area. If you



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Want to cut your energy costs? Plant a tree!

need help, talk with a county cooperative extension agent or a local nursery owner.

Planting is easy. Dig a bowl-shaped hole as deep as the longest root and twice as wide as the root ball. If soil is hard or sandy, amend with peat moss and humus.

Place your tree in the hole and refill with enough soil to cover the top of the root ball. Avoid planting too deep or too shallow. Water and add a 2- to 4-inch layer of mulch. It's that simple.

Trees need the equivalent of 1 inch of

water per week. Be sure to provide it if nature doesn't!

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Pick your gardening wish list

A gardener's wish list could include some new plants this year.

An example is the weeping pussy willow tree, or the hinoki, a lush, flat-leaf tree that grows 6 feet tall, says Sandy Lucas, owner of Lucas Nursery in Superior Township.

Container gardening is still popular. Pots are available in almost any size, making nice arrangements for the yard or patio. The variegated geranium makes a different plant for a container garden, Lucas said.

Hardy perennials are always good choices, especially for first-time gardeners. Among examples of perennials are daylilies, peony, black-eyed Susan, coneflower and zinnia.

Omarikas are trees whose roots grow downward and so won't disturb concrete.

Lucas Nursery, 9779 Ford, (734) 482-1111

- Mary Klemic, Staff Writer



Company helps with your spring cleaning

Thoughts of cleaning often go with thoughts of spring.

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Services offered by National Steam and Installations include deep steam cleaning, dry cleaning, and spot and odor removal. Vertical blinds and area rugs are among the items it will clean.

Owner Doug Lancop recommends having the cleaning done once or twice a year. Many customers have it done in April, May or June, and again in fall, between September and November, he said.

Steam cleaning five rooms takes about one hour, dry cleaning about two to five hours.

Workers will move furniture except for heavier pieces, such as entertainment centers, Lancop said.

Regular vacuuming is important, Lancop said. Many stains can be removed by a solution of half white vinegar and half water.

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- Mary Klemic, Staff Writer

Prepare the way: Make your sod feel welcome

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

A little preparation goes a long way when it comes to laying sod.

Measure the length and width of the area so you know how much material you need, says Norm DeBuck, president of New Lawn Sod Farm of Belleville.

Also be able to tell the supplier whether you're laying sod to replace part of a lawn or to redo the entire lawn, he said. And know the conditions of the

lawn, such as how many trees are on it.

Before the sod is delivered, rototill the lawn to 7 inches.

Don't lay the sod until the soil is the right moisture content.

To determine this, after you till the soil, roll some of it in your hand. If the soil is crumbly, it has the correct moisture content; if it's more like Play-Doh, it's too wet, DeBuck said.

Slope the soil away from the house, and lay the sod in a staggered pattern like bricks.

Sod should be watered within the first half hour after it is placed, DeBuck said.

Mow it within a week of placing it, or when it needs to be mowed. Prior to mowing, cut back on the watering.

Don't let the lawn get too long. Have your mower set at its highest height.

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Lawn soil needs critter food

(MS) - Feeding songbirds in the winter has become a national pastime. There is something very satisfying about watching those cute little birds flitting back and forth from shrubs to the feeders. Keeping those feeders filled makes us all feel good.

So how come most of us never think to feed the critters living in the soil under our lawns and gardens?

What critters, you ask? Well, in a healthy soil there are billions and billions of microbes such as beneficial bacteria, fungi and protozoa working their little tails off for the plants growing in that soil.

What most of us don't realize is that, just like the songbirds, those microbes need food to survive, in this case organic matter. A lack of food for the microbes means poor soil for growing plants.

How do you feed the beneficial bacteria in your soil? It's simple, really. You put a layer of organic matter such as Canadian Sphagnum peat moss or finely chopped leaves on the surface of the soil and the earthworms will pull that stuff down into the soil - sort of like a catering service for the microbes.

The earthworms eat some of that organic material and in turn produce valuable fertilizer in the form of worm poop.

As important, however, is that they pull the fresh organic material down into the soil where the bacteria and fungi and

other valuable soil critters can get to it. All those beneficial organisms make up a community now called the "soil food web."

Plants growing in a healthy soil with a happy soil food web are going to need less fertilizer. They will seldom suffer attack from disease and pest insects, and they are more likely to grow to their potential in terms of size, great foliage and wonderful flowers or fruit.

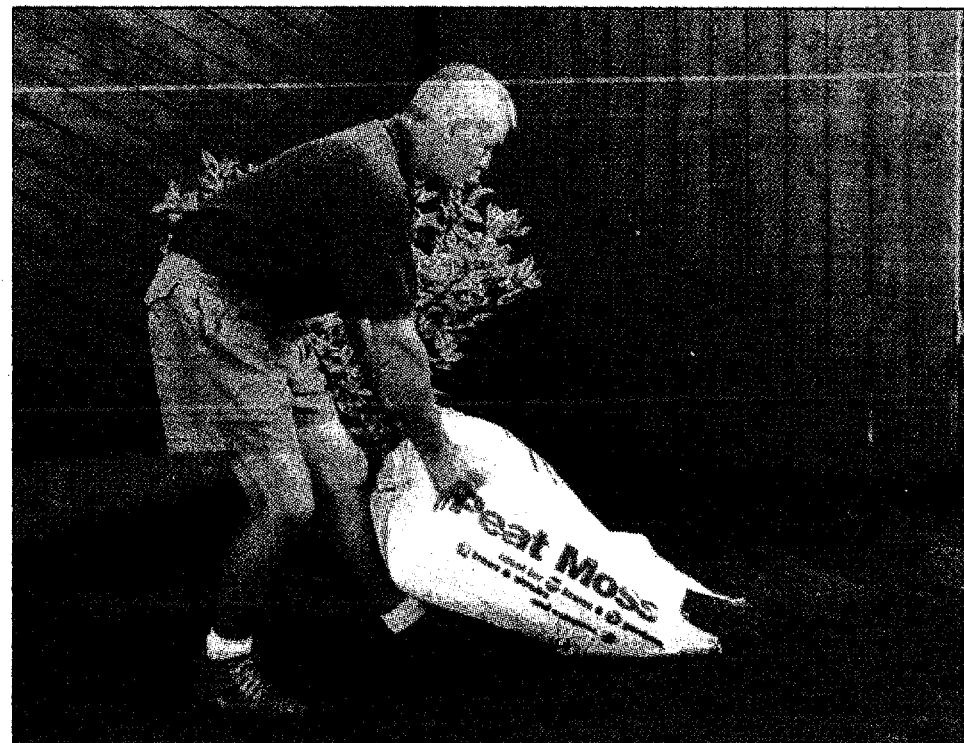
In addition, the plants living in that soil with all that organic matter won't need as much watering.

Another name for the food for the soil food web is mulch. Most of us are familiar with mulch for the garden, but who thinks of mulching the lawn?

Either in the spring or fall apply a thin layer (about 1/8-inch thick) of Canadian Sphagnum peat moss. (When you're finished, your lawn will look like it has had a light dusting of organic material.) This provides an incredibly valuable food source for those soil creatures. Your lawn will love to be mulched.

If you spread that layer of critter food on your lawn in the spring or fall every year for three to five years, you will see a major improvement in the density of the turf.

You will notice a major reduction in disease and will likely see a reduction in problems from grubs and moles; all because you feed your soil critters just as



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BY PETER WOOD
PRESIDENT, ROOTER, MD

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The "underground nightmares" that often threaten our landscaping are aging and deteriorated sewer drain pipes.

Though you may not have issues with your sewer drain (and we usually know someone who does), in North America sewers back up in homes over 750,000 times a year due to root intrusion, broken pipe and ground movement causing offset pipe, costing homeowners millions of dollars in damage to their homes and landscaping.

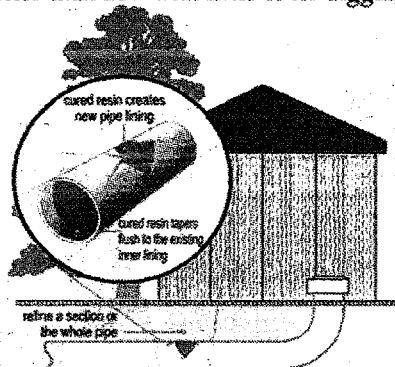
Backed up sewage in the home creates health risks such as contamination from mold and harmful bacteria, and also causes sewers to overflow, spewing deadly waste into Michigan waterways and beaches.

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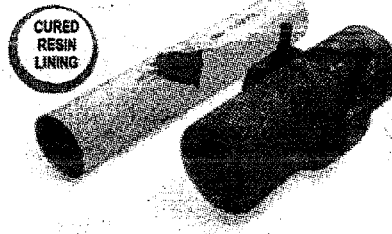


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Simple landscape tricks increase curb appeal

(MS) - These days, the home-improvement industry is as big as it has ever been.

Take a casual drive through a typical suburban neighborhood and you're liable to see a fair number of houses undergoing some sort of reclamation project.

Be it a new garage door, a fresh coat of paint or the ever-popular add-on, homes across the country are getting more facelifts than an aging Hollywood starlet.

That said, many homeowners are left looking for ways to keep up with the Joneses while not breaking the bank.

Thankfully, the answer for a lot of people is right outside their windows. Improving the landscape of a yard doesn't have to be expensive.

And such improvements can go a long way to increasing a home's curb appeal, making it more attractive to prospective buyers.

THINK FOLIAGE

Upon planting flowers, many homeowners are surprised at the impact those flowers have on the look and feel of their home.

Flower beds around the perimeter of a house add to the color of a home, while also making it feel more welcoming to guests, including prospective buyers.

A good trick is to plant flowers along the edges of a driveway or walkway. This can provide a strong contrast to a drab driveway or walkway.

In addition, such flowers will draw the attention of guests or those in the real estate market, taking their eyes away from potential problem areas you might not be able to fix at the moment.

PLANT TREES

If, like many homeowners, you simply don't have the

time to keep your lawn looking lush and green throughout the year, consider planting some trees around the property. This is not only environmentally friendly, but effort-friendly as well, as tending to trees isn't nearly as time consuming as keeping a lawn in great shape.

Once a tree begins to sprout, envelop its base in a bed of mulch. Mulch only needs to be replenished once per year, and the look it creates is both beautiful and serene.

In addition, planting trees is inexpensive. Just make sure you consult with neighbors first if you plan on planting near property lines.

WORK ON WALKWAYS

Unless you have young children, you and your guests will likely spend more time on walkways and patio decks than you will in the actual yard lawn.

Take advantage of that by further lessening the time you spend on the actual grass as a means to keeping it in even better shape.

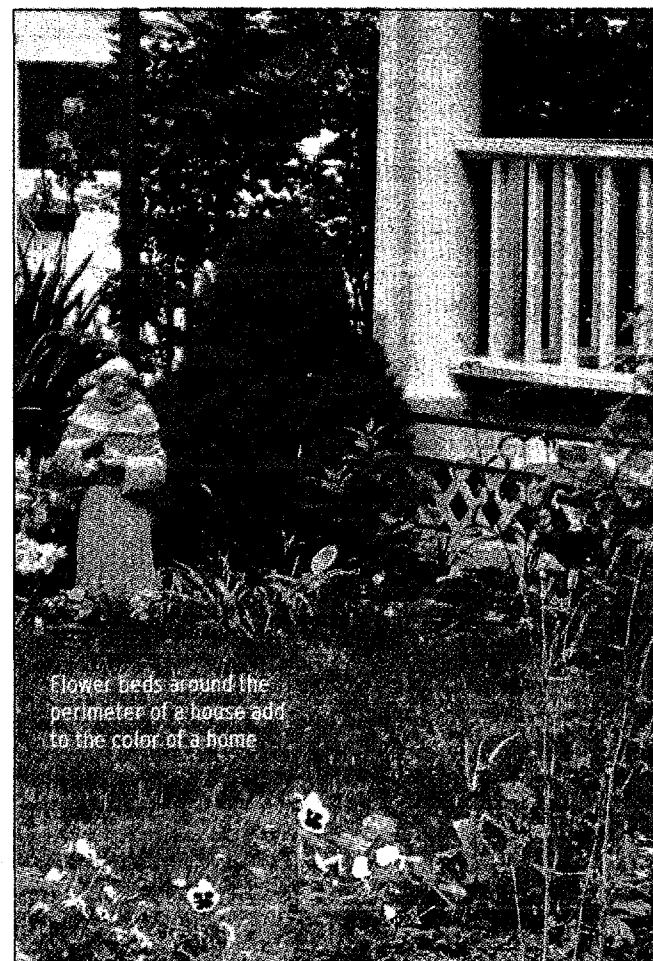
For example, if you have a backyard garden you're especially proud of, install a concrete walkway that leads you and potential visitors back to the garden.

This will greatly reduce the amount of wear and tear your lawn takes each time you visit the garden. In addition, a concrete walkway won't be damaged by wheelbarrows full of soil or new plants.

If walkways leading into the home are already lined with foliage, make sure you keep them well trimmed.

Keeping shrubs and bushes well trimmed doesn't require a lot of effort but does give the impression of a home that has been well cared for.

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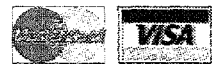
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Hey Furnace Guy, I'm writing to say how pleased I was with the crew you sent to my home. During what my family is now calling "THE EVENT THAT CHANGED ME FOREVER."

If you don't remember please let me jog your memory.

My family and I had wanted a central A/C installed in our home for a couple of years. Last summer we had enough put away that we could now afford one. With my husband at work all day it was going to be my job to gather estimates and choose the contractor. Sounded pretty enough and I thought I was ready for the challenge. I was in for a big surprise. I had 4 contractors estimate my new unit. The first estimate was rather high at over \$4,000 two were very similar in price ranging from \$2,800 to \$3,100. The last one was \$1,000 cheaper than the second lowest bid coming in at \$1,699. While talking I got a good deal from the contractor. He seemed like a nice guy with a family of his own, and had been installing A/C units for years. Being the queen bargain shoppers I felt this one time deal was good to pass up, and hired him to install my new central air. And so began "THE EVENT THAT CHANGED ME FOREVER." On the morning that work was to begin I got a call. It was Jeff the contractor, something had come up and he wouldn't be able to show up. He said he would be there the next day and that everything would go on as promised. On

A FIRE HAZARD!!!

With my family sleeping in the house! The outside electrical had to be brought up to code before I could continue to use my NEW central air.

the second day Jeff did show up, not as early as he said he would be but at this point I was just happy to see him. It had been 94 degrees and humid all week and I was thrilled that at the end of the day my family and I were going to be cool. Near the end of the day Jeff came and informed me that he wasn't going to be able to finish today. He was missing a couple of key parts he needed to complete the job. I received a phone call from Jeff the following morning letting me know that he was unable to get the part. Even worse it was going to be near the end of the week before he could get it and return to finish. At this point I felt I didn't have a choice. He already had half of the money, and had 3/4's of the job completed. There was nothing left to do but wait. So we did, through five scorching hot summer days.

I received a call from Jeff early the next week. He said he would be there tomorrow and was sorry about the delay.

So Jeff completed the job the next day and

with my new central air running and working great, I was slowly starting to forgive Jeff for all the problems we'd had the last two weeks. With a handshake and a completion check Jeff reassured me that if I were to have any problems simply give him a call.

Well the unit was running and cooling my house just fine. Within a few days I called the local building dept. While trying to set up a time to get inspected I was surprised to find out that my name or address weren't in the system. Neither was Jeff for that matter. How could I not be in the system when the costs of the permits were included in the price? Immediately I was on the phone trying to get a hold of Jeff. I couldn't reach him, anywhere! For three days I tried to reach Jeff to no avail. I finally ended up making the arrangements myself.

On the day the inspector showed up, it took him no time to tell me that I had three code violations. The one involving my electrical box outside was a fire hazard. A FIRE HAZARD!!! With my family sleeping in the house! The outside electrical had to be brought up to code before I could continue to use my NEW central air. So turning off my A/C when it was 95 degrees outside made me absolutely furious. And not being able to reach Jeff so he could come and fix it made me want to go HUNT him down. Finally after three more days of blistering heat I broke down and called one of the original contractors that bid my job to come and fix it.

This is where you come in. After a call to The Furnace Guy, a crew was sent to my house within 1 hour. They fixed everything.



Everything on the inspectors list was done within two hours. My air conditioner was working again and now with the proper

Freon charge that you performed it was blowing even colder.

The moral to my not so short story is that "If it's too good to be true it probably is." I was looking for a great deal and ended up only feeling defeated in my efforts. You were one of the middle of the road bids I spoke of at the beginning. You said that you would be done in one day and I would have no worries after completion. I didn't understand the value of that until Jeff was here and gone. I haven't had a problem since and the only call I have received from you was to check in and see if all was well. Sure wish I would of gone with The Furnace Guy from the start.

I'd also like to thank you for the work you did on my referral. A friend of mine wanted to know if I would recommend a contractor for his house. I referred you and got to see what I could've had the whole time. His air conditioner was installed a day later. He hasn't had any problems since The Furnace Guy's installed it. Thanks for making me look like I finally know what I'm talking about.

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Extend gardening season with right greenhouse

(MS) - For avid gardeners, colder temperatures have traditionally meant the end of a fulfilling hobby. However, many gardening aficionados have discovered that a greenhouse can be a great way to turn a seasonal passion into a year-round one.

Thanks to weather and climate changes, traditional outdoor gardening is often limited to a handful of months each year. In addition, climate often dictates what a gardener can grow and when.

