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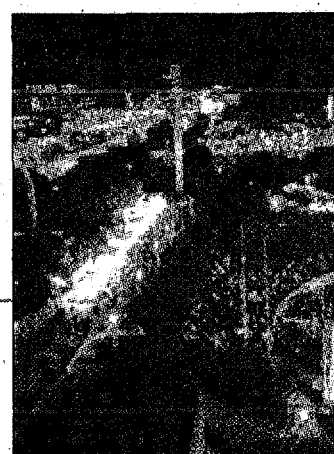
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Gettelfinger: Auto industry will make it

Union chief 'comfortable' with carmakers, despite tough times

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Ron Gettelfinger has been a United Auto Workers member for 43 years, starting out as a chassis line repairman at Ford's Louisville Assembly plant, where he was elected committee chairperson, bargaining chairperson and local union president.

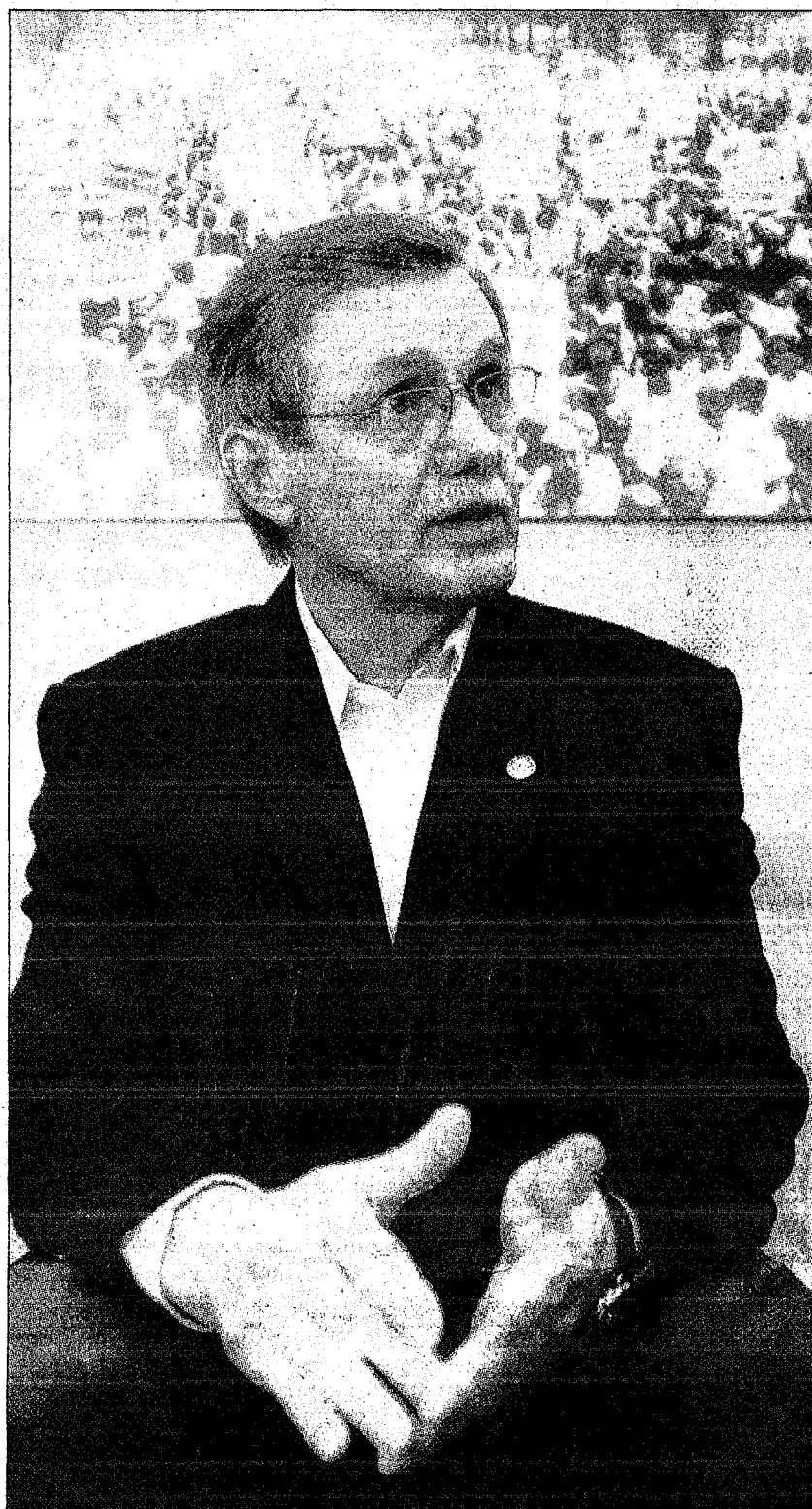
However, the Canton Township resident Gettelfinger said becoming president of one of the cards you're dealt. A7. most powerful unions in the country was never really his intention.

"I don't think anybody wants to become president, I know certainly that was never a goal or aspiration," said Gettelfinger, who has been UAW president since 2002. "I think the opportunity to represent people is one of the most enjoyable careers, if you will, a person can have. And when you're helping them,

PLEASE SEE GETTELFINGER, A7



UAW President Ron Gettelfinger and Vice President General Holiefield field questions from the press regarding the sale of Chrysler.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

UAW President Ron Gettelfinger said he struggles most in making sure he makes the right decisions for his union and retired members.

Debate flows on water rates

Commission won't raise prices; township hasn't decided on hike

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock said he will recommend to city commissioners water rates remain unchanged for the 2007-08 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

"We didn't get an increase from the city of Detroit, and we've generated enough income in the water fund to maintain the system and set money aside for needed repairs," Sincock said.

Finance Director Mark Christiansen said the unrestricted cash in the water fund is approximately \$2.8 million.

"What has driven the rate increases on our end the past several years is the direct cost of capital outlay for replacement of sewer and water lines," Christiansen said. "It's also used to pay for past debt of the system."

Last year, city commissioners raised water rates by 2.1 percent, covering only the operational increases from Detroit. Commissioners also held off the rate increase until October.

The previous two years, water rate increases in the city were 4.1 percent and 10.6 percent.

Plymouth Township officials still haven't decided whether to raise water rates to township residents to cover the cost of the 29-percent increase the township will get from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.

Discussion at Tuesday's board meeting centered around whether the township should absorb the cost, as it has done in the past, or pass it on to residents.

"I think if we're going to raise rates, we should do it before the middle of June, so our residents have time to plan for it," Trustee Chuck Curmi said. "If we're going to raise rates, this is the year to do it. Next year, no one will have the intestinal fortitude (to raise rates) because it's an election year."

Meanwhile, the city of Plymouth is joining with

PLEASE SEE WATER, A5

Local dealers happy management team will be kept

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

When news of the sale of Chrysler to Cerberus Capital Management spread Monday, Fox Hills Chrysler-Jeep owner Jim Schebil said the key for dealerships — including his in Plymouth Township — was the acknowledgment by Cerberus officials the Chrysler management team will remain intact.

"The most important thing I'm happy about is (Chrysler CEO) Tom LaSorda will still be there. I like what I see with him in charge and the comeback plan he has," said Schebil, who is on the board of directors for Chrysler-Jeep Superstores. "I'm happy it's over and everybody can move on and get the company rolling in the right direction."

Schebil is aware of the rumors that Cerberus, an equity compa-

ny, will make big cuts at Chrysler. However, he said that's not necessarily bad.

"That's a possibility, but if they have to do that to make Chrysler a profitable company ... there's nothing wrong with being profitable," he said.

Dick Scott, owner of Dick Scott Dodge in Plymouth, said Cerberus is a good fit for Chrysler.

"To be with Cerberus is a great

move in the right direction," Scott said. "They know the automotive business, and we've been assured by Tom LaSorda there will be no changes, only for the best."

"We have a year-and-a-half of pretty tough sledding," he added. "But if Chrysler and GM continue to build great products, I think we'll see a stronger economy and Michigan will make a comeback."

Mature Lifestyle Expo is for the young at heart

Frank Sinatra crooned that fairy tales can come true if you're young at heart.

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The *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* and Schoolcraft College celebrate that attitude with the Mature Lifestyle Expo, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at Schoolcraft College's VisTaTech Center, Haggerty

Road between Six Mile and Seven Mile roads in Livonia.

"I'm anxious for our Mature Lifestyle Expo to arrive — we have much planned for our attendees," said Frank Cibor, *Observer & Eccentric* classified advertising manager. "Nearly 60 exhibitors will join the *O&E* and Schoolcraft College, introducing our guests to many new ideas, products and services. Plus, live music and special presentations have been prepared to make this a great event for all."

Exhibitors include financial planners, medical providers, senior living representatives, travel agencies, volunteer organizations and more.

Rick Bloom of Bloom Asset Management in Farmington Hills and a columnist for the *Observer & Eccentric* will offer a financial seminar 10-10:55 a.m. Bloom can be heard on radio at WDTK 1400 AM at 3 p.m. Sundays.

Attendees will have an opportunity to win a trip for two to the

historic Bay View Bed & Breakfast on Mackinac Island courtesy of Grand Vistas Travel. Also, drawings will be held at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon to win four tickets to a Detroit Tigers game.

Admission is free and parking is plentiful at the college. Breakfast and lunch can be purchased in Henry's Cafeteria in the VisTaTech Center.

The first 100 guests in line at 9 a.m. will receive movie passes for two to Emagine Theatres in Canton and Novi.



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Skating with the stars

Skating instructor Susie Kalinowski coaches her class of 8- to 12-year-old skaters for the City of Plymouth's annual spring ice show, 'Celebration on Ice 2007,' set for May 18-20 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer. Local skaters of all ages and levels from the city's skating programs will be featured in the event, with show times 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children 10 and younger. For more information, call (734) 455-6620.

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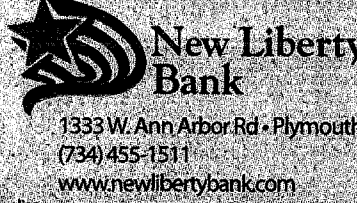
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Coming Sunday

Great advances are being made to fight leukemia, a cancer that afflicts so many children. Read about it Sunday in the Health section.



New museum board ready to go to work

Postal food drive fills Salvation Army shelves

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It appears members of the Plymouth Historical Society feel the Plymouth Historical Museum is in good hands. When votes were counted after the May 10 meeting, Historical Society members re-elected seven of the nine incumbents to the Board of Directors, along with three new members. Retaining positions on the board were three-term president Sanford Burr, Bee Friedlander, Jack Grant, Armando Lopez, Ron Lowe, Richard Raison and Gary Stone. Also elected to serve on the board were Jeff Bell, Allen

Odell and Dan Packer. Two incumbents, Jan Foster and Mary Ann Prechlik, were not re-elected. Museum Director Liz Kerstens said the 132 votes cast is about a quarter of the museum's membership. "I was really pleased that many people voted," Kerstens said. "The new board will elect its officers at the June 6 meeting." Kerstens said she would like the Historical Society board to focus on a strategic plan for the museum. "A strategic plan will help us figure out where we're going," Kerstens said. "The other side of that equation is a capital campaign."

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Spring and summer months are typically thin months for the shelves of the food pantry at the Plymouth Salvation Army. When food starts coming in around the holidays, it's usually just enough to cover the families who need food over Thanksgiving and Christmas. But Salvation Army officials are hoping that won't be the case following a very successful food drive conducted last weekend in partnership with U.S. postal workers in both Plymouth and Canton. The 15th-annual drive, during which donors leave food near their mailboxes and letter carriers transport it back for volunteers to divide, drew half-again the amount of food collected a year ago. Donors contributed more than 32,000 pounds of food, including more than 16,000 pounds in Plymouth and another 15,000 pounds in Canton. The Plymouth donation was more than double what Plymouth donors gave last year. Food pantry director Tammy



Rural letter carrier Tanai Walton (left) and Salvation Army volunteer Crystal Sanders of Westland box food donations at the Canton post office.

Moyer said the postal food drive is an important part of the Salvation Army's mission of helping people who need the help. "This will get us past Christmas, that's how important it is," Moyer said. "When we do get the food during (the holidays), we'll be able to go past the holidays and do more than we've been able to do,

even with the economy. This year's been hard." The postal food drive is a partnership effort between the Plymouth Salvation Army, the Canton and Plymouth post offices and a band of volunteers who help divide and load the food, including Close-Up students from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park who logged community service hours with the project. Dawn Densmore has worked at the Plymouth post office for some 13 years, and worked in Livonia before that, so she's well

acquainted with the food drive. "It gives me a chance to help other people the way people helped me when I was down on my luck," said Densmore, a Plymouth letter carrier. "It helps people and makes sure they get fed. Anyone can end up in that situation." Canton resident Jody Ring, a teacher in the Plymouth-Canton schools, included residents in the Plymouth-Canton area when talking about the team effort it took to carry the food drive off. "Teamwork is very important," said Ring, who's been involved with the Salvation Army for 14 years. "It's wonderful the postal workers organized it, the kids got Close-Up credit for the community service, and the people were extremely generous. It's really nice to see kids and adults working together. Even though these are hard (economic) times, people are still really good. And it serves a real need, because there are a lot of people in need of food." One indication of the drive's success: The Salvation Army filled a pair of trucks with food. "Everybody worked together, and we filled both trucks," Moyer pointed out. "We got 12 pallets of food on both trucks, and we've never filled both trucks. It was great!"

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Downtown events

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The downtown area hosts several events this weekend the DDA says "are sure to offer something for every member of the family."

The events:

■ The weekend gets off to an early start today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. with "A Gathering of Writers" at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Co., an open mic poetry event welcoming families and their resident poets. The event will also host a feature poet, Larry Thomas, who taught poetry at Eastern Michigan University, Saginaw Valley State and Washtenaw Community College.

■ Stephanie Wilhelm, Ph.D. student from Wayne State, will be speaking on the 1863 Detroit riots today (Thursday) at the Plymouth Historical Museum at 8 p.m. as part of The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table.

■ The Alfred Hitchcock film *The Rear Window* will show at the Penn Theatre today (Thursday), with an 8 p.m. start time as part of this month's mystery series at the Penn Theatre.

■ Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the Plymouth Farmers Market will be in full swing at The Gathering, next to Kellogg Park.

YMCA summer camp

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its Summer Day Camp, scheduled 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 18-Aug. 31 at First Baptist Church in Plymouth.

Activities will include swimming, field trips, character development, sports, games and lots of fun. Campers can be dropped off any time between 7-9 a.m. and picked up any time between 4-6 p.m.

Potential campers can meet the staff, check out the location and register for the summer at the YMCA's Camp Open House 2-4 p.m. Saturday, May 19. First Baptist Church is located at 45000 N. Territorial between Sheldon and Beck.

Registration fee is waived the day of the open house. Campers who sign up for more than three weeks receive an additional camp T-shirt.



Honoring the fallen

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington and Detective Dave Hayes lower the American flag outside Plymouth Township hall to half-staff during a ceremony Tuesday remembering the nearly 18,000 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in the nation's history. This tribute to American law enforcement is part of the crime bill signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 1994. At the request of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Public Law 103-322 designates Peace Officers Memorial Day as one of only two days during which all residents, businesses and government agencies are required to lower their U.S. flags. The other day with this honor is Memorial Day, which commemorates those who died in military service to the country.

For pricing and the complete parent handbook, visit the YMCA's Web site at www.ymcadetroit.org or call (734) 453-2904.

Community band concert

The Plymouth Community Band spring concert is set for 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, in the Little Theatre in Canton High School.

There is no admission charge.

For more information, visit the band's Web site, www.geocities.com/plycombant

'Little Women' on stage

Plymouth Christian Academy presents its produc-

tion 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.

Garden Walk

No-No's Garden Walk Adventure II features six home gardens, lectures, artists, all designed to provide a memorable Garden Walk experience.

The event takes place 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 23. A free plant goes with the first 250 tickets sold.

Tickets are \$10 and are available in Plymouth at

Backyard Birds, in Northville at Gardenviews, in Novi at Anglin Nursery and in Brighton at Bordine Nursery.

More information is available on-line at www.gardener-northville-novi.org

Poppy Days

Volunteers from the American Legion Post 112, the Beasley Zalesny Auxiliary and the Junior Auxiliary will be at several locations throughout Plymouth for the annual Poppy Days event 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 17-19.

The poppies became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives lost during World War I and have become a way to honor the contribution of all veterans. Hand-crafted by hospitalized veterans, the poppies are given out in exchange for donations which will be used to benefit veterans and families.

As in past years, volunteers will be stationed at Kmart on Ann Arbor Road and Haggerty, Farmer Jack on Morton Taylor and Joy, and Leo's Coney Island and Busch's grocery store, both at 5 Mile and Sheldon.

Baccalaureate Mass

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth hosts its annual Baccalaureate Mass

and reception 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9.

Colleen Misiak, coordinator of youth ministry, is extending an invitation to all area graduates to join in worship and prayer. Graduates are to arrive in cap-and-gown and meet in the social hall on the lower level at 3:30 p.m. Mass follows at 4 p.m.

To register, go to the church's Web site at www.olgcparrish.net (click on Life Teen to download response form), or call (734) 453-0326, Ext. 243.

Historic home credits

The Plymouth Preservation Network hosts a workshop designed to show homeowners how to receive income tax credits for making improvements to historic homes 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main in Plymouth.

Improvements can include new roof, air conditioning and heating systems, kitchen and bathroom renovations or painting. The seminar will feature Bryan Lijewski, architectural coordinator for the Michigan Historic Preservation Office.

For more information, visit the Plymouth Preservation

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Kindergarten expansion

New Morning School officials announced they have expanded their successful early childhood program to offer parents even more ways to make New Morning School a perfect fit.

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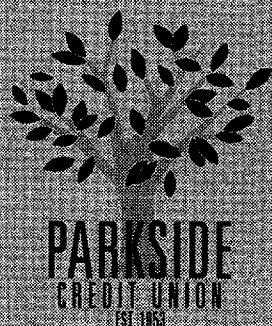
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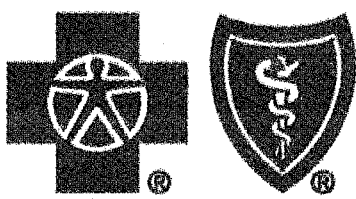
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Artists include glassblowers, potters, chalk artists, balloon twisters and musicians. The event starts with an opening reception 6-9 p.m. Friday and runs 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

"It's a weekend to feast on the arts," said Jill Andra Young, Art Feast chairwoman. "Art is everywhere, and we need to appreciate it."

"On Friday night, people can take the trolley, which will leave from Michigan Made and make the circle to the four outer businesses that are participating," said Young. "The whole event is passport-driven, and participants have a chance to win 29 pieces of art. You need 12 stamps, and one of them has to be from one of our outer locations."

- What you'll find:
- Kites & Fun Things, (734) 454-3760 - Kites and wind spinners.
 - The Glassworks, (734) 459-6419 - glassblower Don Schneider giving demonstrations at the torch.
 - Village Potters Guild, (734) 207-8807 - Potters Guild members crafting pottery.
 - Plymouth Community Arts Council, (734) 416-4278 - Annual art sale, Children's Night Out art activities, \$10 donation to PCAC, 6-8 p.m.
 - Lynn's Corner Shoppe, (734) 927-1181 - Lynn

- Calles, antique hand-painted furniture.
- Muriel's Doll House, (734) 455-8110 - Mollison Morgan, paintings and digital collage.
- Jill Andra Young Photography, (734) 455-7787 - Leslie Greeniesen and Patricia Simes-Somier on Pottery and Lorri Dunning with Diva Dog Jewelry.
- Penniman Gallery, (734) 455-5531 - Cathy Huber, hand-made art dolls (Fairies).
- Frameworks, (734) 459-3355 - Dianna Soisson, demonstration of original pencil drawings.
- Plymouth Coffee Bean Company, (734) 454-0178 - Brian Waskiewicz, photography.
- Gabriela's, (734) 455-8884 - Pamela Grossman, pen-and-ink and watercolor art.
- Parkside Gallery, (734) 455-3400 - Jim Williams, painter.
- Michigan Made & More, (734) 207-8794, Chakuna, Acrylic Painting.
- The Book Cellar & Café, (734) 455-2665 - Xinchun Peng & Yang Chao, Chinese Calligraphy Scrolls.
- Creatopia Paint-it-Yourself Pottery - (734) 453-8797, Joe Conti, Functional Pottery.
- Nature's Choice, (734) 459-7773 - Biljana Stewart, Biba Design, Classic Jewelry designs, pearls and gemstones.
- Gig's Mode, (734) 254-8774 - Alicia Norton, Jewelry.
- Lotus Arts Gallery, (734) 453-5400 - Anne Ademan, Paintings, Oil on Canvas, Giclees and Acrylics.
- House of Fudge, (734) 459-1990 - Mike Roll, Watercolor and Acrylic.
- Village Shopkeeper, (734) 455-6060 - Plymouth woodworkers, Lula Williams, Master Quilter.
- Three Dog Bakery, (734) 453-woof (9663) - Jan Thomas, Pastry Chef, Gourmet Pastries for Pets.
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Field set for City Commission election

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Unless a candidate drops out of the city commission race by 4 p.m. Friday, there will be five names for four seats on the November ballot.

Gerry Sabatini and Dave Workman will be seeking re-

election. Challengers will include Anthony Guillom, Chris Lynn and Mike Wright. All had indicated last week they would seek a seat on the commission.

"Candidates have until Friday afternoon to take their name off the ballot," said City Clerk Linda Langmesser. "Since we didn't have nine can-

didates, we won't need a primary in August. That will save the city about \$14,000."

The top three vote-getters in November will receive four-year terms. The fourth place finisher will serve a two-year term.

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WATER

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Northville, Northville Township and Canton Township to voluntarily limit outdoor water usage to odd/even days. Customers with even-numbered addresses are being asked to water only on even-numbered days, those with odd-numbered addresses on odd-numbered days.

"In addition, we are asking residents to voluntarily limit outdoor water use between the hours of 5 a.m. and 9 a.m.," Sincok said. "Water consumption is often at its peak during this time, and observing water use restrictions enables customers to continue receiving

an even distribution of water with minimal low-pressure problems.

"Following voluntary restrictions is also a good way to keep future water rates down," he added.

Plymouth Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said the township has decided not to participate in the voluntary odd-even watering days.

"Our water system is built to pay for itself on volume, and if you don't keep the volume going through, we'll have to take the fixed cost and apportion them over a lower volume, meaning the rates will go up," Edwards said. "However, we do discourage residents from using water during peak hours to cut down on the cost charged by Detroit."

"If you look at the amount of commercial and industrial usage, and to attract business to Plymouth Township, we have to stay competitive and keep costs down," he added. "And one of their biggest costs is water."

Marion Goff of Plymouth said once she puts seeds and fertilizer on the lawn and it's watered in the spring, her family is in conservation mode.

"We save water whether it's even days or odd days," Goff said. "People waste so much of it, we need to conserve. So many people can't afford it to drink, and yet many people leave the tap open when washing their hands and brushing their teeth."

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More than 20,000 walkers expected to participate for heart health

BY WAYNE PEAL
STAFF WRITER

Southfield considers itself at the heart of southeast Michigan communities.

That's why sponsors say they couldn't find any more appropriate place for the American Heart Association's annual Detroit Area Heart Walk, set for Saturday, May 19, on the grounds of the Southfield Municipal complex.

"The city has been wonderful to us and for all the people we have coming. Southfield is a truly central location," AHA spokeswoman Katie Grode said.

More than 20,000 people are expected to arrive for the walk, with registration beginning at 8 a.m. at the municipal complex, 26000 Evergreen.

"We are delighted to be part of such a regional event," said Nimrod Rosenthal, city communications director. "They (the AHA) approached our parks and recreation depart-

ment with the idea and we were very willing to help."

The walk, formally called the 2007 Start! Metro Detroit Heart Walk, is the AHA's biggest annual fund-raiser. An estimated 500 walks being held in other U.S. communities that day and throughout the year. The new name coincides with the AHA's new Start! campaign which calls on individuals and employers to create heart-healthy lifestyles and workplaces.

The heart walk includes such national sponsors as the Subway restaurant chain and Healthy Choice foods, as well as local sponsors including the Henry Ford Health System, Fifth Third Bank and the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers*.

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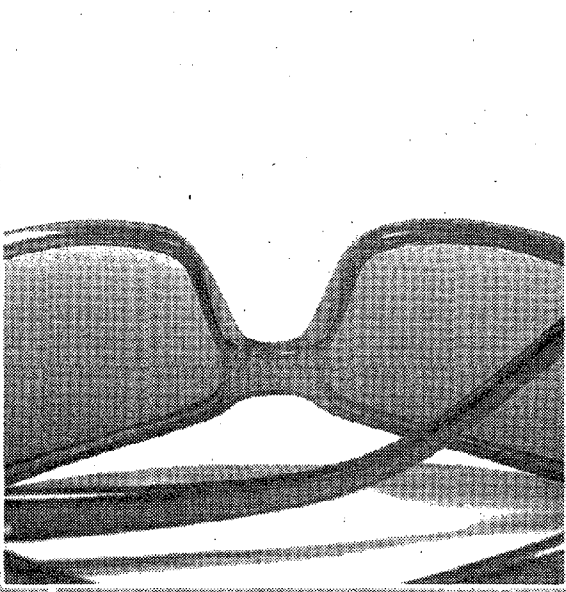
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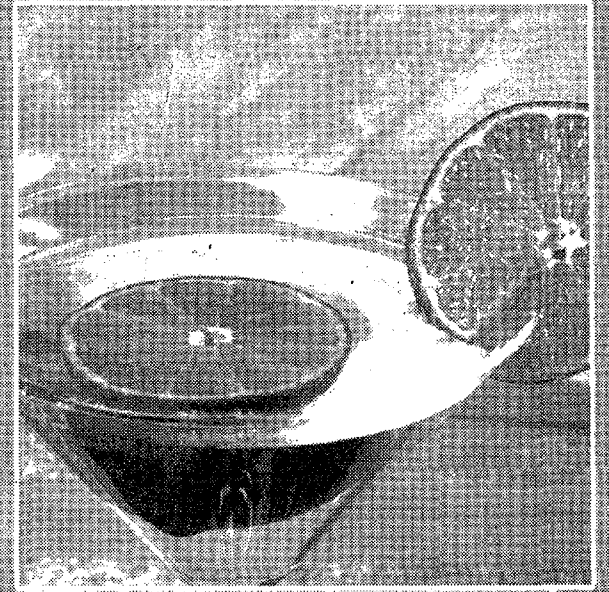
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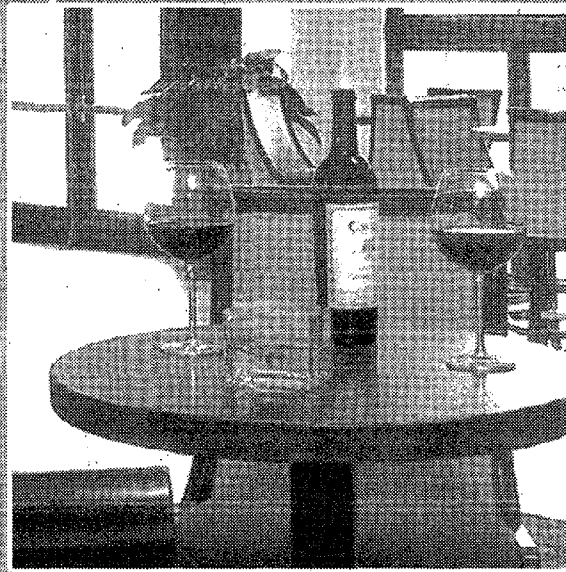
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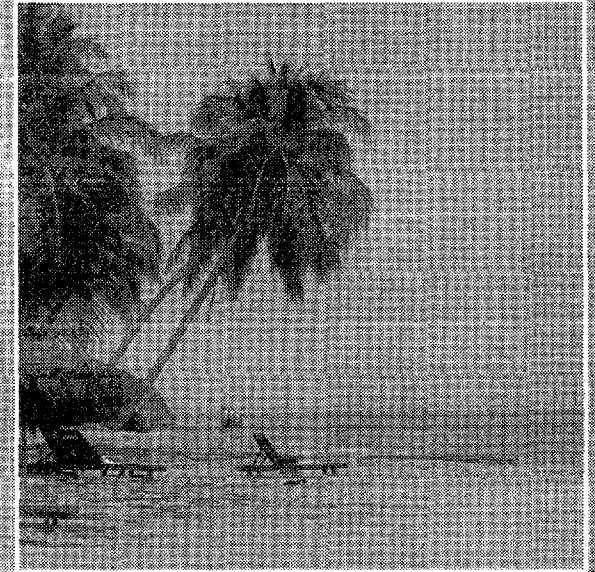
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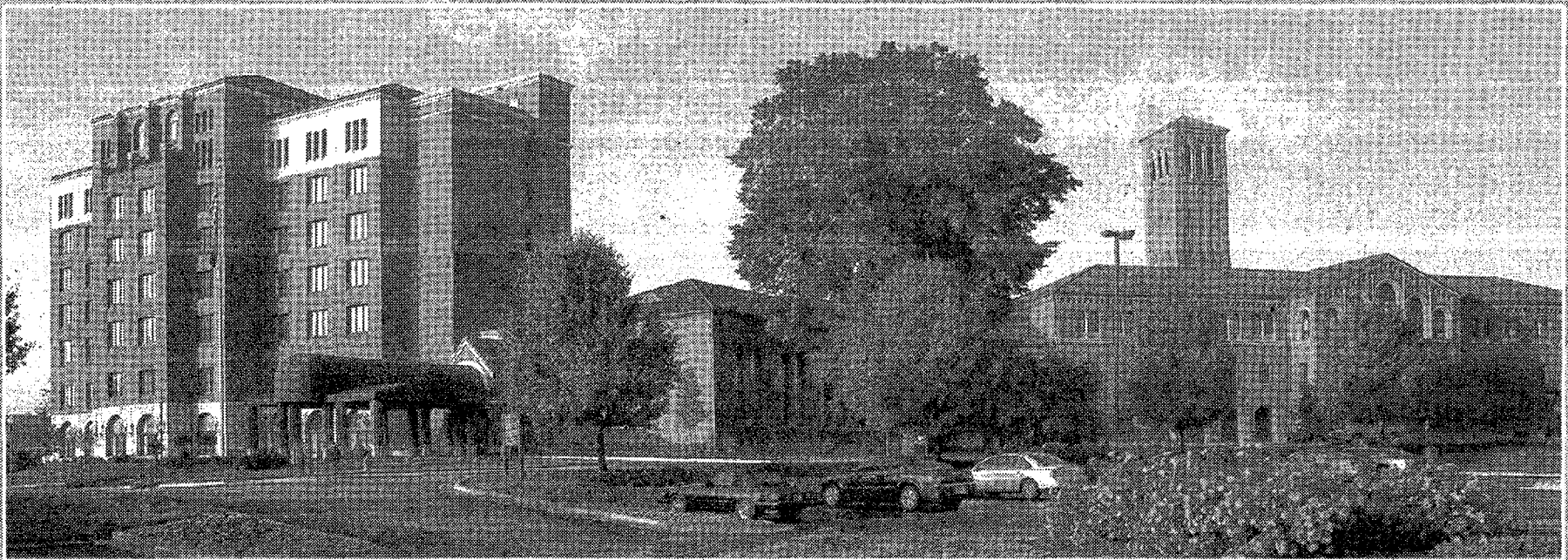
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you're helping their family and their community.

"(Past UAW President) Walter Reuther used to say, 'There's no greater calling than to serve your fellow person, and no greater satisfaction than to do it well,'" he said. "Now, whether we do it well or not, somebody else can cast judgment on that at a later date."

Gettelfinger talked Monday exclusively with the *Observer* in his private board room at the UAW's Solidarity House headquarters in Detroit, during a whirlwind day that began with the news Chrysler was being sold to Cerberus Capital Management.

His softspoken manner shouldn't be confused for a lack of toughness. In his first days in office, Gettelfinger called strikes at four Johnson Controls facilities and won first contracts at three of them. In 2003, he led the UAW negotiating teams at General Motors, Ford, DaimlerChrysler, Delphi and Visteon, needing only five days to reach contract agreements with all five companies.

Despite the many current problems surrounding the domestic auto industry that have affected hundreds of thousands of UAW employees at the Big Three and their suppliers, Gettelfinger said he doesn't feel any pressure.

But, in a rare moment of insight into himself, Gettelfinger admits, "I sometimes struggle wanting to know that I've made the right decision."

Gettelfinger said his toughest decision came in 2005, when the UAW granted health-care concessions to both General Motors and Ford.

"There was no question about it, the most difficult decision I ever had to make," Gettelfinger said. "We did an in-depth, thorough study and analysis of the companies'

finances and we came to the conclusion that it was in the best interest of our membership that we take some kind of action there.

"I had a lot of retirees ask me not to do anything, and I'd say, 'OK, but what happens if the company goes bankrupt and you lose all your health care and a portion of your pension?'" he said. "Would you then come back to me and say, 'Thank you, Ron, you did a great job for me?'"

Gettelfinger said despite rumors of their demise, he believes Detroit's Big Three will pull through their current financial problems.

"A statement was made in the media by a so-called expert that Ford is in meltdown," Gettelfinger said. "I don't believe that. GM seems to be doing well, and Chrysler has some great products out there. So I feel very comfortable where we're at."

But, Gettelfinger admitted, that doesn't mean there won't be some difficult times ahead.

"It's a tough market, very competitive, but under the circumstances the unfair trade agreements work against us," Gettelfinger said. "It's really like these companies are competing against governments, to a degree, as opposed to the competition that's coming in here. In the case of Toyota, they sold 2.5 million vehicles in this country, with over a million of them imported from Japan. When you have currency manipulation, that's a huge advantage to them."

"These trade agreements that have been negotiated are anything but fair," he added. "It's like we're giving our jobs away."

Gettelfinger said one of his biggest concerns and disappointments is the state of health care in the U.S.

"Health care in our country is a disgrace and a disaster, and we're having a hard time getting anybody's attention to get it fixed," said Gettelfinger, who favors a national health care system. "We like to think that if people (elected officials) in

Washington D.C. have health care, and prisoners have health care, then everybody in-between should have health care. It seems pretty simple to us, but it's been difficult getting movement in that area."

Alternative energy sources and global warming are buzz words being directed at domestic carmakers. Gettelfinger said the industry has an obligation, but not the sole responsibility, to address the problems.

"We believe in carbon caps, but we don't believe the auto industry is the only place where you should go to fix the problem of the environment," Gettelfinger said. "We initially supported CAFE (Corporate Average Fuel Economy) standards when they were put in place, and we're not opposed to increasing them. But let's not do it at the expense of the industry or workforce."