But with the right greenhouse, a gardener can both control the climate and grow plants that aren't necessarily native to the region, an opportunity most gardeners cannot pass up.

Essentially, there are only two categories of greenhouses: attached or free-standing.

An attached greenhouse is just what its name implies: connected directly to a home. An advantage to attached greenhouses is their ability to receive heat coming from the home.

Sometimes, an attached greenhouse needs to be approved by your local government, as zoning and building laws might restrict such additions.

A free-standing greenhouse is one that isn't attached to the home. Many people with enough room in the yard choose free-standing greenhouses

because they will receive more sunlight than attached greenhouses. That's because they won't have the shade of a house partially blocking the sun.

In fact, when installing an attached greenhouse, it's best to choose a south-facing location so the greenhouse can receive sunlight during the winter months. Such a concern is unnecessary for free-standing greenhouses.

Oftentimes, free-standing greenhouses are a greater expense, both to heat and to build.

While those are the two categories greenhouse fall into, there still exist several types of greenhouses from which a gardener can choose.

■ **Lean-to** - This is really the only type of attached greenhouse that offers permanence. Small in size, a lean-to attaches directly to a wall of your home, or even your garage or shed.

Though smaller and far more limiting with respect to how much you can grow, a lean-to has the benefit of accessibility in harsh weather (after all, it's attached to a wall in your home) and might be able to use heat from your home.

■ **A-Frame** - Known for their durability, particularly in areas where snowfall is heavy, A-frame greenhouses have slanted sides and high ceilings.

The slanted sides reduce space while the high ceilings make them more expensive to heat.

■ **Modified A-Frame** - Think of the way a child would draw a house, and you have the shape of a modified A-frame greenhouse. While the ceilings are slanted, the walls are straight, which allow for more space.

■ **Pit Greenhouse** - A pit greenhouse is somewhat like a basement greenhouse. In a pit greenhouse, you'll plant at ground level, and then dig a hole a few feet deep to create a walkway that will allow access to your plants. The walls of the walkway can be held up with plywood, which gardeners might want to install even lower than the walkway.

Because pit greenhouses tend to be very warm, critters love to burrow into them, hence the need for deeper walls.

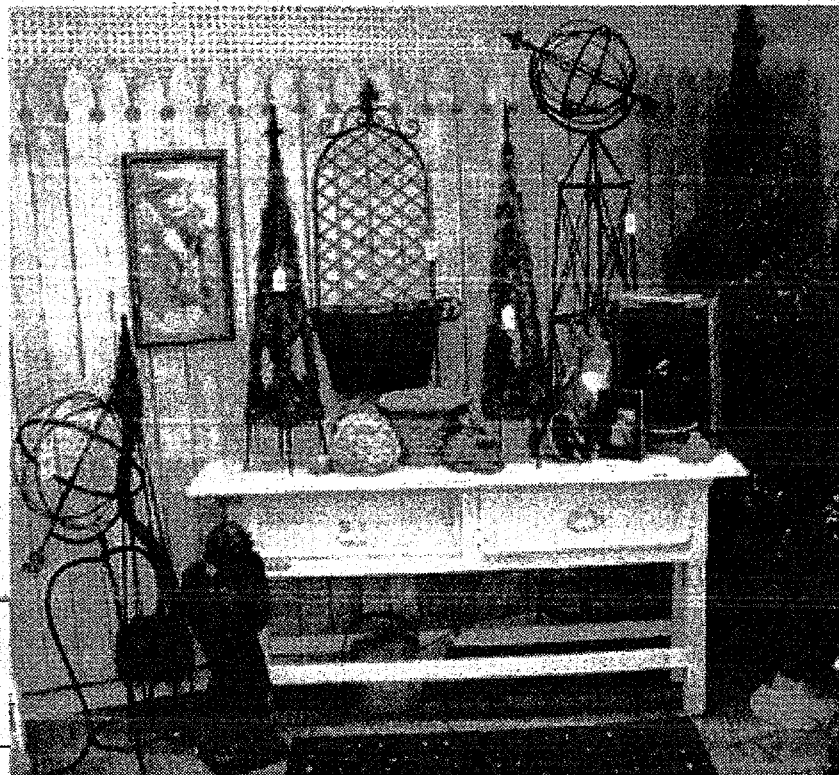
■ **Solar Greenhouse** - A solar greenhouse is best installed in areas where the sun doesn't shine all that much during the colder months. Such areas will benefit greatly from a solar greenhouse's ability to store solar energy and heat.

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Keep your lawn strong through summer

(MS) - More and more, homeowners are taking better care of their lawns.

Whether it's pride in their property or just the knowledge that a good-looking lawn increases a home's curb appeal when it comes time to sell, homeowners nationwide have made proper lawn care a priority.

For new homeowners or those just beginning to venture out into the vast wilderness known as the yard, there are a few ways to ensure your lawn maintains its appeal in the face of even the most harsh weather conditions.

■ **Keep your grass tall** - Professional landscapers never cut grass too low.

To the cynical, this is seen as a landscaper's way of staying relevant. The higher the grass gets, the more the landscaper will need to come back and keep mowing.

However, taller grass is far more beneficial to your yard, as any landscaper worth his salt can tell you. Taller grass allows for roots to grow deeper. In addition, the shade created by taller grass makes it far more difficult for weeds to grow.

For most lawns, it's best to keep grass at least 3 inches high.

■ **Only mow under certain conditions** and don't be overly concerned about clippings:

When mowing, make sure the grass is dry. Also, avoid mowing during drought or in summer months when the temperatures are intense.

In general, it's best to limit what you cut to no more than 1/3 the length of a grass blade. So while the ideal height for grass is 3 inches, if you've let your lawn grow higher than 4.5 inches, then adjust your blades so they'll only cut roughly 1/3 of the grass. For the next cut, to get back to a 3-inch height, make sure you cut the grass before it exceeds 4.5 inches in height.

A common misconception about grass clippings is that they are harmful to a lawn. In fact, clippings can enrich the

soil and make for a stronger yard.

However, this is only the case when fertilizer is properly applied. If it's not, clippings could lead to thatch. Consult your local lawn care store and discuss how to correctly apply a fertilizer.

■ **Water properly** - The best time to water is early morning. If you wait until the afternoon to water, especially during months of intense heat, evaporation will render much of that water ineffective. Watering at night tends to promote the growth of fungi.

Another common mistake is to water frequently for short periods of time. This is both a waste of water and time. Grass won't benefit greatly from this type of watering, which will promote shallow roots.

When watering, you want the roots to grow deep, so periods of heavy watering are ideal. This doesn't need to be done every day. In fact, most lawns will only require one session per week of deep watering.

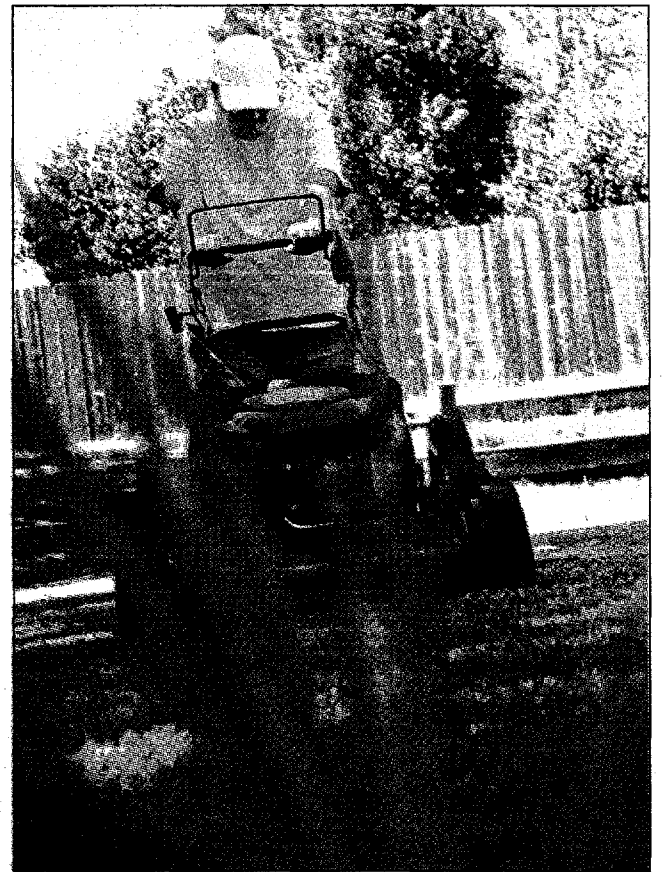
Most lawns can handle relatively prolonged droughts of up to six weeks, so don't be overly concerned if it seems as though your lawn is taking a beating from drought. If you water properly, the roots will be deep and strong enough to survive the drought.

■ **Aerate** - As any golf course maintenance worker can tell you, aeration is key to keeping fairways, tees and greens looking healthy and green. The same can be said for your lawn.

A successful aerating job will make it easier for water and nutrients to reach roots while reducing thatch.

Where you live and the condition of your lawn will determine when to aerate, so consult a professional before beginning the process.

To start, you'll need to rent an aerator, a cost you should consider sharing with a neighbor who also takes care of his lawn.



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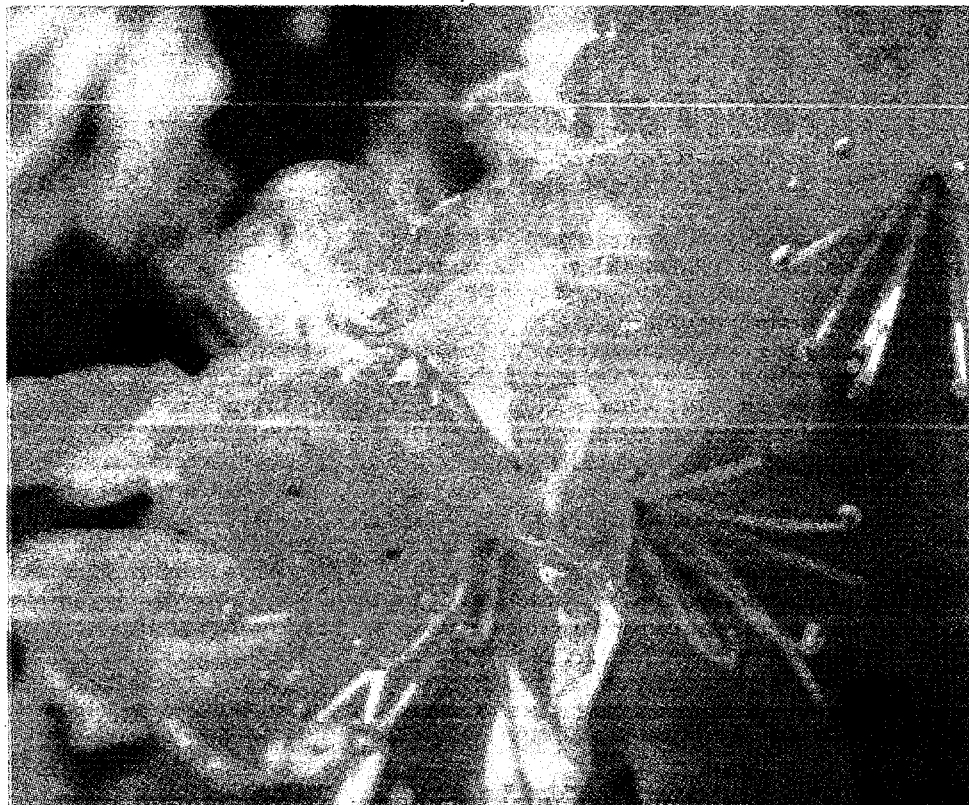
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Planting evergreen and flowering shrubs is almost as easy as maintaining them. Choose healthy plants that are well suited to the growing conditions of the planting site.

For help with selections appropriate for your area, talk with a local county extension agent. They give good advice and even come out and sample your soil to tell you which plants work best for your yard.

Before plunging your shovel into the ground, be sure to consider the mature size of the shrubs. Don't plant too close or too far apart. Dig a hole at least as deep and two times as wide as the plant's container.

A good tip for measuring the depth of the hole is to line up the shovel against the plant's container.

Dig to the depth where the pot reaches on the shovel. Place the root ball in the hole and fill with soil.

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Tips for frugal gardening

(MS) - Who doesn't want a picture-perfect garden? After all, if you're going to invest the time and effort into revamping your landscape, you don't want to cut corners, right?

Actually, you can take shortcuts in the garden to save a lot of money without compromising the finished product. This mostly involves using some inexpensive items in place of more costly ones when possible.

Here are a few ideas to get you started. Then use your imagination to cut costs even further.

■ **Radical recycling** - Container gardening is an easy way to add visual appeal to a home. Containers are generally simple to maintain and can be moved or changed as whimsy directs.

Containers come in all sorts of shapes and sizes, from small terra-cotta pots to large window boxes.

Large containers can be somewhat costly, and filling them to the brim with rich soil can be even more so.

Instead of spending a fortune, look for inexpensive resin containers that have the look of real ceramic or stone.

Fill the bottom half of a rather large container with crushed up aluminum cans and those discarded plastic flower pots that your annuals were packaged in at the nursery. Fill the rest of the container with soil and you'll save money in the process.

Most plants have shallow roots and they will never even reach the cans you have in the bottom. What's more, the containers are much lighter from this effective "fill," and have improved drainage.

■ **Use what you've got** - Why spend a lot of money on specialty items that cost more when you can use what you have around the house, or modify inexpensive gardening tools for your purposes?

For example, many at-home gardeners enjoy the look of topiaries in their yard. Topiary forms can be \$20 or more, depending upon size.

Instead, use a tomato plant cage with the ends tied off to mimic a similar shape. The cages cost a fraction of the "forms," and no one will know the difference once your topiary has filled it out.



Take shortcuts to save money

■ **Make your own soil** - Pre-packaged gardening blends cost more than if you whip up some on your own. The cost is even less if you mix in some home-grown compost.

Creating a rich soil can be as simple as mixing in some fallen leaves that you've let sit in a trash bag over the winter with some ventilation holes cut in it. Mix the leaf debris into your soil for spring planting.

■ **Grocery gardening** - You can experiment with planting produce from the grocery store.

Whether you have garlic cloves that are past their prime or potatoes you want to discard, try planting them in the yard to see if you can obtain a new crop. Other things to experiment with include avocado pits, citrus seeds and pineapple tops.

There's no harm in taking a chance at expanding your garden for no additional cost.

■ **Grow lettuce** - Salads are the quintessential diet food. But those bowls of mixed greens can be pricey if eaten out, or even if you buy pre-mixed salad from a store.

You can grow your own lettuce varieties relatively easily and cultivate what you need for personal use. Add a little home-made dressing and you have a light meal.

Keep your grass clippings

(MS) - Each summer, homeowners across the country discard a valuable resource that can help their lawns in a number of ways.

Under the false impression that grass clippings cause thatch, many homeowners discard their clippings in garbage bags they tote curbside.

However, the best thing to do with clippings is to allow them to fall back to the turf. When allowing clippings to fall back, up to 25 percent of the fertilizer nutrients are returned to the turf. Grass clippings are 85 to 90 percent water and nutrients, including nitrogen, phosphorous and potassium.

For clippings to be effective, mowing the lawn regularly and not letting the grass get too high is essential.

A good tool to use is a mulching mower, which boasts special decks and blades that actually suspend clippings, allowing them to be cut into small pieces, perfect for falling back to the turf.

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Plant a picture perfect garden with perennials

(MS) – Most of us enjoy seeing gorgeous gardens pictured in magazines, but few of us attempt to replicate them. The possibility seems overwhelming – not to mention time consuming and expensive.

Guess what? Gardens don't have to be elaborate to be beautiful. The simplest of gardens can make a big splash without breaking your back – or the bank.

Perennial gardens add color to your landscape and are great for beginners. Perennials are easy to grow and their colorful blooms return year after year.

A flower garden's location will dictate what types of perennials to plant. Is it mostly sunny or predominately shady?

When buying plants or seed packets, be sure to check their labels for light requirements. If you're new to gardening, don't be afraid to ask nursery professionals for help.

Perennial favorites like daylilies, peonies, black-eyed Susan and purple coneflower work well in most regions.

For picture perfect gardens, pay attention to color and form. Choose plants with complimentary colors and varying heights.

If you want to make a powerful statement, group flowers in a mass. A splash of bright zinnias or cheerful daylilies will pack a punch in any yard.

When you're ready to plant, start with good soil. That's the key to healthy plants. Their tender roots need fertile loam to grow and become established. In most areas, soil needs amendment with organic matter before seeds are sown or flowers are planted.

When you plant perennials, remember to leave enough space between them to accommodate their mature size. Spacing directions should be on the pot label or seed package.

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Time-crunched gardeners need minimal garden maintenance. This is another reason easy perennials make sense.

If you can spare 30 minutes a week, you can maintain a perennial garden. A 10-minute walk around the garden every other day to water and remove weeds should do the trick.

Don't be afraid to try your hand at gardening this year. Enjoying a cluster of colorful flowers framed with a beautiful border in your own yard will be far more rewarding than looking at a picture in a magazine!

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Avoid pests when you get cleaning bug



(NAPS) - As you thaw out from winter and nature springs back to life with warm sunlight and blossoming flowers, you'll likely pack away your scarves and heavy coats for the year.

Changes in temperature prompt many to begin cleaning and preparing themselves for the warmer months ahead.

It's important to remember that pests will be readying themselves for the warm weather, too.

You can expect to see an increase in spiders, ants, centipedes, pantry pests such as Indian meal moths, and stinging pests such as bees and wasps as the temperature increases. These pests usually thrive in temperatures above 60 degrees.

"When cleaning, you have a great opportunity to prevent pest problems before they occur," said Orkin Inc. entomologist Ron Harrison, Ph.D.

"Pests that have been dormant during the cold months can become more active with increased temperatures, and homeowners can take many steps while cleaning to guard against infestations."

Warm-weather pests are more than just a nuisance, as they present potential health risks for you and your family.

Stinging insects such as bees and wasps pose a risk for humans through

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toxic reactions to their venom and through allergic reactions.

Spiders, such as the black widow and brown recluse, possess poisonous glands that can cause skin irritation, nerve damage and infection.

Pantry pests carry harmful bacteria that can contaminate food.

Welcoming in the sunshine doesn't have to mean welcoming in pests, too. Take the following steps while cleaning to help prevent problems in and around your home:

- Seal interior and exterior cracks in and around your home.

- Keep ventilation systems clear and running.

- Vacuum regularly. You can use a vacuum to remove spiders and their webs as well as other pests and debris.

- Clean pantries and closets thor-

oughly, picking up excess food and removing any products that have been sitting on shelves for several months. Keep all food containers and nonperishables tightly sealed.

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Nature Conservancy scientists help Meijer shoppers pick better plants this spring

Shoppers wanting to spread beauty will be armed with better information at Meijer stores this year, now that scientists from The Nature Conservancy worked with a retail industry leader to recommend non-invasive plants that are best suited for back yards in the Midwest.

Shoppers will find 16 percent of Meijer's plants, trees and shrubs with a special icon created by a Nature Conservancy volunteer indicating scientists determined the items as "Recommended Non-invasive."

Meijer will also remove two species known to be invasive from their inventory, Norway maple and Lombardy poplar, both of which are known to be invasive in parts of the Midwest.

An invasive plant is one that has negative effects on the economy, environment or human health. Experts estimate that all invasive species (aquatic, plants and insects) cost Americans approximately \$137 billion annually in loss of agriculture, fisheries, forestry and infrastructure maintenance.

"Whether you're a gardener, hunter, or just someone who cares about the world we live in, you've been affected by the

spread of invasive species," said Helen Taylor, state director for The Nature Conservancy in Michigan.

"People want to do the right thing, but they don't often know how. We hope this tag and the incredible informational effort Meijer is developing will help people better understand how they can make a difference in their own back yard."

All Meijer Back Yard employees will be trained on the new plant tags and invasive species to better understand and explain to shoppers about the dangers of invasive plants and the benefits of using recommended non-invasives.

Meijer will also educate consumers through educational materials both in and out of stores, such as brochures, Web site and e-mail information, audio and other media, including a video using Machinima technology that will be played in stores and on the Internet (see <http://nature.org/michigan>).

Species that will receive the special icon on plant tags include purple coneflower (flower), white pine (tree), big blue stem (grass) and flowering dogwood (tree).

In addition, Meijer will donate

\$450,000 over the next three years for stewardship work to reduce invasive plants and help save the Lake Michigan shoreline, part of the world's largest freshwater dune system.

"We chose to work with The Nature Conservancy, a world-class organization, to help protect our environment," said Hank Meijer, co-chairman and grandson of Meijer's founder, Hendrik Meijer.

"By combining the power of their scientific expertise with our reach to consumers, we have a chance to make a real difference literally on the ground."

According to Nature Conservancy scientists, almost all invasive plants are non-native, but not all non-native plants become invasive. Hundreds of non-native plants have become established in the Midwest yet relatively few become invasive.

"Everyone knows how invasives like zebra mussels and the emerald ash borer have had devastating consequences on our environment," Taylor said. "But some of the worst invasives are plants like purple loosestrife and buckthorn that were originally introduced as garden plants and now have taken over the landscape."

"I'm deeply impressed by the leadership Meijer has shown by taking a stand and helping to fight the spread of invasives."

Visit Meijer online at <http://www.meijer.com>.

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The conservancy and its 1 million members worldwide have protected more than 117 million acres on Earth.

The Nature Conservancy embraces a non-confrontational, market-based approach for accomplishing its science-driven mission.



Special tags such as this on plants, trees and shrubs at Meijer stores this spring indicate that the items are "Recommended Non-invasive." Meijer and The Nature Conservancy worked together on the project.

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A bed of color easy to create

(MS) – If you've admired a neighbor's flower-filled landscape, but you didn't know where to start to beautify your own yard, follow this simple advice: Start small.

A single flower bed is easy to create in a weekend or less and will stay colorful all summer long.

PLAN BEFORE YOU PLANT

Look around your yard for a logical focal point for a flower bed. Do you have a small tree or a large flowering shrub? Or how about a birdbath, sundial or some other object that will be taller than your plants when they're fully grown?

Pay attention to how much sun the area receives – is it in the sun most of the day or only a few hours? This will be important when selecting plants.

Use a tape measure to determine the size of your new bed. Keep it small: 3 feet across or less is ideal, so you can reach plants growing toward the center or close to the back. Sketch the dimensions of the bed on graph paper.

On another page, make two columns for notes on shorter and taller plants. Then, take both with you to visit your local home or garden center.

SELECT PLANTS

You don't have to spend hours weaving through the plant aisles to get what you need. Simply select a few flowers with colors and textures you like, and then check the labels for how much sun the plants need, how tall they'll grow and how far apart they should be planted.

Look for taller plants to surround your focal point and shorter ones toward the edges of the bed.

If you have trouble choosing, pick out just two varieties: one taller, like zinnias or geraniums, and one shorter, like marigolds for sunny spots or coleus and bright impatiens for the shade.

Next, look at the various edgings available – from bricks or landscape timbers to flexible plastic garden edging.

The edge separates lawn and flower bed, so you can mow grass without cutting down plants.

Once you've selected the plants and edging you want, quickly sketch their dimensions on your graph paper to determine how many plants you'll need.

To get you started, here's a sample shopping list and the tools you'll need to finish the job.

SHOPPING LIST

- Small bag of Canadian Sphagnum peat moss.
- Small bag of compost.
- Two to seven medium-tall plants that complement or contrast with your focal point.
- Two to seven shorter plants, all of one type.
- Shredded bark or other mulch.
- Edging to surround flower bed.

TOOL CHECKLIST

- Shovel
- Hoe
- Rake

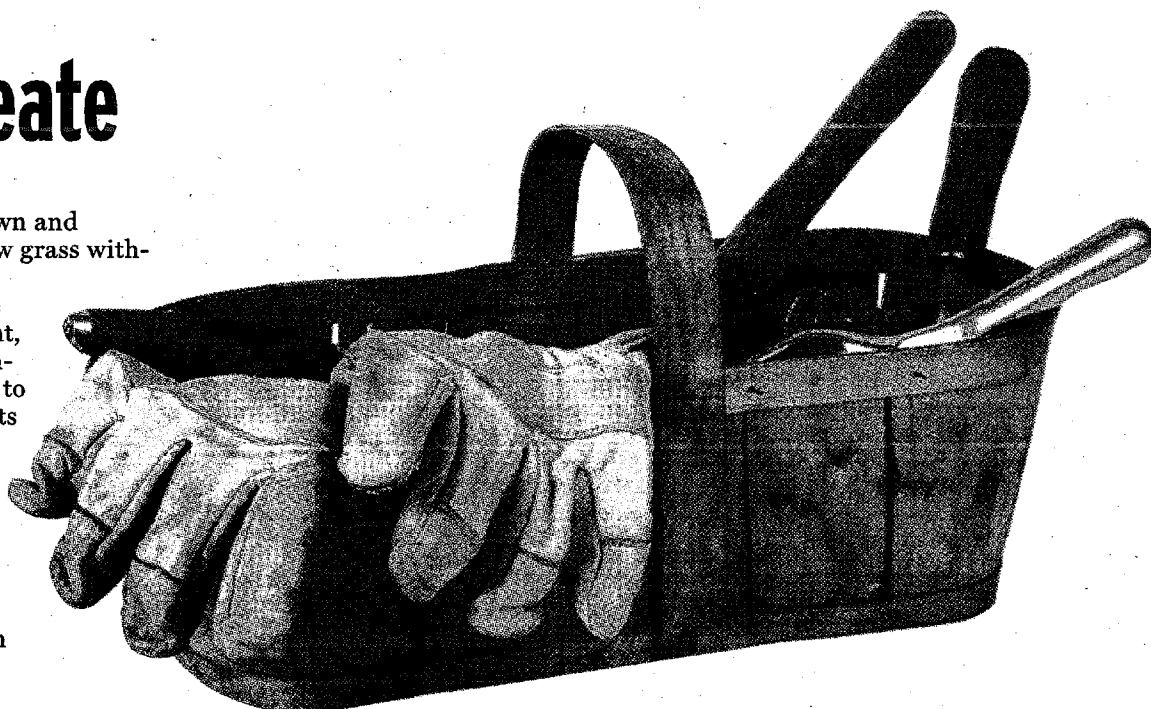
BEFORE YOU PLANT

Use a garden hose or a length of rope to create an outline for your flower bed. This lets you see how you like the shape of the bed and provides a digging guide. The next – and most critical step – is to improve the soil.

Start by loosening the ground across the entire bed. Remove the weeds, sod or old plants from the area.

Next, spread 2 to 3 inches of peat moss, or a 50:50 blend of peat moss and compost, across the bed. Then, dig this into the top 6 inches of soil.

The peat moss helps sandy soil hold moisture, so you won't have to water as often, and it loosens and improves the drainage in clay or hard-packed soil, so air can get to the plant roots. It also makes weeding easier and reduces the amount of fertilizer you'll need.



Once the soil is ready, position the plants according to their planting instructions. Then, complete the bed with a layer of shredded bark or other bagged mulch to give it a more polished look.

Water your new bed frequently until the plants take hold and then regularly during the summer to supplement the rainfall in your area.

Then, just watch your garden grow, and enjoy. No one has to know it took less than a weekend to create.

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(MS) – Do you believe that the stars play a role in shaping who you are?

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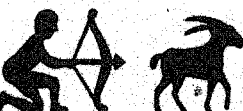
It should come as no surprise that there are those who also rely on their astrological signs to offer pointers on how to approach design and renovations in their homes.

It has become quite popular to fashion rooms around the intricacies of astrological signs to ensure that rooms are unique to the people who reside in them.

In this light, Home & Garden Television (HGTV) has a show on its broadcast lineup called *What's Your Sign Design*, geared toward making over rooms with the stars in mind.

Want to get a sneak peek of what decorating ideas may fit your sign? Check out these ideas, courtesy of HGTV.com.

- Aries: You prefer rooms with simple, bold designs.
- Taurus: You get a kick out of rooms that have an inviting, traditional feel.
- Gemini: You want flair, especially when decorating.
- Cancer: You seek tranquility in your living spaces.
- Leo: You are drawn to bold, elegant designs.
- Virgo: If it's organized and well thought out, you're going to love it.
- Libra: You desire rooms that are airy and clean.
- Scorpio: You enjoy creating "caves" out of rooms, using rich, deep colors.
- Sagittarius: Mix it up with an eclectic smattering of design influences.
- Capricorn: Warm and earthy spaces say "home" to you.
- Aquarius: You prefer spaces that lean toward the contemporary.
- Pisces: You're most interested in creating spaces that are dream-like.



Tips help detect, prevent pests

(NAPS) – Many homeowners are aware of the obvious risks to their home, including damage caused by wind, fire and water.

What they may not be aware of is that structural damage caused by different kinds of pests isn't covered by insurance, making pest invasion more of a problem than it is currently considered.

The pests that pose the largest threat to homes across the U.S. are termites, carpenter ants and mice. According to the National Pest Management Association (NPMA), these are the three most common structural pests to invade homes.

When termites infest buildings, they consume more than just wood. They damage lumber, wood panels, flooring, Sheetrock, wallpaper, plastics and paper products.

The most serious damage is the loss of structural strength, which can collapse stairs, and portions of or even a building entirely.

Keep an eye out for small piles of sawdust or straw-shaped mud "tubes" near floorboards and wood beams.

Carpenter ants don't eat wood like termites; they hollow it out to create nests. This behavior is just as damaging as termite infestation, especially since their excavation creates openings for other pests to enter a home.

High-moisture wood is especially prone to carpenter ant infestation.

Look for small piles of sawdust, which could be where the ants have "excavated" wood.

The house mouse is the most common rodent pest because it breeds rapidly throughout the year and can share nests. While some adults may be allergic to mice, droppings and urine of the mice are what most commonly cause allergies in children. House mice can also bring more unwanted pests into a home, including fleas, mites, ticks and lice.

The NPMA offers these precautions:

- Remove old tree stumps and roots around and beneath the building, and eliminate any wood contact with the soil.
 - Make sure that all holes, cracks and voids are filled and sealed.
 - Don't overlook proper drainage at the foundation and always install gutters or diverts, which will channel water away from the building.
 - Keep branches and other plants cut back from the house.
 - If you feel you have a pest problem in your home, call a local pest management professional to identify and correct the problem.
- For more information on pests and prevention tips, visit www.pestworld.org.

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Waging a war on those backyard bites

(MS) - Doesn't it seem that as soon as you put the cushions back on the patio chairs and dust off the grill for another season outdoors, the insects in your backyard suddenly rally the troops? That's because while you've been anxiously awaiting the warmer weather, so, too, have the bugs.

Perhaps there is no bigger nemesis to the outdoorsman or woman than the pesky mosquito.

While other insects may buzz, swarm and occasionally sting, mosquitoes can pack quite a wallop with their bites. That's why many homeowners are on an eternal quest to eradicate mosquitoes from their yards.

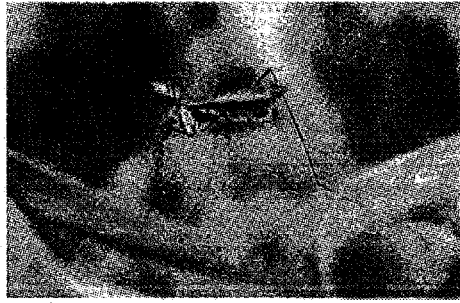
But is it possible to completely wipe out this pest? Probably not. However, every homeowner can do his or her part to reduce their numbers, and stay safer doing so.

In order to fight this foe, it's first important to test your knowledge of the adversary. Review these common facts and fictions about mosquitoes to better arm yourself for the attack.

FACT OR FICTION?

1. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in just about any water source.

FICTION. Mosquitoes only lay eggs in standing water, such as ponds, puddles or



The pesky mosquito

bird baths. They won't lay eggs in moving water, like that in streams or filtered pools. The eggs lie in wait until the conditions are right and then hatch into larvae.

Keeping the yard free of standing water sources (emptying buckets, flowerpots, etc. after rain) can help cut the numbers of mosquitoes.

2. Worldwide, mosquito-borne illnesses kill more people than any other single factor.

FACT. Diseases such as malaria, West Nile virus, malaria and encephalitis can be transmitted to humans. For pets, heartworms can be passed to cats and dogs.

3. Mosquitoes feed on blood.

FICTION. Only female mosquitoes suck blood to help develop eggs. Their food sources are flower nectar, juices and

decaying matter.

4. Mosquitoes can live anywhere from three to 100 days.

FACT. Female mosquitoes can live for that amount of time, whereas male mosquitoes live on average 10 to 20 days.

5. Mosquitoes have no natural predators.

FICTION. Many birds, bats and other insects feed on mosquitoes. You can help increase the chances of mosquitoes being consumed by attracting birds and bats to your yard by putting up bird/bat houses. They cannot consume enough to eliminate all mosquitoes, but will certainly do their part.

6. Mosquitoes don't see very well.

FACT. These insects have poor vision. They track their "victims" from the carbon dioxide exhalation from your mouth and the general heat of your body.

7. Hundreds of eggs can be produced from one female.

FACT. One female mosquito may lay 100 to 300 eggs at a time and may average 1,000 to 3,000 offspring during her life span.

8. Mosquitoes prefer sucking the blood of humans.

FICTION. Many mosquitoes just target what is most abundant in their breeding/living area. There are those mosquitoes that are more apt to track and

target certain species of birds.

For example, there are few people near the Arctic Circle, but millions and millions of mosquitoes.

9. Bug zappers are a good way to rid a yard of mosquitoes.

FICTION. Bug zappers may do more harm than good because they attract mosquitoes but don't kill them. Instead, larger insects, such as moths and butterflies - which eat mosquitoes - can be killed by zappers.

Additionally, bug zappers can illuminate water sources and make it easier for mosquitoes to find breeding areas.

One last thing: Zappers are designed to explode insects that come in contact with them. Therefore bits of pulverized insect matter could be let loose in your yard and inadvertently end up on your barbecued food the next time you're dining al fresco.

10. Coils and citronella candles are pretty much ineffective.

FACT. While these two devices can repel mosquitoes slightly, you'd have to remain in their direct smoke or fragrance plume. All it takes is one light breeze to render them ineffective.

There are expensive products that lure insects with CO₂ and heat that may work better if you have the funds to spend. However, mosquitoes aren't something you can completely eliminate.