"It has to be nationwide, all-encompassing," he added. "Your home and my home have to be part of the equation."

The UAW has had its challenges in attempting to organize the auto plants of foreign nameplates, and job cuts and layoffs have resulted in a decline of union membership. However, Gettelfinger said the UAW is making strides in broadening membership by organizing casino workers nationwide and representing legal services workers. It's also the largest union for graduate student employees.

"We're not going away, and we're going to continue to beef up our efforts in organizing because there's no other instrument that gives workers any form of equity and justice in the workplace other than a union," Gettelfinger said. "Anyone who sells organized labor short on being able to get their message out and being energized and motivated when it comes to issues and politics would be making a mistake, because organized labor is very much ready to go."

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UAW chief: 'Play cards you're dealt'

BY TONY BRUSCATO
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United Auto Workers President Ron Gettelfinger said he's not thrilled Cerberus Capital Management will become the new majority owner of Chrysler, but "you have to play the cards that your deal."

"Do we feel good it's an equity fund, absolutely not," said Gettelfinger in an exclusive interview with the *Observer* in his Solidarity House board room, moments before making his first public statements on the deal. "We like to think of it as they come in and strip a company and flip 'em, and sell it for what they can."

"The indications are here that's not going to happen," he said. "And, you have to place a certain amount of confidence in what you're told ... and we have to take it at face value that they have no intention of stripping and flipping this company."

Cerberus, a New York City fund, will pay \$7.4 billion for an 80-percent stake in Chrysler, with Daimler keeping the remaining 20 percent.

Gettelfinger, who resides in Canton Township, said the union would have preferred to stay aligned with Daimler, however when DaimlerChrysler Chief Executive Dieter Zetsche announced Feb. 14 Chrysler might be for sale and all options were on the table, the UAW knew the future would look different.

"Their stock shot up dramatically, some 30-percent increase with the announcement," Gettelfinger said. "It's pretty hard when that market cap is raised on the stock ... there's no turning that thing around."

"We made one last pitch, but now the decision has been made," Gettelfinger said. "I don't know when they made the final conclusion, but we reviewed their action and it's time for us to move forward to the next chapter. Without question, in our mind, this is the best of the alternatives that are in front of us."

Gettelfinger noted that with Daimler remaining a minority owner of Chrysler, there will continue to be interaction with their German partner.

"I think there will still be a lot of interfacing between the two companies, that's the commitment they gave us," Gettelfinger said. "I think that's important if you're talking about new technology and joint programs."

Gettelfinger and General Holiefield, a UAW vice president who is head of the Chrysler bargaining team, met Tuesday with top officials of Cerberus and Chrysler Group, a day before the DaimlerChrysler Supervisory Board — of which Gettelfinger is a member — discussed the deal Wednesday.

"Absolutely, they will recognize the contract," said Gettelfinger of Cerberus' intentions toward the union. "I think the fact the current man-

agement team (including Chrysler CEO Tom LaSorda) is staying is a positive."

At the news conference, Gettelfinger said he believes Chrysler's earlier announcement it will invest nearly \$2 billion dollars to refurbish plants in Michigan won't change.

"I think the commitments that have been made, the \$1.7 billion that will be invested in this area (will continue)," Gettelfinger said. "There's going to be a lot of things that are going to happen to be in the best interest of moving forward."

Holiefield predicted his interactions with Cerberus won't be any different than his dealings with Daimler.

"We've been through this before when Chrysler was assumed by Daimler," Holiefield said. "It was pretty much like it was back then, we were uncertain as to whether that engagement ... would begin to pan out. We feel as though we have an excellent opportunity, and we're going to build the best automobiles you've ever seen out on the street."

When asked by the *Observer* if being owned by an American company will allow Chrysler to regain its own identity, Holiefield said he'd like to see that happen.

"We're all reaching for the Pentastar, we know that's the insignia of Chrysler," Holiefield said. "We certainly welcome the opportunity to embrace that logo again."



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Race, media focus of OU forum

The third segment of a groundbreaking television series on race relations in metropolitan Detroit will be taped at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, in Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University.

The public is invited to attend the Detroit Public Television taping of Bridging the Racial Divide, a series co-hosted by former NBC correspondent and news anchor Emery King and WJR radio host Paul W. Smith. The series examines the costs of segregation in Detroit, which is the most racially segregated metro-

politan area in the United States.

"Our hope is that this program will help to inform and enlighten metro Detroiters, many of whom may not believe there are serious ramifications to living so separately," said King.

"Although they may not have clear price tags, many of today's social ills, from inefficient land use in the suburbs to crumbling schools in Detroit, may be traced back to the effects of segregation throughout metro Detroit," Smith added.

The first two programs in the series aired in September

and February and were recorded at Wayne State and Madonna University. Each program in the series focuses on one particular aspect of the problem. The show being recorded at Oakland University will focus on racism in the media.

Invited members of the media will form a panel on stage. King and Smith will interact with the panel, but the intention is to involve the audience as participants as well.

For more information, or directions to Varner Recital Hall, call (248) 370-2032, or visit www.oakland.edu.

Wayne RESA names new superintendent

Christopher A. Wigent, superintendent of Calhoun Intermediate School District, was unanimously approved as the new superintendent for the Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency.

The RESA board voted May 10 to hire Wigent to replace outgoing superintendent Marlene Davis, who will retire at the end of June.

Wigent has been superintendent of the Calhoun Intermediate District for the



Wigent

He is active on a number of state and national professional and community organizations, including serving as board chair of the Michigan Virtual

past six years. He has also been superintendent of Olivet Community Schools and Dryden Community Schools.

University Board, member of the Michigan State University College of Education National Advisory Board, the statewide School-Public Health Pandemic Issues Workgroup and chair of the National Resources Center for the Healing of Racism Board of Directors.

Wigent will be his new position July 2.

RESA is the intermediate school district for Wayne County.

Rules to live by when making investments

I was asked about a recent column and why it appeared to be different from the advice I gave someone on my radio show. The issue dealt with taking a lump sum distribution vs. a pension. For one individual, I told them to take the pension offered by their company. For another individual, I recommended taking the lump sum distribution.

The individual I spoke with wanted to know why the contradiction. My answer is there is no contradiction. When it comes to financial planning, you need to look at the individual and his or her personal situation. It would be easy if everyone was in the same situation, however, that is not the case.

There are many factors to consider when deciding whether someone should take a lump sum distribution or a pension. When it comes to money, what may be good for some people may not be good for all.

The following are the rules I use in establishing strategies for clients.

1. I never invest in anything or recommend a financial product that I cannot check out independently. I don't want to rely on what a company says about its product or what a salesperson says. I want to be able to check out an investment independently.

Typically, I want to look at two or three independent sources regarding an investment. One of the reasons I like mutual funds is that I can find independent information about them.

2. I don't invest in anything



Money Matters

Rick Bloom

that does not have a track record. I know this is not necessarily politically correct, but I believe the only reason you invest money is to make money. I want to look at an investment and see how it has performed over time.

Generally, I like investments that have been around at least 10 years so I can analyze their three-, five- and 10-year track record. By following this rule, it is possible that I miss out on something new that can do very well. However, more likely than not, this won't be the case. Rather, by following this rule, I won't get involved in something that potentially can cost me a lot of money.

3. I never invest in anything that I do not understand. This doesn't mean I have to understand all the intricacies. I want to make sure that I understand how I can make money, how I can lose money and how I can get my money out when I choose.

4. I never invest in anything until I understand the cost. I want to know what it costs to buy, to sell and to hold an investment. Any independent study says costs do matter. The key to being a successful investor is to minimize the cost of investing. That is why I avoid commission

products and investments that have high ongoing fees. If you want to keep more money in your pocket where it belongs, you will do the same.

I believe commissions create a potential conflict of interest. Is the individual selling you the investment because it is good for you or good for them? The best commissioned salespeople I know never worry about commissions because they always worry about taking care of their clients. However, there are too many people who work on commission who are worried about one thing — what ends up in their pocket, not yours.

My last rule is the smell test. If something smells too good to be true, it usually is. When people make outrageous claims, you know it is something you ought to avoid.

There are different investment strategies that investors can use to be successful, however, do not confuse strategies with rules. Sometimes it seems that by following the rules, you are missing out on a great opportunity. My experience is by following basic rules, being patient and not letting greed dictate your decisions, you will have more money in your pocket — where it belongs.

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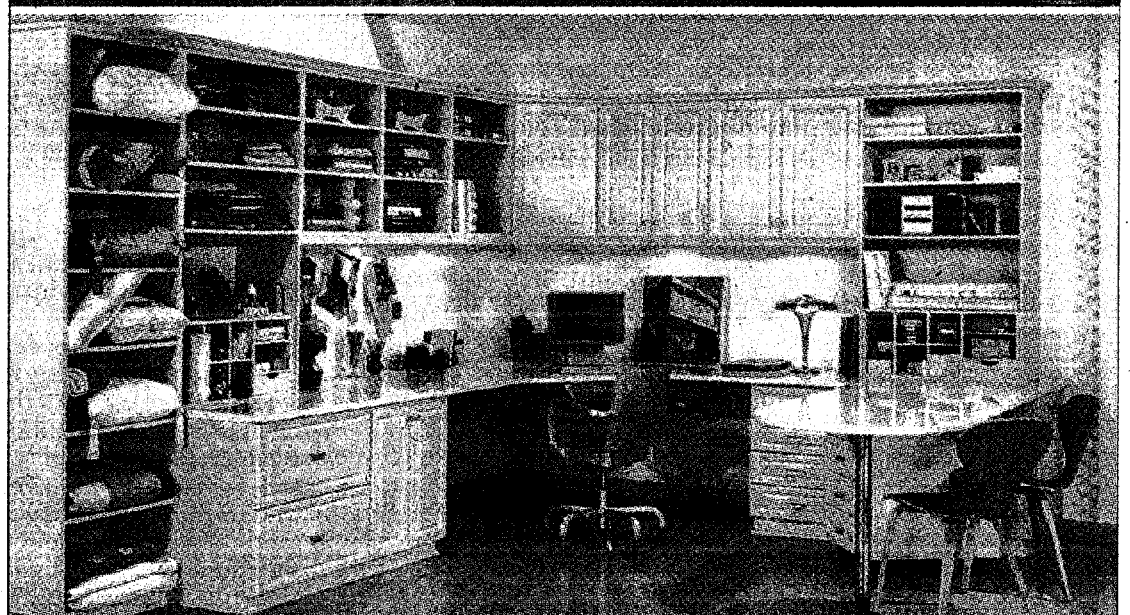
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OUR VIEWS

Plan builds on area's strengths

In a time of almost unrelenting doom and gloom about the future of southeast Michigan, a group of area leaders is taking a proactive approach toward accentuating the positive in our region.

Detroit Renaissance's Road to Renaissance is a detailed road map for kickstarting our lagging economy by building on our strengths. It proposes drawing on government, business and foundation funding to study, create a timeline and act on important economic initiatives.

The plan focuses on six development priorities: becoming a center for global mobility; growing an aerotropolis; growing greater Detroit's creative community; growing greater Detroit's entrepreneurial capacity; retaining out future talent base; and promoting globally, communicating locally.

The elements are already in place. Detroit Metro and Willow Run airports are perfectly positioned along I-94, between the financial and business center of Detroit and the research and educational might of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The land is available for development and redevelopment. The airport city concept could transform this area into a logistics hub with warehousing and research and development facilities for cutting edge businesses.

The Woodward creative corridor from downtown Detroit to the New Center area has been building slowly but surely over the past decade. This plan will help accelerate that growth.

The plan will also accelerate the growth of new businesses by adding two additional business accelerators to the four that already operate in providing the resources that new businesses need to succeed.

We also support the emphasis on education and keeping talented young people here with new jobs that will challenge and reward them.

By building on what we have and getting key players on board, this is a plan with a good chance to succeed. Doug Rothwell, president of Detroit Renaissance, summed it up succinctly in an interview with the *Observer & Eccentric*: "This is a strategy that focuses on a handful of priorities. It doesn't address everything we need to do to get our economy in fifth gear. But it is a start. What we need to do now is focus. This region has a tendency to 'zig and zag' on the project du jour. Our success will largely be determined by our ability to stick with a strategy long enough to see it through."

It's time to end water dispute

Water, water everywhere, but the fight continues over ownership.

Summer's warmer weather is sure to bring increased water use by weekend lawn warriors, and a fresh round of battles over the Detroit water department and the system it operates.

Bickering over water rates certainly is not new and in fact is the primary reason a U.S. District judge has the final say over how the system operates instead of the city of Detroit, which owns the water and sewer systems, and the suburban communities that comprise its customer base.

The flag bearer for the opposition continues to be Oakland County Drain Commissioner John McCulloch, who has argued long and hard — and with some past success — that Detroit's system is mismanaged to the point that water rates are unnecessarily high.

Although McCulloch's complaints largely have fallen on deaf ears when it comes to system administrator U.S. District Judge John Feikens, he did score a major victory when the city of Detroit was ordered by the judge to refund millions of dollars charged to suburban customers for a new radio system used mostly by the city's police and fire departments.

And McCulloch may find some traction in opposing a new regional governing body proposed by Feikens that calls for a new, eight-member regional authority to own and operate the system. Like the current board, the new authority would be slanted toward the city of Detroit, which would have five of the eight votes even after being compensated for transferring ownership of the system.

It seems silly that a region literally surrounded by clean, fresh drinking water would fight so long and so hard over its delivery system. The only way this issue will be resolved is for all sides — the city of Detroit, McCulloch and other suburban leaders, the state Legislature and, perhaps most importantly, Feikens — to continue to work on finding a solution that everyone can accept.

We've heard a lot lately about regional cooperation and the need for city and suburbs to set aside their historical differences to lead a renaissance of economic prosperity for southeast Michigan. Ending the water system dispute would be a good first step.



LETTERS

Ethanol price gouging?

Call me Green, I use Leed's construction when I can and bought a dual-fuel Ford Motor Ethanol/Gas engine vehicle. Having funds flow to the North American farmer is a much more pleasant thought than shipping profits overseas.

One reason we bought the Mercury Marquis was that the price of gas may double again; however, ethanol should remain relatively stable in price. Right? Maybe not!

I can understand with our dependence on foreign oil that the worldwide market for barrels is beyond our control. Every time a world event occurs we pay more at the pump. Fortunately, during one of the recent lulls in the storm, gas was down near \$2 and I was able to buy ethanol for about \$1.90.

There may be a justification for the recent rise in gas to over \$3 but the price of ethanol rising to \$3 has to be pure price-gouging.

Right now in southeast Michigan, ethanol is a win-win situation. The leaders in this alternative energy are GM and Ford with over three million dual-fuel vehicles like mine on the road. Where is the government, when we need to implement the changes so often spoken about but, so far, not acted upon?

There are very few ethanol pumps available. When I asked the newly constructed gas station in Plymouth, why no ethanol tanks, his response was that there was too much government regulation to make it worth his while. This was a multimillion dollar investment by an independent entrepreneur. The governments did not help, they hurt the cause.

Perhaps at least until the alternative fuel system, including distribution, gets established the state of Michigan could take the road-use tax off of ethanol. Give the Green people a break. More importantly, give GM and Ford the advantage they need to beat the foreign competition. If the system works we all win by having less dependence upon foreign oil, more jobs in southeast Michigan, cleaner air and more income to North American farmers.

After a temporary moratorium on ethanol fuel state road tax, put it back on in a few years, if necessary.

Tom Goebel
Plymouth

Heise supporter

As a lifetime Plymouth resident and graduate of the Plymouth-Canton schools, I was proud to support Kurt Heise for Plymouth-Canton school board on May 8.

While I was disappointed at the timing of Mark Slavens' appointment to the Circuit Court, the school board now has the chance to set things right. The board needs to respect the wishes of thousands of voters like me who share Kurt's vision for our schools.

Our voices need to be heard. I hope the school board is listening.

Eric Bacynski
Plymouth Township

Thanking voters

The votes are in and the precincts have been tallied. The people in the cities and townships of the Schoolcraft Community College district have elected me to represent them as their Schoolcraft Trustee. I am truly humbled by and appreciative of the vote of confidence. I promise you that I will not break the trust that you have given me. I will do my very best to represent you, your families and all of the stakeholders in the Schoolcraft Community College district.

This vote was an endorsement of the unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees last December. I truly believe that I was chosen by you because you feel that I best represent the students and families in the district. I have worked hard to earn your trust and I will continue to do my best to make decisions with your best interests in mind.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who worked on my campaign. It was your tireless dedication that ensured my success. I also could not have done this without my family, relatives and friends. Thank you so very much!

Joan Gebhardt
Livonia

Hold Cheney accountable

Vice President Dick Cheney has subverted the U.S. Constitution, subverted the rule of law, and subverted the role and functions of U.S. intelligence agencies. The crimes have defrauded us into an illegal war and an illegal occupation of a sovereign nation. Our U.S. Constitution demands impeachment for these crimes against the American people and these crimes the rule of law.

No one is above the law. Dick Cheney must be impeached. Someone needs to be held accountable for these atrocities.

HR333, the articles of impeachment introduced in the House of Representatives, must be considered by the full House of Representatives and acted upon.

As a voter and a citizen, I call upon my representatives to do their sworn duty to the country first and put all political, and party loyalty second, for once.

Jason Esmacher
Redford Township

Cuts improper

Back in 1984, Michigan residents experienced the loss of over 73,000 vehicles, and there was a huge public outrage over the auto theft crime and resulting high comprehensive insurance rates that people were paying to cover those losses.

Like today, state and local government had no funds for new programs that could help reduce auto theft and so officials joined together to support the development of Michigan's Automobile Theft Prevention Authority. They chose to fund this program with a \$1 assessment on all private passenger vehicles

that would be collected by all of Michigan's insurance carriers so that no carrier would have a competitive advantage over another.

This assessment provides approximately \$6.2 million in revenue each year.

In order to assure Michigan insurance carriers that this assessment would not become an additional source of revenue for the Legislature, the statute clearly states: "Money in the automobile theft prevention fund shall not be considered state money."

What has been the result of the ATPA program? Michigan's auto thefts fell to 49,064 in 2005 — a 37 percent reduction from 1984. Since the start of the ATPA program 20 years ago, Michigan's auto thefts have fallen in 17 of those years.

Have all these arrests and convictions save Michigan citizens any money on their comprehensive insurance premiums? You bet.

The state budget is dire. However, we think the governor made a grave mistake in transferring \$4 million from the ATPA in her recent executive order. The governor's advisers apparently thought that the ATPA had a \$4 million surplus, but they failed to provide ATPA staff a chance to explain that the money was already committed to 47 different governmental jurisdictions in the form of grants for 2007, before the governor issued her executive order.

The ATPA board is now forced to consider how to cut grant programs that have already acted on accomplishing their program goals. Recently, the attorney general ruled that the governor's executive order program violates state statute and takes money that is statutorily restricted for reducing auto theft.

The ATPA board is considering a reduction of 42 percent for all grantees. That would mean the elimination of 51 grant-funded law enforcement positions. Michigan has already lost 1,600 law enforcement positions since 9/11. The state budget should not be balanced on the back of public safety.

David Gorcycya
president, Prosecuting Attorneys
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"I have recommended we do that districtwide, not only to save Terry Sawchuk, but the other 73 people who received pink slips a couple of weeks ago ... And with that simple correction, we would be able to save support programs and continue to save the athletic program. For us, the largest expense in our budget is salaries across the board."

- Richard Ham-Kucharski, school board member, on why he thinks teachers should take a one-time, 6-percent pay cut

History's lessons are lost on those leading us today

Thucydides, the man regarded as the father of modern historical thinking, wrote his classic *History of the Peloponnesian War* in the fifth century BCE. And it holds some meaningful insights that both our political parties could learn from today.

Besides writing about that terrible war, in which Athens and its allies were vanquished by Sparta, the ancient Greek general explored one of the oldest questions in philosophy: What do we mean when we say that something "caused" something, as in "X caused Y?" What was new about Thucydides' thinking was the idea that surface reasons may not necessarily be the real reason that events unfold in a certain way.

For Thucydides, this meant that on the surface, the start of the Peloponnesian War came with the battle for the town of Epidamnus.

But he makes it clear as the book goes on that the underlying cause for the war was really Athens' preoccupation with its empire and Sparta's fear that its independence might thereby be crushed.

The more things change, the more things stay the same. Fast forward to the confused state of our politics, A.D. 2007, as a classic case in which you need to understand what's beneath the surface.

Republicans and Democrats can't seem to get along. Indeed, the gap between liberal, left-leaning Democrats and conservative, hard-right Republicans seems so enormous as to make sensible compromise in the middle almost impossible.

Why is this? Not because House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, dislike each other. Quite to the contrary, they have a good personal relationship.

Yet the dynamics dictate that most of Dillon's Democratic legislators are well to the left of Bishop's Republican followers.

The underlying cause is the way legislative districts have deliberately been designed. Both parties have mastered the use of political technology so that they can slice and dice a political map with amazing refinement. And a silent conspiracy of those in office makes sure certain districts are overwhelmingly Republican and others solidly Democratic. In fact, of the 148 legislative districts in Michigan, only a handful are actually competitive.

What this means is that the real election takes place not in November, but in the August primary, when candidates are nominated to run. Because voters in primary elections tend to be the most extreme representatives of their party, folks voting in Republican primaries are well to the right of the average GOP voter.

At the same time, Democratic primary voters are well to the left of most of us. This means that the candidates that are anointed in the primary election are often representatives of the political extremes. No wonder they can't get along once

lected! Here's another example of how underlying structural causes distort political behavior. Has it ever occurred to you that the candidates we nominate for president these days are by and large not the best qualified for the most important job in the world? That's not because there are fewer able people willing to run for president. It's because back in the 1970s, we changed the way candidates were nominated.

Back in the old days, nominations took place in national conventions, where political bosses gathered in smoke-filled rooms and horsetraded and haggled about who would be nominated. All of them knew the possible candidates, their strengths and weaknesses.

And all of them realized that their political power depended on picking a nominee who was capable and without serious personality flaws. So we got nominees like Franklin D. Roosevelt, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Harry Truman.

Nowadays, we pick our presidential nominees by a bunch of primary elections, as the "democratic" way to do things. In practice, this means that the same party activists who vote in legislative primaries wind up controlling presidential primaries, together with a bunch of busy-body media types, yours truly included.

Result? George McGovern, Michael Dukakis, George W. Bush.

Now things are getting even worse. Next year's primary calendar is in the process of being so distorted by states anxious to jump to the head of the pack that is "so contrary to the national interest that it cries out for action," according to David Broder, one of the nation's most respected political commentators.

Earlier this month, Florida moved its primary up to Jan. 29, right on the heels of New Hampshire's primary Jan. 22. Iowa and Nevada plan to hold caucuses even earlier than that. Michigan Republicans, together with more than 20 other states, will hold their delegate selection primary on Feb. 5. (State Democrats are dithering, and may do it then, or not.)

What this means is that, by the morning of Feb. 6, we're likely to know both nominees. By that time, they will have already conducted history's longest, most expensive and possibly most boring political campaign ... with another nine months left to go!

So that's a snapshot of the structural reasons behind both the impasse that's gripped the Michigan Legislature — and which has distorted the campaign for president next year.

Looking at the mess may not be pleasant, but understanding it is the only way to get the insight that we need if we are ever to go about curing our increasingly dysfunctional political system.

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Phil Power

No standing still while getting dumped on by trash lobby

Recently, I came under attack by a so-called anti-tax group for standing up against the powerful trash industry. Members of the group went through our neighborhoods and taped fliers to our residents' garbage cans — fliers attacking me for fighting to end the massive flood of Canadian and out-of-state trash into our state.



Marc Corriveau

Here is what I have to say about that: I will continue fighting to protect our communities, land, air, water and roads from the threat of Canadian and out-of-state trash. I refuse to be bullied by a political stunt from groups that are nothing more than fronts for special interests.

Politics aside, trash trucks from Canada and other states pose a very real threat to our residents in Michigan. Canadian trash trucks have been involved in major traffic crashes, including one in November 2005 that killed two Michigan men in Huron Township.

Canadian trash trucks also have dumped human waste onto busy roads — it happened in Huron Township in March 2006 and in downtown Flat Rock in February 2005. In both cases, major roads had to be closed down while hazardous material teams worked to clean up the toxic spill.

In addition, when trucks carrying tons of trash rumble through our communities and tear up our roads, our taxpayers foot the bill for the damages. Last year, Canada and other states dumped 6.3 million tons of garbage in Michigan, accounting for 30 percent of the waste landfilled in our state. We took in trash from some of our neighbors, including Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin. We also took in trash from as far away as New Jersey and even Florida. Why would anyone send their trash more than 1,000 miles to dispose of it? For one reason, and one reason alone — it is dirt-cheap to dump in Michigan.

Michigan currently charges a paltry 21 cents a ton to dump in our landfills — the lowest dumping charge in the entire Great Lakes region. The plan I voted for in the Michigan House will increase that dumping charge to \$7.50 a ton, bringing us in line with other states and ending the garbage industry's free ride.

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Increasing the dumping charge will work to drastically reduce the amount of Canadian and out-of-state trash flowing into Michigan, because a similar plan worked in Pennsylvania. After the Keystone State increased its dumping charge to \$7.25 a ton in 2002, trash imports were slashed by 23 percent. Michigan is known far and wide as the Great Lakes State, but we are fast becoming the Great Waste State. States such as Pennsylvania are protecting themselves with higher dumping charges, and we must do the same. To do that, we must stand up to the powerful special interest groups that profit off the trashing of Michigan.

The plan approved by the House also returns money to local communities for road maintenance, public safety and improved recycling programs.

The plan to slam the brakes on Canadian and out-of-state trash trucks is now headed to the state Senate, and I urge my fellow lawmakers to act quickly on it. Fast action is needed because more than 17,000 tons of trash stream into Michigan every day that we delay.

I came to Lansing to stand up for the people I represent and fight for their best interests. I will not allow my community to be pushed around by the garbage industry and told that trash, sludge and radioactive waste is more important than our children, communities, lakes and streams. I will not back down and allow Michigan to become the nation's dumping ground.

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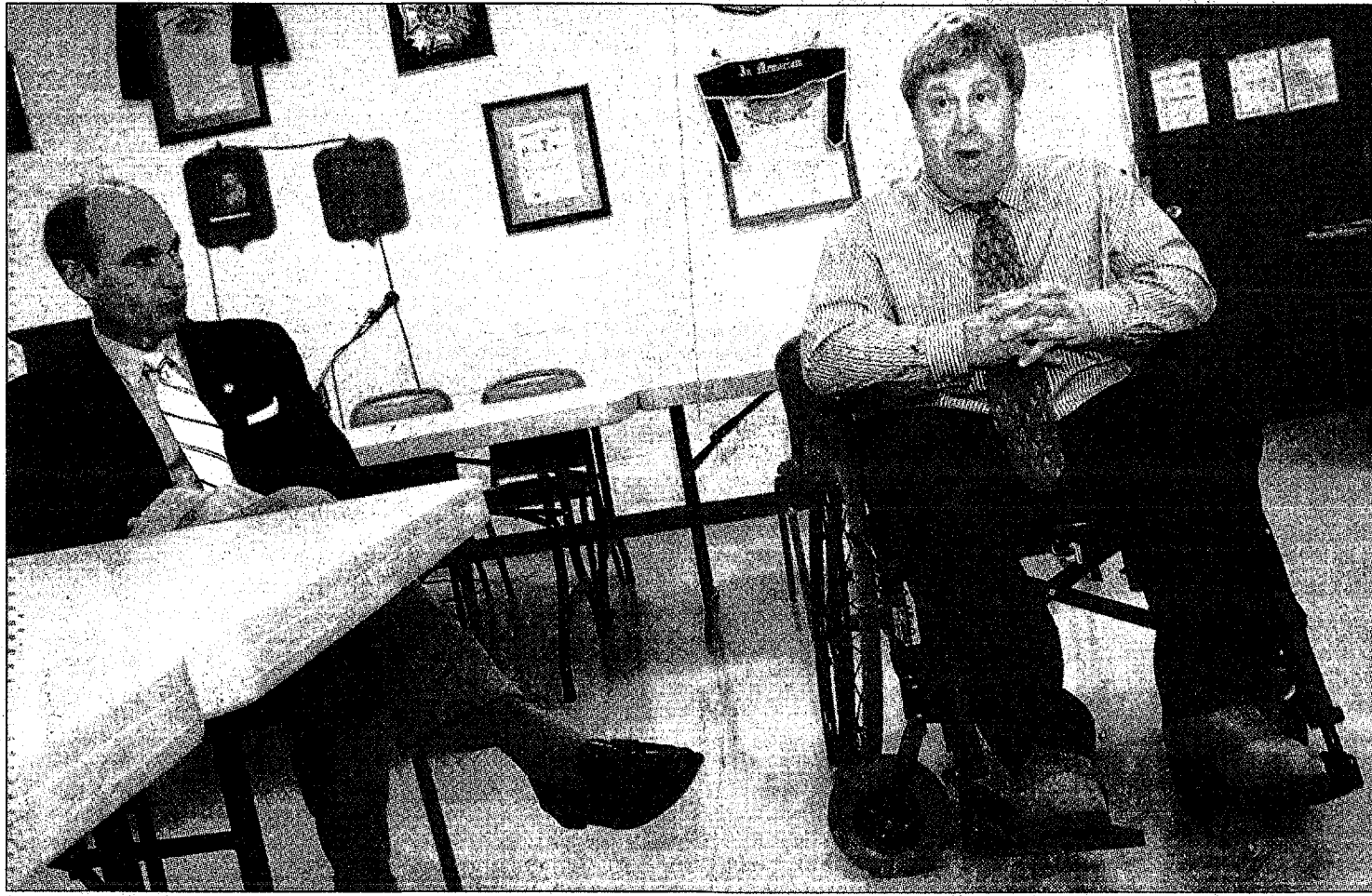
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U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia (left), listens as Michael Harris, director of Michigan Paralyzed Veterans Association, talks about the importance of the Veterans' Employment Transition Support Act.

Nonprofit provides comfort for wounded

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Elaine Boné of Brownstown and Kathy Long of Woodhaven came prepared for U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's press conference Monday.

They were there to show support for his proposed Veterans' Employment Transition Support Act, and there to get people to sign pieces of denim fabric that will be used to make Four Freedoms Gratitude Quilts. To draw attention to their mission, they had a completed quilt spread out on a table in front of them. Squares on the front were filled with messages for the recipient, a wounded U.S. soldier.

"Remember who it's going to," said Boné as people lined up to do a square.

The two women have been making the quilts for Operation: Quiet Comfort, a Michigan-based volunteer nonprofit organization which provides "meaningful support for our wounded warriors and the amazing medical professionals who care for them."

"I do the cutting, she does the sewing," said Long, a Woodhaven resident.

Beside them, Tracey Roberts of Livonia placed a portable CD player and CDs, personal care items, undershirt, pants, socks, towel, magazine and paper and pens to write letters home on the table. They represent the contents of an Operation: Quiet Comfort "go bag," a transition kit for hospitalized wounded soldiers.

"When they get to a forward (combat support) hospital, their clothes are cut off them and they're separated from their belonging," said

Roberts. "Operation: Quiet Comfort ships out boxes and boxes of go bags to the hospitals."

"All of this is 100 percent donations, the products come from all over the country," she added.

Founded by Lori Pate of LaSalle, Operation: Quiet Comfort started making the Four Freedoms Gratitude Quilts. Pate took the name from a January 1941 speech to Congress by President Franklin D. Roosevelt which identified the four freedoms as freedom of speech and expression and worship and freedom from want and fear.

The mission expanded when the hospitals started contacting her for "everything." When a hospital needed portable bath tubs, she put it on the Web site and got 20 donations.

These days, every room of Pate's house is filled with Quiet Comfort items, and she goes to the post office daily to pick up more donations.

"She does whatever is needed to bring immediate relief to our troops," Boné said.

The organization relies entirely on donations to do its work. Everything that comes in goes to the wounded soldiers.

"They need money," said Roberts. "There's no overhead, every penny they get goes to the troops."

People who liked to help Operation: Quiet Comfort can find more information about the organization on its Web site at www.operationquietcomfort.com. Donations also can be sent to Operation: Quiet Comfort, P.O. Box 263, LaSalle, MI 48145.

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McCotter: Tax credit benefits veterans

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Businesses that hire military veterans could get an income tax credit, under a bill introduced Tuesday by U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, R-Livonia.

The bill - Veterans' Employment Transition Support Act, or VETS for short - would provide a one-time credit to employers against income tax for hiring honorably discharged military personnel. The credit would equal 40 percent of the veteran's first-year wages or up to 50 percent, if the veteran is disabled.

"Encouraging companies to hire veterans is not just the smart thing to do, it's the right thing to do," said McCotter in announcing the bill at a press conference at the Harris Kehler VFW Post in Westland on Monday. "By facilitating their transition into civilian life, we further their good works on behalf of our country

and our community."

McCotter said the tax credit would not necessarily have to be used for the veteran's first job after leaving the service. A veteran who decides to go to school and work could hold onto the credit until finding a job in his or her chosen field of work.

"The key is the veterans," he said. "It allows them to determine when they want to use the credit and that may not necessarily be their first job."

According to U.S. Labor Department data, the current unemployment rate for recently discharged veterans is 10.4 percent, well above the nonveteran unemployment rate of 4.6 percent. Also, 33 percent of the homeless population are veterans and 67 percent of that number served in the military for three or more years.

McCotter also pointed out that federal programs providing tax credits cover groups like welfare recipients, ex-felons and young adults, but none target

companies that hire veterans.

This is the second time McCotter has introduced the VETS bill. He introduced it in the last session of Congress, but it never made it out of the Ways and Means Committee because "the (Republican) chairman wasn't disposed to tax credits," McCotter said.

A possibly stumbling block this time is the Democrats' policy that to offer any tax relief, an area of the budget must be found that can be cut. McCotter, however, said the cost can't be determined since it will depend on how many veterans come back and enter the workforce.

"How much an employer saves will be determined by when they enter the workforce and their willingness to use the credit," he said.

Representatives of several organizations were on hand to show support for the proposed legislation. Among them, Michael Harris, executive director of the Michigan

Paralyzed Veterans Association, who said the bill is "critical" to disabled veterans.

"I'm thankful for the introduction of this legislation," said Harris.

On active duty this week, Army Reservist Maj. Andrew Raczowski of Farmington Hills can relate to the problems facing veterans as a business owner who lost money because of military service.

"It's hard to find something else when people don't look on military experience as a positive," he said. "There is a positive for the ability to do a job, but it's not a positive when you can be called up at anytime."