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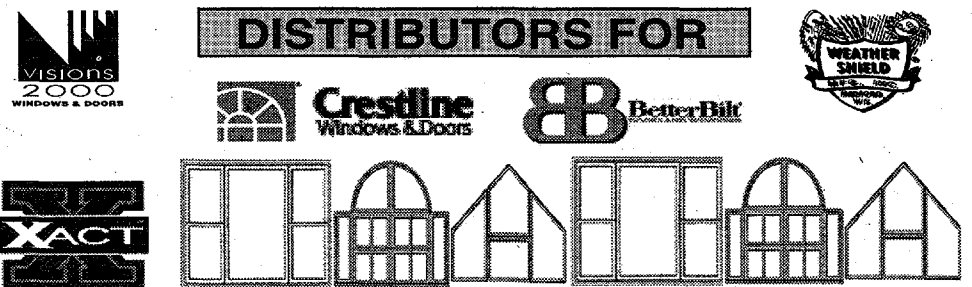
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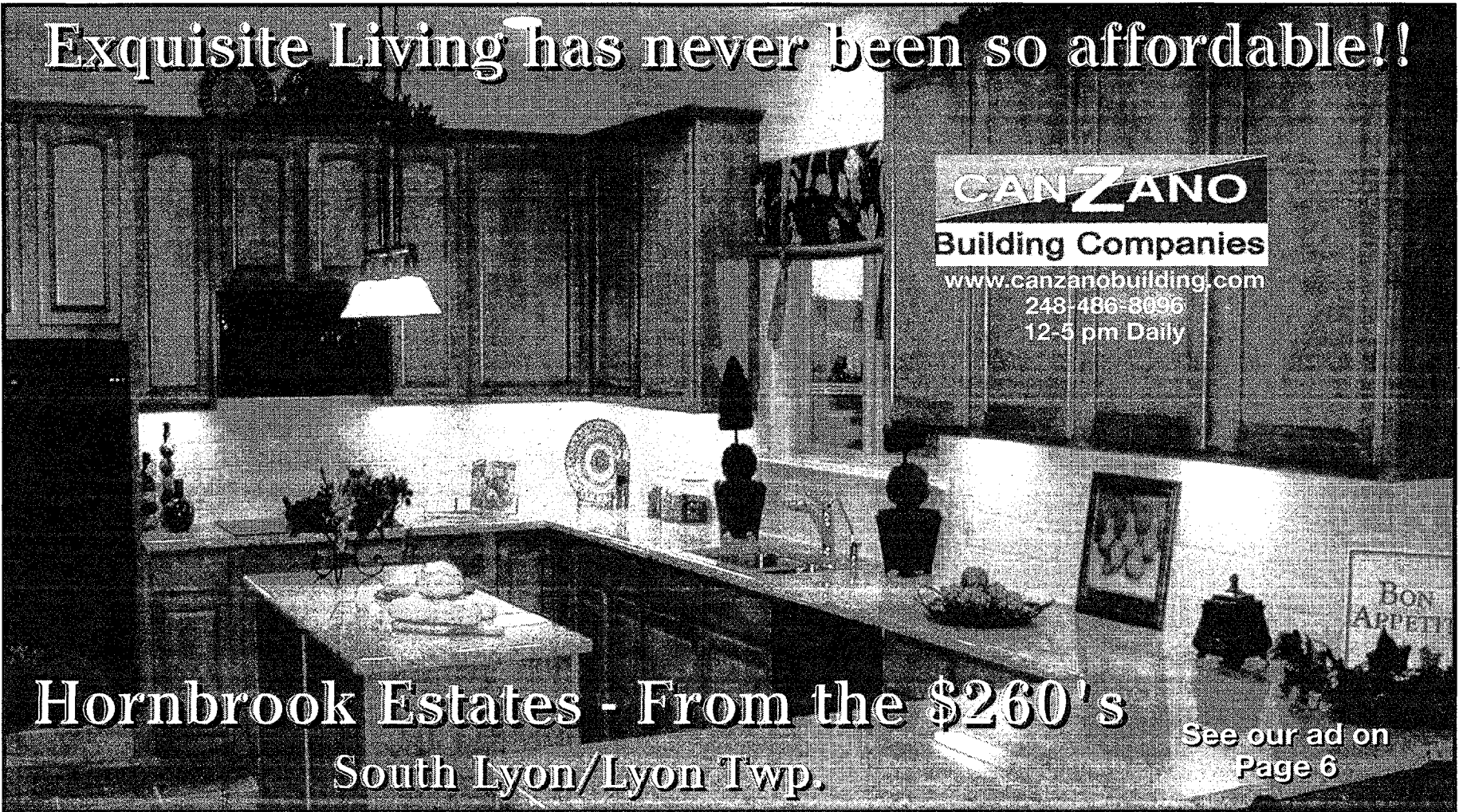
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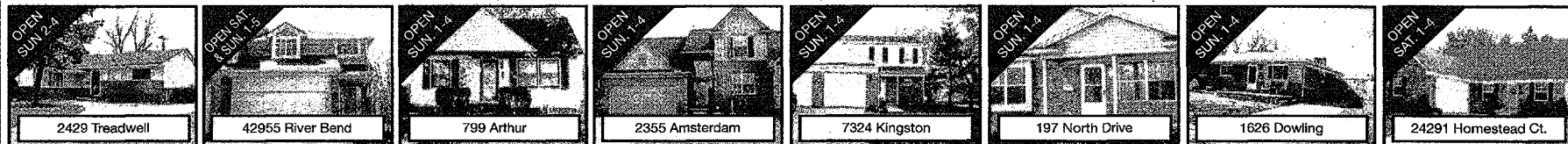
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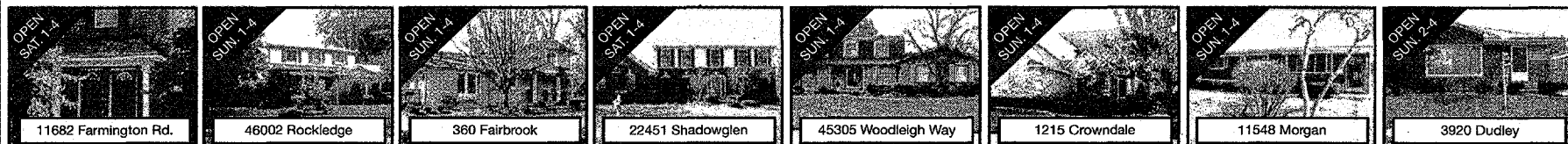
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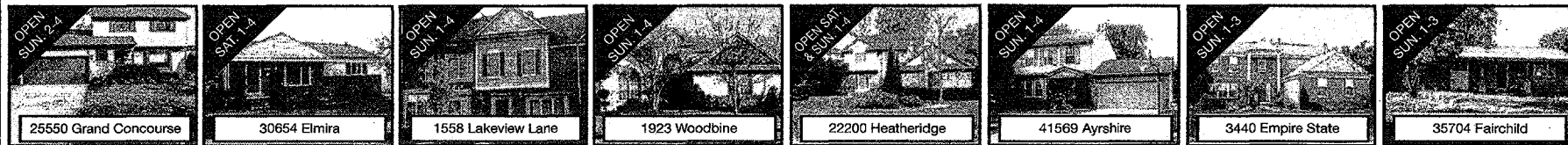
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<p>11682 Farmington Rd.</p> <p>N Of Plymouth, E Of Farmington</p> <p>STYLISH LIVING Enjoy the comforts of maintenance free living in this lovely Livonia condo. Upper ranch end unit, close to everything, 2 bd, 2 baths, Great Room w/frpl, & many upgrades.</p> <p>\$169,000 (P-682FA)</p>	<p>46002 Rockledge</p> <p>S Of Ann Arbor Rd E Of Beck</p> <p>UPDATED HOME 4 bd, 2.5 bath Plymouth colonial. Beautiful new oak kit, FR w/vaulted ceiling & fp, formal LR & DR, 1st floor laundry, & Den. Updated bath, windows, furnace, & large Deck.</p> <p>\$319,800 (P-002RO)</p>	<p>360 Fairbrook</p> <p>N Of 7 Mile W Of Center St</p> <p>WALK TO DOWNTOWN Immaculate 4 bd, 2.5 bath home on a cul de sac. Open floor plan, hwd, prof landscaping, redwood deck, updated BA, 1st floor Master, & lots of storage space.</p> <p>\$370,000 (P-360FA)</p>	<p>22451 Shadowglen</p> <p>N Of 9 Mile W Of Halstead</p> <p>GENEROUSLY UPDATED This 4 bd, 2 full & 2 half BA home is ready to move into! Beautifully decorated, granite, cath ceilings, brick pavers, Pella windows, upgraded fixtures, & neutral décor.</p> <p>\$365,000 (P-451SH)</p>	<p>45305 Woodleigh Way</p> <p>N Of Ann Arbor Rd E Of Canton Center Rd</p> <p>TURN KEY COLONIAL Find quality & elegance in this classic home w/4 large bds, 3.5 BAs, remodeled Master w/ heated floors, crown molding, remod kitchen, finished walkout & a great Deck.</p> <p>\$354,900 (P-305WO)</p>	<p>1215 Crowndale</p> <p>S Of Cherry Hill E Of Beck</p> <p>PHEASANT VIEW Outstanding home on a corner lot. Great floor plan offering dramatic ceilings, gourmet kit w/Jenn-air appl's, 1st fl Master w/jetted tub & crown molding, & 3 car garage.</p> <p>\$359,900 (P-215CR)</p>	<p>11548 Morgan</p> <p>S Of Ann Arbor Trail E Of Haggerty</p> <p>TURN KEY BEAUTY Rare find on this charming 3 bd, 1.5 bath, tastefully decorated home. Fresh neutral paint, hwd floors, newly added Fam Rm & Deck, finished bsmt w/ Kitchen & egress window.</p> <p>\$199,900 (P-548MO)</p>	<p>3920 Dudley</p> <p>S Of Michigan E Of Telegraph</p> <p>EXQUISITE HOME Well maintained home w/2 updated baths, 2 updated kits, newer copper plumb, fresh paint, carpet, fin bsmt & newer appls. Newer lawn equipment included & home warranty!</p> <p>\$154,000 (P-920DU)</p>
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<p>25550 Grand Concourse</p> <p>N Of 10 Mile W Of Southfield</p> <p>A DREAM COME TRUE! Exquisite 3 bd brick colonial w/an updated Kitchen, built in appliances, newer roof, windows, Florida Room w/8 person hot tub, & seller will help with closing costs.</p> <p>\$199,500 (P-550GR)</p>	<p>30654 Elmira</p> <p>S Of Plymouth E Of Merriman</p> <p>LIVONIA RANCH This 3 bedroom brick ranch offers a spacious Liv Rm, remodeled bath, hwd floors in all bedrooms, finished bsmt, updated plumbing, elec, hwh, windows, & roof.</p> <p>\$154,900 (P-654EL)</p>	<p>1558 Lakeview Lane</p> <p>S Of Ford W Of Canton Center</p> <p>NEARLY NEW CONDO Centrally located condo w/3 bd, 2.5 baths, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, volume ceilings, 1st fl laundry, pool, gourmet Kitchen, Library, clubhouse, fitness center, & Paver Patio, huge bsmt, good location, & home warranty.</p> <p>\$200,000 (P-558LA)</p>	<p>1923 Woodbine</p> <p>S Of Palmer W Of Lilley</p> <p>STUNNING CAPE COD Numerous accents abound in this home w/open floor plan, 1st fl Master, vaulted ceilings, Library, gourmet Kitchen, Paver Patio, huge bsmt, good location, & home warranty.</p> <p>\$299,900 (P-923WO)</p>	<p>22200 Heatheridge</p> <p>S Of 9 Mile E Of Haggerty</p> <p>GREAT LOCATION 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/Northville mailing address. Formal Liv Rm, Din Rm, Fam Rm, walkout bsmt, 3 car Garage, & private commons yard. All offers considered.</p> <p>\$377,000 (P-200HE)</p>	<p>41569 Ayrshire</p> <p>S Of Cherry Hill W Of Haggerty</p> <p>GREAT HOUSE Beautiful colonial shows like a model. 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated Kitchen, newer carpet, vinyl windows, finished bsmt w/ glass block, & fenced yard close to schools & parks.</p> <p>\$204,900 (P-569AY)</p>	<p>3440 Empire State</p> <p>N Of Geddes W Of Beck</p> <p>ENJOY THE VIEW Immaculate 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial on a peaceful lot. Formal LR & DR, huge Fam Rm w/frpl, island Kitchen w/appliances, 2.5 car Garage, C/A, sprinklers, & Deck.</p> <p>\$274,000 (P-440EM)</p>	<p>35704 Fairchild</p> <p>S Of Cherry Hill W Of Wayne</p> <p>ALL THE WORK IS DONE! Beautiful 3 bd ranch is move in ready! Great floor plan, Pergo flooring, new windows, new doors, oak kitchen w/all appliances, huge 2.5 car gar, & priced for quick sale.</p> <p>\$136,900 (P-704FA)</p>
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<p>50983 Weston</p> <p>N Of Powell W Of Ridge</p> <p>STATELY COLONIAL Awesome location overlooking commons area. 2 story Foyer, island kit, formal DR, Great Rm w/frpl, Master w/double WIC's, finished bsmt w/wet bar & bath, & 3 car Garage.</p> <p>\$415,000 (P-983WE)</p>	<p>40403 Newport</p> <p>N Of Joy E Of Haggerty</p> <p>IT'S A GEM! This 2 bd, 1.5 bath ranch condo in popular Bradbury Park is a must see. Newer carpet, oak kit, Master w/WIC, appls stay, Carport, C/A, & short walk to area pool & clubhouse. 55+ community.</p> <p>\$145,900 (P-403NE)</p>	<p>40639 Newport</p> <p>N Of Joy E Of Haggerty</p> <p>CHARMING CONDO 2 bd extra large in move in condition. Very clean, newer furnace, hwh, appliances stay, finished attached Garage, lots of bsmt, & neighborhood pool & updates done in the last 2 w/activities. 55+ community</p> <p>\$134,500 (P-639NE)</p>	<p>12405 Pinecrest</p> <p>N Of Ann Arbor Trail W Of Sheldon</p> <p>PLYMOUTH CONDO Fantastic 3 bd, 3.5 bath condo with an easy walk to downtown. 2 car hwh, appliances stay, finished attached Garage, lots of bsmt, & updates done in the last 2 w/activities. 55+ years, too many to list.</p> <p>\$237,500 (P-405PI)</p>	<p>19468 Indian</p> <p>N Of 7 Mile E Of Inkster</p> <p>ENVIABLE FLOOR PLAN Extra large master on upper level & 2 beds on main floor. Hwd floors, new windows, new roof, kit w/nook, doorwall to fenced yard w/hot tub & 2 car garage. Also for lease.</p> <p>\$119,889 (P-468IN)</p>	<p>33269 Alvin</p> <p>N Of Cherry Hill W Of Veno</p> <p>AFFORDABLE Why rent when you can own this beautiful 3 bd brick ranch that has been lovingly cared for & offers hwd floors, six paneled doors, 2 car Garage, large private yard, & so much more.</p> <p>\$134,900 (P-269AL)</p>	<p>5172 Hazel</p> <p>N Of Van Born E Of Inkster</p> <p>DARLING BUNGALOW Why rent when you can own this charming home. Totally updated top to bottom, updated roof & windows, move in ready, perfect for 1st time buyers.</p> <p>\$105,000 (P-172HA)</p>	<p>1348 Longfellow</p> <p>N Of Saltz W Of Sheldon</p> <p>GREAT DEAL IN CANTON Great quad-level home priced below 200k w/over 1600 sq ft of living space. 3 bd, 2 baths, oak Kitchen, new furnace in 05, exterior freshly painted, & much more.</p> <p>\$199,900 (P-348LO)</p>
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<p>43497 Cherrywood</p> <p>S Of Cherry Hill E Of Sheldon</p> <p>MOVE RIGHT IN This immaculate condo can't be duplicated at this price! Great Room w/frpl & vaulted ceiling, abundant closet space, huge Kitchen, Master w/luxury bath, & closets galore.</p> <p>\$209,900 (P-497CH)</p>	<p>7038 Epping Ct.</p> <p>S Of Warren E Of Sheldon</p> <p>CUL DE SAC SETTING Canton ranch featuring lovely landscaping, great yard w/ room for boat or Rv, 3 bd, 2.5 baths, dual frpl, formal LR & DR, newer Kitchen, neutral carpet t/o, & more.</p> <p>\$234,900 (P-038EP)</p>	<p>45952 Concord</p> <p>N Of Ann Arbor Trail W Of Sheldon</p> <p>DESIRABLE LOCATION Impressive Beacon Estates ranch w/4-5 bd, fin bsmt w/ egress, 3.5 BAs, updated roof, cedar clst, office, central vac, beautifully landscaped 1/2 acre lot, & so much more.</p> <p>\$399,900 (P-952CO)</p>	<p>46941 Sherstone</p> <p>S Of Geddes W Of Canton Center</p> <p>SPACIOUS COLONIAL Nice 4 bd, 2.5 bath home w/neutral décor, Master w/bath & large WIC. Fam Rm w/frpl, light oak island Kitchen, hwd floors, formal LR & DR, & 900 sq ft Deck w/hot tub.</p> <p>\$275,900 (P-941SH)</p>	<p>3755 Shefford</p> <p>N Of Geddes E Of Beck</p> <p>STUNNING COLONIAL Immaculate 4 bd colonial featuring 2.5 baths, hwd floors, ceramic baths, Master w/jetted tub & large WIC, finished bsmt, open floor plan, & 1st floor laundry.</p> <p>\$315,000 (P-755SH)</p>	<p>3895 Berkeley</p> <p>S Of Geddes W Of Beck</p> <p>ELEGANT CANTON CONDO Get ready to move into your new home. Immaculate condo featuring GR w/frpl, 1st floor laundry, Master Suite w/bath & WIC, large storage room could be used as office, & garage.</p> <p>\$159,900 (P-895BE)</p>	<p>3440 Park Forest</p> <p>S Of Commerce W Of Green Lake</p> <p>PREMIUM WOODED LOT 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial in West Bloomfield on a secluded cul de sac lot. Cherry cab's, fin finished bsmt, crown molding, 3 tiered Deck, & Patio.</p> <p>\$329,000 (P-440PA)</p>	<p>7560 Andover</p> <p>N Of Warren W Of Beck</p> <p>WELCOME TO THE COUNTRY Well maintained colonial offering over 3000 sq ft, Living & Family Room with fireplace, walkout basement with daylight windows, and spacious Deck.</p> <p>\$524,999 (P-560AN)</p>
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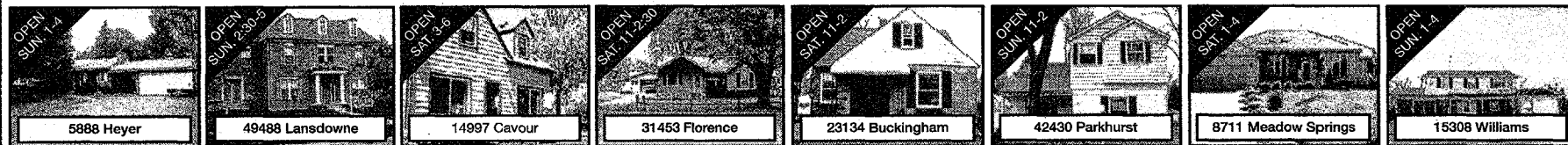
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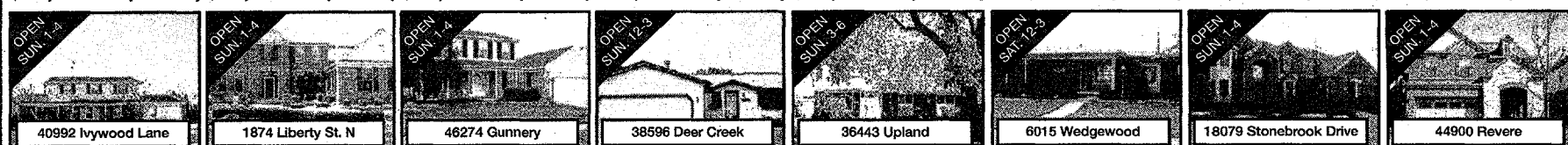
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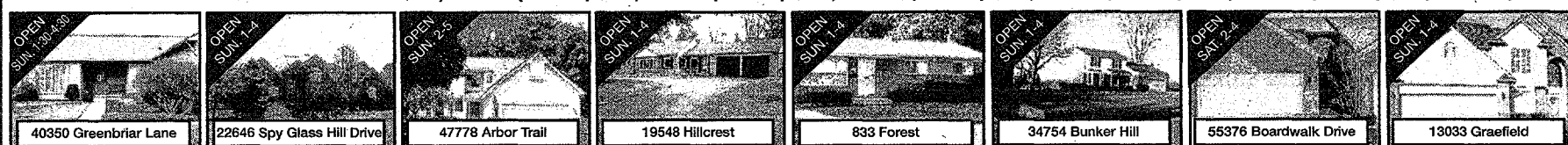
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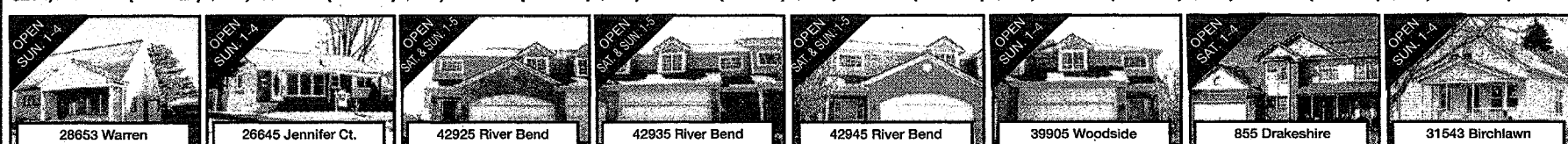
<p>5888 Heyer S of Van Born W of Wayne Rd PARK LIKE SETTING Updated 3 bd all brick ranch w/bsmt, 2.5 car Garage, white Kitchen, peaceful yard w/Deck, Patio, & mature trees. \$179,900 (C-888HE)</p>	<p>49488 Lansdowne W of Denton New Colonial Transfer forces sale of this recently built home w/over 65k in upgrades. Cherry Kitchen w/granite, plasma tv, new sod & sprinklers. You cannot build a new home here for less than this price! \$399,999 (C-488LA)</p>	<p>14997 Cavour E of Middlebelt UNIQUE & STYLISH This is not your average bungalow! Large double lot, huge Fam Rm, vaulted ceilings, beautiful backyard, updated windows, roof, C/A, furnace, tons of storage & home warranty. \$159,900 (C-997CA)</p>	<p>31453 Florence N of Cherry Hill W of Merriman WOW If you desire privacy & a beautiful yard, this is it. Huge mechanic's dream Garage, newer roof & windows, 3 bedrooms, oversized lot, & convenient location. \$156,000 (C-453FL)</p>	<p>23134 Buckingham N of Cherry Hill W of Outer Drive GREAT HOME! Here's what you've been looking for! Convenient location for this 3 bd, 1.5 bath bungalow on a nice tree-lined street. Finished bsmt, refinished hwd floors, C/A, & great storage. \$149,900 (C-134BU)</p>	<p>42430 Parkhurst S of 5 Mile W of Bradner CHARM & ELEGANCE This 3 bd, 2 bath home is loaded w/ extras! Granite Kitchen w/ stain steel appl's, Master w/ updated bath, refinished hwd floors, new siding, paver Patio, & nice landscaping. \$230,000 (C-430PA)</p>	<p>8711 Meadow Springs S of Willow E of Rawsonville CLASSIC RANCH HOME Gorgeous ranch situated on 1 acre featuring a beautiful Master Suite w/Jacuzzi tub & custom shower, hwd floors, loft area, skylights, Liv Rm w/ frpl, 2 car Gar. & landscaped. \$261,900 (C-711ME)</p>	<p>15308 Williams N of 5 Mile W of Newburgh DESIRABLE AREA 3 bd, 1.5 bath brick home in a great area. Family Room w/frpl, attached Garage, all appliances included, & immediate occupancy. \$174,900 (C-308W)</p>
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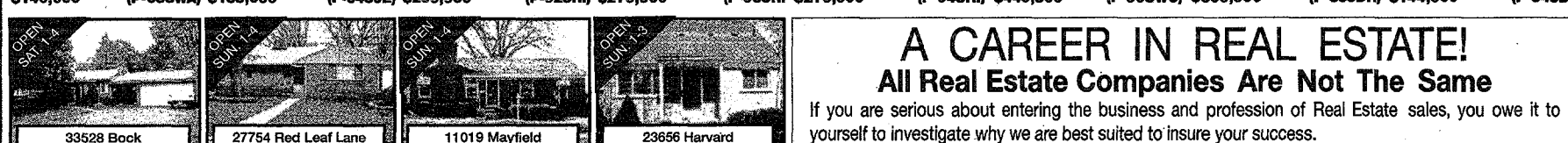
<p>40992 Ivywood Lane S of 5 Mile W of Haggerty PLYMOUTH BEAUTY 4 bd colonial w/huge Great Rm, beautiful top of the line Kitchen, in-ground pool w/ fountain, Florida Rm w/hot tub, & more. \$249,900 (C-992IV)</p>	<p>1874 Liberty St. N S of Cherry Hill E of Denton WELCOME HOME Elegant home featuring a formal LR & DR, Family Room, Home Theater area, 4 bd, 3 full & 3 half baths, extensive landscaping, 3 car Garage, more. \$446,900 (C-874LI)</p>	<p>46274 Guntery S of Warren E of Beck Rd ENTERTAIN FOR ALL SEASONS In this open & airy Canton colonial w/huge kitchen w/pantry, Fam Rm w/ frpl, 1st floor den & laundry, Backyard w/in-ground pool, & area tennis & clubhouse. \$249,900 (C-274GU)</p>	<p>38596 Deer Creek N of Warren W of Hix Rd QUIET SENIOR'S COMMUNITY Superb layout for this 2 bd, 2 bath condo. 1400 sq ft, Great Room w/frpl, formal Dining, oak island Kitchen, 2 car Garage, Deck, & home warranty offered. \$162,900 (C-596DE)</p>	<p>36443 Upland S of Glenwood E of Newburgh COURT LOCATION 3 bd, 2 bath home in popular area near parks & schools. Tranquil setting, Family Room w/raised hearth frpl, updated t/o, finished bsmt w/slate pool table included! \$164,900 (C-443UP)</p>	<p>6015 Wedgewood N of Ford E of Morton Taylor ENJOY ENTERTAINING? 3 bd brick ranch offering an open floor plan, updated oak bsmt w/billiard room & bar, honey maple Kitchen/granite, custom Deck & Patio, just minutes to downtown. \$214,900 (C-015WE)</p>	<p>18079 Stonebrook Drive N of 6 Mile W of Sheldon STUNNING! 5 bds, 4 full & 2 bath colonial boasting a magnificent finished walkout bsmt w/billiard room & bar, honey maple Kitchen/granite, custom Deck & Patio, just minutes to downtown. \$650,000 (P-079ST)</p>	<p>44900 Revere N of 12 Mile W of Novi Rd ELEGANT & AFFORDABLE Novi home featuring 2803 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, extra deep walkout bsmt, luxury Master w/bath & WIC, large Kitchen w/pantry, located deep in sub w/large backyard & Deck. \$439,900 (P-900RE)</p>
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<p>40350 Greenbriar Lane S of 5 Mile W of Haggerty A PLYMOUTH JEWEL This 3bd, 2 bath ranch offers a Fam Rm w/firepl, oak Kitchen w/breakfast bar, door wall to Deck, privacy fenced yard, 2 car Garage, & prof finished bsmt w/extra storage. \$254,900 (P-350GR)</p>	<p>22646 Spy Glass Hill Drive S of 10 Mile Rd E of Currie PREMIUM LOCATION Executive colonial located on the 6th green of the south course in Tanglewood. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, 1st floor Master w/ bath, island Kitchen, Great Rm, walkout bsmt, & Deck. \$529,900 (P-646SP)</p>	<p>47778 Arbor Trail N of 6 Mile W of Beck SPECTACULAR VIEW Northville condo featuring a 2 story Foyer, spacious floor plan, new tiered Deck w/view of protected woods, 1st floor Master, prof finished walkout bsmt, & so much more. \$400,000 (P-778AR)</p>	<p>19548 Hillcrest N of 7 Mile E of Merriman SPRAWLING RANCH Livonia ranch situated on approx 1/2 acre lot. Spacious floor plan offering 2 natural fireplaces, updated flooring, roof, A/C, furnace, front windows, hwh, fenced yard, & 2 car att gar. \$173,900 (P-548HI)</p>	<p>833 Forest S of Cherry Hill E of Wildwood GREAT STARTER 3 bd brick ranch featuring a full bsmt, 2 car Garage, convenient location, very clean & ready to move into. \$129,900 (P-833FO)</p>	<p>34754 Bunker Hill N of 12 Mile E of Drake UNBEATABLE PRICE Come see this beautifully decorated home w/a breathtaking view of the pond. Beautifully updated t/o, Farmington Hills schools, & so much more. \$260,000 (P-754BU)</p>	<p>55376 Boardwalk Drive N of 25 Mile W of Shelby EXQUISITE MODEL UNIT Wonderful open floor plan w/ cath ceiling, hwd floors, 1st fl laundry, 1st fl Master w/bath, appliances stay, lots of storage, home warranty, & close to trails & parks. \$209,500 (P-376BO)</p>	<p>13033 Graefield S of North Territorial W of Ridge CASUAL ELEGANCE This home features over 2500 sq ft of open living space. Great Room w/frpl, oversized island Kitchen, Master w/cath ceiling, prof finished bsmt, & so much more. \$357,500 (P-033GR)</p>
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<p>28653 Warren S of Warren E of Middlebelt REALLY SPECIAL! Stunning contemporary home offers outstanding curb appeal, custom details inside & out, huge FR w/doorwall & skylights, remodeled bath, part finished bsmt, & more. \$140,000 (P-653WA)</p>	<p>26645 Jennifer Ct. N of Joy E of Inkster CUL DE SAC LOCATION Lovely 3 bd brick ranch w/2 full baths, hwd floors, neutral décor, updated Kitchen, bath, windows, roof, finished bsmt w/bar & bath, lovely yard, & a pool! Clean & updated t/o! \$135,000 (P-645JE)</p>	<p>42925 River Bend N of Hines W of Northville Rd BRAND NEW CONDO Fantastic location overlooking woods & park. Top quality construction, cath ceilings, walkout bsmt, 3.5 baths, 2 car attached Gar. Convenient Plymouth location. \$299,900 (P-925RI)</p>	<p>42935 River Bend N of Hines W of Northville Rd BRAND NEW CONDO Fantastic location overlooking woods & park. Top quality construction, cath ceilings, walkout bsmt, 3.5 baths, 2 car attached Gar. Convenient Plymouth location. \$279,900 (P-935RI)</p>	<p>42945 River Bend N of Hines W of Northville Rd BRAND NEW CONDO Fantastic location overlooking woods & park. Top quality construction, cathedral ceilings, walkout bsmt, 3.5 baths, 2 car attached Garage, & more. \$279,900 (P-945RI)</p>	<p>39905 Woodside S of 6 Mile W of Haggerty SERENE SETTING Beautiful home on a wooded lot, 1st fl Master, formal LR & DR, large Kitchen opens to Fam Rm, 3 car garage, & located in a sub w/5 acres of parks, ponds, & walkways. \$449,500 (P-905WO)</p>	<p>855 Drakeshire N of Maple Rd W of Benstein Rd ENJOY THE VIEW! This home is terrific for entertaining. Beautiful landscaped lot w/ view of fountain & pond. Great Sunroom extends to Deck & Patio, oak Kitchen, fin bsmt w/garden windows. \$309,900 (P-855DR)</p>	<p>31543 Birchlawn N of Ford W of Merriman MOVE IN AND ENJOY Curb appeal abounds w/this picture perfect gem. Spacious view of fountain & pond, double lot, updated siding, Kitchen, carpet, glass block, 2.5 car Garage w/opener, & room for an RV. Must see! \$144,900 (P-543BI)</p>
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<p>33528 Bock S of Ford W of Farmington DOESN'T GET BETTER THAN THIS! Maintenance free bungalow w/newly finished upper bdrm w/ huge closet, neutral décor, hwd, new windows, LR w/oak bow window, updated bath, appliances, & 2.5 car Garage. \$149,500 (P-528BO)</p>	<p>27754 Red Leaf Lane S of 12 Mile E of Southfield Rd WHY RENT? Own this lovely ranch on a corner lot. 1480 sq ft. huge new Fam Rm addition, Liv Rm w/frpl, appliances stay, excellent location, Garage, & more. A must see! \$144,500 (P-754RE)</p>	<p>11019 Mayfield S of Plymouth E of Farmington LIVONIA RANCH Outstanding 3 bd brick ranch in prime location. Offering an updated roof, furnace, neutral décor, updated bath, oak Kitchen w/ appl, huge bsmt w/bath, & fenced yard w/2 car Garage. \$172,900 (P-019MA)</p>	<p>23656 Harvard S of Michigan Ave E of Telegraph IMMACULATE You must see this west Dearborn home to appreciate it! Pottery Barn inspired décor, refinished hwd, remod Bath & Kitchen, huge Master w/WIC, & large Deck. \$164,900 (P-656HA)</p>
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Air conditioner designs for all tastes

(NAPSI) — Mini, flashy, colorful, sleek. In today's world, design is everything. Consider the cellular phone. Just a few years ago, cell phones were a lot larger and not nearly as flashy, colorful or sleek. The same is true with computers, cars and even your air conditioner.

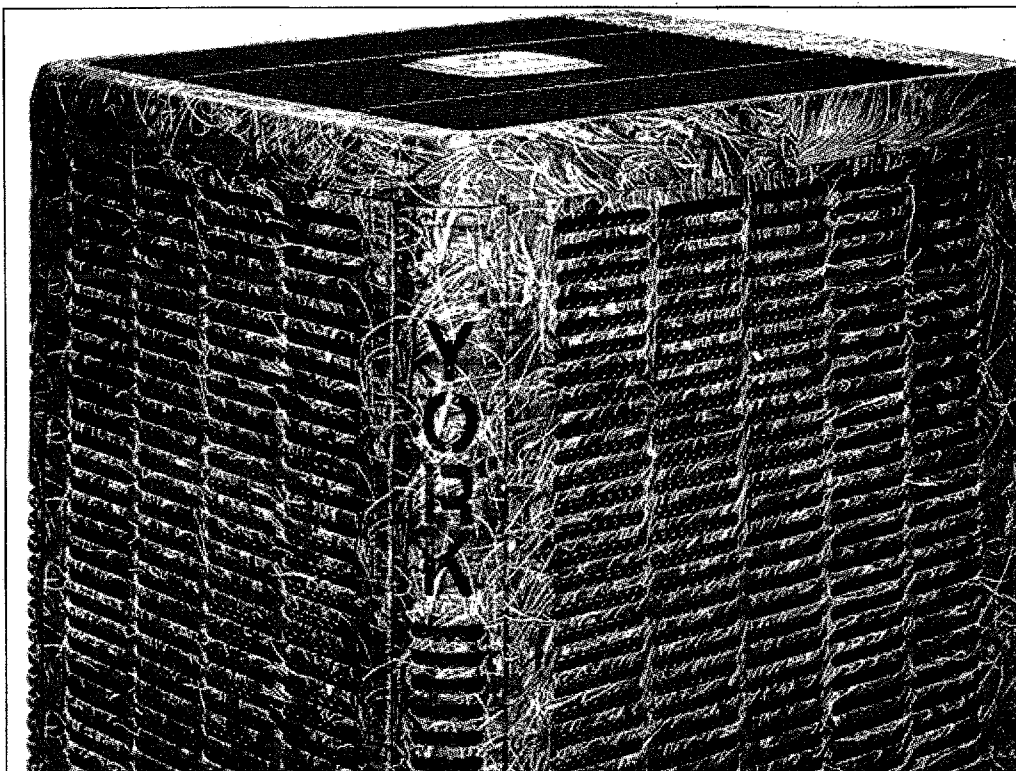
Yes, your air conditioner. Just as important to homeowners but probably not as obvious are the innovative changes occurring in the world of heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC). HVAC manufacturers are not only working to improve the internal components and increase efficiencies of systems, but some companies are also flexing their creative muscles with design. For example, the York® brand of Johnson Controls now offers three different HVAC system styles to meet almost every homeowner's needs.