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MAY

Divorce recovery
7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, May 17 to June 14, at First Presbyterian Church Emeritus Room (upper level), 200 E. Main, Northville. The cost of the workshop is \$45 (scholarships available). To register, call (248) 349-0911

Solanus Casey benefit

Wine tasting (featuring over 100 wines from around the world) and silent auction 6:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, at St. John's Armenian Cultural Center, 22001 Northwestern, Southfield. Tickets \$75 and available at the Fine Wine Source, Livonia (734) 425-8610. All proceeds benefit Solanus Casey Center (www.solanuscenter.org).

Neon indoor golf

Friday, May 18, details are to be determined. For more information call the Single Point Ministries office at Ward Church at (248) 374-5920.

Monthly meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separat-

ed 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.

Coffeeshop concert

Lee Murdock performs Saturday, May 19, at MAMA's Coffeeshop in Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 N. Woodward, near northwest corner of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. Open mic at 7:15 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Admission \$12, \$10 seniors and age 16 and under. Refreshments available. Call (248) 569-0965 for information, (248) 626-4650 to reserve open mic time.

Special service

On Sunday, May 20, during the 11 a.m. worship service, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, celebrates Captain Richard Wolfram's retirement from the Chaplain Corps of the U.S. Navy. Captain Jonathan Frusti is the guest preacher. The public is welcome to attend this special service in recognition of Wolfram and all of the Armed Forces, at the church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia.

Summer music ministry

Potpourri May 31, Brass Quintet June 21, and Cabaret July 19, dinner at 6 p.m. (\$5), concert at 7 p.m. Thursdays, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. A love offering will be received for the Music Ministry at St. James. Call (313) 534-7730.

Higher Rock Cafe

Second and fourth Friday of the month, doors open at 7:30 p.m., live bands begin at 8 p.m. presented by Salvation Army of Wayne/Westland, 2300 S. Venoy, between Michigan Ave. and Palmer. For information, call (734) 722-3660 or visit www.tsa.higherrock-cafe.4t.com.

Worship service

10 a.m. Sundays, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Sunday School for children. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

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.

Youth wanted

Twens 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.

UPCOMING

Franciscan peacemaking

How do we find personal peace in a chaotic world? How peace in our everyday life is achieved through forgiveness and loving kindness. Personal peace can set the stage for international peace. These topics will be discussed during a presentation by the internationally known author, poet and spiritual master Rev. Murray Bodo, OFM at 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 1, at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 47650 N. Territorial Road at Beck, Plymouth. Tickets \$15. For more information call St. Aloysius Parish (313) 237-5810 or Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish (734) 453-0326, Ext. 221.

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.

Texas Hold'em

Tournament 5:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday, June 2, at St. John Bosco Church, 12170 Beech Daly, Redford. \$30 cash buy in, first prize is \$500. Prizes prorated for smaller groups, age 18 and over, pre-registration required 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (except for noon to 1 p.m.) Monday-Friday. Call (313) 937-9690.

Monthly dance

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, 8 p.m. to midnight (doors open at 7:30 p.m.) Saturday, June 2, at Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall, 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), east of Inkster road, Redford. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. For details, call (734) 261-5716.

Worship service scheduled

The Free Church of Scotland (Continuing) holds its first Wednesday evening worship service 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, at the Canton Twp. Historical Museum on S. Canton Center Rd. at the corner of Heritage Park Drive. Rev. R. Sherman Isbell and Rev. Sean Humby will preside. An informational meeting will be held at the museum 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, for those who have questions about the church. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170 or go to www.westminsterconfession.org.

Prayer series

How to spice up your prayer life includes Help! I Don't Have Time to Pray on June 7, Conversations with Jesus June 14, and Prayer Walking July 5, at 7 p.m. Thursdays in the parlor in St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

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.olgcparrish.net and click on Life Teen to download response form.

Monthly breakfast meeting

For Bethany Suburban West, a Catholic organization providing peer support for the divorced and separated of all Christian faiths, Saturday, June 16, 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.

Summer safety event

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 16, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Westland Fire and Police department staffs talk about safety to kids. No charge. All invited. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

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.

Summer camp

The camps run 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Thursday, June 18 to Aug. 24, for students in grades K-8, at The Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. Camps include Bible study, literacy lessons, field trips, games, activities. No charge. All invited. To register, call (734) 728-3440.

Vacation Bible School

6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 18-22, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. The backyard of the church is being transformed into a Western town. There will be some new aspects of the VBS this year including a live band and dinner beforehand. For more information, call (734) 464-6722.

Crafters wanted

St. Aidan Catholic Parish in Livonia is hosting a craft show to raise funds for their youth for their pilgrimage to Sidney, Australia for World Youth Day in 2008. Crafters are needed for a show 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, at Monsignor Brunett Activity Center, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Save your table today. Call Ruth McCarthy for an application (734) 464-5973.

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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.

Depression recovery

Trapped by depression? Depression Recovery Program began 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 20, at Cherry Hill 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 Inkster 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. Doughnuts and coffee served.

Kids night

Activities include games, crafts, mission projects, and seasonal events 5:30-7 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, at Garden City Presbyterian Church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Road. The program is free and open to all children kindergarten through sixth grade. Light supper included. Call (734) 421-7620.

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/.

Tiny Tots Preschool

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 Shalhou 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 Inkster, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 422-1470.

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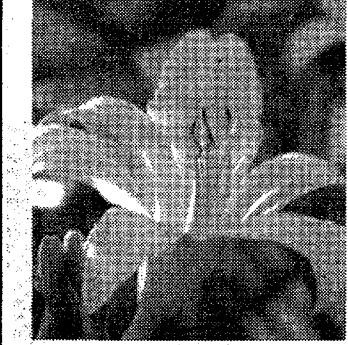
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FRANK A. CLARK

of Redford Twp. died May 11, 2007, at the age 86. Manns-Ferguson Funeral Home, Livonia.

MARV (MOSHE) BURSTYN

Age 58, of Rochester Hills and Mesa, AZ., passed away May 12, 2007. A licensed builder, Marv owned and operated Moss Construction. He was a high level tennis player who also had a passion for music, history, and reading. He is the beloved husband of Bernetta (nee: Mero). Loving father of Guy Cole. Cherished grandfather of Emily, Justin, and Benjamin Cole. Dear son of Helen Hecht and the late Kalman Bustyn. Marv is also survived by family in England and Israel. Funeral service was held Wednesday at The Pixley Funeral Home, Rochester. Memorials to National Public Radio or Public Television would be appreciated. Visit www.mem.com



VIRGINIA THOEMING

Age 84, died peacefully at her home in Boca Raton, FL, while surrounded by family. Beloved widow of Donald, treasured mother to Jackie and Judy, she was a compassionate and loving matriarch to many family members and friends including Marilyn, Karen, Judy B., David, Ruth Anne, Diann, John, Joseph, Chris, Donald, Walter, and Don. Virginia lived her life with an integrity and strength of spirit that inspired countless people through the years, from her factory work during World War II to the hospital volunteer work she performed while living in Bloomfield Hills, MI. Her thoughtful and encouraging personality, entertaining sense of humor, and generosity have made this world a better place. She will remain in our hearts forever. Viewing held 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. with Scripture 7 p.m. on Friday, May 18 at Verheyden Funeral Home (16300 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe, MI 48224). In state at St. Blaise (12151 15 Mile Rd., Sterling Heights) Sat. 9am until funeral mass at 9:30 a.m. Interment to follow at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County (5300 East Avenue, WPB, FL 33407).

DOLORES JUNE SMITH

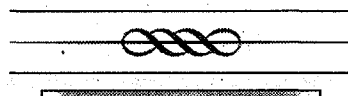
82, of Traverse City died Monday, May 14, 2007. Dolores was born December 15, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Glenn and Henrietta Fraleigh. She and her loving husband Robert Lincoln Smith were married for 56 years and resided in Plymouth, Michigan where they enjoyed raising their five children. Dolores taught second grade for 18 years. She and her husband loved to travel and spend time with their family, often at their cabin in Leelanau County. Dolores was a terrific cook and loved to make cookies for her family. She was a voracious reader, photographer and trip planner. Dolores and her husband would often travel great distances to see their grandchildren celebrate special occasions and participate in graduations, sporting events, concerts, and plays. The grandchildren and great grandchildren loved spending time with her and carry on the special traditions with their families. In 2005 she moved to Traverse City to enjoy her sister Sally and they had a grand time together sharing stories, enjoying outings, movies, and concerts. Dolores is survived by five children: Robert Lincoln (Lynda) of St. Ignace, MI, Kathleen June (Dennis) of Kailua, HI, Glenn Graham (Cathy) of Charlotte, MI, Michael James (Lynn) of Boyne City, MI, and Colleen Louise (Robert) of Ann Arbor, MI; her sisters Geneva Blackett and Sally Hepler; twelve grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many other family members. Her dear husband and parents preceded Dolores in death. A gathering for the immediate family will be held at a later date. Donations can be made to Munson Hospice, 1105 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, 49684. Please sign Dolores' online guest book at . Arrangements are with the Martinson Funeral Home of Suttons Bay 1-877-271-3441.

LEO PAUL CAUZILLO

Memorial Service scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at 11:00am at Grand Lawn Cemetery, 23501 Grand River, Detroit. Located south of 7 Mile and east of Telegraph. Leo passed away April 16, 2007 of liver cancer.

GERTRUDE D. BONK

Age 78 of Livonia. Died May 15, 2007 in Superior Twp. Daughter of Jacob Bonk and Anna Dozbush, born on December 30, 1928 in Detroit. Survived by Sisters, Connie (Bob) Pyzik, Mary Ann Coopersmith, and Brother, Richard (Barbara) Bonk. Neices: Rachel (Kevin) Kalnasy, Roberta (John) Dailey, Robin (Jay) Shuler, Paula (Rob) Scott, Sarah (Rob) Dotto and Nephews: Richard Bonk, Scott Bonk, Chris (Tina) Pyzik. Visiting hours Thursday, May 17, 4-9PM and Friday, May 18, 2-9PM at Fred Wood Funeral Home, 36100 Five Mile, Livonia. Funeral Service, Saturday, May 19, 2007 at 12:00PM, St. Kenneth Catholic Church with Father Thomas A. Belczak presiding.

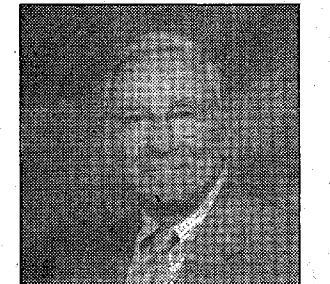


LOUISE F. LAWTON

Age 82, Falmouth, Maine---Louise Lawton died peacefully on May 13, 2007. She had been a resident of Sedgewood Commons for the last several months during a period of declining health. Prior to this recent move, she had resided in Suttons Bay, Michigan for the past thirty years. She was born on November 10, 1924, in Port Huron, Michigan. She was the oldest child of John and Rosalind Fiedler. She graduated from high school in Port Huron and graduated from the Nursing School at Harper Hospital School of Nursing in Detroit. She married Thomas S. Lawton in August of 1946, who survives her. They were happily married for more than 60 years and have four children and twelve grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she leaves Thomas Jr., of Freeport, Maine, Katherine Heye and her husband, John, of Freeport, Maine, Sarah Lawton-Speert and her husband, David, of Vancouver, British Columbia, and Daniel and his wife, Alice, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Her two brothers and two sisters also survive her. Her most important role in life was that of a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. Louise's grandchildren were "the light of her life and the twinkle in her eye". She was proud to be a homemaker and took great pride in her family and home. While living in Birmingham, she was an active volunteer for many years with the Children's Hospital of Michigan where she helped care for premature infants. When she and her husband retired to Suttons Bay, she was actively involved in the Probate Court of Leelanau County where she worked closely with an assigned child. She had many hobbies and interests ranging from the local garden club to collecting early American antiques; crafts of all kinds, and she was especially noted for her wonderful hooked rugs, which she designed and hooked. Louise enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. She enjoyed such things as gardening, cross country skiing, decorating her home for holidays, and preparing meals for family gatherings. The Lawton family would like to extend sincere thanks and gratitude to the staff of the Millay Unit at Sedgewood Commons for their loving care of Louise in the final days of her life. Services will be held at Lynch and Son Funeral Home, 340 North Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, Michigan, on Friday, May 18, 2007, at 1:30 PM. Interment will be at the Pine Lake Cemetery in West Bloomfield, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made in Louise's memory to the Greater Michigan Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601, or the Children's Hospital of Michigan, Development Office, 3901 Beaubien Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201. A tribute of Mrs. Lawton's life may be viewed at www.brackettfuneralhome.com

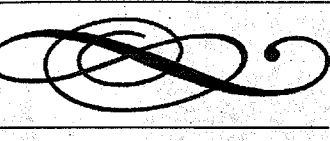
ROBERT J. HUGHES

Age 90, May 12, 2007. Dearest uncle of Wes (Sue) Newmyer, Cathy (Dan) Ellenbrook, Paul (Donna) Newmyer, Pat (Bob) Halsted, Jan (Ray) Karam, Sheryl Visosky and the late Jim. Dear brother of Patricia (Len) Visosky and Betty (the late James) Newmyer. The family will receive friends at Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church, 2600 Harvard, Berkley, MI. Wednesday from 10:30 AM until Mass at 11:00 AM. Memorials may be made to Karmanos Cancer Foundation, or Avalon Hospice, or Lourdes Campus. Entombment at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley, MI. Directions by the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home (248-398-6500).



WILLIAM B. "BILL" EVERSON

Age 81, of Birmingham, died May 12, 2007, at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak. Mr. Everson was born in Stoughton, Wisconsin on May 26, 1925. He attended the University of Notre Dame while serving in the Navy and graduated from the University of Michigan. Mr. Everson worked for MacManus, John and Adams, now Leo Barnett for over forty years, retiring as a senior vice president. He belonged to the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, the Writers Guild of Cranbrook, the Cultural Council of Birmingham and the Ad Craft Club. His greatest love was St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook, a community theater group where he served as president, acted, directed and worked behind the scenes for over forty years. Mr. Everson is survived by his wife of 57 years, Elizabeth, sons, Eric (Deborah) Everson of Cedar, Michigan and Christopher Everson of Birmingham, daughter, Margaret Thele of Keego Harbor, and grandsons, Eric Jr., and Jeffrey. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Geri Paton. Funeral at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 1800 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, Thursday 11am. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (Between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Wednesday 4-8pm. Memorials appreciated to St. Dunstan's Theater Guild of Cranbrook, P.O. Box 59, Birmingham, MI 48012 or Easter Seals-Adult Mental Health Services, 22170 W. Nine Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48033.



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Adult Bible Study at 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study series: Heaven Can't Wait.
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www.DueSeason.org.
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 From 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the lower level of Our Lady of Loretto Church, Six Mile and Beech Daly, Redford. Call (313) 534-9000.
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Learner's Bible study
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Church service
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Senior activities

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 The monthly program of Parish Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration continues the third Wednesday of each month at St. Michael's Church of Livonia, corner

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Worship services
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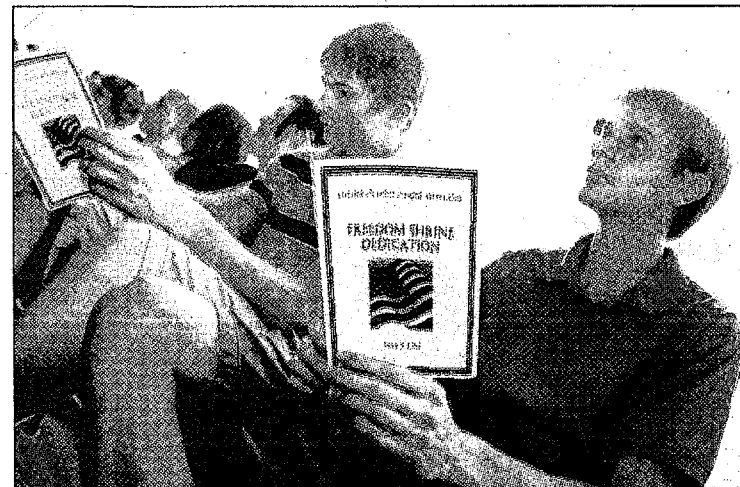
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Junior Ross Pursifull of Dearborn (right) and junior Paul Bealafeld of Plymouth look over the dedication program.

Freedom shines in school's shrine

BY DARRELL CLEM
STAFF WRITER

Lutheran High School Westland student Nathan Bachert doesn't mind sharing hallway space with the likes of John F. Kennedy Jr., Susan B. Anthony, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Abraham Lincoln.

It's not that his school is haunted by history-makers. Rather, one hallway contains a new Freedom Shrine, a collection of 30 plaques that contain some of the most important and historic American documents.

"It's nice," said Bachert, a 17-year-old junior from Plymouth, as he paused in the hallway. "I've never seen anything like it."

Lutheran High Westland has become the latest school chosen by the patriotic Livonia Exchange Club to receive the Freedom Shrine. The group of business and professional men and women evolved from a club that started in 1911 in Detroit. It now has 30,000 members nationwide.

Lutheran High's 230 students, its staff and representatives for U.S., state and city legislators attended the Freedom Shrine dedication last week.

"It's a great thing for our school," Principal Steve Schwecke said. "It recognizes our history as a government, the freedoms we have and the people who sacrificed to give us those freedoms."

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Don Yowchuang, district representative for U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter, receives a peace pizza pie from, seated left to right, Mary Albertson and Rosemary Doyle and standing, left to right, Linda Curry, Cathy Deal, Colleen Mills, Linda Lieder, Dottie Ochala, and Becky Sapkiewicz.

McCotter's office receives a 'peace pizza'

Livonia-Staffers at the Livonia headquarters of U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter received a peace offering of an unusual sort Friday, May 11. It was a pizza with the pepperoni placed in the shape of the familiar peace symbol.

The pie was presented by nine members of the 11th Congressional District Citizens for Peace, headquartered in Livonia, to remind representatives that it would only take a small portion of

the federal budget to fund a cabinet level Department of Peace.

Each year, advocates for the establishment of a Department of Peace, deliver a pie to their local representatives around Mother's Day as part of an ongoing campaign for more diplomatic ways to foster peace and non-violence. The idea of giving a pizza with a peace symbol was that of Mary Albertson, vice president for political affairs for the Citizens for Peace.

She and Citizens for Peace president Colleen Mills then met with district representative Don Yowchuang of McCotter's office and outlined the process and goals of the local group.

McCotter has opposed the idea of establishing a Department of Peace.

Anyone interested in learning how to help with the library peace collection is invited to contact Colleen Mills, (734) 425-0079, e-mail cmills0079@yahoo.com.

Sheriff, TRIAD sponsor Safe Senior Day

Wayne County Sheriff Warren C. Evans is once again teaming up with Wayne County TRIAD for Safe Senior Day, an annual event designed to help provide Senior Citizens the information and tools they need to protect themselves, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, May 18, at Southland Center in Taylor.

Deputies from the Sheriff's Office will be on hand to present and provide information on personal safety, emergency

preparedness and more. Other presenters will provide information during the program. The event is being sponsored by Wayne County TRIAD, a senior advocacy organization that partners with various law enforcement agencies.

Among the topics being covered at the event will be:

- Telephone fraud
- Home and travel safety
- Medical prevention & safety
- Free photo ID cards

In addition to information provided by each of the participating law enforcement agencies, there also will be numerous vendors providing health care and medical supply information, legal advice and consumer advice. There also will be prize drawing and entertainment.

Southland Center is on Eureka Road east of Telegraph in Taylor. All members of the media are encouraged to attend.

Motorcycle safety classes have openings

Summer is the perfect season for biking in the sunshine. Before you jump on that motorcycle, or if you've finally decided it's time to learn, sign up for a motorcycle safety education course at Schoolcraft College.

The college, through a grant from the Michigan Department of State, offers classes in basic riding, in riding skills to qualify for a license, and for experienced

cyclists who own large touring motorcycles and sport bikes.

The basic rider course offers 16 hours of instruction during one or two weekends or on weekdays or nights and bikes are provided. The two advanced classes are one-day sessions and students must provide their own bikes.

If classes are closed, students can use the walk-in option, by arriving at the

classroom no earlier than 30 minutes before the first class session ready to register, pay and attend all classes. Their names will be included in a random drawing for available spots.

A complete schedule of motorcycle safety classes is posted at www.schoolcraft.edu/ces/motorcycle.asp. For more information call the motorcycle information hotline at 734-462-4452.

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Have fun on your bike this summer – safely

As the weather starts to warm up, the bicycles come out. New models, older classics, and newly out-fitted bicycles all share the sidewalks and roads in Wayne County.

While it is fun and a great way to exercise together as a family, some safety tips should be adhered to maximize your riding fun. In our subdivisions with sidewalks, you will find



Tom Kiurski

best to keep everyone safe.

plenty of younger children learning to ride or stretch their legs on their blocks. They are probably young riders, so everyone should be on their vigilant

While on the roads, older and more experienced riders will clip along at faster paces. On major roads, bicycles are considered vehicles and the riders must be aware of the rules of the road. All traffic signs and signals must be followed. Many car/bike crashes take place when bikes try to sneak through a light or stop sign and are not noticed by a car driver in time to stop.

As a child, I remember hearing the wrong message over and over again. I won't repeat it, but will tell you the newer rule of bike riding on the roads – ride with traffic! If you get bumped from behind while going with the flow of traffic, you may be shaken up or slightly worse. If you are hit head on going 15 miles per hour and are hit by a car going 40 miles per hour, the impact

will be a 55 mile per hour collision. A good safety tip to avoid being hit is to ride as if you are invisible – the onus is on you to keep from being hit.

Dress appropriately for the ride. While comfortable clothes are not the main topic of this article, safe dress while riding is fair game. Wear bright colors, preferably with some reflective material on them. One major way to avoid

being hit by a vehicle is by being as visible as possible. A helmet is a great addition to the wardrobe, as it can reduce the chances of suffering a head injury by as much as 85 percent.

Before heading out for your ride, check that the bike passes the "A,B,C" check. This means checking that the tires have sufficient Air in them, try your Brakes before heading out, and make sure the Chain is safely in the sprocket. Keep your bike in good repair by checking tires and the seat adjustment regularly. A mirror that attaches to your handlebars is an inexpensive item that helps you see what is going on behind you.

Avoid the "Door Prize" – which is riding along on the road (usually in a subdivision) and having someone open a car door into your path of travel. Be ready to apply your brakes quickly when riding near parked vehicles.

The State of Pennsylvania has an excellent website with plenty of safe biking tips and a great interactive game to play with the family about potential biking hazards. The website is www.dot.state.pa.us/BIKE/WEB/index.htm. With a little planning and routine maintenance, you will be well on your way to a full (and hopefully long) season of bicycling. Enjoy the ride!

Tom Kiurski is a Livonia firefighter who writes a regular column on safety issues for the *Observer*.

Metro Airport begins runway rehab project

This week, Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) will begin critical rehabilitation work on its second-longest runway, resulting in a temporary change in air traffic flow arriving and departing the airport.

"This project has been widely publicized already," said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Lester Robinson. "However, we want everyone to know that we have now received authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to begin. The project starts Monday, May 14, and is scheduled to be completed in mid-November. When it's complete, the FAA will return to normal air traffic control procedures."

The purpose of the rehabilitation project is to extend the useful life of the runway – a critical piece of the Detroit region's transportation infrastructure – by at least another 20 years.

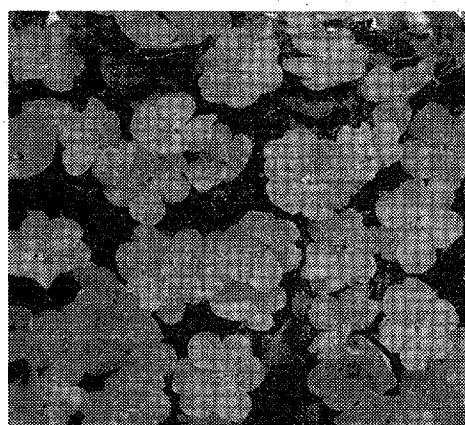
During construction, aircraft operations usually assigned to the closed runway will be reassigned to one of DTW's other three parallel runways. At peak times, it is anticipated that Runway 9R/27L, one of the airport's crosswind runways, will also be used for arrivals and departures as weather conditions permit.

During this construction period, communities immediately north and east of the airport may experience a temporary increase in air traffic noise.

DTW has a total of six runways, making it among the most operationally-capable commercial airports in North America. The Airport Authority is continually revising its Airport Master Plan to ensure DTW continues to meet the rapidly developing transportation needs of south-east Michigan.



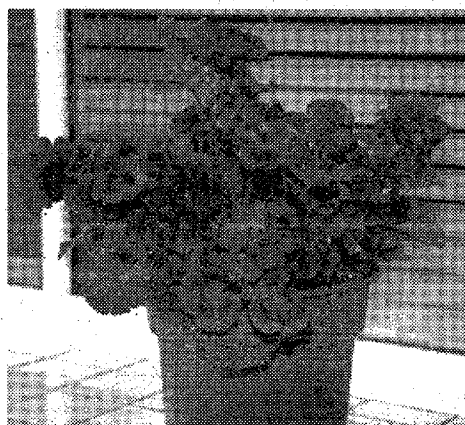
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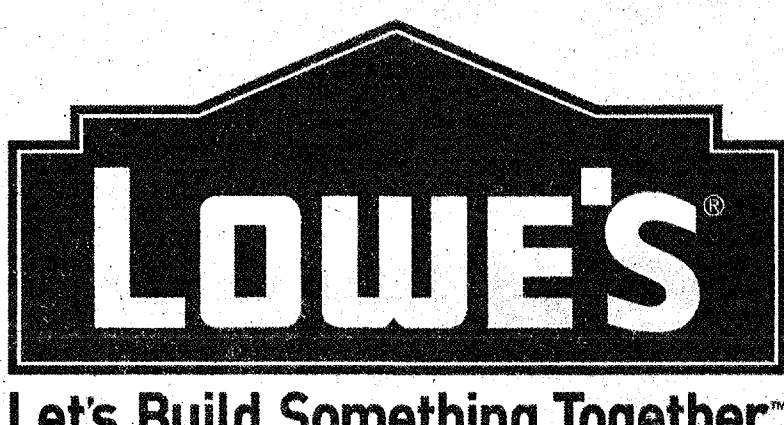
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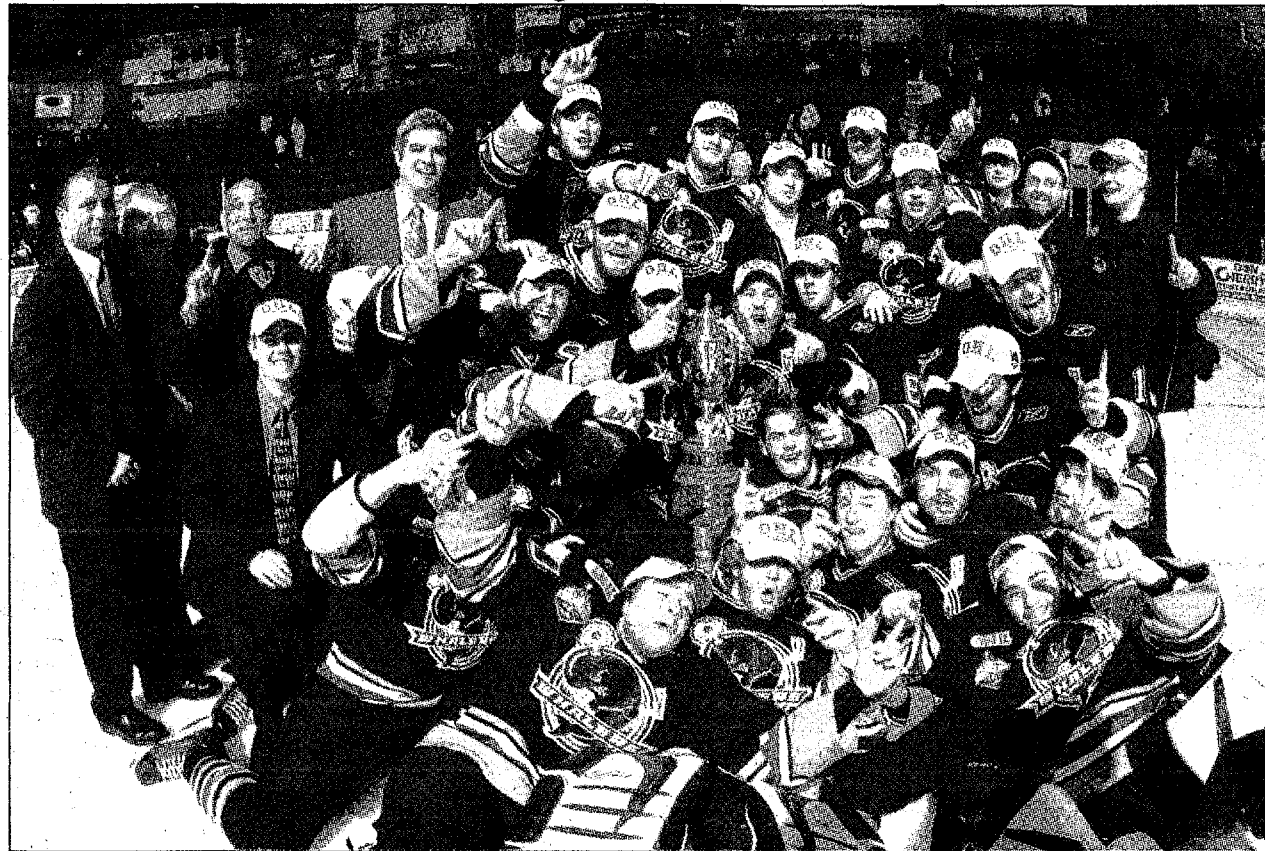
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2007 OHL Championship Series



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The Plymouth Whalers are all smiles moments after they defeated Sudbury, 3-2, Sunday night to claim the franchise's first Ontario Hockey League championship since 1995.

The Whalers' run to title was nonstop excitement

There are two sure-fire ways hockey players can determine whether or not their team is having a successful postseason run:

1. Their playoff beards are so long that they could get caught under the Zamboni if they're not careful; and
2. The dust build-up on their golf clubs is thicker than a hockey puck.

That said, the Plymouth Whalers were having a splendid playoffs heading into Sunday night's Game 6 of the Ontario Hockey League Championship Series in Sudbury.

Their beards were shaggy, their golf clubs were getting rusty and, most significantly, Robbie was in the building for Game 6.

"Robbie" is the nickname for the J. Ross Robertson trophy, the hallowed piece of hardware that goes to the OHL champion every May. Robbie isn't as large as the Stanley Cup, and he's not quite as shiny, but there's nothing every player who's ever slipped on an OHL jersey would rather do than lug "Robbie" around the rink a time or two following a title-clinching victory.

Robbie's last stop in the Detroit area — at least in an official capacity — was 1995, back when gas cost \$1.50 a gallon, Clinton (Bill, not Hillary) was President and an elementary school-aged Tom Sestito was teaching 8-year-olds how to absorb body checks on rinks in upstate New York.

That was the year the Detroit Junior Wings — later to become the Plymouth Whalers — earned the OHL's equivalent of the Stanley Cup.

It wasn't quite a lifetime ago since the Whalers had won the big enchilada (unless, of course, your name is A.J. Jenks), but it was close — and far too long.

On Sunday, at approximately 7 p.m., the Whalers were just 60 minutes of spectacular hockey away from reclaiming the OHL's top prize. Their journey to the doorstep of greatness was at times rocky, and at other times as smooth as the yellow brick road.

But it was always entertaining and often filled with thrills.

For all intents and purposes, the road to Sudbury started on Nov. 5 when — not long after a humbling 5-2 loss in Kingston — Plymouth President, General Manager and Head Coach Mike Vellucci explained in so many words that he expected more out of his 8-9 team.

Just like that, the Whalers started clicking and — before you can say "The Whalers are now at full strength" — they started buzzing through the league like an electric razor through Steve Ward's playoff beard.

They started killing penalties at a league-leading rate, their passes started finding the tape on their teammates' sticks on a regular basis and their defense got stungier than a penny-pincher at a garage sale.

Things weren't just clicking on the ice for the suddenly surging Whalers, who ended up going 41-5-2-3 over their final 51 games. Upstairs in the team's offices, Vellucci was making shrewd moves that could only be described as anti-Matt Millen-esque.

Come the trading deadline, the Whalers didn't have

PLEASE SEE WHALERS, B2

Sidelines

Salem girls tennis

There will be a meeting Monday, May 21, for all returning players and incoming freshmen who plan on playing for the Salem girls tennis team in the spring of 2008.

The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. in the Salem cafeteria.

Among the topics covered will be summer practices and events.

McClendon All-Star

Canton senior Deshon McClendon has been named to the East squad for the 27th Annual Michigan High School All-Star Football Game, which will be played in late July at Spartan Stadium on the campus of Michigan State University.

McClendon, a running back/defensive back, finished his career as one of the Chiefs' all-time leading rushers. The 5-foot-8, 185-pound player led Canton to two consecutive appearances in the Division I semifinals and once to the title game at Ford Field.

Janda shines

Former Salem cross-country and track-and-field standout Allison Janda is excelling as a member of the Bucknell women's track-and-field team.

Janda, a freshman, ran a leg of the team's 4 x 800-meter relay contingent that earned All-East Coast honors at the ECAC Championships in Princeton. Janda and her three teammates covered the 3,200 meters in a time of 2:08.57, which was the third-fastest in school history.

MU signs Coker

Tyler Coker, a 6-foot-4 swingman from Whitmore Lake High School who averaged 19.2 points and 6.6 rebounds per game, has signed a letter of intent to play basketball next season at Madonna University.

Coker's brother Drew just completed his second season with the Crusaders. Tyler led the Trojans to a 12-9 record.

"It's going to be exciting for both of these players to be on the same team at the collegiate level," MU coach Chuck Henry said. "We look forward to the addition of Tyler to our roster and feel that he can be a proven scorer and ball-handler to our program."

Football testing

The Michigan High School Football Coaches Association will sponsor a session of the National Athletic Testing System program Sunday, June 3, at South Lyon High School. The registration deadline is May 30.

Important information is provided on NATS' Web site (www.nats.us) covering NCAA eligibility guidelines, recruiting rules and financial aid resources. An online video is available to further explain the NATS program.

A 'WHALE' OF A FINISH

Neal's OT heroics give Plymouth 1st title since '95

The Plymouth Whalers are Ontario Hockey League Champions. James Neal's goal at 3:22 of overtime snapped a 2-2 tie and gives Plymouth a 3-2 victory before a sellout crowd of 5,738 at the Sudbury Community Arena.

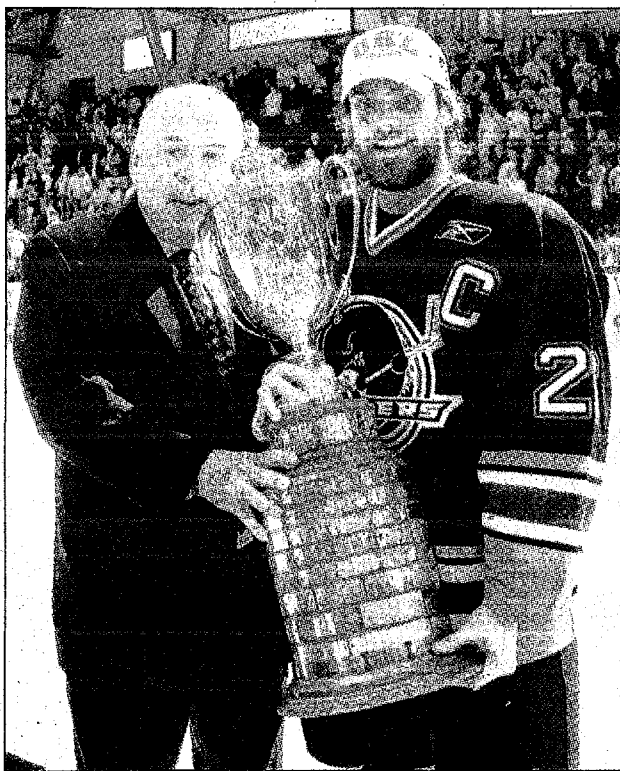
In Game 6 of the Ontario Hockey League Rogers Championship Series. The Whalers eliminated Sudbury in the series, four-games-to-two and wins the J. Ross Robertson Trophy.

Plymouth advances to the Canadian Hockey League's 2007 MasterCard Memorial Cup in Vancouver, B.C. and will face the host Vancouver Giants next Friday at 9 p.m. EDT in the opening game of the tournament. The game will be broadcast on www.plymouthwhalers.com.

The Whalers came from behind to defeat the Wolves. After a scoreless first period, Justin Donati opened the scoring for Sudbury at 0:29 of the second period when he batted home a loose puck past Plymouth goaltender Michal Neuvirth for his team-leading 14th goal of the playoffs.

Plymouth came back to take their first lead of the game in the third period. The Whalers were working on two-man advantage to start the third period and Tom Sestito tied the game with his 11th goal of the playoffs at 0:18 of the period when he deflected Neal's shot from the high slot past Sudbury goaltender Sebastian Dahm. The Whalers took their first lead of the game, again on the power play, when Sean O'Connor (Brownstown, MI) tipped Jared Boll's shot from the left corner past Dahm at 6:15. Sudbury tied the game with a power play goal of their own at 13:25 of the third period when Nick Foligno capped good Sudbury pressure in the Plymouth zone with a one-timer from the hash marks past Neuvirth.

The set the stage for Neal's goal, which came after Evan Brophey skated the puck from the right faceoff circle behind the Sudbury net and found Neal out in front. Neal made no mistake with a hard shot from the hash marks past Dahm for this team-leading 13th goal



Plymouth Whalers captain Steve Ward accepts the J. Ross Robertson trophy from Ontario Hockey League Commissioner David E. Branch.

of the post season.

Plymouth outshot Sudbury, 43-25, in the game.

Plymouth's championship is the second in their 17-year history. The Whalers won the OHL title in 1995 and lost in the finals in 1994, 2000 and 2001.

Mustangs seize WLAA net crown

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Only one team stood in Livonia Churchill's way of winning its first-ever Western Lakes Activities Association boys tennis championship.

PREP TENNIS

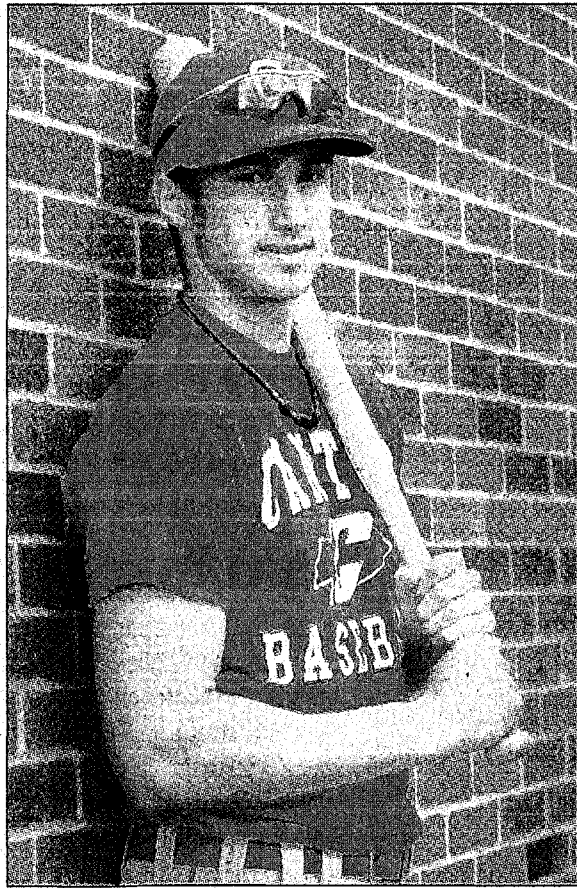
Northville, undefeated during the regular season, swept all four doubles flights and took two of four singles titles on Saturday to earn the team crown with 28 points at Plymouth High School.

Churchill, which has won 13 straight dual matches including 10 in the WLAA after falling to Northville in their season opener, was runner-up with 19.

Last year's co-champion, Salem got singles titles from Lawrence Washington (No. 1) and Neil Bakshi (No. 2) to finish third with 14 points.

Rounding out the field was Canton (12), Walled Lake Northern (11), Walled Lake Central (10), last year's co-champ Livonia

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Pitchers who underestimate Canton outfielder Kyle Gring's lethal left-handed swing often pay the price — most often with an inflated earned run average.

The swing's the thing for Gring

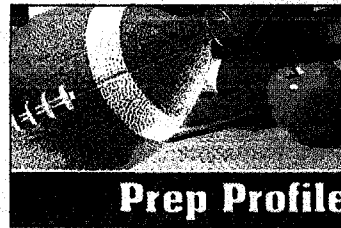
BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

His first name rhymes with "mile," which is fitting considering that's about how far he can launch a belt-high fastball.

His last name rhymes with "swing," which is appropriate considering he has one of the smoothest, most-feared ones around.

Yes, Kyle Gring, the Canton baseball team's most productive hitter mid-way through the 2007 season, has the kind of talent that pitchers respect and a reputation in the batter's box that they'd better not neglect.

Case in point: In a Division 1 District semifinal game at Novi High School last spring, Gring dug into the batter's box against Northville's Bryce Jenney, whose wicked fastball goes from zero to

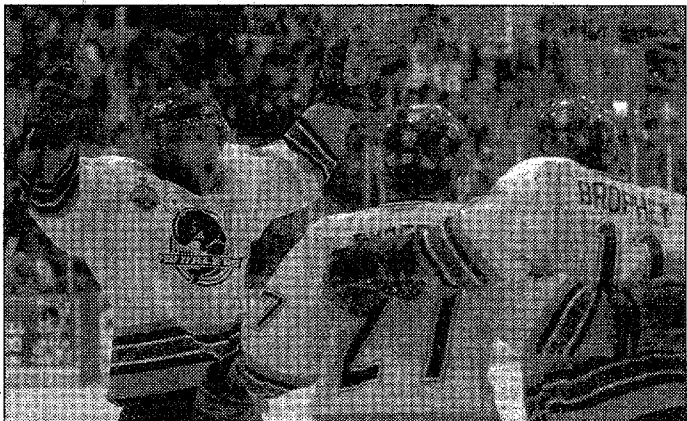


Prep Profile

88 miles per hour in about the time it takes you to blink your eye.

With runners on first and second and the Chiefs trailing 8-5, Gring sent a Jenney fastball high into the muggy, early-summer air. When it came down on the other side of the right field fence — if it came down, nobody's quite sure — the score was knotted at 8-all and half the fans in attendance — including Jenney — were shaking their heads in amazement.

PLEASE SEE GRING, B3



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth Whaler forward James Neal celebrates a goal during last week's Game 4 victory over Sudbury.

WHALERS

FROM PAGE B1

many (if any) glaring holes, but if they did, Vellucci made sure they weren't glaring for long.

He also did a masterful job behind the bench, keeping everyone happy and on the same page, including future-star goalie Jeremy Smith, who went from Top-5-in-the-OHL statistically to fulltime benchwarmer once the playoffs kicked in and the man with no five-hole — Michal Neuvirth — got hot.

But Smith handled it with class, just like the rest of his teammates handled any adversity they met along the

way. So on Sunday, with the J. Ross Robertson trophy waiting in the wings, James Neal surprised no one who has watched the bound-for-destiny Whalers all season when he banged in an overtime gamewinner to give the Whalers their first OHL championship in 12 years.

Which leads to the third sure-fire way you can tell if your team is having a successful post-season:

3. You're carrying "Robbie" around the perimeter on the rink with a mile-wide smile on your face — while at the same time making sure the Zamboni stays clear of your championship playoff beard.

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TENNIS

FROM PAGE B1

Stevenson (10), Plymouth (4), Walled Lake Western (4), Livonia Franklin (3), Westland John Glenn (3) and Wayne Memorial (0).

Churchill reached five finals, but came up empty in all five.

"Our performance was just like the season, very good except against Northville," Churchill coach Reid Friedrichs said.

Churchill, which scored non-league wins Monday over Farmington and Tuesday over Farmington Hills Harrison, now focuses its attention on the Friday's Division I regional at Woodhaven.

The Chargers, gunning for their first-ever state berth, must finish among the top two teams or score 18 points to earn a trip, June 1-2, to Midland.

The Chargers have excelled in all four doubles flights this season led by the No. 1 team of Jay Cunningham and Taylor Frangie, who dropped their first match of the season in 16 tries during Saturday's final against Northville.

Churchill's No. 3 doubles team of Robert Fortney and Steve Mazur are 14-2 overall, while the No. 2 duo Kyle Peczynski and Dan Martin are 13-3.

Paul Yandric and Andy Clairmont also have enjoyed a productive year at 12-3 at No. 4 doubles.

Freshman Aniket Patil, who reached the No. 2 singles final before losing to Bakshi, has put together a solid year at 13-3.

Senior Kyle Anderson, who plays No. 4, is 13-2. Nick Payne (No. 1) and Alex Clos (No. 3) are 9-6 and 8-7, respectively.

"If we play well, we can get out," Friedrichs said. "We have a couple of tough draws as the seeding meeting was last night (Monday), but we have a chance and it should be fun."

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Plymouth's Mike Michno (right) avoids the tag of Canton's Ryan Neu during a game earlier this season. Both the Wildcats and Chiefs experienced their ups and downs over the past week.

Wildcats win 8th straight, 15-0

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

It's eight straight wins and counting for the Plymouth softball team following the Wildcats' 15-0 white-washing of Walled Lake Western Friday afternoon.

The victory improved coach Val Canfield's team to 12-2 overall, 10-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 6-2 in the WLA's Western Division.

Canton leads the division with a 7-1 mark.

Junior right-hander Ally Ciotti provided solid pitching as she threw a five-hit complete game. A quartet of Wildcats laced two hits a piece: Beth Heldmeyer (2-for-2, three runs, two RBI), Melissa

Butzow (2-for-4, two runs), Kim Klonowski (2-for-4, two runs, RBI), and Amanda Burnard (2-for-4, two runs, two RBI).

Emily Carlson suffered the setback on the mound for the Warriors, who were hampered by six errors.

"We got a great performance from Ally Ciotti," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "She threw well, we played great defensive and our bats were explosive again. It was a

complete win all around."

The Wildcats scored all the runs they would need in the first when they plated a pair. They tacked on four in the second, one in the third and eight in the fourth.

The game ended after four innings due to the MHSAA mercy rule. The Wildcats played flawless defense and did not commit an error. Ciotti was sharp the entire game, yielding just one walk while striking out four Warriors.

The winners tallied 11 hits.

FRANKLIN 4-0, CANTON 1-11: In a WLA Western Division twin-bill Monday, Livonia Franklin (17-8, 4-5) gained a split with the host Chiefs (19-4, 7-2) by rallying for four runs in the top of the seventh to win the opener.

Franklin broke up Canton pitcher Hilary Payne's perfect game bid in the top of the seventh on a single by Brittany Taylor, an RBI double by winning pitcher Natalie Sanborn, a single by Briauna Taylor followed by two-run single by Kelsey Garbutt, who later scored on a wild pitch.

Sanborn (12-5) scattered six hits and one walk over seven innings.

Payne struck out eight and allowed four runs on four hits,

all in the seventh.

"Our team continues to fight, we never give up," Franklin coach Linda Jimenez said. "I thought we might be a little flat after playing four games on Saturday, but we continued to battle. Our defense played outstanding. We had three putouts at third base and one at the plate."

In the nightcap, Amy Dunleavy got the victory on the mound and Stephanie Sadek went 2-for-3 with an RBI in an 11-0 Canton victory in five innings.

Losing pitcher Alecia Geraghty (5-3) allowed 11 runs on 11 hits in five innings.

SALEM 11, JOHN GLENN 2: In a WLA Lakes Division game Monday, host Westland John Glenn (0-18, 0-8) fell to the Rocks (12-11, 5-4).

Tarra Anderson and Lauren Backer each had two hits for the Rockets, while Emily Pitcole led Salem with a double and single.

Salem pitchers Melissa Leach, who went the first three innings, and Kelly MacDonald, who finished up, combined for nine strikeouts and four walks.

Losing pitcher Brittany Holbrook struck out four, walked four and allowed six hits over seven innings.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BASEBALL

Friday, May 18

Northville at Canton, 4 p.m.
Plymouth at Livonia Franklin, 4 p.m.
Salem at Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 19

PCA at Parkway, 11 a.m.
Canton at Redford Union Baseball Classic, noon
Plymouth at Gibraltar Carlson Invitational, 9 a.m.
Salem at Novi Invite, 4 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Friday, May 18

Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.
Livonia Franklin at Plymouth, 4 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Salem, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 19

Canton, Salem and Plymouth at Madonna Varsity Tourney, TBA
Sunday, May 20
Canton and Plymouth at

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GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday, May 17

Flint Powers at Salem, 7 p.m.

Saturday, May 19

Lake Orion at Plymouth, noon

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Friday, May 18

Plymouth, Canton and Salem at Division I Regional at A.A. Huron, 8 a.m.

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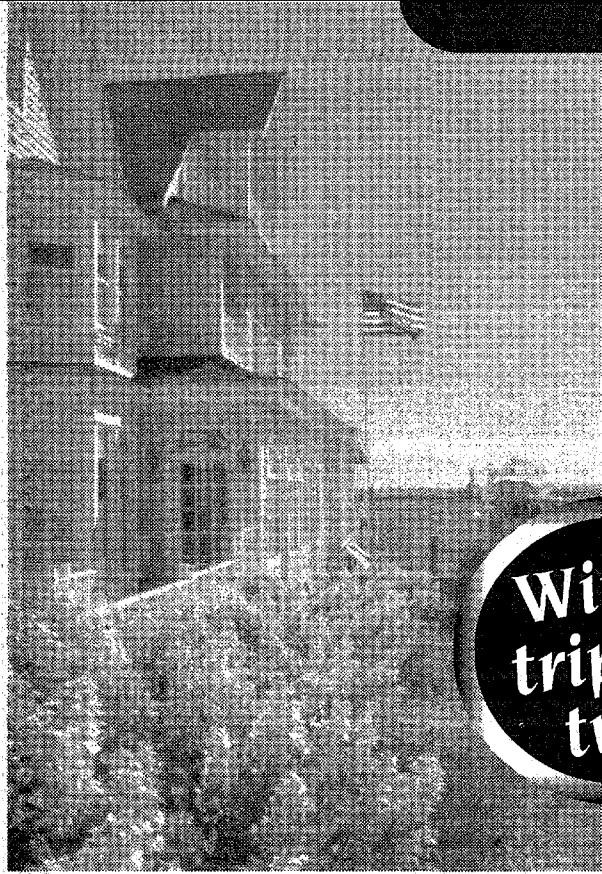
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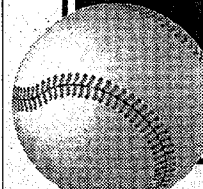
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GRING

FROM PAGE B1

Things like that just don't happen to Jenney, a machine-like hurler who is headed to Western Kentucky University on a baseball scholarship.

"That was probably the highlight of my high school career so far, considering the circumstances, the importance of the game and who I hit it against," admitted Gring.

"I actually hit better against pitchers who throw harder because my timing is better. I struggle a little against the slow throwers."

To prove last June's satellite-like blast against Jenney was no fluke, Gring Space-Shuttled another rocket over the Mustangs right-center field fence against the All-State Jenney and into a bordering neighborhood when the Chiefs played the Mustangs in April.

"When I hit it, I thought it was a just a gapper, so I ran fast out of the batter's box," Gring said. "But once I made the turn at first base, my first base coach, Johnny Wright, told me to slow down because it was gone."

Slowing down is not a common trait for Gring, who sprints out to his position in the outfield at the outset of every inning, propels himself out of the batter's box like a green-lighted drag racer whether he hits a slow roller to the pitcher's mound (rarely) or a long gapper up the left-center field alley (often).

In 2006, he led his summer team, the Michigan Hawks, with six triples, and he's already smacked three three-baggers for Canton in 2007.

Despite his lofty batting average, three home runs in 2007 (four career), and unparalleled passion for the game, Gring has generated only luke-warm interest from college baseball programs.

"I've heard on a regular basis from Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio," Gring acknowledged. "I really like the coach, but I haven't decided where I want to go yet. I'm also looking at Grand Valley State and Central Michigan University. If I went to one of the those schools, I'd definitely try to walk on to their baseball teams."

Gring's grade-point average certainly won't hold him back. With less than a month remaining in his high school career, the popular two-sport star at Canton — he was also one of the top scorers on the Chiefs' WLAA championship soccer team — has a grade-point average (3.40) that rivals his batting average (plus-.350).

"My dad's always stressed how important academics are because he was an outstanding student himself," said Gring. "He could have played Division II baseball, but he quit because he wanted to concentrate more on his grades."

Baseball is woven into the Gring family tree much like the seams are woven into a baseball. Gring's three brothers — Shane, who graduated in 2005 and is currently studying architecture at the Ohio University in Athens, Ohio — was a key, two-year contributor to the Chiefs, while Kyle's younger brother, Scott, is a talented sixth-grade travel player.

"Before Shane or I could drive, my mom was taking us to all of our practices and games, which got kind of crazy sometimes," Gring said. "We owe her a lot."

"I don't get to as many of Scott's games as I would like to because of my schedule, but I enjoy working with him in the backyard."

Gring said he's somewhat disappointed in this year's Canton team, which was compiled a 10-10-1 record through Monday's doubleheader split with Livonia Franklin.

"I really had high hopes for this team coming into the season, especially with the way we finished last year," he said. "We got a lot of games and practices postponed early in the season and I think that threw our hitting off a little. Hopefully, we can get going against and bounce back."

Chiefs, Patriots split twinbill

A 10-run fifth inning helped Livonia Franklin salvage a split in a WLAA Western Division doubleheader against visiting Canton Monday afternoon.

The Chiefs won the opener, 8-3, before dropping the nightcap, 15-7. The split left Canton at 10-10-1 overall and 4-5 in the division; the Patriots stand at 6-16 and 3-6, respectively.

Canton junior southpaw Erik Wright (5-2) earned the win on the mound in the opener as he yielded four hits while striking out eight in the complete-game effort. Franklin starting pitcher Sean Sciba struck out eight in six innings of work for the hosts. The Chiefs knotted the game at 1-1 in the third before padding their advantage with three in the fourth, one in the fifth and three in the sixth. The Pats scored their final two runs in the fourth.

Senior outfielder Kyle Gring and junior outfielder Dan Stoney paced the Chiefs' offensive attack with three hits a piece. Gring's day included a double, triple and three runs while Stoney contributed four RBI, two coming on a round-tripper in the sixth.

Other potent hitters for Canton were Ben Vaughn (2-for-4), Wright (2-for-3, RBI) and Ryan Neu (2-for-4, RBI).

Jesse Carpenter had a nice day at the plate for Franklin, going 2-for-4 with two RBI.

Canton outhit the Patriots, 13-4, in a clean defensive game that included just one error (Franklin's).

The Patriots exploded for two big

innings — a five-run third and the 10-run fifth — to run away with Game 2. The Chiefs led 6-5 in the fifth until Franklin's double-digit uprising. Nine of the 10 runs scored after two were outs.

Mike Basner earned the win for Franklin, throwing a complete-game nine-hitter. He struck out three and walked four. Canton's Dan Milus suffered the setback after working the first 4.2 innings. Stoney finished the fifth before Vaughn came in to work a perfect 1-2-3 sixth.

Tyler Canyock ignited the Patriots' offense with two hits, two runs and two RBI. Dave Lewis added four RBI, including a key two-run single in the fifth.

Swinging hot bats for the Chiefs were Gring (2-for-3, two runs), Stoney (3-for-3, three runs, RBI), Vaughn (RBI double), Neu (2-for-4) and William Tidwell (2-for-3, two-run double).

SALEM 10-1, JOHN GLENN 8-13: In a WLAA-Lakes Division twinbill Monday, host Westland John Glenn (12-14, 5-4) split with the Rocks.

Salem won the opener, 10-8, as Sam Ott went 3-for-4 with two RBI. Justin Horger also went 3-for-4 with one RBI. Glenn was led by Jerry Smith (2-for-3; three RBI) and Andrew DeLuca (2-for-4; two RBI). Robert Fraser was the losing pitcher.

In the nightcap, DeLuca went 4-for-4 with a run and two RBI, while Smith contributed a three-run homer in a 13-1 Glenn triumph.

Chris Kangas was the winning

pitcher, while May took the loss.

PLYMOUTH 5, W.L. CENTRAL 5: On Tuesday, the game was delayed due to rain in the bottom of the seventh inning after the Wildcats had seized a 9-6 lead with three runs in the top of the inning. Since the game reverts back to the last completed inning, it will more than likely be recorded as a tie, unless a continuation date can be agreed upon between the two schools.

Plymouth led 5-2 until the WLAA Lakes Division champion Vikings countered with a three-run sixth to knot the game at 5-5. The Wildcats' three-run seventh went for naught after Mother Nature struck in the bottom of the frame.

Both teams finished with seven hits. Plymouth committed three errors, one more than Central.

Matt Barrera sparked the Wildcats' hitting attack with three hits, including a pair of doubles. Matt Priebe launched a home run for the 'Cats.

Torrey Stimson stroked three hits for the hosts, including a double.

Senior right-hander Tyler Locklear was solid on the mound for Plymouth, turning in a complete-game effort.

"I am proud of the way our team is approaching each and every game at this point in the season," said Plymouth coach Chuck Adams. "We are battling for as many innings as it takes. I feel we are peaking at the right time of the season. I am hoping we can keep this momentum going as we get ready for District play in a couple of

weeks."

PLYMOUTH 10, WAYNE MEMORIAL 4: On Monday, the Wildcats broke open a close game with a four-run seventh to improve their record to 11-11 overall and 5-4 in the WLAA's Western Division.

Led by senior second baseman Ben Kosmalski's three hits, Plymouth outhit the Zebras, 10-4. Wayne was also hampered by six fielding miscues.

Garret Rebain was brilliant on the mound for the winners, striking out eight while yielding just four hits. Joining Kosmalski in the hit parade were Ronnie Goble and Ryan Valle, both of whom swatted a pair of safeties. Kosmalski, Goble and David Harvey ripped doubles while Goble and Valle each added a triple.

PLYMOUTH 10-0, WEST BLOOMFIELD 9-0: On Saturday in a non-conference double-header, the Wildcats captured the first game 10-9 before dropping the nightcap, 15-0.

Junior right-hander Kyle Sanders earned the win on the mound in the first game for the Wildcats, who built a 10-3 lead before surviving a six-run Lakers' seventh inning.

Matt Priebe and Garrett Rebain both had multiple hits for the winners, who were outhit, 13-11.

In the nightcap, the Lakers scored three runs in both the third and fourth innings before exploding for nine in the fifth to post the one-sided victory. Ronnie Goble registered multiple hits for the Wildcats. Kyle Traver suffered the loss on the mound for Plymouth.

Canton ready for RU baseball classic

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

A weekend celebration of Redford Union baseball is slated for Saturday and Sunday, with a four-team tournament and alumni softball game among the offerings.

The centerpiece is the Redford Union Baseball Classic Saturday afternoon. The host Panthers meet Auburn Hills Oakland Christian at 12 noon — the same time Canton and Riverview hook up at nearby Pearson Educational Center.

Whoever wins those games will clash for the tourney title, back at

Redford Union. The championship game will probably begin around 2 or 2:30 p.m. But RU head coach Mike Taylor, a 1999 grad, said the classic (the first held since 2002) is just one of several events during the first-ever baseball alumni weekend.

"It's almost like a homecoming for RU baseball," said Taylor. "A lot of old coaches and old players are coming back."

Among those who might be in attendance is Mike Stefanski, current bullpen coach with the Cincinnati Reds. Legendary RU head coach Bob Atkins also is expected to be on hand.

Kicking off the festivities will be

a tailgating party (10:30 a.m. Saturday) in the high school parking lot. Saturday night will be an alumni banquet at Vladimir's in Farmington Hills while Sunday will feature the alumni softball game at RU.

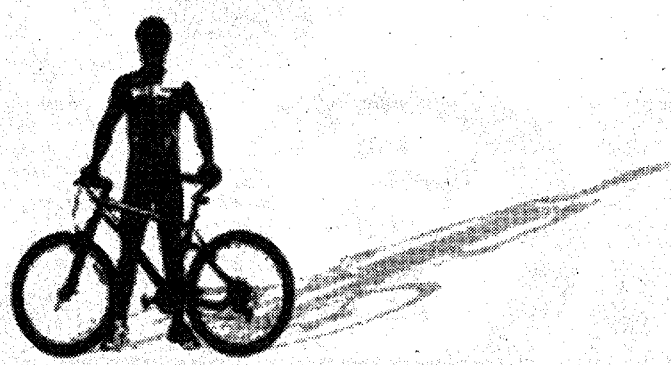
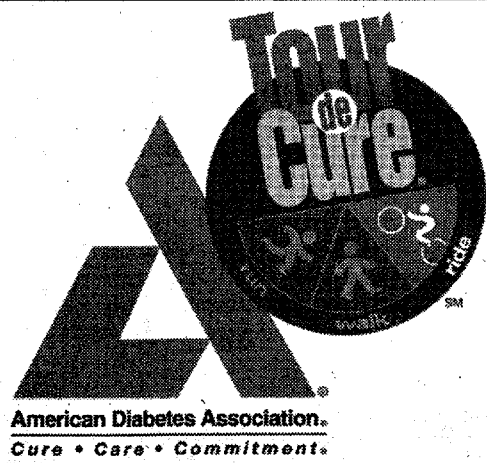
"We'd like to see the (baseball) tradition continue," Taylor said. "I hope the weather is 70 degrees and sunny. We want to get these guys talking baseball, getting them back to their roots. We want to let them know everything they did for the baseball program is still appreciated."

Meanwhile, the weekend is also a fund-raiser for the Hank Klotz Memorial Fund, to help make

renovations to the RU baseball field. Taylor said donations will be accepted to help push the fund (now at about \$7,500) toward the goal of \$15,000.

"A lot of the players knew about Hank and hopefully this will be an opportunity to close out the memorial fund and get money needed for field improvements," he emphasized.

Hank Klotz was a beloved youth baseball and basketball coach in Redford Township and one of the biggest boosters of RU baseball before his death from cancer in May 2006. Klotz was an assistant coach with the Panthers in recent years.



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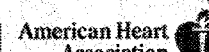
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Shining Stars

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By Jeff Lesson

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 Nicole Bergeski (Churchill) 99-9
 Maame Adomako (Stevenson) 99-1
 Becca Refenes (Luth. Westland) 98-9
 Stephanie Bradshaw (Churchill) 97-2

HIGH JUMP

Kydra Abron (Churchill) 5-2
 Liz Hollaway (Franklin) 5-2
 Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 5-1
 Kathryn Berger (Ladywood) 5-0
 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 4-11
 Kara Piorkowski (Stevenson) 4-10
 Liz Hollaway (Franklin) 4-10
 Cierra Yettis (Churchill) 4-10
 Kayla Jones (Thurston) 4-10
 Emily Schifano (Stevenson) 4-9
 Kija Colts (John Glenn) 4-9

LONG JUMP

Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 17-4
 Megan Wilson (Franklin) 16-8.25
 Chanel Payne (John Glenn) 16-1
 Chelsea Pashnick (Stevenson) 15-11
 Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 15-6.25
 Jenae Bahoura (Ladywood) 15-3
 Allie Pisko (Stevenson) 15-0.75
 Ashley Montgomery (John Glenn) 14-9
 Liz Buttery (Churchill) 14-8.5
 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 14-7.5

POLE VAULT

Marla Winkler (Stevenson) 11-0
 Kristin Zgorecki (Churchill) 10-2
 Eren Ural (Churchill) 10-1
 Meghan Powers (Franklin) 9-6
 Jamie Marilugh (Churchill) 8-8.1
 Michelle Blackstone (Stevenson) 8-8
 Alicia DiMauro (Churchill) 8-3
 Jennifer Olmstead (Churchill) 8-3
 Sharon Rayford (Churchill) 7-9
 Anastasia Bending (Franklin) 7-6
 Jessica Sroka (Stevenson) 7-6
 Kelly Tapella (Franklin) 7-6

100-METER HURDLES

Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 15.3
 Brittany Gentile (Stevenson) 15.7
 Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 16.3
 Casey Lynett (Franklin) 16.3
 Margarita Lazarevska (Churchill) 16.7
 Mallory Lukas (Churchill) 16.7
 Megan Yanik (Ladywood) 16.7
 Jackie Gribeck (Churchill) 16.9
 Christine Armstrong (Stevenson) 17.0
 Stephanie DiGiandomenico (Ladywood) 17.1

300 HURDLES

Taleece Jackson (Thurston) 47.0
 Tauri Rothermel (Churchill) 47.1
 Casey Lynett (Franklin) 48.2
 Brittany Gentile (Stevenson) 49.1
 Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson) 49.3
 Mallory Lukas (Churchill) 49.7
 Christine Armstrong (Stevenson) 49.9
 Stephanie DiGiandomenico (Ladywood) 51.1
 Megan Howard (Canton) 51.3
 Lauren Howard (Canton) 51.5

100 DASH

Ashley Parker (John Glenn) 12.3
 Lauren Schwewe (Luth. Westland) 12.7
 Mandi Coppola (Churchill) 12.7
 Chanel Payne (John Glenn) 12.9
 Sarah LaBerge (Churchill) 12.9
 Megan Wilson (Franklin) 13.1
 Nicole Thornsberry (Churchill) 13.2
 Lakeysa Smith (John Glenn) 13.2
 Ashley Banks (Canton) 13.2
 Monica Hardy (Franklin) 13.2
 Katie Morasso (Ladywood) 13.2

200

Ashley Parker (John Glenn) 25.4
 Mandi Coppola (Churchill) 27.0
 Lakeysa Smith (John Glenn) 27.1
 Ashley Banks (Canton) 27.2
 Katie Morasso (Ladywood) 27.2
 Megan Wilson (Franklin) 27.2
 Sarah LaBerge (Churchill) 27.3
 Lauren Schwewe (Luth. Westland) 27.3
 Monica Hardy (Franklin) 27.4
 Becky Adamcheck (Stevenson) 27.6
 Nicole Thornsberry (Churchill) 27.6

400

Brittany Mrozek (Stevenson) 1:01.8
 Megan Yanik (Ladywood) 1:01.4
 Katie Morasso (Ladywood) 1:01.7
 Ashley Butkowski (Franklin) 1:02.1
 Beth Swanberg (Canton) 1:03.0
 Denee Meier (Stevenson) 1:03.0
 Liz Buttery (Churchill) 1:03.2
 Seneca Scott (Franklin) 1:03.6
 Somar Aoude (Churchill) 1:03.7
 Nicole Thornsberry (Churchill) 1:03.8

800

Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) 2:19.1
 Sara Kroll (Churchill) 2:24.2
 Allison Milican (Franklin) 2:28.0
 Kristen Frey (Stevenson) 2:28.3
 Seneca Scott (Franklin) 2:28.3
 Erica Hope (Churchill) 2:29.1
 Courtney Calka (Stevenson) 2:29.3
 Lindsey Graciak (Churchill) 2:29.6
 Katie Glynn (Stevenson) 2:30.3
 Paula Schubaitis (Canton) 2:36.0
 Claire LeBlanc (Stevenson) 2:36.5

1,600

Courtney Calka (Stevenson) 5:07.1
 Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) 5:11.1
 Sara Kroll (Churchill) 5:21.9
 Kristen Frey (Stevenson) 5:29.6
 Kari Saarela (Franklin) 5:31.0
 Erica Hope (Churchill) 5:34.1
 Katherin Mackenzie (Luth. Westland) 5:36.0
 Megan Macerattini (Churchill) 5:37.3
 Stephanie Perez (Stevenson) 5:37.6
 Michelle Verellen (Churchill) 5:40.8
 Katie Glynn (Stevenson) 5:42.4

3,200

Rachel McFarlane (Churchill) 11:12.7
 Courtney Calka (Stevenson) 11:24.0
 Sara Kroll (Churchill) 11:45.9
 Megan Macerattini (Churchill) 12:03.0
 Erica Hope (Churchill) 11:57.4
 Kari Saarela (Franklin) 12:06.7
 Stacey Richardson (John Glenn) 12:46.1
 Michelle Verellen (Churchill) 12:53.0
 Danielle Kancierz (Ladywood) 12:54.0
 Kim Verellen (Churchill) 12:56.0

400 RELAY

Livonia Churchill 51.1
 Westland John Glenn 52.0
 Canton 52.7
 Redford Thurston 53.2
 Livonia Franklin 53.9
 Livonia Stevenson 53.9

800 RELAY

Livonia Churchill 1:46.7
 Redford Thurston 1:49.9
 Livonia Franklin 1:50.4
 Canton 1:51.0
 Westland John Glenn 1:51.2

1,600 RELAY

Livonia Churchill 4:12.5
 Livonia Stevenson 4:20.4
 Livonia Franklin 4:21.3
 Livonia Ladywood 4:22.0
 Redford Thurston 4:28.5

3,200 RELAY

Livonia Churchill 9:51.8
 Livonia Stevenson 9:56.6
 Livonia Franklin 10:18.4
 Lutheran Westland 10:43.0
 Canton 10:44.4

Plymouth outruns Western

The Plymouth boys track team injected itself with a nice dose of momentum Tuesday when it humbled host Walled Lake Northern, 88-49, to improve its record 4-2 heading into Friday night's Division 1 Regional meet at the P-CEP varsity stadium.