Loyal alumni and sports fans can select condensing unit panels bearing the logos of more than 77 different colleges and universities. The logos are applied to painted, customized panels that replace the standard condensing-unit panels on the York Affinity™ series of air conditioners and heat pumps, so homeowners can proudly display their school spirit.

For those who aren't such die-hard sports fans but want to add a little color, the York Affinity series offers condensing-unit panels in a choice of seven colors — standard Champagne, Terra-Cotta, Jet Black, Stone, Bermuda, Chocolate or Gunmetal. These stylish HVAC units are intended to complement homes, landscaping and lifestyles.

For homeowners who don't want to draw any attention to their HVAC system, there's the all-new Affinity concealment unit. The exterior of this system is created with a special camouflage-like painting technique, so every inch of the unit is covered, helping it blend into the surrounding landscape.

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Making my house your home

(NAPSI)-You may love everything that makes your home uniquely yours, but to sell it, you may have to see your home a little differently.

Sentimental photographs and wall-paper patterns that represent personal taste can make it harder for potential buyers to envision themselves in your home.

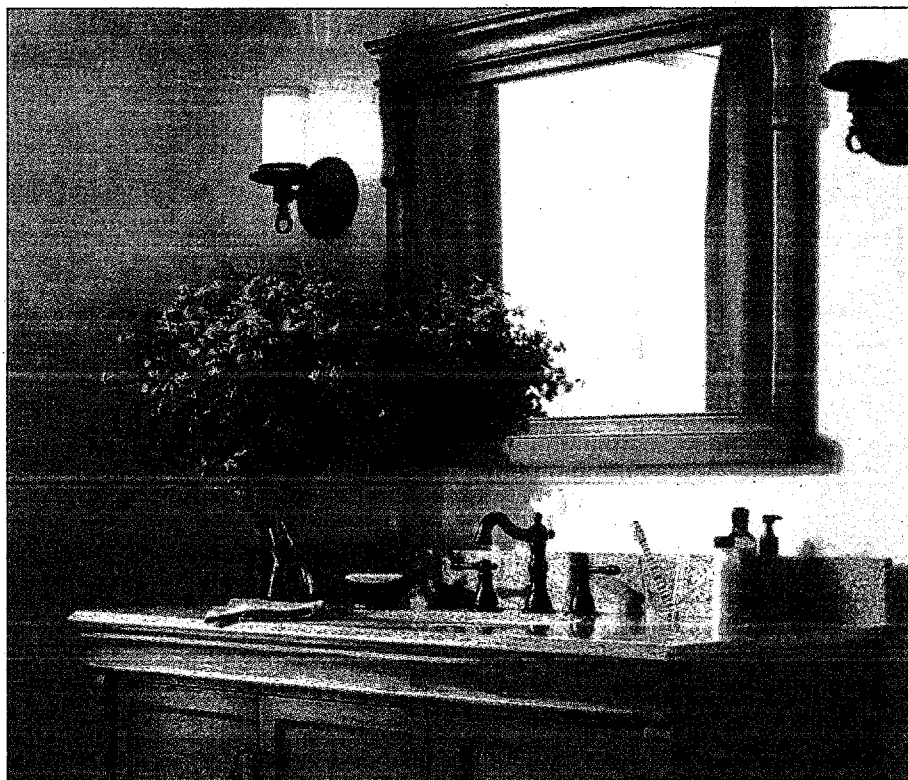
That's why many real estate agents now use a selling strategy known as staging.

According to a 2003 HomeGain Survey, it creates a return on investment of 169 percent for sellers and decreases the time a home is on the market by 50 percent.

There's a limited up-front cost involved with staging, so it is worth your while to look into making small changes in order to sell in a profitable and timely manner.

The process of staging your home usually begins with a thorough cleaning session, including the removal of clutter you may have lying around your home.

The next step is lightening and brightening, which will instantly increase the amount of perceived space in a room.



A few small changes when putting your house on the market can greatly improve interest among potential buyers.

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REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

Builder pre-license classes offered

Oakland Builders Institute is presenting a 16-hour comprehensive seminar to give students the help needed to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan. This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 16 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule of all classes including evening sessions, call toll-free (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

Seminars are offered at the following dates and locations:

Building Industry Association offers programs

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and the Construction Association of Michigan will present the following programs:

■ A "Business Management for Building Professionals" course will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 7, at BIA headquarters, 30375

Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Brindley R.W. Byrd, CAPS, CGR of Qx2 Inc. will provide participants with the essential "tools" for the ideal business management toolbox. The course will discuss the components of a business plan; defining and staffing your business; performance tools for managing and monitoring administration, sales, and production; and strategies for managing common challenges experienced in startup businesses.

Registration fees are \$185 for Remodelers Council members, \$235 for BIA members and \$275 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

MIOSHA seminar

BIA will present a MIOSHA Seminar from 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, May 2, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

The seminar will offer an explanation of the new agency directive for residential construction, builders' responsibility to have fall protection, a review of fall protection criteria and practices, and specific instructions for builders on fall exposure liability.

Registration fees are \$20 for BIA members and \$40 for guests. For registration information, please call (248) 862-1033.

Green building for building professionals

BIA will sponsor a Green Building for Building Professionals course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8-9, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designation.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. Participants will learn how green homes provide buyers with better value, lower energy costs, lower maintenance, better indoor air quality and better long-term value.

Registration fees are \$325 for Remodelers Council members, \$350 for BIA members and \$400 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Safety and security

BIA will present a Residential Construction Superintendent (RCS) course — Safety and Security — from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, May 15 at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern

Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on how to protect a job site by learning the essential components of a safety program. Participants will examine the most common OSHA citations and how to prepare for an OSHA inspection, as well as review a superintendent's responsibilities to adequately protect a job site.

Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Sales and marketing awards

BIA's Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will host the 8th Annual Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, at the Community House of Birmingham, 380 South Bates St. in Birmingham.

The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement in sales and marketing efforts throughout Southeastern Michigan. The Million Dollar Circle awards will also be presented. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Registration fees are \$90 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, non-members and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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\$349,900 - Lyon Twp. 3 BR home on 2.5 wooded acres! 248-437-3800 27065914	\$249,900 - Pinckney Charming 4 BR home on 1 acre lot! 248-437-3800 27043924	\$299,800 - Highland Perfect spot w/ prime frontage. 248-684-1065 27023172	\$159,900 - Milford Ranch condo is rare find. 248-684-1065 27022135		\$89,900 - Clawson Investor & 1st Time Buyer 248-348-6430 27069871	\$57,900 - South Lyon Adult Comm. Coop 248-348-6430 26045122

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Consult with attorney on vacation rental use

Q. Our restrictive covenant in our subdivision limits the use of property to "single family residential purposes only." Several of the members of our association are planning to offer their homes as vacation rentals. We believe the rentals would transform the use from residential to business or commercial. What do you think?



Robert Meisner

A. In a similar case in Maryland, which was also upheld in the states of Idaho and Missouri, the court indicated that just because the owner receives rental income is not, in any way, inconsistent with the property being used as a residence. The fact that the tenant may be using the premises as a residential property is the important consideration. Of course, each case is fact-intensive, and you should consult with an attorney regarding your particular situation.

Q. I read your column from Boston and note that there is a famous social club that is going fractional share. Can you give me some information about it?

A. Several prominent and esteemed hotels and private residence clubs in and around Boston and Rhode Island are being sold in what is still an uncommon arrangement called fractional ownership. Some clubs, for example, market various

ownership levels, some of which get 21 days, others get 42 days and still others get 63 days. And, of course, there is still the year-round membership available. Clubs use a point system to make sure that all owners get their fair share and bigger suites cost more as do stays in the summer rather than in the winter. The higher the investment, the more points are included. Members will also have to pay an annual maintenance fee which includes privileges at the various clubs. Like time shares, owners can swap their interest for reservations that are on a network of other private clubs but unlike time shares, fractional owners are not restricted to using their suites at a specific time or even to using a particular unit and as with any other piece of property, owners can sell their deeds to others. A recent survey showed that fractional ownership shares were up 21 percent last year from 2004 with 188 fractional interest properties in North America in 2005. Many more are expected to debut around the country.

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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A few ideas to make this process simple are to pull back the curtains, purchase a floor lamp or open the blinds so light can filter in.

The kitchen and bathroom are known as heavy-traffic rooms, so subtle changes made in those spaces are sure to improve the overall quality and value of a home.

Consider replacing kitchen and bath faucets to convey a clean, fresh look.

Also, coordinating hard-

ware such as towel racks, robe hooks and tissue holders will enhance the appearance of the entire space.

If you are willing to go a step further, installing a new vanity or sink basin in the bathroom and kitchen would help to complete the look.

A final suggestion for improving the look of any space is to splash an updated shade of paint on the walls.

Not only will this cover any scratches the seller may have left, but a fresh coat of paint goes a long way in making the space appear clean and ready to be lived in.

STORYCHAT

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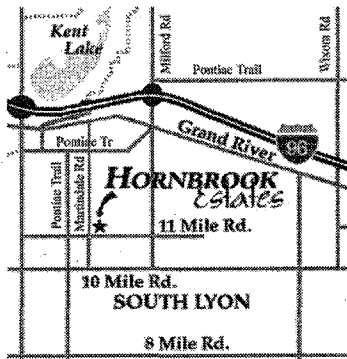
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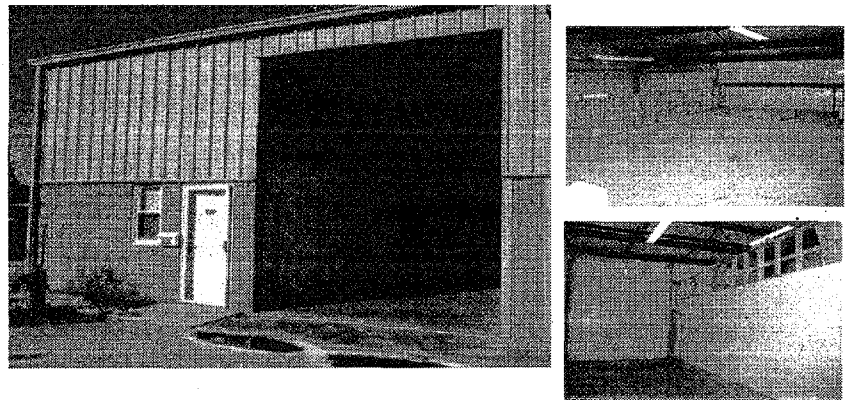
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On-site project management course

BIA will sponsor an On-Site Project Management course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate, Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) designation, as well.

Chuck Breidenstein will lead a discussion on site conditions and layout, effective office and client communications, quality control standards, scheduling, and documentation.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Estimating and bid strategies

BIA will present another in its series of Effective Business Management Seminars — Estimating

and Bid Strategies for Increased Profitability — from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will lead the seminar, instructing attendees on the business and strategic side of estimating, including tips on how to calculate and assign the correct margins for your business, strategies for competitive bidding in a tight market and key ratio tracking that will allow you to increase profitability.

Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$60 for BIA members and \$85 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Quality construction for superintendents

BIA will present another of its Advanced Residential Construction Superintendent (ARCS) courses - Building it Right: Quality Construction for Superintendents (Technical Proficiency Track) - from 8 a.m. to noon on Thursday, May 31, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Brindley R.W. Byrd, CAPS, CGR of Qx2, Inc., will guide attendees to learn to identify the stakeholders of a construction project and the performance

expectations that need to be set and measured for each group to ensure product quality, as well as offer technical tips and best practices to improve quality at each stage of a construction project.

Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Fair housing for maintenance staff

Apartment Association of Michigan (AAM) will sponsor a Fair Housing for Maintenance Staff seminar from 9 a.m. to noon on Friday, May 11, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Kathleen Mabie of Success on Site will lead the seminar, instructing attendees on how Fair Housing applies to maintenance; communication: maintenance to management; documentation: consistency and record keeping; in-apartment and on-site etiquette; service request procedures; what constitutes an emergency and T.E.A.M. building.

Registration fees are \$45 for Property Management Council members, \$55 for AAM and Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members and \$65 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1004.

HOMES SOLD

These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Jan. 2-5, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton	
50740 Belmont Dr	146,000
50545 Black Horse Ln	167,000
4149 Cornerstone Dr	46,000
43650 Emrick Dr	165,000
45957 Graystone Ln	202,000
1826 Maple Park Dr E	267,000
41132 Northwind Dr	93,000
1994 Pinecroft Dr	151,000
49760 Potomac Rd	245,000
2195 Preserve Cir E	237,000
1992 Trinity Rd	146,000
Farmington	
32250 Lee Ln	185,000
22931 Mayfield St	220,000
21051 Meadowlark St	182,000
Farmington Hills	
32425 Dohany Dr	235,000
34501 Fendt St	239,000
30015 Fink Ave	145,000
35216 Gary St	200,000
22470 Heathersett Cres	358,000
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33121 Oak Hollow St	258,000

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2 Bdrms, 3.1 Bath 1 Story Detached Condo, Lake Front, Wet Bar, Jacuzzi Fin Bsmt, Common Pool and Beautiful Deck.

269,900 - Novi
4 Bdrms, 2.1 Bath Colonial with Large Covered Patio, New Roof, New A/C, Freshly Painted, Huge Backyard and Award Winning Garden.

182,000 - Canton
2 Bdrms, 2.5 Bath 2 Story Condo, Gorgeous Hardwood Floors, Fireplace, Fin Bsmt, *Only 2 Years Old*

144,900 - Novi
3 Bdrms, 2.1 Bath 2 Story Condo, huge Master Suite w/ bath and 2 Walk-in Closets, Over 1800 sq ft of Total Living Space.

674,900 Troy - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Proff. Fin Bsmt w/Kit and full bath, Sunroom, extra lg lot, pool table Exl. Also for lease at \$4,500
649,000 Plymouth Twp - 4 Bdrms, 3.1 Bath Cape Cod w/ 3/4 Acre Cul-de-sac Lot, In-ground pool and 4 Car Garage.
489,900 Northville Twp - 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, Colonial Condo, 9 Ft Ceilings on 1st Floor, 2 Story Foyer, Home Warranty, Many upgrades.
479,900 Plymouth Twp - 4 Bdrms, 3.1 Baths, Colonial, Overlooking 2 Ponds, Hdwd Floors, Fin Bsmt w/ Kitchen and Common Pool.
479,900 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 3 Full and 2 Half Bath Carrington Model w/ In-ground Pool, Patio and 3 Car Garage.
375,000 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, Finished Basement, Large Deck overlooking Golf Course.
358,900 West Bloomfield - 4 Bdrms, 3.1 Bath Tudor on Cul-de-sac w/ Fin Daylight Bsmnt, Hdwd Flrs, and Large Deck.
304,900 Farmington Hills - 4 Bdrms, 2.1 Bath Colonial Located on a Large Treed Lot w/ Stream, Library, Fin Bsmt, 2 Fireplaces and so much more!
299,900 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Fin Bsmt w/pool table, Gazebo & hot tub. Also for lease at \$2100
295,000 Van Buren - 4 Bdrms, 2.1 Bath Colonial on Cul-de-sac backing to Pond, Walk-Out Bsmnt, and Large Deck.
287,500 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2 Story Foyer, Open

Floor Plan, Large Deck, Southern Exposure, Master Suite w/ Private Bath.
274,900 Plymouth - 3 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths. Built in 2004 w/open floor plan. Finished Basement. Walk to Downtown.
264,900 Plymouth Twp - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Located on a wooded lot, wet bar in FR, Walk To Park, Oversized 2 Car Garage.
254,900 Farmington Hills - Updated 4BR, 2.5 Bath Brick Colonial located deep in the sub. Newer roof, windows & more
219,900 Wayne - 4 Unit, 4 Bath Multi-Family, Separate Unit Entrances and private parking lot, close to shopping and restaurants.
219,900 Livonia - 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath, Huge Deck, Lrg Great Rm w/cathedral Ceilings.
215,000 Northville - 3 Bdrms, 2 Bath Colonial w/ View of Whitmore Lake, Spacious Front Porch, Deck and 2 Car Garage.
214,999 Canton - 4 bedroom; 2.1 baths, Colonial with loads of updates: hardwood, carpet, roof, HVAC, solid wood doors
214,900 Farmington - 3 Bdrms, 1.1 bath Brick Ranch on a Beautifully Landscaped Lot w/ Exposed Hdwd Floors in all Bedrooms and 1 Yr Home Warranty.
209,900 Plymouth Twp - 4 Bdrms, 2.1 Baths, Fin. Bsmt w/ Rec Room, Large Deck
209,900 Plymouth - 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Numerous Updates, Extra