"We received a lot of very good efforts from a lot of people, many of whom were just getting their feet wet at the varsity level," said Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell.

The Wildcats swept a pair of events: the shot put, in which Sam Richards (42 feet, 3.5 inches), Corey Gomell (41-9.5) and Steve Betts placed first, second and third, respectively; and the mile run, thanks to outstanding efforts from Justin Huey (4:37.8), Anthony Scaparo (4:39.21) and Patrick Slavens (4:41.26).

Plymouth padded its early lead in the field events sparked by the shot-putters, long-jumper Joe Backstanz

(first in 17-7), high jumper Marvin Whitaker (first in 5-6) and pole vaulter Ben Ambrose (12-0).

The Wildcats went 1-3 in the 110-meter high hurdles behind the sterling efforts of Nate Gholston (first in 15.37 and Nick Plescia (third in 16.3). Jenarian Caldwell captured gold in the 100-meter dash with a clocking of 11.54, just two-hundredths of a second faster than teammate Connor McKinney.

Among the other top performers for the Wildcats were:
 ■ 400 relay team of Gholston, Malik Rich, Connor McKinney and Caldwell (first in 45.7);
 ■ 400-meter dash: Kyle Wallath, who won it in 51.76 seconds;
 ■ 300 hurdles: Gholston was first in 41.33;
 ■ 800-meter run: Slavens was first in 2:07.49; and
 ■ Alex Noble won the two-mile in 11:14.94.

Wildcat lady runners are nipped by Knights

Dropped batons, stumbles over hurdles and just plain old bad luck combined to doom the Plymouth girls track-and-field team in their 69-68 loss at Walled Lake Northern Tuesday afternoon.

The heart-breaking one-point setback left the Wildcats with a season-ending (at least dual-meet-wise) 3-3 record heading into Friday's Division 1 Regional meet at the PCEP varsity stadium.

"We kind of gave it to them," lamented Plymouth coach Kurt Britnell. "I don't want to take anything away from Northern, but we had some relay issues with dropped batons that hurt us, and we tripped over a hurdle that put us back from first to third."

"Let's just say this wasn't our best meet of the season. Hopefully, we can clear things up for the Regional meet on Friday."

All was not doom and gloom for the

Wildcats as several athletes turned in stellar efforts. Five 'Cats placed in the field events: Chrystien Guyton was first in the shot put with a heave of 32 feet, 8 inches; Stephanie Okolo, who recently returned from an injury, was the long jump with a leap of 15-7; and Brittany Petty and Shaakira Haywood placed 1-2 in the high jump, respectively, with jumps of 4-10.

Also shining in the field events was Beah Knisely, who cleared 8 feet even.

Other first-place efforts were posted by the 3,200-meter relay team of Etlewa Mema, Molly Slavens, Lauren Ahearn and Kelly Hahn (10:36.53); Julie Hersey in the 100-meter dash (12.92); Kelly Hahn in the 1,600-meter run (5:39); and Molly McManus in the 300 hurdles (52.02).

Runner-up efforts were turned in by Whitney Askew (29.2 in the 200-meter dash) and Hahn (11:51.81 in the two-mile run).

Chief runners 4th at River Rat Relays

Led by senior field event/sprinter Nick Moores, Canton's boys track team placed fourth in the 10th Annual Ann Arbor Huron River Rat Invitational on Saturday.

Nine teams competed in the talent-rich event, which was won by Livonia Churchill (140 points). Rounding out the field were runner-up Pinckney (135), Saline (132), Canton (98), Dearborn Divine Child (64.50), Ann Arbor Huron (46.50), Kalamazoo Loy Norrix (25), Ann Arbor Greenhills (16) and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (1).

Moores placed in three events: the shot put (second at 50 feet, 8.75 inches), discus (second at 145-8) and the 100-meter dash (third in 11.2). For his efforts, Moores was named the "Field Athlete of the Meet."

The individual highlight of the day for the Chiefs came from senior high jumper Eric Thornton, who set a meet record with an effort of 6-7.

A pair of Chiefs placed sec-

ond in their respective events: Tosin Adejebi was runner-up in the long jump at 19-3.75; and Andrew Manuel was second in the 200-meter dash with a 22.5 effort.

Turning in third-place showings for Canton were pole-vaulter Chris McGinnis (13-0), 300 hurdler Tim Belcher (40.6), Manuel in the 400 (50.8) and the 1,600-meter relay contingent of Sherif Hassainen, Josh Etim, Tim Belcher and Manuel, who were clocked in 3:31.2.

Other point-earners for the Chiefs were: Steve Paye (fourth in the discus), the 800-meter relay team of Hassainen, Etim, Belcher and Manuel (fourth in 1:34.9), Etim (sixth in the 200), Brian Rakovitis (sixth in the pole vault), the 3,200-meter relay team of Keith Zech, Nick Vukceovich, Paul Rakovitis and Brandon Tolinski (9:02.6), Hassainen (seventh in the 300 hurdles) and Thornton, who placed seventh in the long jump (18-7).

LACROSSE

Lady Warriors win, tie

The Plymouth-Canton-Salem girls lacrosse team pushed its record over .500 this past weekend with a win and a draw.

On Friday, May 11, the Lady Warriors defeated Warren Mott, 11-4, on "Senior Night" at the Plymouth High School junior varsity stadium.

"There was a very large crowd on hand, the team was energized and the concentration level was on team balance and recognition to our seniors; final appearance in a home game," said head coach Dave Medley. "The team emotion was running high, and one of the things I like to see on this team is everyone having fun."

The PCS defense was led by seniors Lauren Patterson, who played the entire game in goal, and defenders Rhiannon Haller and Jillian Miller, who provided protection along the perimeter.

Fittingly, the following seniors accounted for some of the scoring: Sarah Palcynski, Alex Rabe, Megan Early, Ashlie Forchione and Heather Duncan (two goals).

Also scoring were Lauren Ebersole, Kate Spangler, Edra Burris, Katlin Moore and Jessica Murray (two).

On Saturday, May 12, the Lady Warriors fought to a 5-5 tie at Bloomfield Lahser.

"We came as close as you could come to winning a game without winning it," lamented Medley.

PCS took the early 3-0 lead, however, Bloomfield stormed right back to take a 4-3 lead into the break.

The Warriors evened the score at 4-all with five minutes left. A short time later, the potential winning goal was waved off.

"As the game drew to a close Bloomfield pounded our goalie Nicole Rotell relentlessly, shot after shot," said Medley. "But Nicole denied them access. She was aided with help around the net by Nicole Sheldon, Amy Coleman, and Arielle Pietron."

Scoring for PCS were Morgan Franke (two), Kate Spangler (two) and Lauryn Ebersole.

PCS Lady Warriors are currently 6-5-1 on the season.

PCS boys team even at 8-8

On Saturday at Farmington High School, the Plymouth-Canton-Salem boys lacrosse team evened its record at 8-8 with a 7-2 decision over the Falcons.

The Warriors led 4-1 at the half and 7-1 with 15 minutes to play. The Falcons tallied a meaningless fourth-quarter marker.

Nick Cote led the winners with three goals and three assists. Mark Barath, Devin Murphy, Scott Darel and Connor Martin also found the back of the net for the Warriors.

Jared Ruark and Patrick Downey netted assists for PCS, which also received 13 saves from junior goal-keeper Justin Scott.

Farmington outshot PCS, 32-28.

On May 10, the Warriors outplayed Waterford, 9-6. The winners had three multiple goal-scorers: Murphy (four), Darel (two) and Ruark (two). Patrick Downey added a single goal.

Ruark (two), Cote (three), Murphy and Connor Martin contributed assists. PCS led 2-1 after one quarter, 4-2 at the half and 5-4 with 15 minutes to play.

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Michigan Bucks soccer tickets are on sale now

The 2006 North American PDL Champion Michigan Bucks announced presale ticket information for their May 30 match against Major League Soccer's Columbus Crew at Berkley's Hurley Field, which will kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

All tickets for the Crew's only visit to Michigan in 2007 will be \$15 on game day (ages five and under free) if not sold out. However, the Bucks announce special presale pricing that will save Bucks' fans \$5 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased on-line through their secure PayPal outlet by going to the Bucks' Web site at www.bucksoccer.com and clicking on the Columbus Crew game link on the home page.

Each ticket is \$10 (general admission) when buying on-line or at one of the local ticket outlets.

Fans can get tickets locally at one of nine soccer stores throughout the four county area (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb and Washtenaw) as well.

This year is the second year in the Bucks' relationship as the minor league affiliate to the Crew and the MLS organization is looking forward to this year's visit to the Motor City.

"We had two very positive experiences in Detroit last year against the Bucks," said Crew General Manager Mark McCullers. "Everything about the Bucks organization is quality — the facility, personnel, all the way to the enthusiastic fan base make this a very attractive market for us. Coach Sigi Schmid liked what he saw in some of last year's players and looks forward to seeing the progress the team has made since last July. I obviously can't

tell you his game day lineup at this point because there are so many factors that could affect the starting eleven within the next three weeks, but the Detroit market is important and we want to give the area's soccer fans the opportunity to see our best players."

The Crew/Bucks relationship continues to evolve as witnessed by the Crew's invitation for the Bucks to play one of their home games prior to the Crew/FC Toronto game on July 22. The Crew will work with Bucks General Manager Dave Morgan to put together special ticket packages for Bucks fans to bus down for the double header. A special offer to Bucks fans for the only scheduled appearance of David Beckham and the L.A. Galaxy in Columbus on Sept. 30 is also in the works. Details

will be made public in the next couple of weeks.

All fans attending the May 30 game will be eligible to win special Bucks and Crew memorabilia when they present their game ticket.

The Bucks 2007 home opener will be Friday, May 18 at 8 p.m. at Troy Athens High School. The Bucks special presentation of the championship ring ceremony will begin about 7:45 p.m., following the conclusion of the W-League match between the Michigan Hawks and the Ft. Wayne Fever women's teams (5:30 p.m. kickoff).

Tickets for the doubleheader are just \$10 Adults (over 16) and \$5 Youth (5 and under free) and are only available at the gate.

For more information, visit the team web site at www.bucksoccer.com.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

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.

CANTON CHIEFS

FOOTBALL EVENTS

The annual Canton Football Skills Camp for kids in sixth through ninth grades will be held 5-7:30 p.m. June 11-14 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 rmui@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.cantonchiefs-football.com.

The annual Canton Football Team Golf Outing will be held June 23 at Fox Hills near Plymouth. 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 \$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, 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 afterward. 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.

FIELD HOCKEY CAMP

The annual Livonia Ladywood Blazer Field Hockey Day Camp will be held Saturday, June 23, at Ladywood High School, which is located on Newburgh between Schoolcraft and Five Mile in Livonia.

The camp, which runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and costs \$50 per participant, will introduce future high school players to the sport of field hockey as well as promote enthusiasm for the game. An emphasis will be placed on learning the basic fundamentals of the game and teaching proper techniques of the skill sets used to play, including dribbling, driving, shooting, passing and stopping.

The first half of the day will focus on skills with the second half set for team play and small-sided scrimmages.

All campers will need to bring shin guards, a mouthpiece, a water bottle, a field hockey stick (some will be available to sign out at the camp) and a sack lunch. Rubber cleats are also recommended.

Registration forms can be picked up at Ladywood High School. For more information, call (734) 751-9790.

PLYMOUTH

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

The annual Plymouth High School Volleyball Team Camps will be held July 23-25 (Monday through Wednesday) in the Plymouth gymnasium. A camp for current Wildcat volleyball players will be held 8:30 a.m. to noon while a separate one for fifth- through ninth-graders is set for 1-4 p.m. each day.

The cost of the morning camp is \$95; the afternoon camp is \$65.

For more information, contact Plymouth coach Kelly McCausland at (734) 223-1737 or at

mccausk@taylor.k12.mi.us.

SUMMER GIRLS

HOOP CAMPS

The annual Canton/Salem girls basketball camps will be held in June in the Canton and Salem high school gymnasiums.

A camp for girls who will be starting seventh, eighth and ninth grades in the fall of 2007 will be held June 18-22 from 1-3 p.m. The seventh graders will be at Salem while the eighth and ninth graders will utilize the Canton gym.

The cost of the camp is \$70. A camp for girls who will be starting fourth, fifth and sixth grades in the fall of 2007 will be held June 25-29 from 1-3 p.m. The fourth graders will be at Salem while the fifth and sixth graders will utilize the Canton gym.

Campers will receive instruction from members of the coaching staffs of Canton and Salem high schools as well as from high school players.

Players can register through Plymouth-Canton Community Education, which is located at 40260 Five Mile Rd. in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 416-2940.

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 saalemfootball.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.

RUNNING CLUB

Runners are invited to join the Northville (Redford) Road Runners running organization.

All levels are welcome.

The club meets at 6:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Northville's Hillside Recreation Center, located off Center Street just south of Eight Mile, and at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays and 9 a.m. Saturdays at the Eight Mile Road entrance to Maybury State Park.

Varying distances are run, ranging from 4-6 miles. For more information, send an e-mail to Bo@sprauer.com or call Gary Haf at (248) 231-6114.

DETROIT LIONS

FOOTBALL CAMP

The third annual Detroit Lions Summer Youth Football Camp will be held July 5-8 at Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth.

The camp will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day and is open to boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 14 years old.

The \$159 camp fee includes: ■ Four days of non-contact, fundamental football instruction;

■ A Lions camp T-shirt; ■ Guest appearances from current or former Lion players;

■ Chalk talk and video sessions; and ■ Skills contests and scrimmages.

For more information, call (313) 262-2248.

Former Canton hoop coach Rheault hired

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

During the school day, Jeremy Rheault's passion is art as a teacher at Livonia Franklin High School.

After school, Rheault hopes to paint a different picture as the new varsity boys basketball coach for the Patriots.

The 35-year-old Rheault succeeds Russ Keberly, who stepped down for family considerations after four seasons with a 30-55 record, including 2-19 mark this year.

Rheault, who coached three varsity seasons (2000-03) at Canton High going 27-36, spent the past two years as the Patriots' freshman coach.

Most recently he coached the Westland John Glenn JV girls team and stayed active as a coach at Frost Middle School.

In all, he has coached in 25 different seasons, including track, since the age of 21.

"I like the challenge and the opportunity to work with these players," said Rheault, who began his high school coaching career as a volunteer coach the ripe age of 19. "I love coaching and being in the building where I teach. I'm not going to change for

change sake. I'll make adjustments to some of the things I've done in the past, but also continue to do things that I'm used to doing. It will take work and you have to be positive."

Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye gave Rheault a ringing endorsement upon his appointment.

"Jeremy has spent a lot of time in high school basketball," Hammye said. "He brings a lot of knowledge and experience to Franklin. He has been involved as a freshman coach in our basketball program. He also teaches here as well."

"He knows the conference and he's coached in the conference. He knows a lot of people and I'm certain he'll do a good job."

Rheault said he has met with most of the players, including the incoming seniors. He has also set up a summer basketball workout schedule.

"I like pressure-man defense and a motion offense, we'll be patient, but aggressive, a lot of it depends on making reads," Rheault said. "We'll throw in some zone, too, when we have to."

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
1056 - Keith Urban - Couch, Loveseat, Refrigerator
9142 - GPS ENT INC. - Scaffolding, Misc Items
1059 - Angela Miller - China Cabinet, 20 Boxes, Dresser
5037 - David Hieb - 50 Boxes, Filing Cabinet, Speakers
4006 - Nicholas Bates - Drum Kit, TV, Dresser
9260 - Dustin Mitchell - TV, 1 Tote, 1 Box

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
4145 - Kevin Steele - portable TV, microwave, 10 boxes
4148 - David Fuller - Mattress, power tools, misc items
4211 - Debra Tansey - 10 Boxes, couch, misc items
4274 - Betty Bryant - 20 Boxes, Microwave, 4 Chairs
5345 - Erin Morley - Headboard, 20 Boxes, Dresser
4222 - Terry Brown - Couch, Chair, Futon

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PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit **Bids for Playground Asphalt at Gallimore Elementary.**

Bidding documents may be picked up at the Central Maintenance Office at 987 S. Mill St., Plymouth, MI 48170 on May 17, 2007. Bids will be received until **10:00 a.m.** local time on **Thursday, May 31, 2007** at which time they will be opened and read publicly at the Plymouth Canton Community School, E.J. McClelland Educational Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, Michigan, 48170. Bids received after this time and date will be returned. Faxed proposals will not be accepted.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope at 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170. Questions regarding the scope of the project may be addressed to Ms. Laura Hagan, (734) 416-2953. Plymouth Canton Community Schools reserves the right to reject any or all bids received and to waive any informalities and irregularities in the bidding documents. This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

The bidder shall disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan on the proposal pricing form. This form must also be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
JUDY MARDIGIAN, Secretary

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon two weeks notice to the Charter Township of Canton. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Charter Township of Canton by writing or calling the following:

David Medley, ADA Coordinator
Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road
Canton, MI 48188
(734) 394-5260

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
1006 - Edward Green - 3 Boxes, Cooler, Misc Items
1058 - Jonathan Rose - 30 Boxes, Ladder
3035 - Edward Green - Couch, Dresser, Mirror
3064 - Mark Billingslea - Bike, Clothing, Kitchen Table
6005 - Christopher Roberts - 10 Bags, 20 Boxes, Misc Items
7006 - William A Dandrea - Clothing, Golf Clubs, Misc Items
8024 - James Smith - 10 Boxes, 4 Chairs, Misc Items

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 31, 2007 for the following:

SUMMIT ON THE PARK POOL FILTER AND MEDIA REPLACEMENT

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid 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

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Personal property described below in the matter of:
3044 - Philippe Lorezca - Grill, Kitchen Table, Dresser
4056 - Frieda Greenshields - 10 totes, 5 boxes, misc items
4064 - Christopher Peters - 10 Boxes, 2 Dressers, Table
6012 - Gaylyne Wall - Sofa, Washer, Dryer
6222 - Laura Smith - 20 Boxes, 10 Bags, Misc Items
9050 - Joseph Dibenedetto - 4 Tires w/ rims, Speaker, Amplifier
5202 - Nyasha Penn - 10 Bags, 50 Totes, Toys
6048 - Nadeem Ahmed - Gas Grill, Ice Machine, Misc Tables and Chairs
5006 - Kirk Surface - 15 Boxes, Microwave, Loveseat
5206 - Sharnette Darden - 4 Boxes, 6 Bags, Misc Items

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QUALITY NEWER construction in northside of city-a great condo alternative. 1st story master w/bath, 2-story great room w/gas fireplace & door wall. \$329,000 (EC13DE)

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ROYAL OAK 3 Bdrm. brick bungalow, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, appliances, skylite, partially finished bsmt, furnace 2 yrs. old. \$155,000. D&H Properties. 248-888-9133

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South Lyon 3400

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Troy 3410

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Westland 3445

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Resort & Vacation Property 3800

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Northern Property 3780

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- 16 Mellows, as brandy
- 17 Metric pound
- 18 Diplomat
- 20 City in Italy
- 21 Intelligence
- 22 Review harshly
- 23 Built on to
- 28 Onic
- 30 Tigger's friend
- 31 Like some smiles
- 32 Fruit pastry
- 33 Front tooth
- 36 Thin pancake
- 38 Provide staff
- 39 Garden-pond fish
- 40 Parade sight

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- 43 Trounced
- 47 Respiratory organ
- 48 Just
- 49 Get a loan
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- 51 Pipe fittings
- 52 Futuristic
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- 55 Not rainy
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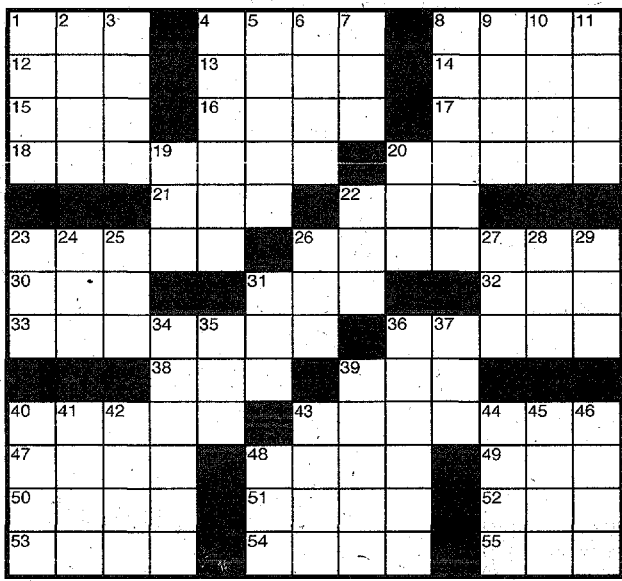
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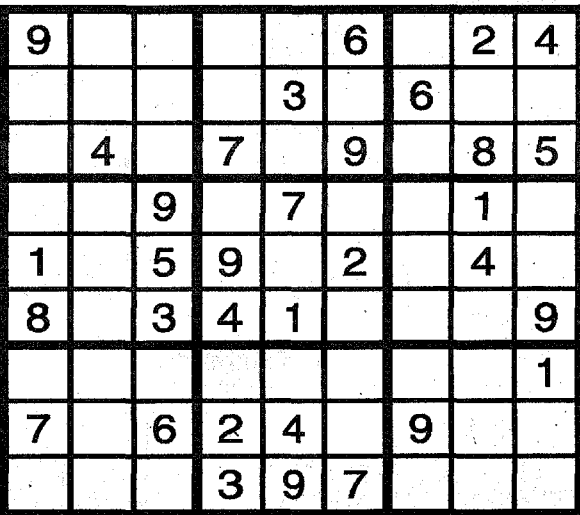
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- 19 Stun
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- 25 Dwarf with spectacles
- 26 Goof up
- 27 Tarzan's nanny
- 28 Pinch off
- 29 Kickoff stand
- 30 Outscored
- 34 Mental pictures
- 35 Took a load off
- 36 Soup or salad
- 37 Umbrella spoke
- 39 Tiny shrimp
- 40 Tasteless
- 41 Winter Olympics event
- 42 Blame
- 43 Melting-watch artist
- 44 Glue together
- 45 Jug
- 46 Moist
- 48 Not many



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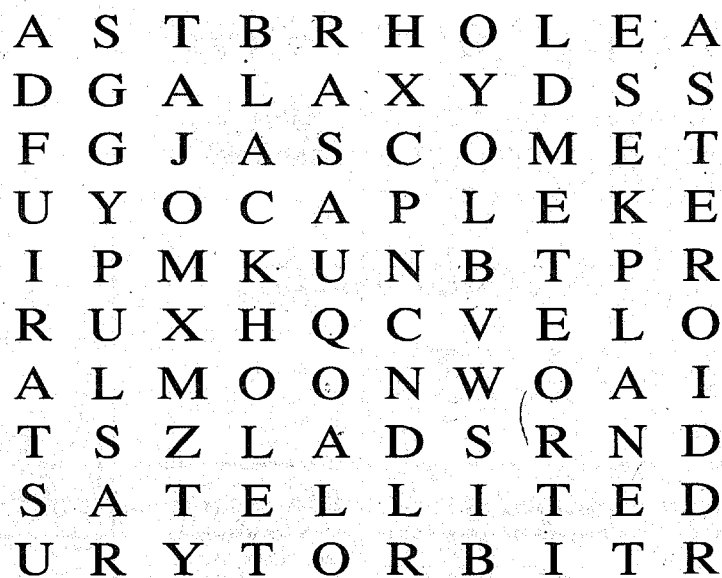
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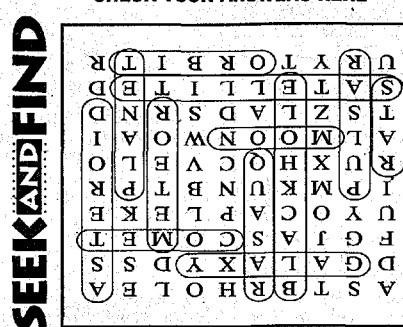
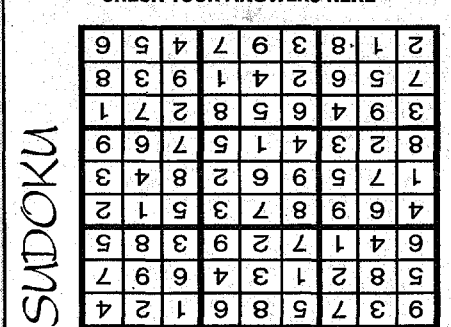
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WORKWISE
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Why do employees with two or more decades of experience at a single company keep getting up in

the morning to go to the same place? Do they adore their bosses? Are they afraid to budge? Responses from three employees of legendary sales trainer Tom Hopkins might surprise you.

Based in Scottsdale, Ariz., Tom Hopkins International Inc. is a \$4.5 million company with 17 employees. Hopkins, its chairman and driving force, spends most of his time on the road making speech after speech. He may often be virtual, but not his revenue stream or the work behind it.

'SOMETHING DIFFERENT'

Spencer Price, CFO, has been working there for 30 years. Laura Oien, president, will mark 30 years in September. Judy Slack, director of Research and Development, shared a desk with her at the outset. She's clocked 29 years, because she took one out for full-time family. The nature of their jobs keeps drawing them back.

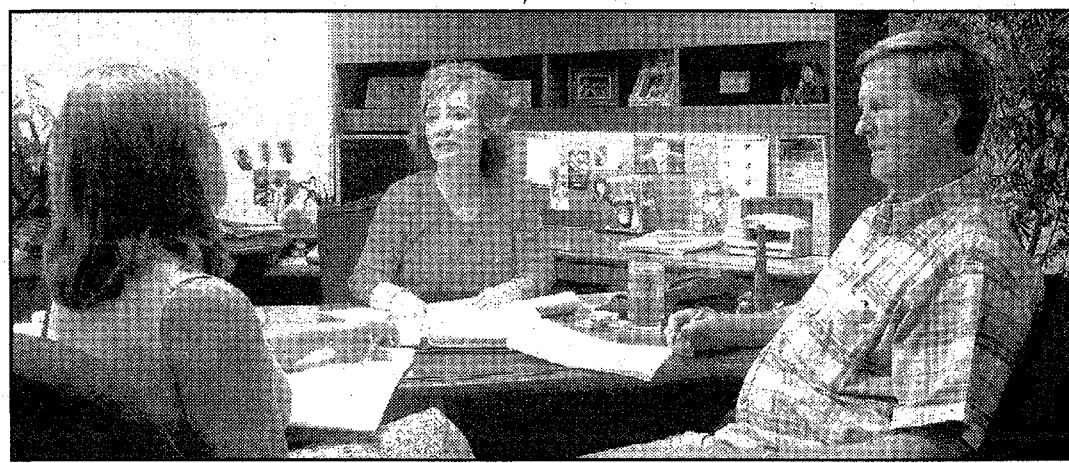
"In 1977 when I took the job, I'd worked for Price Waterhouse for three years," Price says. "I wanted to be in industry, to be a controller." Mulling over four opportunities, he faulted this one for its likely instability, a revenue stream based exclusively on one person, a speaker.

Hopkins persuaded him (no doubt selling benefits). He would run Accounting, manage computerization and have a great deal of variety in his work, which Price describes as "something different."

"Different" it was, and innovative. The company bought or created 10 corporations spanning tape duplication to travel, while growing to 120 employees. Hopkins has contributed 80 percent of the firm's revenue, but the company is now developing TNT dollars, a revenue stream with "Tom Not There." It accounts for \$631,000 in annual revenue.

Unlike Price, Oien holds a very different title from the one she held at the outset. In fact, she can't even remember it. She re-entered the workforce after seven years at home with children. "The job sounded interesting in the paper," she says. "It was public relations, but more customer service and goodwill, and the company was moving to Scottsdale." She's proud of contributing to the growth of the company. A great part of her job was to keep customers coming back for more. Today she oversees the non-financial side of the company - seminars, customer service and product marketing.

Slack is deeply involved in the publishing side of the business, writing and producing product and working with publishers. She describes the material as "very positive" and thrives on the inspirational stories she hears, such as how customers pulled themselves out of welfare to annual salaries of \$75,000. Hopkins' hands-off style has facilitated the ability to



Judy Slack, Laura Oien and Spencer Price are the Executive Committee at Tom Hopkins International, Inc., in Scottsdale. Dynamic work at the company accounts for their long tenure.

learn and grow while increasing her confidence. "I'm not the same person," she observes. "This has changed my life."

WHAT EMPLOYEES WANT

Book after dreary book will tell you that employee loyalty comes from one thing or another - good bosses, good co-workers, regular vacations, benefits, and so forth. But this big little company has unlocked the door to employee satisfaction. The bottom line is the quality of the work, its depth and dynamism. Slack puts her finger on the root cause when she mentions that Hopkins "is always growing and changing... and our audience changes." They don't have a moment to get bored in such an atmosphere. They keep moving, growing and being satisfied.

Price mentions that all three - the company's Executive Committee - are humble when faced with interpersonal

problems. "The three of us need to be and have tried to be when someone comes with problems or challenges," he says. "We don't have all of the answers. We try to work them out rather than cut someone loose without talking to them." Oien concurs: "If you treat people well, they'll be responsive."

Is anything missing? Oien responds, "How could I say something is missing when I applied for an administrative job and I'm here as president 30 years later?" Slack points out that the size of the company has put some limitations on projects, that not every good idea or proposal could be developed. Price indicates only that he wouldn't have minded "building up some equity in a flourishing business."

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First Ever Sale! Just what it gone! Cheap! Furniture, kid's stuff, thanks mom! 1042 Starkweather.

PLYMOUTH
Lake Pointe Sub-Wide Sale. May 18, 19, 20. 10am-4pm. On Vinsetta Blvd & N. & South. EVERYTHING FROM A TO Z!

PLYMOUTH 2 Family Yard Sale
Napier, btwn Ann Arbor Rd & N. Territorial. Tools, household items, misc. Thurs. & Fri., May 17th-18th, 9am-5:30pm.

PLYMOUTH May 18-19, 8am-5pm. 41454 Crestwood, Lakepointe Sub. Baby items/clothing, Furniture, Patio, Treadmill, Golf & More!

PLYMOUTH 49200 Harvest, W. of Beck & N. of Ann Arbor Rds. May 19, 9-3pm. Collectibles, household items & more. Subwide Garage Sale.

PLYMOUTH Furniture, tools, toys, scrapbook & craft, store fixtures & stailwalk. Lots to choose from. Fri. & Sat., 9 a.m. 11704 Brownell

PLYMOUTH - HUGE SALE!
GARAGE 9250 Red Maple Ct., Ridgwood Hills Sub. **Sale** Ann Arbor Road & Ridge. Thurs-Sat., 8-5pm. Girls/boy's teen clothes, tools, household, sports, misc.

PLYMOUTH-Ridgewood Hills
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PLYMOUTH TWP. G1-NOR-
MIOUS 385-Home Ridgewood Hills Subdivision Sale Saturday, May 19, 9-3pm. Anything and everything! North side of Ann Arbor Road, 1/2 mile west of Beck, just before Ridge

PLYMOUTH-Lake Pointe Sub-
Wide Sale. Retired teacher: lots of good stuff. May 18-20, 9am-5pm. 15059 Robinwood, 5 Mile/Haggerty.

REDFORD - Multi-Family/
Moving Sale including great stuff. Thurs-Sun., May 17-20, 9-5pm. 14128 Berwyn, N. of 96, btwn W. of Beck.

REDFORD - Estate/Garage
Sale. Household goods, books, records, vintage items, clothes, collectibles, electronics, some toys, & a wide variety of odds & ends. May 17-21, 9-5. 17224 Wakenden St.

REDFORD TWP May 19 & 20, 9-5pm. 19910 Lennane, Grand River & Beech Daly area. Furniture, dishware, tools, little bit of everything.

REDFORD-Yard sale Fri, May 18, 12-4pm & Sat, May 19, 9am-4pm. 25048 Graham, 5/5 Mile, E/Beech Daly. Something for everyone! 2 beds, riding lawn mower, pedestal sink.

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ROYAL OAK GARAGE SALE -
Royal Oak 5/18-19 1224 Cherokee Ave. 9am-5pm. TVs, Furniture, electronics, skis, housewares, snow blower, clothing, luggage, lighting!

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BLOOMFIELD HILLS 5/19, 10-2. 422 Whippers In Ct. off Squirrel town Long Lk/Waddies. Household, outdoor, designer, figure skate, sports

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CANTON MAY 18 & 19. LINKS WEST CONDO-COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE. Fri., 9-4, Sat. & 9-1. Enter on Newton Rd. off Beck, N. of Geddes, S. of Cherry Hill. MANY HOMES!

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CANTON
Wilshire Estates
SW subdivision,
Morten Taylor & Warren.
May 17-19, 9am-7.