Large Fenced Backyard, Walking Distance to Downtown Plymouth
205,000 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 2.1 Baths, 1.19 Acre Lot, Private Wooded Setting, 2.5 Car Garage w/ Workshop
184,900 Canton - 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1/2 Acre Lot Located on Cul-de-sac Finished Basement, Deck, 2 Car Garage.
184,900 Canton - 3 Bdrms, 1.1 Bath Colonial, Priced to Sell, Beautifully Landscaped Yard w/ Deck. Open Floor Plan, Updated Kitchen, Part Fin Bsmt.
159,900 Dearborn - 3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, Stunning Family Room, New furnace, CA, Hwt, Windows, Roof, Electric, & Kitchen, First floor laundry, 2.5 Car Garage
149,900 Dearborn - Move-in condition, 3 Bdrm, Brick Colonial with partially finished Bsmnt, 2.5 Car Garage, Newer Windows, Pretty Backyard
139,900 Livonia - 2 Bdrms, 1 Bath Ranch Located Just a Short Walk from Hines Park. Wooded Setting, Loads of Updates.
122,900 Redford - 3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Brick Bungalow, 2 Car Garage, Fin. Bsmt, Lrg. Deck, Many updates.
119,000 Canton - 2 Bdrms, 2 Bath Condo, Freshly Painted, Newer Carpet, Deck, Overlooks Common Area.
99,000 Inkster - 3 Bdrms, 2 Bath Bungalow, Lots of Major Updates; Roof, Siding, Most Windows, New patio, and Fin Bsmt.
77,500 Wayne - 3 Bdrms, 1 Bath, Ranch, Located in a great neighborhood, Big Master Bedroom, 2 Car Garage

Condos
259,900 Farmington Hills - 2 Bdrms, 3 baths, Fin Basement w/full Kitchen and Bath.
244,900 Flat Rock - 3 Bdrm, 2.5 Baths, New Construction! Unfinished loft above 2.5 car garage.
219,900 Livonia - 2 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Newer Construction, 2 Story Grt Rm w/fireplace and view of pond.
209,900 Canton - 3 Bdrms, 2.1 Bath Detached Condo w/ 1st Floor Master Suite, 2 Story Foyer and Open Floor Plan. All Appl. and 1 Year Home Warranty Inc.
181,900 West Bloomfield - 3 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Townhouse Style Condo w/Garage and full Bsmnt, Privt entry, All Appl. Immed. Occ.
164,321 Ann Arbor - 2 Bdrms, 2.1 Baths, 2 Story Condo w/ Fin Bsmt, Freshly Painted, new Carpet, Windows, Doorwalls, Furnace and CA.
159,900 Plymouth Twp. - 2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Sky lights in kit and Master bdrm, Lots of upgrades, Grt Rm w/Cath ceilings.
159,900 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 2.1 Bath 1 Story End Unit Condo, Finished Lower Leveland Patio.
134,900 Southfield - 2 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Sharp Ranch style condo, Common Pool, large basement storage.
126,900 Canton - 2 Bdrms, 2 Bath 1 Story End Unit Condo, Great Condition, Backs to Quiet Common Area, Great Starter Home!

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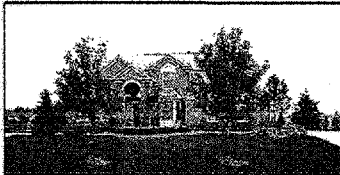
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NOVI \$825,000
Gourmet kit w/granite counter tops, choose from ceramic tile, HDWD & crpt combos. Mstr ste w/jetted tub & his/her WIC, deep 3 car gar.
MLS# 27056612 734-453-6800



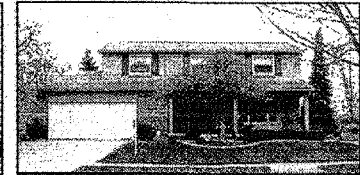
PLYMOUTH \$674,900
Stunning 4BR, 4.2 bath Colonial. Gourmet kit. Dramatic FR w/soaring cigs. Prof fin w/out w/kit-bar, FR, wine rm, bath & more.
MLS# 27061499 734-453-6800



NORTHVILLE \$639,375
4BR, 4-1/2BA Cape Cod. Dream gourmet kit w/maple cbnts, corian c-tops & oversized island-snack bar. 1st flr mstr w/dual WICs. 2-story GR. Fin bsmt.
MLS# 27060303 734-453-6800



WHITE LAKE \$354,900
Gorgeous Ranch overlooking pond on over 2 Acres. 3 Bed, 2 full bath, 1/2 bath, gourmet kit w/breakfast nook & HDWD flr, FR w/FP, DR & GR. Awesome views.
MLS# 27061781 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH \$352,900
4BR, 2-1/2BA backs to commons. Totally updated: furn, A/C, granite kit, appls, carpet, siding, wndws, roof, HWH, flr, baths. FR w/gas FP & wet bar.
MLS# 27060370 734-453-6800



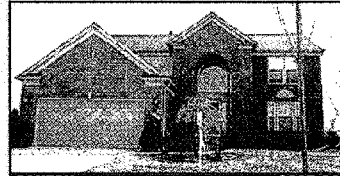
CANTON \$344,900
Gorgeous Col w/over 3100 sq ft. 4BR 2.1BA. Huge master BR. Oversized heated gar. HDWD flrs. 2 story foyer. Well maintained, golf course comm. Extras!
MLS# 27051470 734-453-6800



WHITE LAKE \$295,000
ALL-SPORTS LAKEFRONT!! Right smack on the best part of the big bay on Lake Neval! Great condition. Hurry on it - it's almost summer! Check the V-Tour!
MLS# 27057689 248-360-1425



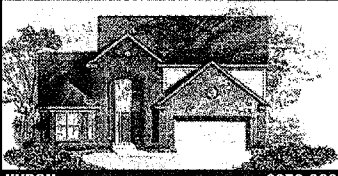
BRIGHTON \$300,000
Gourmet kit w/huge isl & hdwd, nook w/hdwd. GR w/gas FP & cell fan. Formal DR. Master ste w/trey cell & glam BA w/skylight, jet tub, WIC & dbl sinks.
MLS# 27048010 734-453-6800



CANTON \$295,000
2-st foyer w/HDWD, kit w/all appl, bk/nook w/drwl to deck. DR w/HDWD flrs, FR w/gas FP, vaulted master, bath w/jetted tub, dbl sinks & WIC.
MLS# 27056591 734-453-6800



COMMERCE \$270,000
HOUSE BEAUTIFUL!! Stone accents and long porch give curb appeal plus to this pretty home! Four bedrooms including luxury master suite! Virtual Tour.
MLS# 27051013 248-360-1425



HURON \$250,000
Gourmet kit w/ceramic tile, appls stay, 2-st GR w/nat FP. 1st flr mstr w/WIC, fin walkout LL w/BR & full BA. 1st flr laun. Inground pool.
MLS# 27058408 734-453-6800



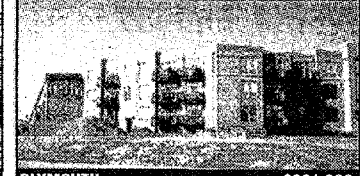
NOVI \$244,900
Gorgeous Tri Level, almost acre in Echo Valley Est. 3BR, 2.1BA, lrg master w/WIC, sit area, BA & balcony. HDWD flrs t/o. Great yard w/lngrd pool.
MLS# 27058885 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH \$219,900
Gorgeous 3 BR, 2-1/2 Ba col. Updated kit w/new cbnts, c-tops, flr & sink. Updated baths. Hdwd flrs t/o. Wooded private back yard. New wndws & roof.
MLS# 27061062 734-453-6800



CANTON \$209,900
3 BR, 1 BA gem on almost 1 acre! New roof, re-finished wood flrs, new kit counters, newer wndws, fresh paint. Part finished bsmt w/nat FP.
MLS# 27051376 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH \$201,000
Executive loft condo walking distance to downtown Plymouth. 10 Ft ceilings, hardwood flrs, fabulous kit, all appliances. Heated underground parking.
MLS# 27030504 248-360-1425



LIVONIA \$200,000
This updated ranch sits on 1.55 acres. Home offers tear off roof in '01. In '06: ext paint, electrical, faucets in both baths & kit. Florida room.
MLS# 27016264 248-646-1800



MILFORD \$200,000
Lease/option available on this 4 BR, 2 BA Milford home. Spacious living rm, 1st flr laundry, 3 car garage. 1630 sq ft, remodeled in 1990. Great yard!
MLS# 27031186 248-360-1425



LIVONIA \$169,500
4 br, 2 bath ranch w/ 2 car gar. Updated w/ over 1469 sqft. Great location in heart of Livonia. 1 year home warranty. Ready to be moved into now!
MLS# 27061171 734-453-6800



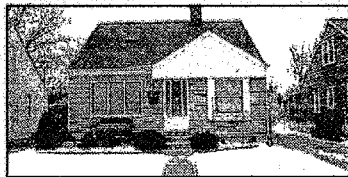
ANN ARBOR \$144,400
Booming Ann Arbor! 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo near Briarwood Mall. New paint, carpet, kitchen floor, updated baths. Pool & fitness room. Home warranty.
MLS# 26182262 248-988-2251



GARDEN CITY \$144,000
Amazing all brick ranch. One look is all you need! Remodeled kit. Updated bath. Fin bsmt w/office, RR & 1/2bath. Newer roof, wndws & furn. Paver patio
MLS# 27060731 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH \$142,900
Charming setting, walk to town, 2-story condo. 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA, lg living & dining. Newer kit & wndws. All appls incl. Basement. Don't miss this one!
MLS# 27030418 734-453-6800



REDFORD \$139,000
Great home 1st time buyer Updated Bath Electrical Copper plumbing Ceramic Tile Kitchen Gas Fireplace Rec Room w/new carpet Florida Room Insul Garage
MLS# 27026876 734-453-6800



LIVONIA \$135,900
Charming Livonia home! Hardwood/tiled flrs, recently painted interior. Backs up to a city park. Lots of storage, oversized garage. Great location!
MLS# 27062909 248-360-1425



WALLED LAKE \$135,000
SOPHISTICATED CONDO is decorator perfect! End unit w/FP & hardwood. Open "loft style" with 2 bedrooms, basement & garage. V-Tour @cbschweitzer.com
MLS# 27046384 248-360-1425



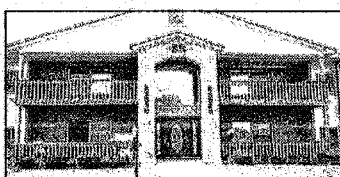
WESTLAND \$135,000
Gourmet kit w/pergo, LR w/cell fan, mstr ste w/drwl to brick paver patio, glam BA w/jetted tub, new paint, carpet & C/A, fenced yd w/2.5 car gar.
MLS# 27063506 734-453-6800



WESTLAND \$130,000
Great starter! Updated, neut tones t/o. Fresh pntd, nice appls. Nwr: concrete, deck, Indscp, wndws, light, 6 pnt int/ext drs, crpt, ba. 4 sides brick
MLS# 27020472 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH \$129,900
Great investment! Walkout lower level could be converted to duplex. Lg rooms, semi updt. Handy man special priced to sell. Close to dntwn Plymouth.
MLS# 27061347 734-453-6800



VAN BUREN \$125,000
Massive Ranch Condo in Newest Area Of Complex. 1,100 Sq Ft W/ 2 Br, 2 Ba. Huge Mbr W/ Mba. Great Kt W/Eat-In Dining Open To Lrg Lr. Very Open & Spacious.
MLS# 27055675 734-453-6800



YPSILANTI \$125,000
Gourmet kitchen w/all appls & new cab. Huge FR w/lots of light. Formal DR. Lrg mstr ste, bonus room upstairs, tons of storage. New glam BA w/cer tile.
MLS# 27059502 734-453-6800



REDFORD \$85,900
Just move into this updated Ranch home. Updates incl: roof, elect, HWH, furn, doors, wndws, kit, BA. New patio, fenced yard. Home war incl.
MLS# 27063320 734-453-6800



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WEST BLOOMFIELD \$735,000
Across Green lake w/views of lake.Brazilian Cherry & Marble flrs, GR/DR w/21' ceiling, kit w/ cherry cabs, Mstr Ste w/glam bth,daylight bsmt, 3.5car gar
MLS# 27048907 248-347-3050



GREEN OAK \$550,000
Exquisite home in premier lakefront comm w/ beach, marina & clubhouse. Offers 2 stry great rm, granite kitchen, hwd flrs, 1st lr mstr & 3.5 car garage.
MLS# 27061957 248-347-3050



COMMERCE \$525,000
Custom Beauty, Secluded Lot, Gorgeous landscaping, Gourmet Kitchen w/42" cabinets, granite, hwd flrs, 1st fl in-law ste, sunroom, finished LL 3+Gar
MLS# 27011640 248-347-3050



HIGHLAND \$469,900
Located On The 16th Green!Updated Firng In Dr,study,Kit & Gr.Gourmet Kit W/granite Isl,Maple Cabs & Corian Counters.Sun rm W/2 Story Fp.Part. Fin Ll.
MLS# 27042622 248-347-3050



FARMINGTON HILLS \$425,000
Exquisite beyond belief! 2 sty foyer w/hwd flr, frm dining rm w/custom moldings, gourmet kitchen w/granite, vaulted mstr ste & lower level walkout!
MLS# 27055512 248-347-3050



FARMINGTON HILLS \$375,000
5 BR Colonial Backs to Commons W/tennis Cts! In Ground Pool W/new Tile & Spa, Newer Cpt On 2nd Flr, Windows Newer, P. Fin Bsmt, 2.5 Car Gar.
MLS# 27044489 248-347-3050



FARMINGTON HILLS \$375,000
Colonial w/3 Car Garage,Newer Win,Ext Pnt'd,updated Kit W/cherry Cabs,Kit Open To Fr W/fp & Cathedral Ceiling,C/A,Sprinklers,& Deck W/gazebo.
MLS# 27067573 248-347-3050



PLYMOUTH \$368,000
Entertain in style! Dining rm w/french doors, family room w/frpl, all appliances inc, master ste w/private bth, florida rm w/hot tub & finished bsmt.
MLS# 27050877 248-347-3050



CANTON \$315,000
2 Story FR W/Fp W/gas, 9' Ceilings on 1st Flr, Upgraded Cpt T/o, On Priv Cul-de-sac Pfin Bsmt W/rec Rm, Deck, HW in 2 Story Foyer, & 1st Flr Lndry.
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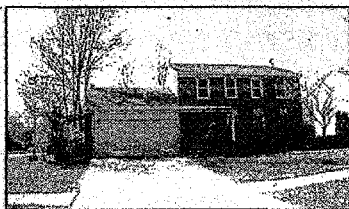
SUPERIOR \$275,000
4 Br 2.1 Ba w/Fp In LR,All Appls Inc,Drwll,2 Car Att Gar,Patio & Sprinkler Sys,Updates Inc:Paint,Storm Door,Win Trtmnts,Light Fix & Cing Fans.
MLS# 27059002 248-347-3050



NOVI \$260,000
Best value in Village Oaks! Formal dining/living rm, family rm w/wet bar, trpic, 1st flr laundry, sunroom, finished bsmt, new roof, carpet, & paint.
MLS# 27061891 248-347-3050



LIVONIA \$250,000
Remodeled kit w/maple cab&corian cntrs.Ceramic tile,hwd flrs & newer carpet.1st flr in-law-quarters.Updates inc:furnace,a/c,hwh,baths, carpet,wln,etc.
MLS# 27060101 248-347-3050



NOVI \$249,900
3 BR 2.5 Bth Home W/New Fin Bsmt. Many Updates! Prof Landscaped Newer Deck. Awardwinning Novi Schools. Great Location. Also For Lease W/mls 27054322
MLS# 27054272 248-347-3050



FARMINGTON HILLS \$229,900
4 Br 3.5 Ba 2 Condo w/Lg Kit W/bkfst Area & Drwall.LR W/gas Fp, Fin Bsmt W/Rec Area.Br & Full Ba. Lib Can Be Used As br.2 Car Att Gar, & Alarm.
MLS# 27063500 248-347-3050



NOVI \$220,000
Country living with city conveniences! Dbl lot w/view of Lake Shawood, hwd flrs throughout, vaulted ceilings, new ceramic tile ba, att gar & 2 decks.
MLS# 27045289 248-347-3050



NOVI \$209,000
Well Kept W/fenced Backyard. New Roof Tear-off, Windows, & Remodel Bth, 3 Car Gar, P.Fin Bsmt W/rec Rm, Lndry &Bth, Updated Elec Service, Hw Flrs &Deck
MLS# 27048273 248-347-3050



LIVONIA \$205,000
3 Br, 1 1/2 Ba W/Updated Kit W/appls.FR W/fp,Florida Rm,Sep DR,2 Car Att Gar,Extra Storage.Updates: Refin Hwd Flrs,Vinyl Win,roof,& Driveway.
MLS# 27053981 248-347-3050



CANTON \$170,000
2 Br 2.5 Ba Condo.Fresh Paint T/o, Kit W/oak Cabs & All Appl Inc. Fp In Lr, Sep.DR,Vaulted Ceilings.Yard W/deck & sprinklers.2 Car Att Gar.
MLS# 27068063 248-347-3050



SALEM \$225,000
10 Lots for sale. Paved roads. Quality subdivision. South Lyon Schools. Salem Twp. Taxes. Ranging from 2.5 to 8.39 acres Priced \$169,900 to \$225,000
MLS# 26117060 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$167,000
Condo W/2 Br's,2.5 Bas,GR W/fp,Kit W/hwd Flrs,Sun Porch W/cath Ceilings,Neutral Tones,Prof Fin Bsmt,2 Car Gar,Deck,Upgrds: Neutral Carpet & Roof Rep.
MLS# 27065835 248-347-3050



LIVONIA \$165,000
3 Br 2 Bth Ranch w/Remod Oak Kit W/appls,Vinyl Win,Glass Bk Win,Copper Plumb,Hwd Flrs,Remod Bths,Newer Roof,turn & C/A.Fin Bsmt W/Kit,Full Bth & Fp.
MLS# 27063786 248-347-3050



CANTON \$152,000
Bright, Neutral end unit w/cath ceilings, 2 Br, 2 bath, DR, Kit, Gr-FP, Southern Exposure. Mint & Clean! Ready, Set, Move!
MLS# 27056393 248-347-3050



WATERFORD \$150,000
Totally updated oversized lot. Incls lg bkfst area in kit, mstr BR w/WIC, Newer roof, furnace, appls, windows, electrical&carpet t/o. Rear deck &patio
MLS# 27014949 248-347-3050



WATERFORD \$119,700
Newer Built Rare Ground Fir Ranch 2 Br's & 1.5 Bths,Fin Bsmt, Atchd Gar. New Roof, Newer Furn, New Carpet T/o, Gas FP, Open Fir Plan & Priv Deck.
MLS# 27056215 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$450,000
Gorgeous Yard Shaded By Trees. Brs w/Oak Flrs. Newer Roof, Furnace, Some Windows - Pella. Huge Lr/fr- Both W/ipl- One Fieldstone/one Brick & Mbr w/WIC.
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CREW seeks entries for real estate Impact Awards

The Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW Detroit) now has 2007 entry packages available online for its sixth annual commercial real estate award program, the CREW Detroit Impact Awards.

The awards recognize two recently completed southeast Michigan commercial properties that significantly improve their surrounding communities.

The 2007 competition is open to new construction and redevelopment projects completed between Jan. 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007. The projects must also have involved at least one firm with a CREW Detroit member, said Sheila Monohon of Giffels-Webster Engineers in Rochester Hills, award committee chair. A list of companies with a CREW Detroit member is available at crewdetroit.org/memlist.htm.

Impact Award "intent to enter" forms can be downloaded now at crewdetroit.org/awards.html. Printed forms are available from Norma Beuter at (248) 646-0629 or beuter@comcast.net. Completed forms should be submitted along with a \$100 entry fee by June 1. Entrants will then receive an entry package outlining the submission requirements. Those completed entry packages are due on or before June 29.

Projects earn points for being environmentally friendly, improving the surrounding community and creatively using current materials, space and technology, Monohon

said. Visteon Village in Van Buren Township and the Mason Run brownfield redevelopment in Monroe won in 2006 in the new development and redevelopment categories, respectively.

A panel of eight judges from the commercial real estate industry will select one winner in each category in August. The awards will be presented at a Sept. 20 luncheon at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, where all finalists' entries will also be on display. Tickets are \$65; for more information, contact Beth Lilley at (313) 256-2342 or elizabeth.lilley@chase.com, or see the Web site.

CREW Detroit founded in 1986, is dedicated to advancing the success of women in commercial real estate by promoting networking and professional opportunities among its more than 140 members. CREW Detroit is one of the largest local chapters of CREW Network, a professional organization of 7,000 commercial real estate women and men in the U.S. and Canada. Other local activities include monthly programs, a golf outing in June, and community outreach work benefiting Alternatives for Girls in Detroit and First Step in Plymouth. CREW Detroit will also host the annual CREW Midwest Regional Midwest Regional Conference May 3-5 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, expected to draw more than 200 members and non-members from 11 states and Ontario.

Do-it-yourself moving tips

(NAPSI) — As many as 17 million household moves take place each year in the U.S. If you are among the do-it-yourselfers, here are a few tips to get you started:

■ **Truck selection.** Most movers find the 12- or 16-foot truck perfect for moving a few large items or the contents of a small condo or apartment. For guidance with larger moves or your truck selection, visit www.GoPenske.com.

■ **Reserve your truck** at least two weeks in advance.

■ **Pack smart,** loading the heaviest items on the truck first.

■ **Mark your boxes** as you pack, so it's easier to put them in the right room when you unload.

■ **Make safety and security** a priority. Trucks are taller, wider, heavier and require more stopping distance than the vehicle you are used to driving. Drive slower and take extra precautions, especially when the truck is loaded. When traveling, park in well-lit areas and padlock the rear door.

Create a travel bag for moving day to keep important paperwork, credit cards, identification, change of clothes, drinks and snacks close at hand. For more moving tips, visit www.GoPenske.com.

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Such expert advice is offered in a new Steps To Success program from Wells Fargo & Co. Customers with nonprime loans are enrolled once their loan closes. The program includes access to credit education specialists; two easy-to-read credit reports and credit scores; consumer-friendly financial educational assistance; and information about automatic payment products.

The program is available in Spanish and English, and all materials are free. This includes a magazine called Steps To Success, which features articles on borrowing wisely, how to save, and cleaning up your credit, as well as tips on raising money-savvy kids. For example, a recent article included tips that could help you boost your credit score, which is one factor in interest rates:

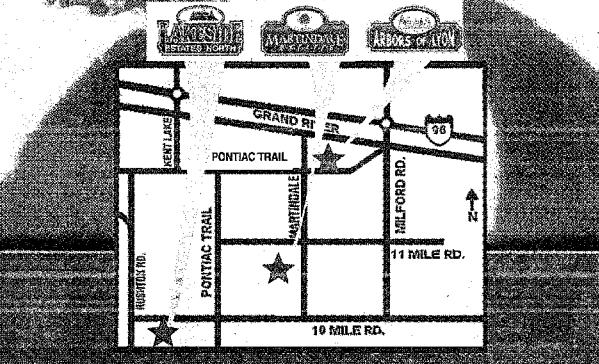
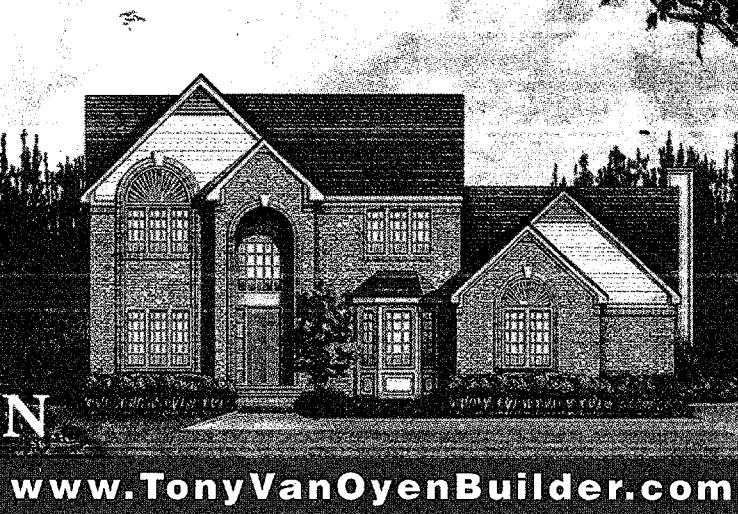
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(NAPSI) — Kermit the Frog used to say, "It's not easy being green." But it's getting easier. Environmentally friendly or sustainable construction, a once far-out trend, has moved rapidly into the mainstream.

According to the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the Green homebuilding movement is defined as one "which applies innovative and environmentally sensitive construction techniques and products to reduce energy and water consumption and improve residential comfort and

safety."

One of NAHB's seven categories of Green building is indoor air quality. *Residential Systems* magazine agrees, and identifies energy efficiency as a "hallmark of the green building movement."

According to Joe Patrick, senior product manager for VELUX America, both indoor air quality and energy efficiency can be enhanced with venting skylights. He says that they admit natural light from above to reduce energy costs and exhaust stale air, while transforming

living areas into bright spaces.

"In bathrooms for instance," Patrick says, "you get privacy, plus the use of wall space where a window isn't necessary, for decorating, storage, or other forms of space utilization. And venting skylights in kitchens release hot air and cooking odors, without the need for a fan, while providing healthful natural light."

30 PERCENT MORE LIGHT

Patrick says that skylights admit 30 percent more light than vertical windows in dormers, while providing privacy and the drama of a sky view that can't be achieved with vertical windows. And skylights are available with electrochromic glass that can be darkened or lightened electronically to adjust light and heat gain while still providing the view to the sky.

"And," Patrick says, "skylight glazing technology is among the best in the

industry. Quality units employ gas-filled double-pane construction that controls up to 83 percent of the sun's fade-causing rays while resisting condensation."

AND THEY DON'T LEAK

Patrick adds that modern skylights make one of the biggest fears of homeowners-leaks-a thing of the past. "Quality units offer separate, pre-engineered flashing kits for shingles, tile or metal roofing materials," he says. "When properly installed, they simply don't leak."

Tax credits are available for skylight installations (energy.gov/taxbreaks.htm). For skylight selection literature call (800) 283-2831 or visit veluxusa.com. For government information on window and skylight energy efficiency visit energystar.gov, and for independent agency information visit nfr.org or efficientwindows.org.

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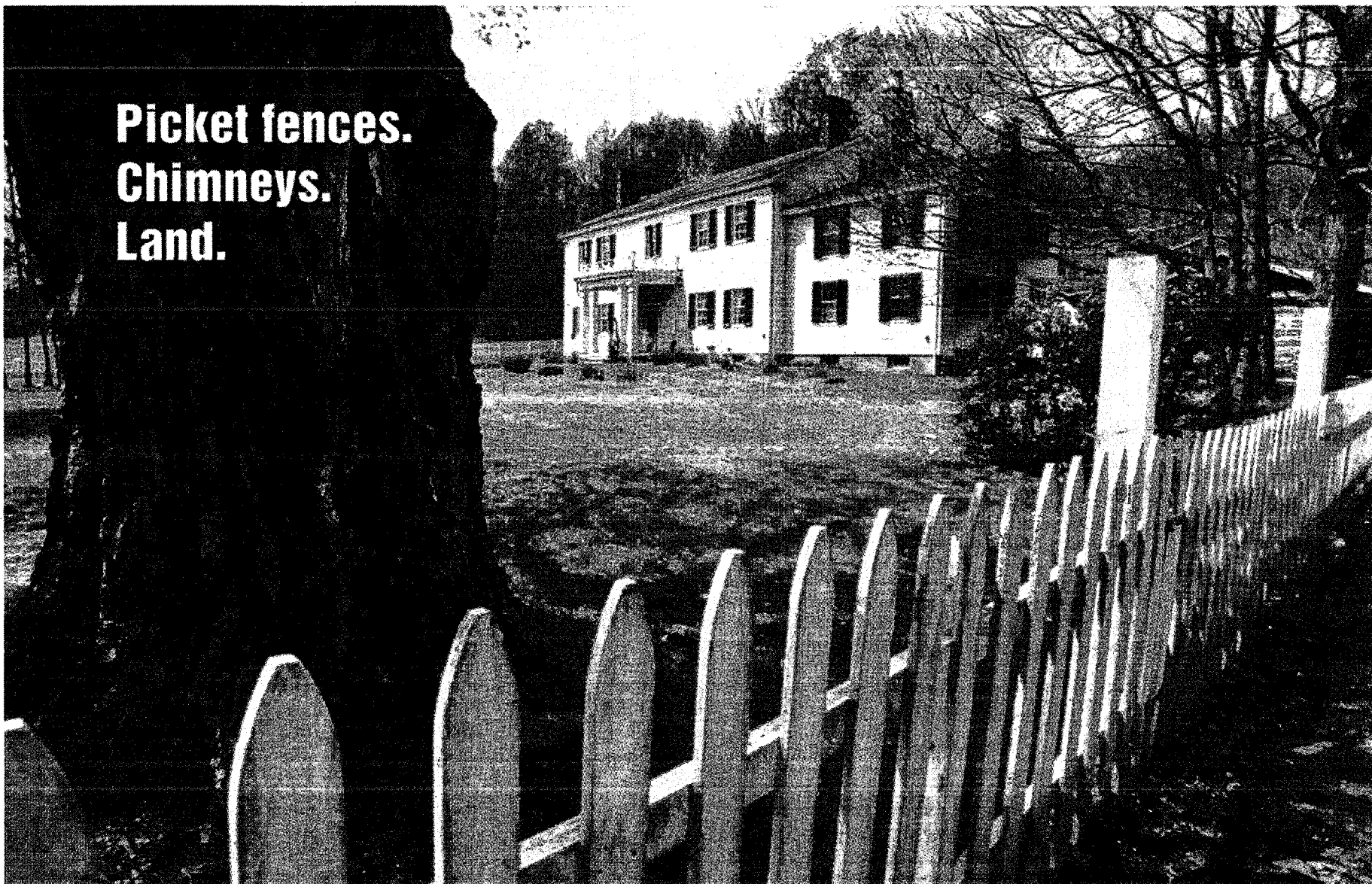
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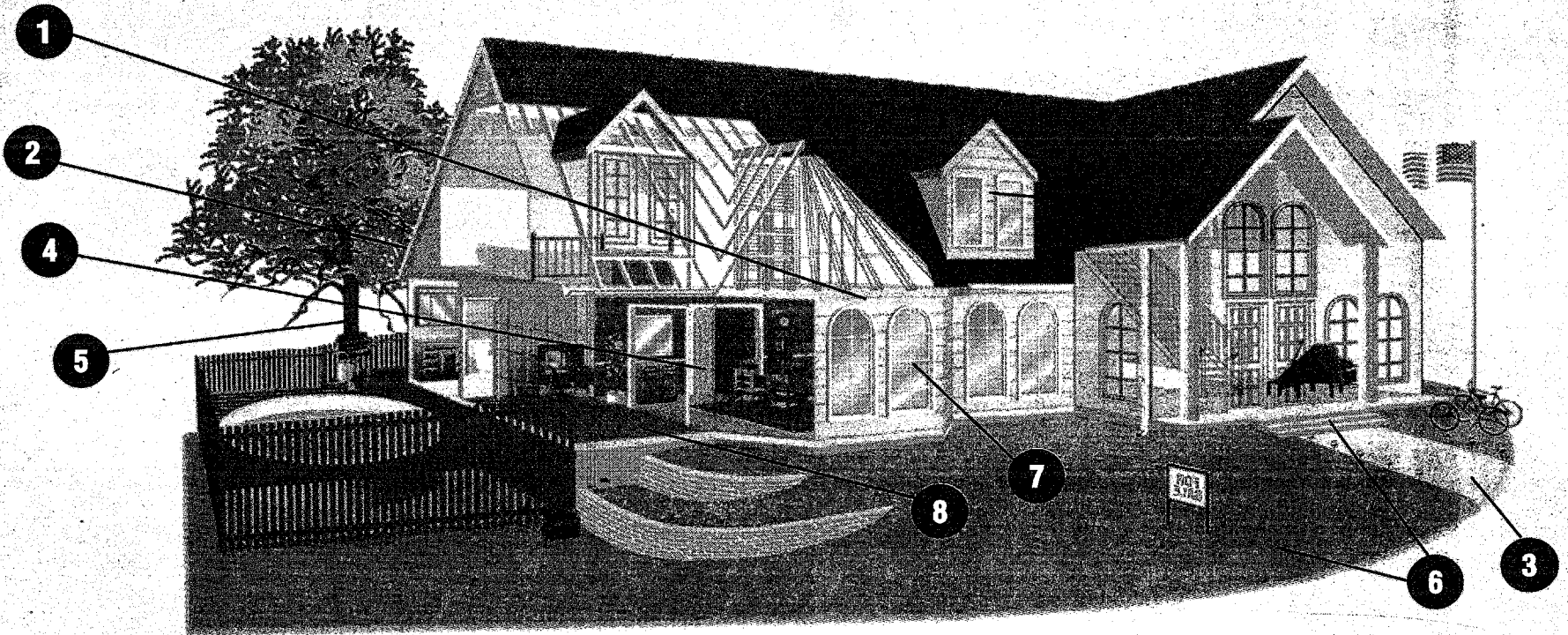
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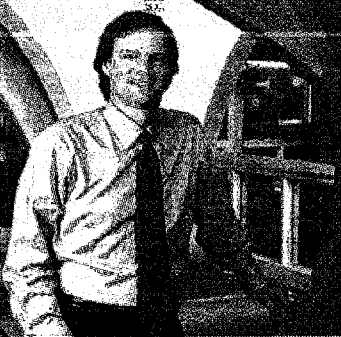
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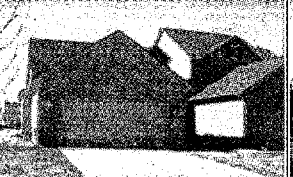











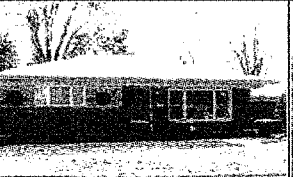











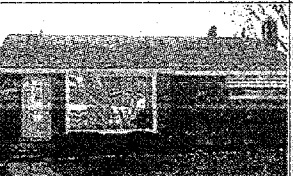


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