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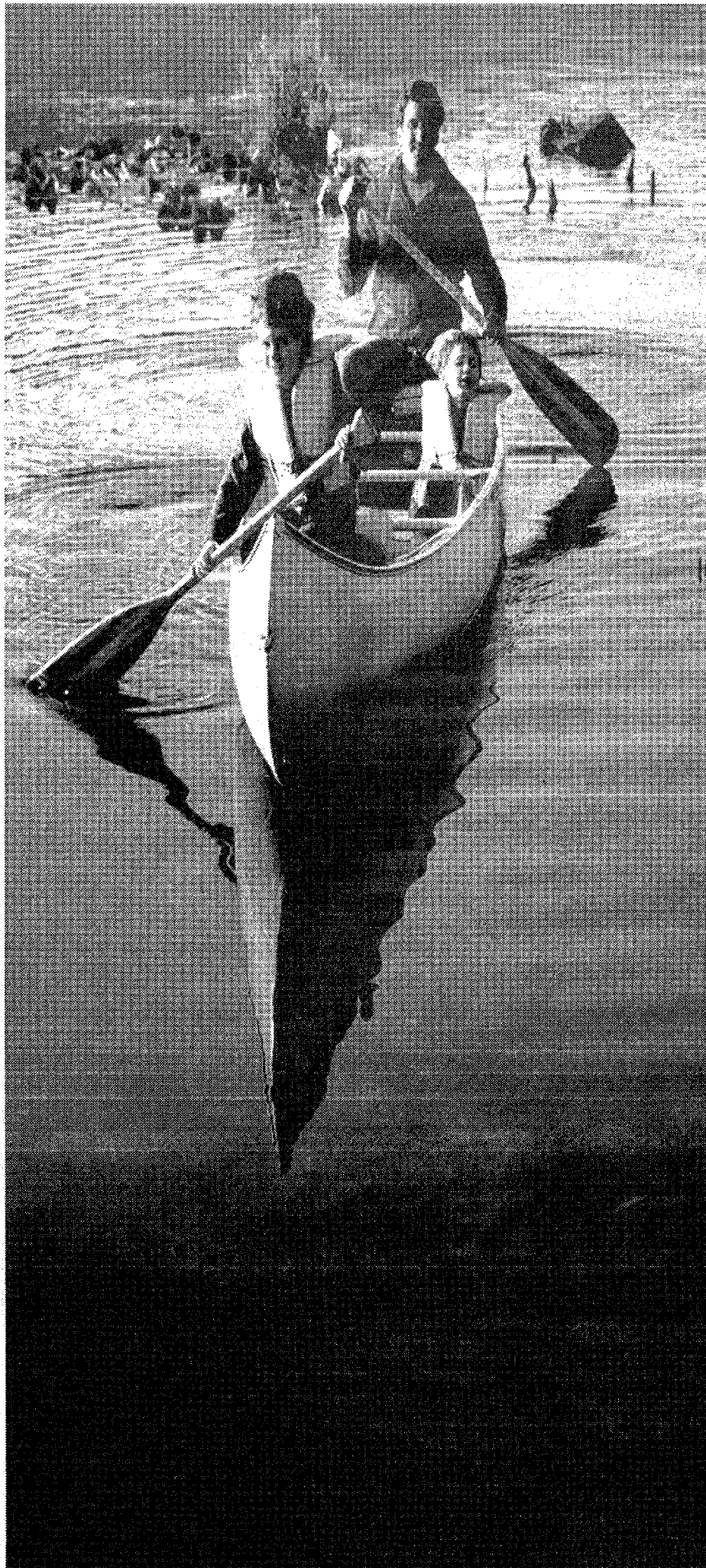


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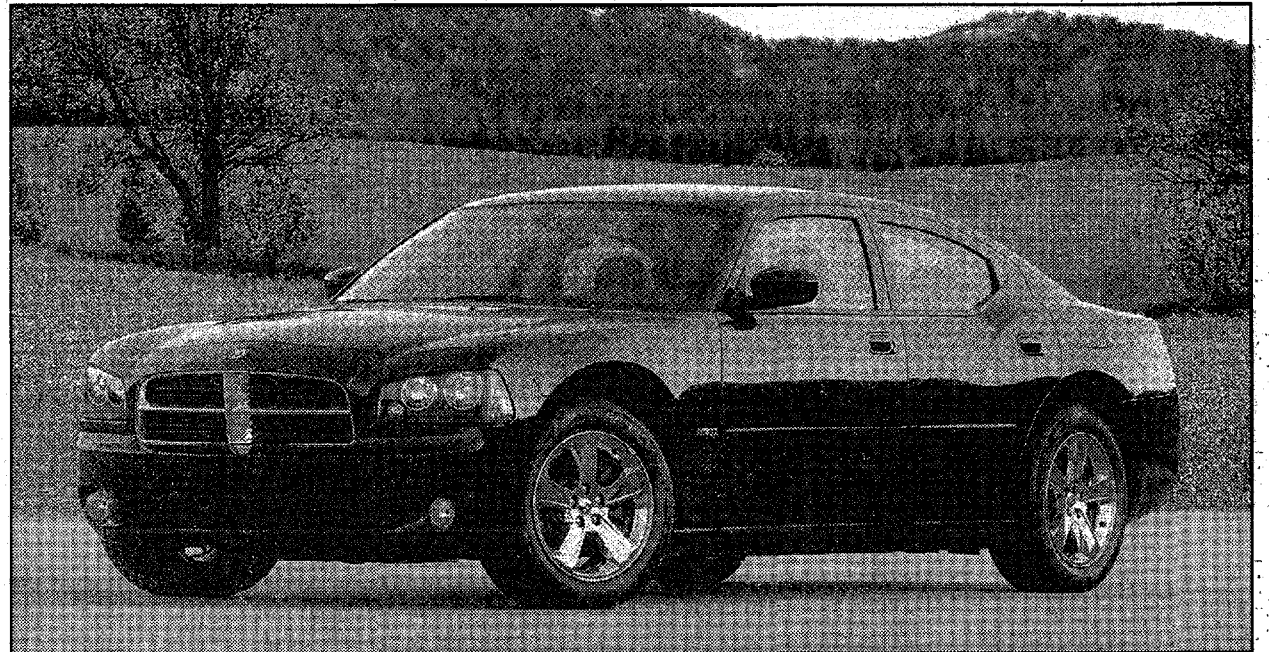
No matter what I did when I tested a 2007 Dodge Charger R/T recently, I couldn't shake the notion that this vehicle really is an updated version of what muscle-car aficionados so enjoyed when they drove the original Charger a generation ago. It's a car that is all about flash and speed, one that would feel right at home with its predecessors at the Woodward Dream Cruise.

But even better, the new Charger - today's version has been little updated from the "original new" Charger that bowed last year - isn't a coupe like the Charger of old. It's actually classified as a big car, meaning more people can enjoy the ride, and more comfortably.

Charger makes a proudly different statement than anything else on the road, beginning with its styling. From the unapologetically bold Dodge grill to the modified fastback that tapers to the rear of the vehicle, the design of the new Charger makes it clear that it's a mid-American driver's car, built for power and speed, starting with its looks. Though Charger is built on the same mechanical and structural platform as the Chrysler 300 and Dodge Magnum, this car stands on its own, design-wise. It even boasts a Seventies-era drive over the wheel arches, just to complete the nostalgic look.

Even more important is what's under the hood of the new Charger and how it performs. The R/T version (for Road & Track) that I drove sports a 5.7-liter Hemi V8 that is rated at 340 horsepower with a hefty 390 lb./ft. of torque. 49. Most important, the robust power train gives you plenty of punch whenever you need or want it, even though Charger is carrying around a pretty heavy chassis. Remarkably, the zero-to-60 time is under six seconds.

The engine performance is all the more remarkable because the V8 features a multi-displacement system that conserves fuel by shutting down four cylinders when they're not needed to maintain the car's



"Driving the new Dodge Charger RT is a bit like participating in the Woodward Dream Cruise every time you get into the car." DBB

momentum. Chrysler has done such a good job engineering this system that, in the R/T, the shut-down mechanism was completely undetectable. The nod toward fuel economy also gives the R/T the opportunity to produce 24mpg according to the EPA average, and 17mpg on the highway - both, very good mileage numbers for any V8 and about 20% better than the vehicle would post without the cylinder shut-down feature.

And Charger R/T nicely controls all that power. With some serious torque and the power of all-wheel-drive in the version I drove, Charger R/T is a good cruiser, motoring along comfortably anywhere between 60 mph and 85 mph, with very little wind or road noise. Fortunately, Chrysler also managed to pair that wonderful engine with a five-speed automatic transmission, including an Auto Stick manual-shift option, that is up to the task.

The car also boasts a fine suspension that smoothly accepts straightaways and attacks tight corners with equal aplomb. This is no mean accomplishment, considering that the car's 120-inch wheelbase pushes it clearly into the large-car class.

Once you climb inside the Charger R/T, the picture changes somewhat to a mixed bag. Overall, the car is very spacious, with plenty of rear-seat room for torsos

and heads and legs. The trunk is very capacious, a smart means by which Chrysler took full advantage of Charger's large-car dimensions.

However, driving and riding in Charger can make you feel a bit claustrophobic, even with all that room. The reason is that the seats are in "command" position, a couple of inches higher than comparable sedans, for a better view of the road. Yet the ceiling seems low, especially without a sunroof, as in the version I drove. Combine those factors with the car's high beltline, and it's easy to get a bit of a feeling that you're in a long tin can.

Fortunately, the Charger's ample amenities quickly take your mind off deciding how you really feel about the car's interior configuration. Satellite radio is standard as are power adjustable pedals, on the R/T model, and a Boston Acoustics audio system is available, as is a 5.8-inch DVD navigation system up front and a rear-seat DVD video entertainment system.

The R/T version I drove also sported 18-inch Ultra-bright aluminum wheels, dual exhaust with bright tips, and body-color heated mirrors that folded. To me, they added up to extra reasons why I wouldn't mind at all driving a 2007 Charger R/T down Woodward Avenue in August. Especially because I don't have an original Charger!

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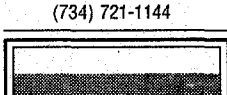
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Was \$19,770 NOW \$16,161**

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\$1000 Customer Cash **\$209⁰⁰*** \$1388.54 DUE

0 Down **\$251²⁷*** \$373.35 DUE | **Sign & Drive \$266⁸²*** 0 DUE

2007 EXPLORER XLT

4.0 V-6, 5-speed automatic, air, AM/FM CD, convenience group, running boards. Stk. #7T5311
Was \$27,235 NOW \$22,586**

LEASE 24 MONTHS

\$1000 Customer Cash **\$246¹⁷*** \$1637.94 DUE

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LEASE 24 MONTHS

\$1000 Customer Cash **\$247⁰⁸*** \$1401.60 DUE

0 Down **\$289⁰⁴*** \$356.04 DUE | **Sign & Drive \$305⁰⁰*** 0 DUE

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Was \$33,020 NOW \$23,818**

LEASE 24 MONTHS

\$1000 Customer Cash **\$252²³*** \$1587.06 DUE

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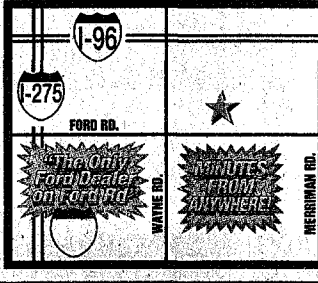
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Old World made new



Karen Tucker's craft room is a good place for quilting and for playing with grandchildren.

Home combines elegance, informality

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

With such elements as turrets, balconies, and a long tunnel illuminated by sconces, and its position on a bluff overlooking a quiet lake, the residence suggests a drama or romance of a past century in Europe.

But this is real life in 2007 in Orchard Lake, and real people live here.

The French Chateau Renaissance style, 15,400-square-foot house is one of six residences on Home Tour 2007, presented by Temple Israel Sisterhood.

Money from the annual event goes to a project currently funded by the sisterhood. Past projects included sending 10 children to summer camp.

TRADITIONAL

The three-level residence, overlooking Upper Straits Lake, is the home of Paul Hodges and Karen Tucker. It took 4½ years to build.

Stately yet informal, it comfortably combines Old World features and modern elements and makes the ideal setting for the couple's many collections and interests.

HOUSE TOUR 2007

■ **What:** A tour featuring six unusual homes in Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Hills and Franklin, presented by Temple Israel Sisterhood.

■ **When:** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 30.

■ **Tickets:** \$25 in advance, \$30 tour day.

Tickets are available at the Temple Israel Office, (248) 661-5700, or by calling Karen Gilbert, (248) 661-9182; Pam Bloom, (248) 788-3833; or Ann Podolsky, (248) 737-4505.

"It's a very warm, cozy, traditional home that has magnificent views of the lake," Hodges said.

"They wanted a very traditional home that had plenty of glass," said architect Louis

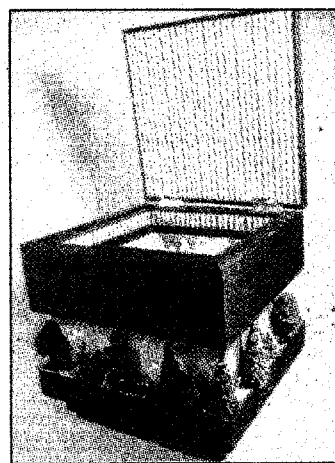
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The living room at the home of Paul Hodges and Karen Tucker offers a magnificent view of the lake. Architect Louis DesRosiers worked with the couple to make the traditional style residence they wanted. The house will be featured on Home Tour 2007, presented by Temple Israel Sisterhood this month.

ACCENTS



Fine Art at the Village

This mixed media box by Ruth Heginbottom of Troy is a sample of the pieces featured at Fine Art at the Village of Rochester Hills, Saturday-Sunday, May 19-20, at the Village of Rochester Hills shopping center.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. The shopping center is at 104 N. Adams, on the northeast corner of Walton and Adams.

The event will include fine art and fine crafts displayed for sale by more than 100 artists from across the United States and Canada, children's art activities, musical entertainment and an outdoor food court.

Admission and parking are free.

For more information, call (248) 689-8734 or visit www.FineArtAtTheVillage.com.

Yard Smarts

May is Yard Smarts Yard Care Month. This month, consumers can call the toll-free hot line, (866) YARD-TIPS, or submit an e-mail by visiting www.yardsmarts.com, to ask about their most vexing problems about lawns, gardens or yard care equipment. All questions will be answered personally within 48 hours.

Also, homeowners can speak directly with lawn and garden experts from 1-8 p.m. Fridays, May 18 and 25.

Small-engine manufacturer Briggs & Stratton Corporation sponsors the annual hot line.

Yard Smarts is an educational program designed to build consumer knowledge, provide answers and expert advice, and give consumers the confidence to handle yard care activities.

In addition to getting free answers and advice from lawn care pros, hot line participants may win prizes.

Any caller who asks a question that stumps the experts will receive a Yard Smarts T-shirt.

Each week, the name of one caller or e-mailer will be drawn to receive his or her choice of a new lawn mower, pressure washer or string trimmer powered by a Briggs & Stratton engine.

Also, from all the calls and e-mail received, one name will be drawn for the grand prize.

Trey Rogers of Michigan State University, "The Yard Doctor," will spend a day with the grand-prize winner to evaluate their lawn, provide advice on improving their yard and answer any questions.

The grand-prize package also includes a piece of outdoor power equipment from Briggs & Stratton and a \$500 gift certificate toward yard care improvements.

Some spring cleaning brings out tips, tricks

Springtime is upon us (*finally!*), and that means it's time for a little spring cleaning.

I've got some odds and ends that have been cluttering up my virtual workspace; today I'm clearing them out.

Let's start with spring itself, a time when the shovels come out. Before you start digging a big hole for a tree or a trench for edging, get your yard marked for underground utility lines, cables and pipes.

It's easy: Just pick up your phone and dial 811. The new FCC-sponsored

service at the other end will take your project details and forward the request to the appropriate utility companies. Within a few days, you should have all necessary lines marked.

Obviously this requires a little advance planning, but it's worth it to avoid plunging your shovel through an electrical line or, worse, the cable-TV (and, for many of us, Internet) cable.

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You've probably heard of Flickr, the Web's most popular photo-sharing service. But do you know how to use it?

If not, there's a great tutorial at Webware

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Till time: Gardeners dig the season

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

Got some planting to do?

Today is May 17 and you're probably chomping at the trowel to till the soil.

Before you rake, battle and hoe the garden, George Papadelis, owner of Telly's Greenhouse in Troy, has a few pointers for planters.

Prepare the soil: Add Canadian peat for annuals and vegetables or aged pine bark for perennials or trees.

"Compost is excellent," Papadelis said. "Some, though not anything we sell, could have alkaline, which can present a problem. Most plants need soil that is slightly acidic. Manure works real well for vegetable plants."

Soil can be tested prior to planting to check for proper nutrient levels, and should be amended if necessary.

Feed the plant: For vegetables, use organic-derived plant food or fertilizer, such as Tomato Tone by Espoma.

"It is difficult to oversupply the plant, as it releases food over time."

For flowers, use Flower Tone by Espoma.

"I like using the water-solubles," Papadelis said. If the plant doesn't need it, you don't need to use it, but if it needs a little, then a little goes a long way, he said. Other feeds are Bud N Bloom and Miracle-Gro.

When to plant: May 20 (Sunday) is generally the "last frost" date, but that date should be viewed with caution.

"Check the forecast for the entire week. If it is 42 degrees or lower, we could have a frost. Generally, people wait until Memorial Day to plant."

Other tips, courtesy of the nursery's Web site at www.tellys.com:

When planting vegetables, disturb the roots as little as possible.

If you are planting seedlings grown in peat pots, make sure the top edge of the pot is below the soil surface.

Firm the soil around the roots and water well. Using a starter solution will give the plant an easier transition.



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Comcast unleashes Pet Adoptions On Demand

Searching for that ideal family pet just became easier with the recent launching of Comcast's new Pet Adoptions On Demand.

By simply selecting the ON DEMAND feature on the cable remote, Comcast Digital customers can access the profiles of available pets for adoption at the Humane Society of Livingston County or the Michigan Anti-Cruelty Society.

Pet Adoptions On Demand is a free service available to Comcast Digital customers 24

hours a day, seven days a week.

"Pet Adoptions On Demand expands the range of services available to our Michigan customers," said Jerome Espy, vice president, communications Midwest Division.

"There are a large number of pet lovers in Michigan looking for family pets and many of them are Comcast customers. By partnering with local animal placement organizations, we hope to help available pets find new homes."

The pets are separated into

three categories: large dogs, small dogs and cats.

By selecting the ON DEMAND feature and choosing the "Get Local" option on the television menu, viewers can watch short segments showing animal caregivers interacting with and describing adoptable pets.

The segments can be used to help determine if a potential pet's characteristics are an ideal match.

Details regarding the animal's tag number or ID num-

ber, and name appear on the screen. If interested, viewers can contact the corresponding shelters to schedule a visit, or inquire about arranging an adoption.

Pet Adoptions On Demand also increases the exposure of local shelters, calling attention to available training programs and veterinary services.

In addition to the mixed breeds or strays, viewers also are informed about other animals brought into the shelters that are available for adoption.

Design teacher wins prestigious award

Barbara Marini, program chair of Interior Design for the International Academy of Design & Technology recently received a Fellowship from the American Society of Interior Designers. Fellowship represents the highest honor the Society bestows on an exceptional volunteer or design visionary for his or her contributions to the advancement of ASID or to the interior design profession.



Marini

ASID granted Marini Fellowship because of her "commitment to excellence and her innovative approaches to teaching."

ASID had also awarded Marini with Faculty of the Year Award in 2006, Member of the Year and Chapter Medalist in 2005, and the ASID/Joel Polsky Academic Achievement Award in 2000.

Marini is well known for her active involvement with ASID. She has had various roles in the organization since becoming a professional member in 1980 after successfully passing the NCIDQ Exam. She currently serves as a member-at-large of the ASID Board of Directors.

"IADT is proud to have Barbara Marini heading up our Interior Design program," said Kathleen Fish-Gilbert, Director of Education at IADT. "Her dedication to continuously improving the program and the profession has a profound effect on the quality of education we can offer our students."

The International Academy of Design & Technology offers college degree programs in Interior Design, Game Design, Graphic Design, Fashion Design, and Digital Media. Visit www.iadtdetroit.com or call (888) 838-2111.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Perennial sale

The Hill & Dale Garden Club will host a perennial sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills. Heritage Park is on the west side of Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile. The sale will feature a wide selection of member-grown perennials at low prices. It will benefit the club's community education programs. For more information, call Stacy Buatti at (248) 320-4000.

Spring plant sale

The Metro Detroit Hosta Society will have a Spring Plant Sale 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple between Cranbrook and Southfield roads. Vendors will have a large selection of hosta and other plants for sale.

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 Yesterday's Roses for Today's Gardens, 11 a.m. Monday, May 21; and Success with Climbing Roses, a slide presentation and garden demonstration, 1 p.m. Sunday, May 27 (repeated 11 a.m. Monday, May 28). 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 Belle Isle Botanical Society Plant Sale will take place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 26, at Belle Isle greenhouses. Proceeds will benefit the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory and Gardens. The sale will feature perennials, annuals, herbs, miniature roses, geraniums, peppers and heirloom tomatoes. For more information, call (313) 822-2548 or

visit www.bibsociety.org.

Anniversary

Greenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville, will celebrate its 12th anniversary 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 26. Call (248) 380-8881. The celebration will include 12 percent off the ticket price of items, a drawing for a \$50 gift certificate every hour, Farmer John's Barnyard Express, a petting zoo, cake, and fun shows at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening presents a variety of classes for different levels, including Focus on Design, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 17 to June 17, or 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. four Fridays beginning May 18, in Livonia (fee is \$140); and Pruning Tips, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, 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 Interiorscapes, 2 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at the Detroit Zoo (\$42). For more information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com.

Oakland County Land Conservancy

Native plant sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 3, Betty Stodjill Pancake Pavilion, Pike and Mill streets, Pontiac, (248) 601-2816; e-mail dfolland@oaklandlandconservancy.org or Web site at www.oaklandlandconservancy.org.

Royal Oak Garden Club

The Royal Oak Garden Club will take a trip Monday, June 11, to the Anna Scripps Whitcomb Conservatory on Belle Isle. Cost is free. Call Penny Vansen at (313) 861-6579 for details or visit <http://www.bibsociety.org>.

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

HOME CALENDAR

Designers homes

Tour 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.

Dream kitchen

Designing Your Dream Kitchen, a class 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, at The Community House in Birmingham, will help you through the steps in creating a custom kitchen design using today's standards and conveniences, whether you are building a new home or remodeling. Cost is \$29. The Community House is at 380 S. Bates. To register, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Instructor Mary Antenucci has been in the interior design industry for 15 years. She is one of the founding members of the Designer On Call program associated with the Michigan Design Center.

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.

Trunk show, sale

Home Accessory Warehouse, 1017 E. West Maple in Walled Lake, will have an Oil Painting Trunk Show and Storewide Sale.

Call (248) 624-6700 or visit www.home-accessorywarehouse.com. Appetizers, desserts, wine tasting and prizes will be featured 6-10 p.m. at a special event Thursday, May 17. The sale and trunk show will continue 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday, May 18-19, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, May 20.

A portion of the event proceeds will be donated to the Puritan Family Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation. The store is the only stop in Michigan for a special semi-truck filled with more than 500 original oils with custom wood frames, all at 30 percent off. Additional storewide savings of 20 to 65 percent off select merchandise will be available.

Ford House

Events at the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House include the Staff Life on the Estate tour (11 a.m. Friday, May 25, \$10) and the Cotswold Architecture tour (7 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, \$10). 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.

Volunteers sought

The Friends Store at the Rochester Hills Public Library, 500 Olde Towne Road, is looking for individuals interested in "tending store." Run entirely by volunteers, the store is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. six days a week, and some evenings. Training is provided. All staffers work two- to three-hour shifts, with two people on each shift. Stop by the store for more information, or call Wynn at (248) 650-3731.

Home decor

Haberman Fabrics, 905 S. Main in Royal Oak, offers a variety of home decor classes for different sewing skill levels. Call (248) 541-0010, e-mail ContactUs@HabermanFabrics.com or visit www.HabermanFabrics.com. The schedule includes Duvet Cover, 5:45-8:45 p.m. Wednesdays, May 30 to June 20, or 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Thursdays, May 31 to June 21. Cost is \$80.

Dearborn home tour

Six exquisitely decorated homes will be open to the public on the 27th Dearborn Symphony Heritage Home Tour, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Tournament Players Club residences, on Rotunda Drive west of Greenfield.

A free tour shuttle will be available. The clubhouse dining room will be open for lunch 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to lucky ticket holders. Pre-sale tickets are \$13 and \$15, and available at clubhouse headquarters. All proceeds benefit the Dearborn Symphony Orchestra. For tickets and information, call the symphony office at (313) 565-2424.

Spring Fiber Day

Mt. Bruce Station, 6440 Bordman in Romeo, will have its annual Spring Fiber Day 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 19. Admission is \$4, free for under age 5. The event will include booths with handmade items from area farms and artisans, a plant sale, demonstrations, and a sale of fiber wool products. For information, call (810) 798-2568 or visit www.sheepstuff.com.

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

Dog show offers variety of events

One of the most diverse dog events in the country, the United Kennel Club Premier™ Dog Show, sponsored by Purina, will take place Thursday-Sunday, June 14-17, at the Fairgrounds of Kalamazoo.

The show will feature dog and owner teams from across the country competing in dog shows; agility, protection and obedience trials; weight pull competitions and terrier races.

The UKC Premier Dog Show is a family-friendly, educational event that allows spectators to get close to the action and interact with dogs and owners.

Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, with a great variety of

dogs scheduled to compete.

Dog owners interested in participating in this year's event can submit their online entry and view the schedule at <http://www.ukcdogs.com/premier.htm>.

Spectator admission into this year's show is \$5 per car per day into the fairgrounds (\$10 weekend passes are also available).

The UKC encourages spectators to approach owners and handlers after the shows to meet the dogs and ask the owners about the characteristics and care of the different dog breeds.

Spectators are asked not to bring their dogs or pets to the event, as dogs not participating

in the shows aren't allowed into the fairgrounds.

The event will begin on June 14 with the highly anticipated Top Ten Competition, sponsored by *Dog World Magazine*.

This will feature the top winning dogs from each breed squaring off in an invitation-only competition.

Spectators can expect to see their favorite breeds strut their stuff during the six Conformation Shows, showcasing hundreds of purebred dogs competing for an opportunity to be crowned Best in Show. The event will also feature the renowned Ultimate Air Dogs team

(<http://ultimateairdogs.net/>) performing its high-flying dock-jumping competitions throughout the weekend.

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GARDEN WALK CALENDAR

Livonia

The Friends for the Development of Greenmead will present its 18th annual Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 23. Seven lovely gardens and yards of homes throughout Livonia will be available for viewing. All proceeds benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Village. Tickets are \$9 in advance, \$10 the day of the event. They are available from committee members and at any Livonia library, the Civic Center Library Gift Shop, the Greenmead office, and the Department of Community resources on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall at Farmington and Five Mile roads. For information, call (734) 466-2540 or (734) 425-4855.

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Though wood decks have lost some popularity in favor of masonry patios, many, many homes have them. They provide an attractive outdoor living space at a reasonable price.

Wood decks need regular maintenance to stay looking good. In most cases this means cleaning and possibly refinishing (sealing or staining).

A neglected deck may show mildew, algae, moss, discoloration or cracks and splits in the wood.

Before cleaning and refinishing a deck, make necessary repairs. When the wood swells and shrinks, nails tend to "pop."

To repair this problem, pound them back into place using a hammer and punch, or remove them and replace them with deck screws. Replace loose and broken boards as necessary.

Once the repairs are complete, clean the deck.

Sunlight, dirt, rain and snow play havoc with a deck's attractive appearance. This happens rapidly to uncoated wood.

There are many deck cleaners on the market. Most of them are very good and easy to use. However, some common household items do very well at cleaning a deck.

Trisodium phosphate (TSP) has been the proverbial favorite to clean decks.

Mix 4 to 8 ounces of TSP to 1 gallon of warm water along with 4 ounces of laundry bleach to make a good solution for cleaning decks. TSP cleans the dirt while bleach works on algae, moss and mildew.

Apply the solution to a damp deck surface using a garden sprayer. Brush the surface with a stiff bristle brush.

Let this solution set for 10 to 15 minutes (don't let it dry), and rinse it off with a garden hose and a high-pressure nozzle or a power washer. Use the power washer on a low-pressure setting, around 1500 psi.

TSP and bleach can cause skin and eye irritation. Wear rubber gloves, boots and eye protection.

TSP contains phosphate, which can cause environmental problems to our waters. Avoid letting runoff find its way into sewers or streams.

Chlorine bleach can damage foliage near the deck. Wet these areas with water before using this solution on the deck and rinse them well afterward.

Chlorine can also break down lignin (the part of wood that binds cellulose fibers and strengthens the cell walls), which can damage wood fibers. Never use more than one cup per gallon of water.

NOTE: TSP can darken some woods such as redwood, cedar and oak.

OXYGEN BLEACH

My personal favorite cleaner has now become oxygen bleach (such as Oxy Clean).

Oxygen bleach isn't as harsh as chlorine bleach. When mixed with water it forms hydrogen peroxide, which both

cleans and brightens wood. It is also environmentally friendly.

Mix 4 ounces of oxygen bleach powder to 1 gallon of warm water. Apply and rinse as with TSP solution.

A power washer should only be used to aid the cleaner. It is the job of the pressure washer to remove the cleaner and the loosened dirt.

Too much pressure can damage soft wood fibers. The pressure should be no more than 1500 psi. This is enough pressure to remove dirt from the deck when a cleaner has been used.

Use a fan-shaped spray on the washer nozzle. Start and stop spraying away from the wood and use long, overlapping strokes as you move closer to the boards. This will minimize damage and help to avoid lap marks.

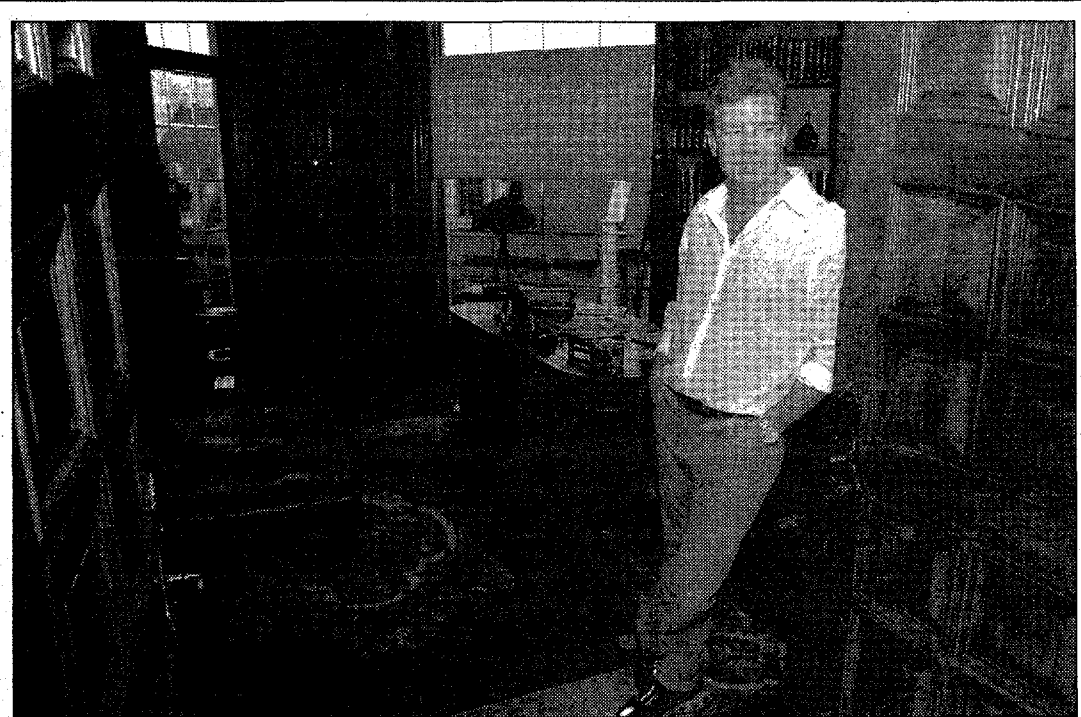
Too much pressure or using a stream nozzle can damage the deck.

When the deck has dried at least 24 hours, apply your finish of choice.

If you would like more information on deck finishes, speak with a paint specialist at hardware, home improvement or paint stores, or contact me at askdad@comcast.net.

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Paul Hodges' favorite room is the study, which he uses as a home office.

TOUR

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DesRosiers, president of DesRosiers Architects of Bloomfield Hills, winner of five Detroit Home Design Awards for the residence. The living room, which has a coffered, barrel ceiling, offers a spectacular view of the lake. The lake and sunsets can be seen through the floor-to-ceiling windows in the master bedroom.

Views of the rooms themselves are often fascinating as well. The staircase in the foyer features raised cherry panels, capped newel posts and curving, wrought-iron balusters.

In the anteroom, the elliptical ceiling is echoed in the egg-shaped carving in the cherry and mahogany wood over an archway.

Floors are of travertine and Botticino stone and inset with mosaics or brass squares. A radiant heat system throughout the house warms them. Only two rooms are carpeted: the home theater and a guest room.

Even the floor of the elevator has a decorative tile pattern.

This elevator runs from the rooftop terrace, where there's a spa and room for outdoor entertaining, to 30 feet below the lower level, where there's the 90-foot tunnel that leads to the lake.

The temperature in the tiled tunnel stays cool even in the hottest weather. A full bath at one end is a place for showering after a swim.



An elevator is at one end of a tunnel at the residence. The 90-foot tunnel, 30 feet below the lower level of the house, leads to Upper Straits Lake.

The study is Hodges' favorite room. He uses it as a home office. It has deep tones from the burled maple and cherry wood paneling, black leather that tops the desk, and wood fireplace with onyx surround.

This room also contains a bronze and crystal chandelier from 1850, and a reproduction of a painting from the Louvre that is motorized and conceals a TV screen.

Tucker's "girlie" room, a cheery combination of pink, yellow and white, is where she works on her crafts and quilting. It has a sitting area for playing with grandchildren.

Built-in cabinets hold art supplies for the third-graders Tucker teaches. Furnishings include an antique lamp and a French desk.

French doors lead to a sewing room. Also nearby is a private pink bathroom.

The creamy-colored kitchen serves a lake view and leads to a patio. It features his and her refrigerators hidden behind cabinet-like doors.

"Everybody (gathers) right here," Hodges said, standing at the rounded corner of the counter that serves as a table.

The lake is also in view of anyone working out in the half-court gymnasium.

The room, which has a cork floor, becomes a place for a live band and dancing when the couple entertains.

A "Men's Locker Room" (as the brass sign on the door reads) includes changing rooms, steam room and shower.

The billiard room features a fireplace with a mantel hand-carved by Italian craftsmen. They also carved the elegant fountain outside.

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BROIDA

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(http://tinyurl.com/24mo2u), a site that covers all kinds of Web-based software and services.

Written expressly for newcomers, the guide starts by explaining how to add photos to your account, then goes on to discuss tags, sets, collections and other Flickr features.

You'll also learn the basics of sharing, contacts, free Flickr vs. pro Flickr, and much more. Good stuff.

ADD EBAY AUCTIONS

eBay recently took the wraps off eBay To Go (togo.ebay.com), a slick new service that lets you add an interactive auction-listing box to your blog, MySpace page or other site.

This "widget" can list a single auction item, up to 10 items, or even the results of an eBay search (Red Wings bobbleheads, for instance).

Once you've built your widget (an easy four-step process), eBay To Go provides the code you need to paste it onto your site. It also offers step-by-step instructions for embedding the widget into Blogger, MySpace, LiveJournal and other popular spots.

You don't even have to be a registered eBay user to create eBay To Go widgets. You can use it to promote your own auctions or just spotlight interesting ones.

PROTECT FROM PHISHING

One item I forgot to mention in last week's dissertation on phishing safety is TrendProtect (http://tinyurl.com/36lybq), a browser plug-in that helps you avoid unsafe sites.

TrendProtect analyzes the Web pages you view and alerts you if it detects anything

malicious. It also analyzes Google, MSN and Yahoo search results, flagging each link with a familiar red-light/green-light color code. You can mouse over any link to see more information.

As I mentioned last week, Internet Explorer 7 and Firefox both have built-in anti-phishing tools of their own - but they're not always effective. TrendProtect offers an extra layer of protection, and it's available free of charge.

If you're looking for even more robust security, check out Blink Personal Edition (http://tinyurl.com/ztslf). This full-fledged security suite promises total protection from viruses, spyware, phishing and other Internet nastiness.

Amazingly, it's free as well.

GOOGLE PHONEBOOK

If you're as concerned about personal privacy as you are PC security, you may want to consider removing your phone number from Google PhoneBook.

As you may know, typing your residential phone number into a Google Search bar performs a reverse lookup that lists your name and address and even a link to a Google Map of your address.

Fortunately, Google gives you the option of removing your entire listing. All you have to do is fill out a short form (google.com/help/pbremoval.html) and wait 48 hours.

Granted, there are countless other services out there that offer reverse phone lookups, but Google is a household name and therefore a good place to start.

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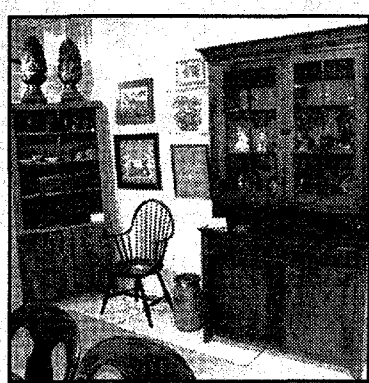
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Clothing designers expand into home decor

Furniture and Fashion Trends for Spring

● **Ralph Lauren** heads to the beach with nautically inspired clothing and seaside retreat interiors.
● **Isaac Mizrahi** knows how to keep things fresh. Bedding with butterfly motifs go with clean, crisp white blouses and shoes.
● **Giorgio Armani** is in it for the long haul. Think of staples for your closet and home. This designer knows how to create something so luxurious in its simplicity it will be around for years to come. Neutral solids are seen in his spring clothing line as well as the Armani Casa collection.
● **Style legend Calvin Klein** conveys an urban sophistication in his creations. Whether it's a classic black suit or bedding and bath accessories, look for crisp, clean tailored looks.
● **Donna Karan's** comfortable yet sultry fashions cross over to her home products. This season, look for strong solids with plenty of texture in both lines.
● **From dresses and lingerie to flatware and champagne flutes, Vera Wang** brings a graphic silhouette to each of her designs. For the woman who is searching for a modern interpretation of traditional, the designer now offers everything from picture frames to decorative vases.
● **Known for mixing bold colors for a unique look, Tommy Hilfinger** began with men's clothing and then expanded to women's wear and home décor. His brightly colored bedding, which offers a cheerful way to start the day, will remind you of his fashions.

— Compiled by Jeanine Matlow

● By Jeanine Matlow

Calvin Klein did it. So did Ralph Lauren. Donna Karan and Vera Wang followed suit. Thanks to a long list of well-known fashion designers who expanded their talents into the world of home décor, our dwellings can now look as chic as our wardrobes. Savvy fashion designers are no longer satisfied presenting us with something to wear. Instead, they promote an entire lifestyle.

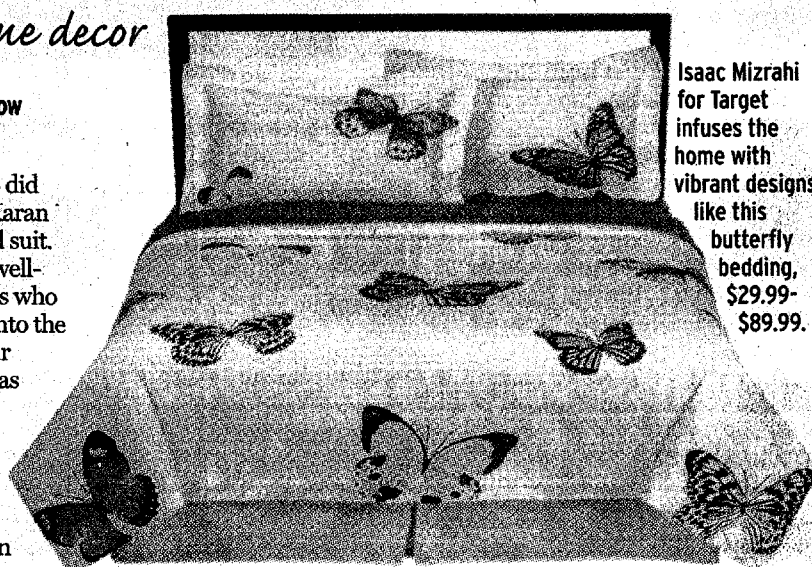
Now, with the ever-popular nesting trend, home dwellers yearn for the contents outside their closets to look as lovely as the selection within.

And, since many interior designers suggest searching through your closet in order to find inspiration for your home décor, it makes sense that not only can color serve as a starting point, but also the designer labels themselves. If you favor the sleek, minimalist designs of Calvin Klein for your wardrobe, chances are you might find his tailored and well-edited home collection appealing as well.

Then there's Donna Karan, who followed her fashion career with a small line of home accessories. The designer now offers a more extensive array of luxurious items for the home, such as bedding and bath products.

And Giorgio Armani, who has catered to celebrities for years, recently added Armani Casa — a high-end line of home goods featuring furniture, lighting and more — to his long list of sophisticated products.

Luckily for us, a handful of designers not only took the leap from fashion to home décor, but



Isaac Mizrahi for Target infuses the home with vibrant designs like this butterfly bedding, \$29.99-\$89.99.

they did it so the average person could actually afford to purchase more than one item.

For those who are young at heart, the always hip Isaac Mizrahi, known for his fun and affordable clothing line and home collection at Target, brings high fashion to the masses. If you're a fan of his colorful clothing and shoes, you'll likely fall head over heels for his vibrant home collection, which is packed with personality.

Some iconic designers such as Ralph Lauren, who is considered to be among the first to create a lifestyle advertising campaign, seem to have a corresponding theme between fashion and home. This season, look for nautically inspired clothing by Ralph Lauren paired with a home collection reminiscent of a seaside retreat.

So how does one begin to take the leap from fashion to home design?

Start by taking a good look inside your closet. Is a lot of black lurking in there? Perhaps you're drawn to the dramatic. Translate that theme into your home with some key pieces in black such as ottomans, end

tables, picture frames and lamps.

Are you a stylist at heart, always mixing high-end fashions with more affordable pieces and accessorizing with vintage jewelry and funky shoes? With that natural talent, your home décor can become a mixed masterpiece as well. Display flea market finds alongside family heirlooms. Place a few accessories from a discount store alongside some upscale designer sofas and chairs.

Accessorizing your home is similar to accessorizing your wardrobe. In fact, home accessories are often referred to as jewelry for the home. Just as a shimmering necklace and some killer shoes can lift a little black dress to a whole new level, the same can be said for pillows, artwork and greenery.

While most of us can't refresh our home décor as often as we revamp our closets, changing the color and style of home accessories seasonally will spruce up your surroundings. So, now you can approach personal expression in two ways — how you dress yourself and your home. ●

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Hot pink nail polish, like Mod Squad by Essie

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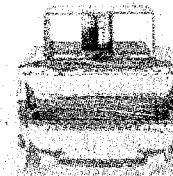
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Local bride-to-be wins Vera Wang mattress set

Designer Vera Wang, known for revolutionizing the bridal industry with her signature gowns, has also gotten into the interior design mix.

In addition to creating signature tableware and interior accoutrements, Wang has teamed up with Michigan-based Serta to lend her name to a line of luxurious mattress sets.

The Mattress & Futon Shoppe recently showcased Wang's products at the Bridal Expo @ Rock Financial Showplace in Novi, and held a drawing for prizes.

Everyone who entered received an invitation to visit one of Mattress & Futon Shoppe's 14 locations for a gift certificate toward the purchase of any Vera Wang or Easy Care mattress set by Serta, along with a free Serta Counting Sheep plushie.

The winners are:
● **Rachel Bulszewicz** of Brighton won an Absolutely Free



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Rachel Bulszewicz of Brighton shows off the Serta Counting Sheep plushie and Vera Wang mattress set she won in a recent Mattress & Futon Shoppe contest.

Vera Wang Sweetheart Queen Mattress Set.

● **Lindsey Thompson** of Howell won 50 percent off a Vera Wang Sweetheart Queen Mattress Set.

● **Candice Archie** of Detroit won two free Health Rest Memory Foam Pillows.

Cindy Crawford visits Art Van

Fashion designers aren't the only ones bridging the fashion world with home decor.

Supermodel Cindy Crawford is launching a new line of furniture this month, ranging from denim couches to bedroom sets with marble details.

She will visit Art Van Furniture in Warren, 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23 to introduce Cindy Crawford Home Collections, as well as greet guests and sign autographs.

"Cindy Crawford appeals to such a broad range of individuals and she was able to influence the design of her furniture collections to do the same,"



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Cindy Crawford, lounging on a denim sofa in her Home Collection.

said Tom De Corte, vice president of merchandising for Art Van Furniture.

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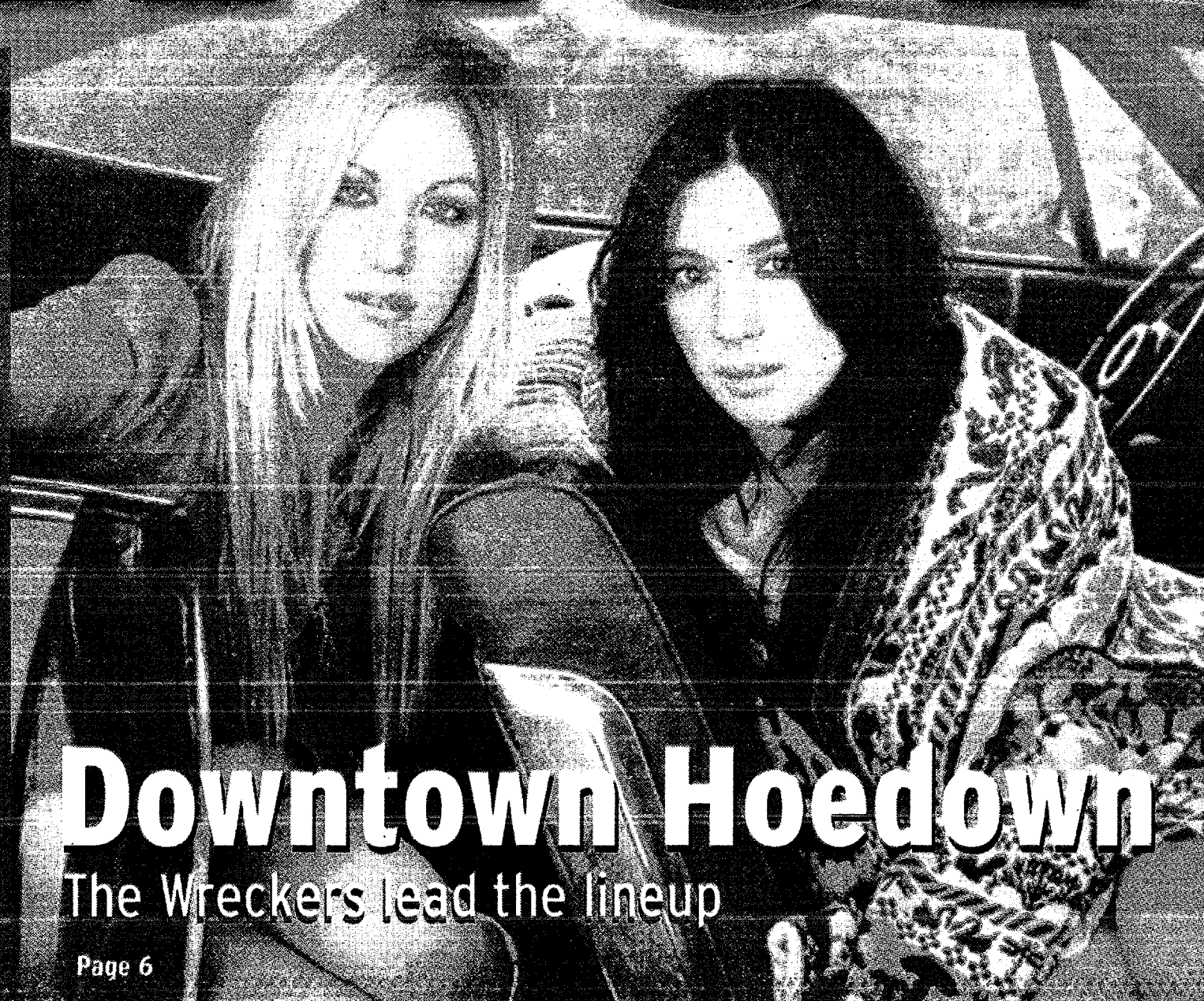
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'Dancing' judge gives her fantasy 'Star' picks



ABC

The judges on ABC's 'Dancing with the Stars' are Carrie Ann Inaba, Len Goodman and Bruno Tonioli.

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Although ABC's *Dancing With the Stars* is at its hottest moment of the season, it's not to early to think of future shows.

Filter recently spoke with Carrie Ann Inaba, one of DWTS' three judges, who revealed her fantasy pick - if she could have her choices of celebrities to compete it would be:

John Goodman and Raquel Welch. "Goodman, I think would be really fun," Inaba said. "And Raquel Welch ... well she's so beautiful, she's a legend."

Inaba and the other judges of the hit show - that repeatedly leads ABC to No. 1 ratings on Monday nights - doesn't have input on celebrity participants. But, Inaba

said, they're OK with that.

The Hawaiian-born dancer who's known as the compassionate judge, doesn't throw insulting barbs as an attempt to gain viewer ratings. Intensely professional about dance in its entirety, she's the judge who praised Billy Ray for his dedication.

She encouraged him by saying "no celebrity has ever tried harder" and also voted him as the celebrity who made the greatest improvements in one week's time.

"Because of him, he made regular everyday people realize that they can dance too," Inaba said. "Many people are in touch with their emotions, but not

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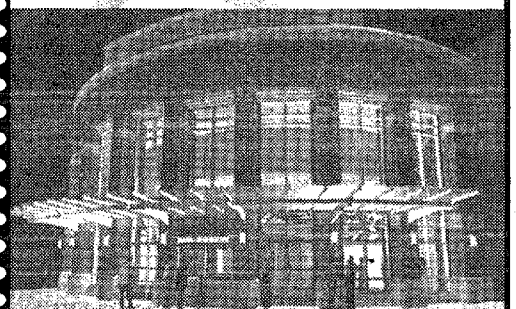
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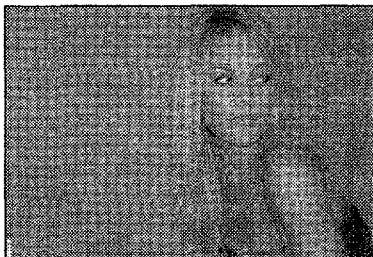
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BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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The program debuted in 1997, combining elements of an old-time quiz show with humorous questions mined from current news stories. Now in its 10th year, *Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!* is the fastest growing show on public radio. It airs on more than 400 stations and is among the "Most



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National Public Radio's Peter Sagal (left) and Carl Kasell speed through the weekly news on the radio quiz show 'Wait Wait ... Don't Tell Me!' See it taped live May 17 in Ann Arbor.

Downloaded" podcasts on iTunes.

Fans will have a chance to attend a live taping at 7:30 p.m. May 17, at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor.

Hosted by Peter Sagal and judged by Carl Kasell, the weekly show features three panelists from a rotating roster. That list includes Paula Poundstone, Mo Rocca, Roy Blount Jr. and Tom Bodett. From pundits to authors to comedians, Abid said "there's no road map" when it comes to choosing the right panelists. "When

PLEASE SEE RADIO, E12

WAIT WAIT ... DON'T TELL ME!

What: See a live taping of the funny, informative NPR news quiz show.

When: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17.

Where: Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor.

Tickets: Call (734) 487-2229 or visit www.ticketmaster.com.

Listen later: The show airs on WEMU-FM 89.1 at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 19; and on WUOM-FM at noon Saturday, May 19.

Fine Art at the Village Weekend festival visits Rochester Hills

FINE ART AT THE VILLAGE

What: Fine art and fine crafts of 101 juried artists from all around the country and Canada, sponsored by Creative Arts Council.

Where: Village of Rochester Hills shopping center, northeast corner of Walton and Adams. (Free admission and parking.)

When: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, May 19, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 20

Other stuff: Children's art and craft activities, entertainment, outdoor food court.

For information, visit www.FineArtAtTheVillage.com.

The village will soon be a gallery.

The Village of Rochester Hills leaps into the art world on Saturday and Sunday, May 19-20, at Fine Art at the Village.

More than 100 artists will express themselves in several different media such as ceramics, glass, painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, fiber art, wood, jewelry and others. An outside panel juried the entries and asked the artists with the highest scores to participate.

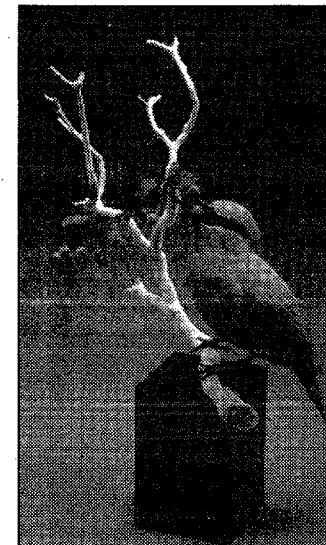
Not only can visitors enjoy fine art, patrons can visit more than 50 shops and restaurants and children can enjoy arts and crafts activities. The children's art area will be staged by costumed

characters from the Michigan Renaissance Festival who will interact with youngsters while supervising art projects. Additional entertainment for all ages will be provided throughout the day.

But, of course, the artists are the main attraction.

Ruth Heginbottom of Troy, a mixed media artist, creates artistic boxes. Her hand-crafted jewelry boxes are made of art papers and fine fabrics including silks and satins, beadwork and gemstones. The boxes are functional works of art.

Heginbottom recently added horizontal boxes designed to appeal to men to hold their watches, wallets and tie-tacks, along with her



James Durow of Marysville carves beautiful wood figures, a skill he learned from his father.

sophisticated jewelry boxes. "I've always called my boxes 'bella boxes,'" Heginbottom said, "so these new ones are 'fella boxes.'"

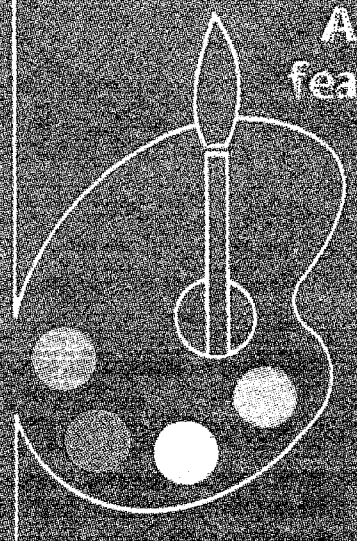
Heginbottom also creates hand-crafted functional art

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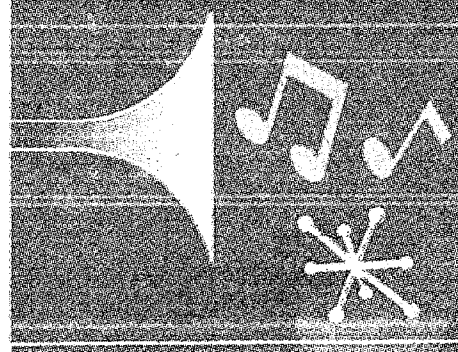
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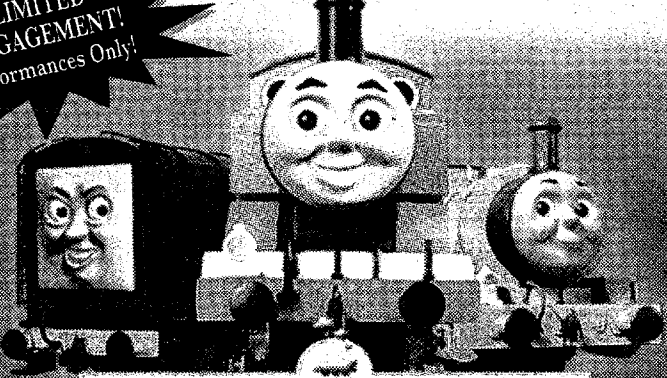
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Downtown Hoedown

The Wreckers headline country music festival

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
FEATURES EDITOR

When Jessica Harp and Michelle Branch met on the Internet as teenagers, neither dreamed they'd one day be nominated for a Grammy. After years pursuing solo careers, Harp and Branch have achieved commercial success as The Wreckers, a country music duo with youthful, pop appeal.

This weekend, the duo's tour buses will pull into Detroit for the WYCD Downtown Hoedown, the largest free country music festival in the world.

About 800,000 country music fans are expected to hit Hart Plaza May 18-20 to catch 35 performances spanning three days and two stages.

Headliners include Little Big Town, Tracy Lawrence, Joe Nichols, Aaron Tippin, Darryl Worley, Emerson Drive and Ty Herndon.

"We anticipate this being the best show ever," said Tim Roberts, program director for WYCD. "We have a huge variety of talent and styles booked. If you're a fan of music - rockabilly, bluegrass, pop country, vocal country, traditional, you name it - we've got it covered here."

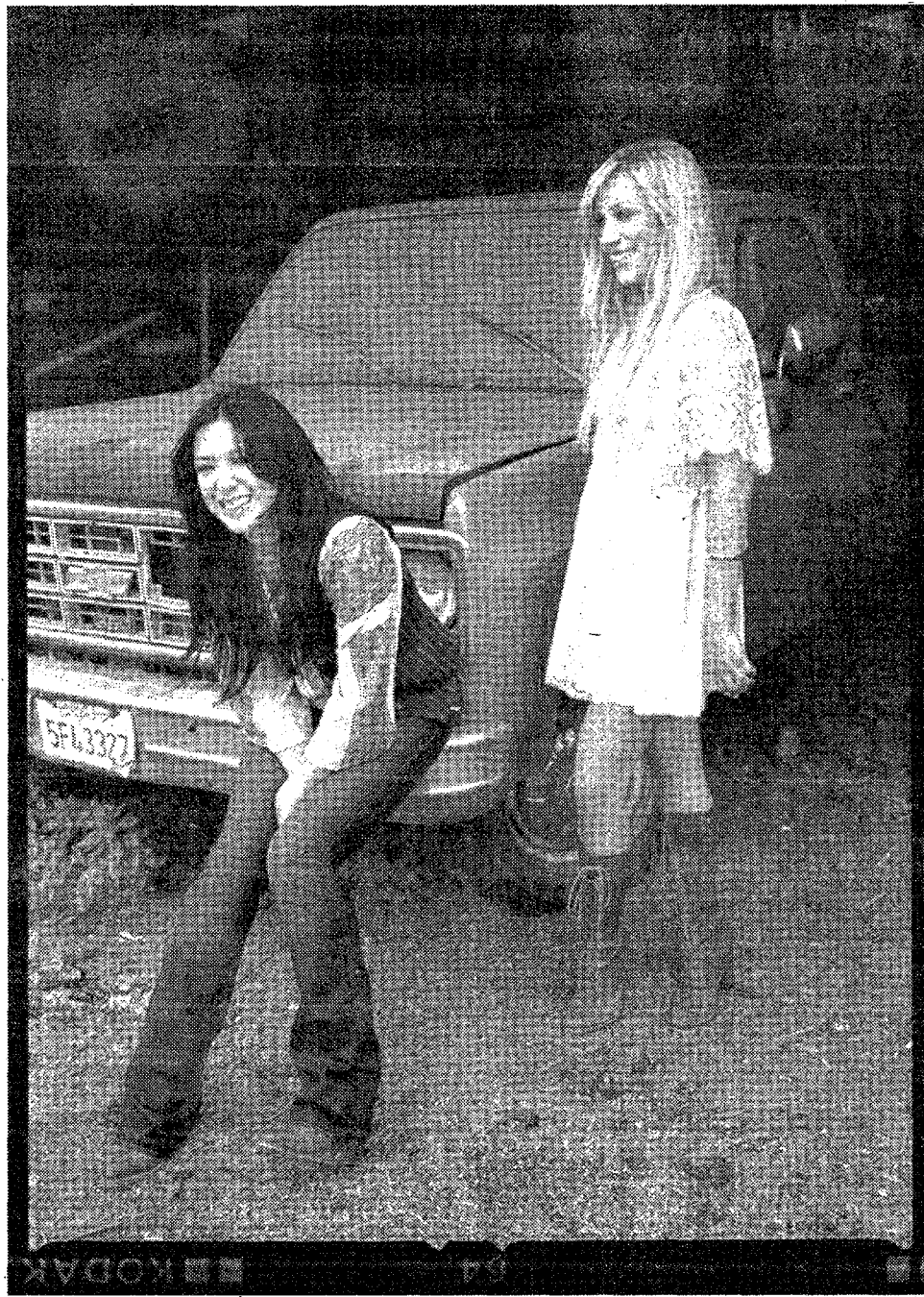
The Wreckers will take the main stage on Saturday night, followed by Westland's own Josh Gracin, who rose to fame on *American Idol*.

"We've played in and around Detroit a couple times in the past year, but we're really excited to get out and play at the Hoedown. Free shows are always fun," Harp said.

Harp and Branch were just starting out in the music business when their listeners intervened as online matchmakers.

"We had mutual fans who thought we sounded alike," Harp explains. "They encouraged us to get in touch."

The blonde and brunette started chatting, and their friendship grew as Branch released two successful albums under Madonna's Maverick label. When Branch's tour stopped in Harp's hometown of Kansas City, the pair had their



FRANK OCKENFELS | COURTESY OF WARNER BROS.

Michelle Branch and Jessica Harp form the country music duo The Wreckers and headline the Downtown Hoedown this weekend.

first date with destiny.

"She had a layover at the airport and I ran up and we bonded right there. We had a lot in common. We were both young girls who wanted nothing more than to make music, so we really hit it off from the beginning," Harp said.

They stayed in touch, writing songs and singing together, but it was several years before they officially collaborated, completing the album *Stand Still, Look Pretty* in 2005.

"We both I guess kind of reached a

crossroads point. I was getting ready to sign a solo deal as a country artist, and she was just finishing up promoting her second album," Harp said. "It was sort of an open window for us to work together. Michelle suggested we try it before we signed with separate labels, and we just went for it."

Since then, the duo has been nominated for a Grammy for their song *Leave the Pieces*, and has been on the road

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25th Annual Downtown Hoedown

Here's the complete schedule for the largest-ever WYCD Downtown Hoedown, taking place May 18-20 at Detroit's Hart Plaza. For more information, visit www.wycd.com.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Willie Nash (River Stage) 2 p.m.
Hunter Brucks (Greektown Casino Stage) 2:40 p.m.
Justine Blazer (River Stage) 3:20 p.m.
Sarah Lenore (Greektown Casino Stage) 4 p.m.
Dusty Drake (River Stage) 4:40 p.m.
Derringer (Greektown Casino Stage) 5:25 p.m.
Danielle Peck (River Stage) 6:10 p.m.
Bomshel (Greektown Casino Stage) 7 p.m.
Darryl Worley (Greektown Casino Stage) 8:05 p.m.
Tracy Lawrence (Greektown Casino Stage) 9:40 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Trigger Darlow (River Stage) 11 a.m.
Artie Dean Harris (Greektown Casino Stage) 11:30 a.m.
Redhill (River Stage) noon
Devin Scillian (Greektown Casino Stage) 12:40 p.m.
Memarie (River Stage) 1:20 p.m.
Bucky Covington (Greektown Casino Stage) 2:05 p.m.
The Forbes Brothers (River Stage) 2:50 p.m.
Luke Bryan (Greektown Casino Stage) 3:35 p.m.
Chris Young (River Stage) 4:20 p.m.
Kelley Shepard (Greektown Casino Stage) 5:05 p.m.
Carolina Rain (Greektown Casino Stage) 6:05 p.m.
Aaron Tippin (Greektown Casino Stage) 7:05 p.m.
The Wreckers (Greektown Casino Stage) 8:25 p.m.
Josh Gracin (Greektown Casino Stage) 10 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Traci Kennedy (River Stage) 11 a.m.
J3 (Greektown Casino Stage) 11:40 a.m.
Dani Marine (River Stage) 12:20 p.m.
Jill Jack (Greektown Casino Stage) 1 p.m.
Donovan Chapman (Greektown Casino Stage) 1:40 p.m.
Cole Deggs and The Lonesome (Greektown Casino Stage) 2:25 p.m.
Heartland (River Stage) 3:10 p.m.
Jason Michael Carroll (Greektown Casino Stage) 3:55 p.m.
Ty Herndon (Greektown Casino Stage) 5 p.m.
Emerson Drive (Greektown Casino Stage) 5:50 p.m.
Joe Nichols (Greektown Casino Stage) 7:25 p.m.
Little Big Town (Greektown Casino Stage) 9 p.m.

HOEDOWN

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constantly, including a sold-out tour with Rascal Flatts and Gary Allan.

"It's been really great. It's been a lot of fun. It's so much less like work when you get to work with your friend, hanging out, having a good time," Harp said.

The two have avoided drama by traveling in separate buses, Branch with her husband and baby, and Harp with the band.

"We're not necessarily in each other's faces 24/7, which probably helps our relationship a lot. We both know when to give each other space, which is probably why we've been able to remain friends all these years," Harp said.

Roberts said The Wreckers resonate with young country fans because of their modern, pop sensibility.

"Their lyrics are hip and they emotionally bond with the audience. They have a great appeal - to women as well as men," Roberts said.

Roberts said The Wreckers are among a record number of national acts booked this year to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Downtown Hoedown.

Since its introduction in 1983 with an inaugural lineup that included Hank Williams Jr., Tanya Tucker and Mel Tillis, the Downtown Hoedown has hosted acts



Danielle Car, of Livonia, will head up Derringer on the main stage at the Downtown Hoedown on Friday night.

such as Reba, Gretchen Wilson and Big & Rich.

But Richards said the festival has always been a big supporter of local talent as well.

This year's rising stars include Sarah Lenore, who jets between Plymouth, Mich., and Nashville, to work on her second CD with famed producer Chris Farren, and Derringer, headed up by Livonia's own Danielle Car.

"Over the years, Hoedown has been instrumental in the careers of many new artists, launching acts like Garth, Rascal Flatts, Dixie Chicks, and many more," said Roberts. "It's a great way to reach an audience of true country music fans, and this year's festival is going to be the biggest yet."

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Alexander the Great

Still serving up barbecue ribs after 30 years

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

In 1977, Paulina and Tom Tomich opened Alexander the Great in Westland.

Since then, the restaurant landscape has changed dramatically.

It can be daunting for an independent to battle the number of chains and their large budgets.

But the couple continues to plug away at their restaurant, serving barbecue ribs and American fare that draw diners from all over metro Detroit. "A woman just called me, and she was driving from 12 Mile and Telegraph and wanted to know how to get there," Paulina said.

"Consistency is the main issue in running a restaurant," Tom said. And to that end, the restaurant does not have a high turnover in their staff of about 30 employees. Case in point, Marlene

Provencal and Karen Duncan have worked as managers for 29 and 14 years, respectively.

Tom emigrated to the United States 34 years ago from the former republic of Yugoslavia, a part of which is

Macedonia today. The restaurant was named after Alexander the Great, the former king of Macedonia. "We just thought it would be a good name for the restaurant," Tom said.

The menu features the restaurant's famous ribs, cooked over a rotisserie, then slathered with the restaurant's sauce. (That sauce is available for purchase in a 16-ounce bottle for \$5.)

"Our ribs aren't something you eat with a fork and knife," Tom said. Adds Paulina: "You have to get your hands messy." Of course, there's barbecue chicken, and broasted Amish chicken, too.

Table Hopping



Alexander the Great in Westland serves up a slab of ribs after cooking them on a rotisserie, then smothering them in barbecue sauce.

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- Civil War Days at Walker Tavern

Monday, June 11

- Race Days Go-Cart Challenge at Victory Lane Speedway 6 pm
- Duck Band performs immediately after Go-Cart Challenge

Tuesday, June 12

- Marine Obstacle Course at Pamida (Tues-Sat)
- Premiere Brooklyn Idol in front of Premiere Properties 5 - 7 pm
- "Strength in Numbers" at Port to Port in the Irish Hills

Wednesday, June 13

- ARCA Haulers "Drive Through Brooklyn" 9am
- Jammin Grammas in downtown Brooklyn 3:30
- Bluegrass in downtown Brooklyn 4:30
- Race Days Parade and Box Car Races in downtown Brooklyn 6 pm
- "Shout", tribute to the Beatles at Stagecoach Stop 8 pm

Thursday, June 14

- Battle of the Bands at Victory Lane Speedway 3:30 - 11 pm
- ARCA Driver Autograph Session

Friday, June 15

- ARCA RE/MAX 200 at MIS

Saturday, June 16

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Sunday, June 17

- Citizen Bank 400 at MIS

Other Events in the Area:

- June 2 Napoleon Chamber Bicycle Rodeo
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- July 15-17 Crab Races at Beach Bar
- July 21 Onsted Kiwanis Show Car Nationals
- July 27 Great American Turbo Turtle Trek at Swains Park in Brooklyn
- August 5 IRL IndyCar Race at MIS
- August 11 Brooklyn's Dog Days
- August 18 CARFAX 250 at MIS
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Alexander the Great restaurant also has a Michigan Chicken Salad (left) and a Chicken Pasta Salad on the menu.

complete dinners and two movie passes for \$29.95. The \$19.95 rib package for two is designed for a tough Michigan economy — one slab of ribs, two cole slaws or salads, two garlic breads and a choice of potato.

The couple expects to offer special prices during their 30th anniversary in September. Paulina is working on salads to add to the menu for this summer.

Today many old customers return when they visit children or relatives. "They ask us to come down and open a place in Florida or Arizona, because they can't find ribs like these there," Tom said.

"We began with their kids as children, and now they are bringing in their children," Paulina said. "We get a lot of people who come in here regularly once a week, biweekly or monthly."

City Bites

Kathy and Darryl Nowacki, owners of **Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery**, got some good news last week.

The couple, who were featured in a story on May 3 in the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers' hometownlife.com* section, won two gold medals, two silver medals and two bronze medals, from *WineMaker* magazine for wines the couple submitted in the magazine's Amateur Wine competition.

The Nowackis create wines from grapes processed in Canada, which is then shipped to their business. The juice concentrate is mixed with other ingredients (oak, elder flowers, etc.). The wine is racked, degassed and filtered for five weeks. Wine is then bottled, corked and labeled.

Vintner's Cellar Canton Winery is located at 8515 N. Lilley (located in the Golden Gate Shopping Plaza, across from Mettetal Airport), Canton, (734) 354-WINE (9463), vintnerscantontds.net

Denny Walsh, owner of **Ye Olde Wine Shoppe** in Rochester Hills, is hosting a 20th anniversary wine tasting with the Matt Prentice Restaurant Group at 6:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, at the Radisson-Kingsley Hotel, 39475 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

Walsh was described by the Matt Prentice Group as a "master at choosing wonderful wines that reflect the potential of each growing region." The restaurants will be cooking up food stations to harmonize with the wine selections, including Matt Prentice's signature Mushroom and Bruschetta Stations. Hot hors d'oeuvres will include Crab Cakes, Chicken Satay and Baby Lamb Chops.

For more information and to reserve at ticket, call Ye Olde Wine Shoppe at (248) 852-5533.

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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; at 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

Kresge Art Museum

Circus: The Art of the Strange & Curious, through July 27, museum is located at Physics and Auditorium roads on the campus of Michigan State University, East Lansing, (517) 355-7631, www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

Flint Institute of Arts

Artists of the Great Lakes: 1910-1960, May 26 to Aug. 19, \$7, free admission to permanent collection galleries, 1120 E. Kearsley (off I-475 in the Cultural Center Park between University of Michigan-Flint and Mott Community College, Flint, (810) 234-1695, www.flintarts.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 17, and 2 p.m. May 20, 1301 S. University (at South Forest), Ann Arbor, (734) 763-UMMA, www.umma.umich.edu.

ART GALLERIES

Artcraft Custom Framing

Art on the Avenue, an exhibit featuring works of the Colored Pencil Society of America-Detroit Chapter 104, June 4-23, reception 6-8 p.m. June 9, 32410 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 549-9000.

Artcraft Gallery

Dani - Message from Life, art works of David Wickman and Rory McShane, through May 31, 32410 Woodward, Royal Oak, (248) 549-9000.

Biddle Gallery

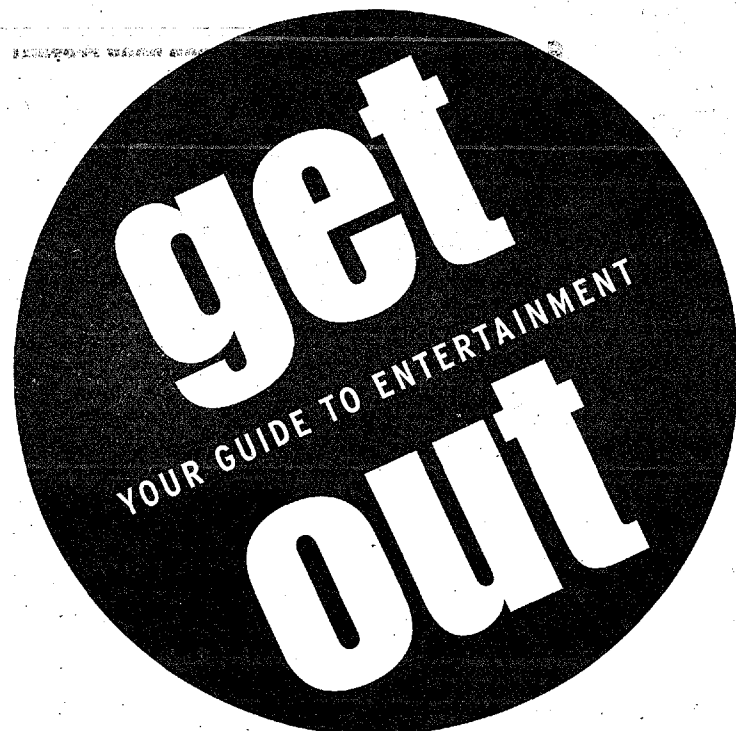
Third Friday in Wyandotte (May 18), Gabriel Kane VS. Matt B Project, 6-9 p.m., New Clocks by David Scherer, featured May artist; 2840 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, (734) 281-4779, www.biddlegallery.com.

POP Gallery

Livonia artist Tophar 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.

Native West

Unique American Southwest Art with painter Elaine Major, artist reception 6-9 p.m. May 18, part of third Annual ARTFeast Art Walk May 18-19 in Plymouth, 863 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, (734) 455-8838.

Northville Art House

The Muses, 12 artists Interpret the Figure, 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 B.A. 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

Mino Watanabe-Dunning, paintings, through June 16, reception 6-8 p.m. June 1, First Floor Gallery; Main Gallery, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts

Student and faculty art show, opening reception, 6 p.m. June 1, June 1-16, 407 Pine, Rochester (248) 651-4110.

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.

Sherrus Gallery

The Heart of Nigeria, featuring Nigerian twin brothers, Kehinde and Tayewo Oyedeleji of KennyTay, through May 30, 109 N. Center, Northville, (248) 380-0470, www.sherrus-gallery.com.

ART, ETC.

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.

CHORUS

Livonia Civic Chorus

Bond & Beyond, musical comedy, 8 p.m. May 19, 3 p.m. May 20, O'Leary Auditorium, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City \$8-\$12, (734) 525-6414, www.livoniacivicchorus.org.

CLASSICAL

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Branford Marsalis, May 17; Bronfman plays Rachmaninof's *Piano Concerto No. 3*, May 24-26, all at Max M. Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward, (313) 576-5111, www.detroitssymphony.com.

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.

CLUBS

The Magic Bag

MoZella with Sara Celina, May 24; Gaelic Storm, May 31; Ian Hunter, June 8; Buckwheat Zydeco, June 10, all at 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, call (248) 544-3030 or visit www.themagicbag.com.

Main Street Billiards

Downtown Rochester girls night out, 5-9 p.m., May 17, dj and dancing May 18-19, Texas Hold'em Tournament to benefit Special Olympics of Michigan, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20, \$40 entry, 215 S. Main, Rochester, (248) 652-8441, www.mainstreetbilliards.net.

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.

Station 885

Tony Ruda and Pat Smith play jazz from 7-10 p.m. every Thursday (bass and piano), 885 Starkweather, Plymouth, (734) 459-0885.

COMEDY

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

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.

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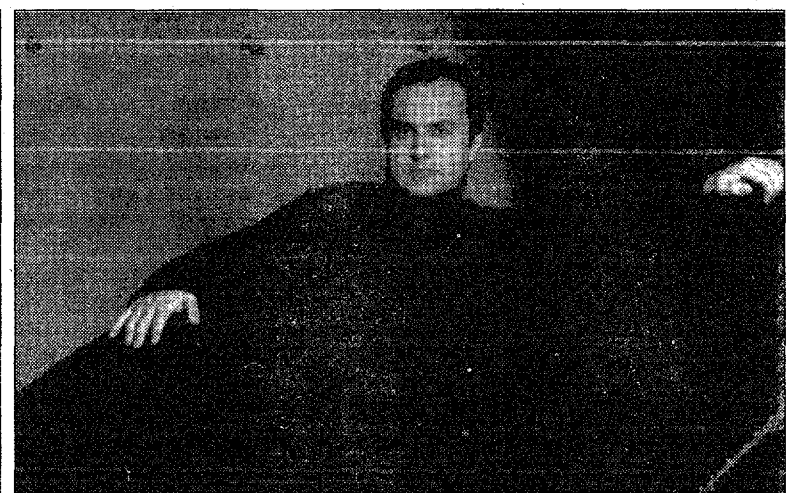
Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club

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

Connie Ettinger and Kate Brindle, May 18-19; Jeff Havens and Duane Gill, May 25-26, 3455



MUSIC

A recital by Grammy-Award-winning pianist Yefim Bronfman on Saturday, May 19 completes the Chamber Music Society of Detroit's 63rd concert season. The performance begins at 8 p.m. at the Seligman Performing Arts Center, 22305 West 13 Mile Road (at the corner of Lahser and 13 Mile Roads), Beverly Hills, on the campus of the Detroit Country Day School.

Biddle, Wyandotte, call (734) 624-5561 or visit www.portofinootheater.com.

DANCE

Square Dance

Teens to seniors can go country and western, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at St. Rene Goupil Parish Hall, 35955 Ryan Road, Sterling Heights. Cost \$10, call (586) 247-6843.

FAMILY

Detroit Zoo

Teddy Bear Day, bear-themed activities with arts and crafts, storytelling and characters, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 19, children can bring stuffed bears, prizes awarded for most-loved (worn out), best dressed teddy bears and one that looks like its owner, worn-out teddy bears will be mended at "Teddy Bear Hospital and Clinic," \$7-\$11 admission, (248) 541-5717, www.detroitzoo.org.

FILM

Redford Theatre

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.

FOLK

The Ark

Duke Tomatoe & The Power Trio, May 17; Jesse Richards, June 1; Dick Siegel, June 2; Michael Cleveland and Flamekeeper, June 3; Dirty Dozen Brass Band, June 4; Trina Hamlin, June 5; Delta 88, June 7, all at 316 S. Main, Ann Arbor, (734) 761-1451.

Trinity House Theatre

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 W. Six Mile, Livonia, \$12, \$9 for members, call (734) 464-6302 or visit www.trinityhouse.org.

GOSPEL

Oakland Community College

Detroit Women, 7:30 p.m. May 18, Student Center Arena at OCC's Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road, Waterford, \$20 (248) 341-2270.

JAZZ

pi Restaurant

Ed Stone, May 18-19, all at 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway, Southfield, call (248) 208-7500 or visit www.piosouthfield.com.

Windsor/Detroit Jazz Club

Ongoing gigs, 1-4 p.m. first and third Saturday of every month, 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.

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

Ansel Adams exhibit runs through May 27, extended hours for the final days of the exhibit are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 19, 20 and 26; the museum will close at 5 p.m. May 27 and reopen Nov. 23 after the completion of its renovation, at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7971.

Detroit Science Center

Our Body, The Universe Within, features real, preserved human bodies, extended run through Sept. 3, 5020 John R, Detroit, exhibit costs \$19.95-\$24.95, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.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

Rochester Hills Museum

Rochester Grangers Vintage Baseball Club vs. Port Huron Welkins, baseball played according to 1862 rules and uniforms, 1 p.m. May 19, Van Hoosen Farm, on Van Hoosen Road, one mile east of Rochester Road and south of Tienken Road, admission fees from 1862 are 25 cents for men, free for women, Stoney Creek Cemetery dedicated with state historic marker at 11 a.m., (248) 656-4663, www.rochester-hills.org

Car Swap Craft Show-O-Rama

Car clubs, swappers, crafters, games, raffles, door prizes, food, cars will be judged, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 19, Clarenceville High School, 20155 Middlebelt, Livonia, car and swap inquiries, call (248) 777-0242.

Festival aims for avid readers

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

The fourth annual Ann Arbor Book Festival offers a notable list of authors and activities and is expected to draw more than 10,000 people this weekend. The event runs from May 17-20, in downtown Ann Arbor.

"It is growing," said Kathleen Robenalt, executive director. "We tried this year to highlight a few events devoted to literacy to draw the attention of readers and writers, especially young people."

The free festival focuses in on children's reading and literacy for all ages. For the first time, additional events will be scheduled on Sunday, the final day of the festival. Robenalt said she hopes the expanded hours will draw in those who can't make it to earlier events.

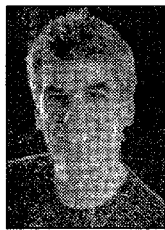
"By planning events specifically for children, we introduce them to aspects of reading they may not have encountered," Robenalt said. "We hope they

will become excited about exploring the world through reading, whether for learning or pleasure, or both."

The free festival begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Ann Arbor District Library. Catch the kickoff as The Chenille Sisters' sing *I Love it When You Read to Me*. Several children's authors will be on hand to read from their books, and representatives from local literacy groups will talk about the importance of reading to young children.

Area teachers may want to take in the Literacy Symposium from 4:30-8 p.m. on May 17, titled A Celebration of the Tried and True Methods and Best Practices of and by Teachers. This symposium costs \$10 and will be held at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District building. Pre-register for a spot online at www.aabookfestival.org.

The highlight of this year's event will be Saturday's Street Festival. Several children's authors will attend from 10 a.m.



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to 5 p.m. on North University Avenue, between State and Fletcher streets. The event allows readers of all ages to meet the authors and hear readings. The Literacy Pavilion will feature works and presentations by area students. And the Children's Pavilion will offer storytellers and hands-on activities.

A panel presentation also is planned during the street festival, featuring Michigan children's authors including Kristin Nitz, Cyd Moore, Lisa Himle and Martin Brennan.

The festival will not focus solely on children's books. There is plenty to attract adult readers and writers, as well.

The festival's first Writer's Conference is set for Friday, May 19. It is devoted to helping writ-

AT THE ANN ARBOR BOOK FESTIVAL

- Denny McLain, Detroit Tigers pitcher who led his team to the World Series championship in 1968.
- D.J. MacHale, writer, director, executive producer, and author of the young adult *Pendragon* series.
- Tim Dorsey, about to release his eighth novel *The Big Bamboo*.
- Nancy Pearl presents her new children's book, titled *Book Crush*.
- Timothy Egan, reporter for *The New York Times* and author of *The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl*.
- Raymond Arroyo, author of *The New York Times* bestseller *Mother Angelica*.
- Dr. Sanjay Gupta, chief medical correspondent for the health and medical unit at CNN. The former University of Michigan scholar's latest book is *Chasing Life: New Discoveries in the Search for Immortality To Help You Age Less Today*.
- Joseph Coulson, a novelist, poet and playwright who's upcoming novel *Of Song and Water* is set in Detroit.
- Francine Prose, author of *Reading Like a Writer: A Guide for People Who Love Books and for Those Who Want to Write Them*.
- Nancy Williard, whose new book *The Flying Bed* comes out this spring.

ers develop their skills. Robenalt described Ann Arbor as a hotbed of aspiring writers. The response to the new conference has been positive. By May 7, it had nearly filled to capacity. The \$100 conference fee includes lunch and a keynote presentation by novelist Francine Prose. Pre-register at www.aabookfestival.org.

On May 19 and 20, avid readers might consider attending the

Books Change Lives panel discussion, which includes topics such as the future of the book, writers with day jobs, creating a successful book club, and the relationships between children's book authors and illustrators.

For more information, visit www.aabookfestival.org.

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It's the perfect chance to help Fido shed some of the winter pounds, and you can, too.

Or you can stop by to find a new animal to take home.

This isn't a dog walk-athon, it's a "dog jog," but lazy pooches and care-takers may come to stroll the event.

The Second Annual Claws & Paws Dog Jog begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at Clawson City Park, sponsored by the Clawson Chamber of Commerce. It benefits The Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan.

Runners and walkers, with or without a companion animal, can partake in the two-mile event and afterward attend the Pet Care Fair.

AWS is one of just a handful of no-kill rescue groups in the state. Rather than euthanize animals after just a few days, the volunteer group works tirelessly to recruit patient, loving foster families who will let dogs and cats live in their homes until the pets are adopted.

Since 1982, AWS has found

homes for more than 15,000 homeless animals.

Registration for the event is between 9 and 9:45 a.m. Cost is \$20. T-shirts and doggy bandanas will be available while supplies last during registration.

The Pet Care Fair features demonstrations by Wunderground Magic Shop and the Troy K-9 Unit, and an appearance by Oakie, the Oakland County Parks mascot.

AWS will host a pet adoption 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Kimball's Animal Hospital will provide discounted rabies shots and Fetch of Ferndale will provide dog nail trimming services in exchange for a donation to the AWS.

Clawson City Park is located at the intersection of West Elmwood and Custer, north of 14 Mile and west of Main Street/Livernois.

For more information or to register for the event, visit www.clawsonclawspaws.com or www.animalwelfaresociety.net

Lana Mini

Predict 'The Sopranos'

Our jaws dropped during *The Sopranos* Sunday night as Tony murdered nephew Christopher as casually as thugs dumped asbestos into the lake.

In our predictions, Christopher was going to be the weak link and give up Tony to the FBI.

Wrong we were. "A major character killed off in an off-handed scene, no more fanfare than the dumping of the asbestos? Masterful," said my co-worker, Alex Lundberg, who exchanges e-mails with me every Monday after

the show.

"Also, asbestos as a metaphor for things that have far-reaching consequences, fantastic," Lundberg said.

So with that, there's just three episodes left? We want your predictions.

What will happen to Tony, AJ, Pauly and the rest? Tell us and we will include your guesses in an upcoming issue. Be sure to include your name and city where you reside. E-mail: lmini@hometownlife.com.

Lana Mini

VILLAGE

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photo frames, photo albums and photo concertinos, beautiful journals and little entertainment boxes for cocktail napkins.

Alice Ham of Berkley has been a ceramic artist for more than 20 years.

Ham's contemporary functional pottery is known for its vibrant colors and art deco influence. Ham added new earthtone color combinations in her pots, tea

pots, vases and vessels, including tiles inside framed wall hangings. James Durow of Marysville (near Port Huron) started carving in 1975 after spending his childhood watching and learning the craft from his father. He has carved his stunningly detailed birds for more than 20 years, winning over 30 blue ribbons and best of show awards. Today his work is collected in more than 35 states and eight countries.

These birds are hand carved to scale and are delicately hand textured with an electric burning

pen, then painted, giving the birds a soft, feather-like feel. Many of the birds are mounted in natural settings. Durow is an avid bird watcher as are many of the collectors of this works.

Many of Durow's original art work birds range in the \$200 to \$300 price range but he carries a wide range of "original idea" related bird items from \$5 on up including bookmarks, wooden cards and window carvings.

"I want to have something for everyone," he said, "including the kids. They are the future bird and bird carving lovers."

Artfeast 2007 begins Friday in Plymouth

Artfeast 2007, set for Friday and Saturday, is a gallery walk in downtown Plymouth with 33 participating shoppes and galleries.

Artfeast is in its third year. Plymouth Artfeast is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council and supported by 32 other participating businesses.

The opening reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday, May 18 and the Artfeast is scheduled for 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, May 19.

On Friday during the opening reception, special trolley transportation will take art lovers to remote locations around town not within walking distance.

Visitors will also have a chance to win one of 29 art pieces on display at the donating gallery or shop location.

In order to win one of these pieces, a person must visit at least 12 of the art stops and have his or her passport stamped. One of those stops must be at

a remote art location listed on the map. Maps and passports will be distributed during the event.



Local musicians will be performing on the streets, including Matt Watroba, on Ann Arbor Trail near the Book Cellar at 7 p.m. Friday. Patricia Tait, Celtic harp, will perform all weekend long, and Rise Again will play folk and classic rock on Friday.

Saturday's music includes Jerome Clark, a jazz soloist and Mike Ball who will perform family and kids music.

Balloon artists and several chalk artists will be creating art on the sidewalks throughout the downtown.

The many forms of art experienced include painters, photographers, sculptures, chalk, balloons, clay and glass as well as fiber and wood artists. Jewelry will be featured.

For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

JUDGE

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everybody is in touch with their bodies. I love when people realize that their bodies in movement can be so much more."

Inaba has toured as a dancer with Madonna and Ricky Martin, was a Fly Girl with J-Lo on Living Color, starred in *Austin Powers Gold Member*, choreographed for *American Idol* and *The Miss America Pageant*, was a pop singing star in Japan and recently was chosen in *People* magazine's annual 100 Most Beautiful People in the World, Beauty at Every Age.

At 39 years old, she's dating 24-year-old Russian ballroom dancer Artem Chigvintsev, who starred and choreographed Fox's *So You Think You Can Dance*.

They are, in a sense, Hollywood's newest Demi and Ashton.

"We were at a movie theater recently and Demi and Ashton happened to be there, we just giggled and thought 'if they

can do it, so can we."

But back to the show - what will happen over the next several weeks? Well, the judges don't know.

Inaba predicted Billy Ray's departure but she, like the rest of America, learns the results on Tuesdays.

"I'm like everyone else," Inaba said. "I love Tuesdays because I get to see what happens."

As for the remaining contestants, Inaba said whoever wins deserves it. All have shown vast improvements from when they began - which is what she looks for when she judges. And all can actually dance.

A strong reputation for *Dancing With the Stars* is important for Inaba, which is why she said Ray shouldn't have won. It's the same reason why Simon wanted Sanjaya gone.

"Integrity matters," Inaba said. "There are so many people involved in this show, a hard-working team behind and in front of the camera who really care about it. I've worked on both sides of the camera, and I care about the show as a family. We take dance seriously."

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RADIO

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we hear it, we know."

Panelists in the two-hour local taping include Adam Felber, a New York-based writer; Charlie Pierce, Boston Globe sportswriter; and Kyrie O'Connor, The Houston Chronicle's deputy features managing editor.

General Motors Corp. Vice Chairman Bob Lutz is scheduled to make a guest appearance as the show's "Not My Job" contestant. He'll answer questions outside his area of expertise to try to win a prize for a listener.

"I'm excited to talk to Mr. Lutz because I've got some ideas on reviving the American auto industry," said Sagal. "Step one: bring back tailfins. Everybody loved tailfins. Step two: those cool hood ornaments that make a whistling noise when you go fast."

Callers compete for the same prize every week - a home answering machine greeting custom-recorded by Kasell. Abid said the prize started as a gag, but people really responded to it. "We like people to win," he said. "It works perfectly in that regard. It points out the idea that it's a fun show."

Abid joined the staff of *Wait Wait... Don't Tell Me!* in 2000. At the time, he was working as a foreign correspondent for NPR, and received a call from executive producer Doug Berman while in Kosovo.

"We uphold all the editorial standards of NPR news, in terms of accuracy and sources," said Abid. "We do it (with stories) about flutulent pets, stupid criminals. It's kind of a mix. Our storyboard looks nothing like the *All Things Considered* storyboard."

To prepare for the weekly program, Abid and the show's producers scour the Internet looking for unconventional stories, silly quotes, any fodder for fill-in-the-blank questions. "There is no weird news bureau," Abid said. "We do depend on the work of others."

Sometimes that job is particularly difficult. Abid said following the recent tragedy in Blacksburg, Va., there was little news to draw from for the program.

"There is absolutely nothing funny about what happened," said Abid. "Nobody wants to laugh at that. The challenge was finding other news."

By mid-week, producers begin sifting through the material and crafting questions for the show. A script is written Thursday, and a read-through is set for 3 p.m. with Berman. "We decide what worked and what didn't," said Abid.

Producers take into account the intimacy of radio. They consider whether the questions are appropriate if a listener is driving with a child in the back seat of the car, or listening while eating breakfast. They work to strike a balance so the show appeals to its broad audience - young and old, liberal and conservative.

The true test begins at 7:30 p.m. during the two-hour live taping - usually held at the Chase Auditorium in Chicago. While it would be easy to play to the audience using visual gags, Abid said, the host and participants remain mindful of the more than 2 million listeners who are not in attendance. The live show is then edited down to a solid 58 minutes. That's what listeners tune in to hear on Saturdays and Sundays around the country. Listeners can participate by calling (888) WAIT-WAIT.

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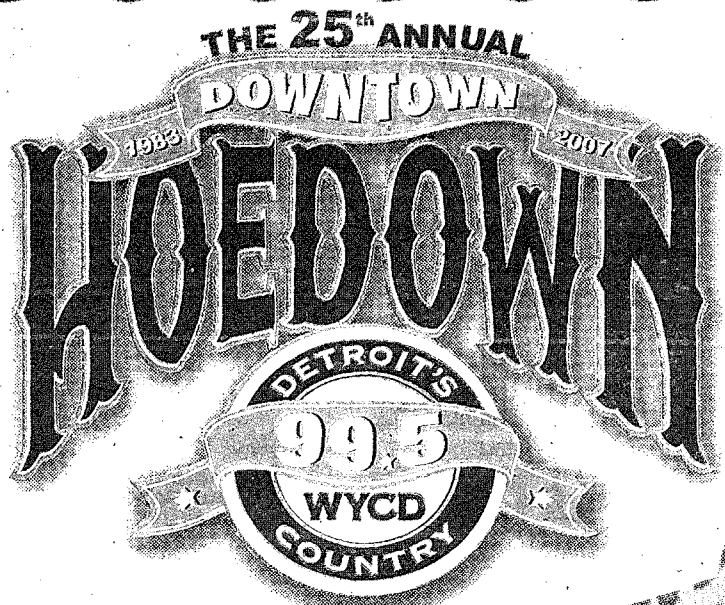
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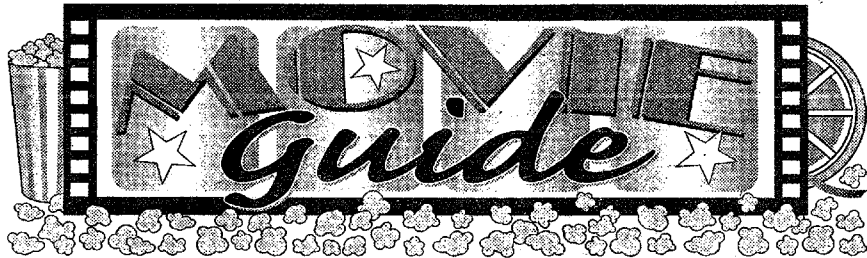
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Amanda Peet and Zach Braff star in 'The Ex,' in theaters May 11.

'The Ex'

Breaking up with Jason Bateman is hard to do

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

On television, *Scrubs* star Zach Braff portrays everyone's favorite quirky doctor, J.D. He's regularly tormented by the hospital janitor, must answer to whatever women's name Dr. Cox has uttered, and clumsily escapes most of the medical challenges that come his way.

In the new MGM/The Weinstein Co. comedy, *The Ex*, Braff reprises his role as a lovable underdog. This time he's Tom Reilly, an outspoken chef who can't seem to hold down a job in New York City.

But he's done something right. He married a smart, stunning lawyer named Sofia Kowalski (Amanda Peet) and they're about to have their first baby.

Life is suddenly turned upside down when the couple decides to high-tail it to the suburbs. Tom has finally agreed to take that job at Sofia's father's advertising firm, Sunburst Communications, in Ohio. And Sofia gives up her high-powered, high-paying position to stay at home with their son, Oliver. Enter the ex - Sofia's ex-boyfriend to be exact. Chip Sanders (Jason Bateman) is Ohio's top ad man, and a star at the firm. After losing the use of both legs in an unfortunate hackey sack incident, he uses a wheelchair.

Turns out Chip is still pining after Sofia - and trying his best to show Tom in a bad light. He'll use every advantage to do so, beginning of course with his disability.

As an audience member, it's not hard to

see what's ahead. Chip sabotages Tom's workspace, takes credit for Tom's ideas and tries to win the affection of Tom's wife. Plenty of physical gags fit right into the formula. They earn a few laughs.

As problems compound and the tug-of-war between Chip and Tom escalates, Tom finds his marriage in a rather precarious position. His wife and in-laws no longer trust him. No one believes him when he points the blame at Chip. All the while, the audience is pulling for him.

Whether he's fighting his way through an unexpected wheelchair basketball game or dodging remote control cars on his mountain bike, Braff pulls it off swimmingly.

In this softer, gentler role, Peet plays a believable new mother. She's fluent in baby talk and terrified of the neighborhood's new age attitude toward child development. She's befriended a young boy who lives next door named Wesley (Lucian Maisel). His talent for swallowing hamburgers whole might even be the key to Tom's success in the ad world.

Charles Grodin and Mia Farrow round out the cast as the Kowalski's, Sofia's trusting parents.

But its Bateman that audiences will love to hate. He's manipulative and cruel, constantly playing on the sympathy of others.

Jesse Peretz directed this enjoyable-if-predictable comedy. Peretz was a bass player in the band The Lemonheads and has directed videos for The Foo Fighters. His film debut was *First Love, Last Rites* in 1997.



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'BUG'

A lonely waitress with a tragic past, Agnes rooms in a run-down motel, living in fear of her abusive, recently paroled ex-husband.

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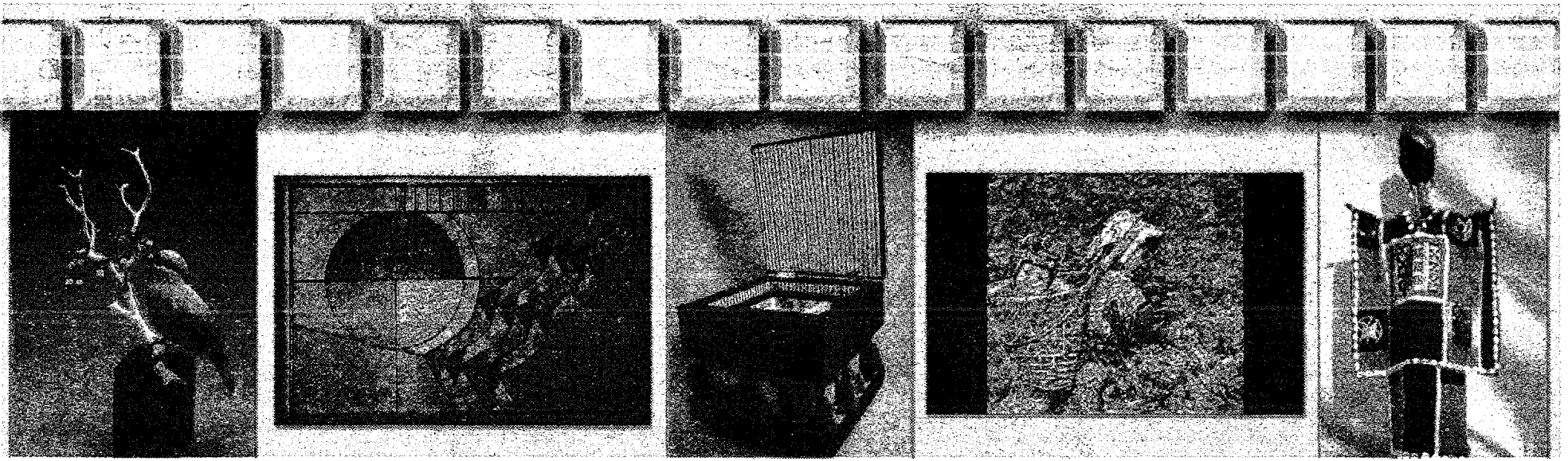
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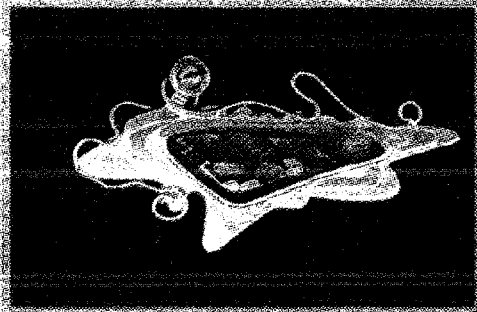
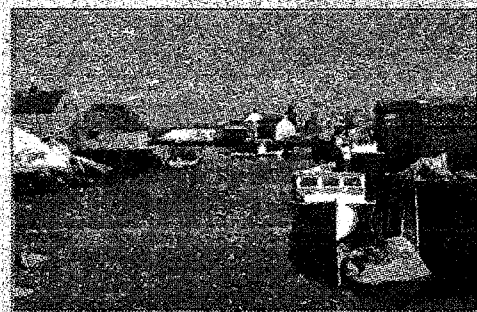
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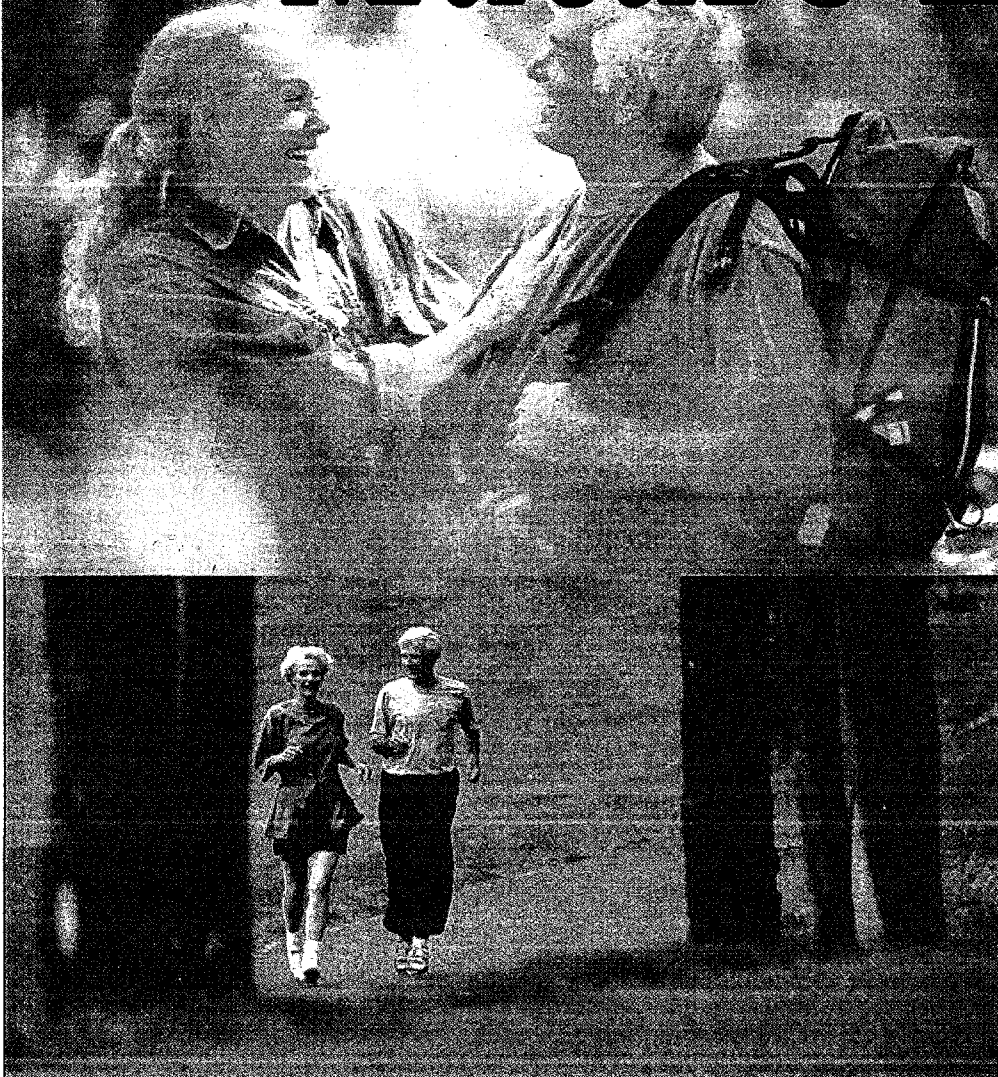


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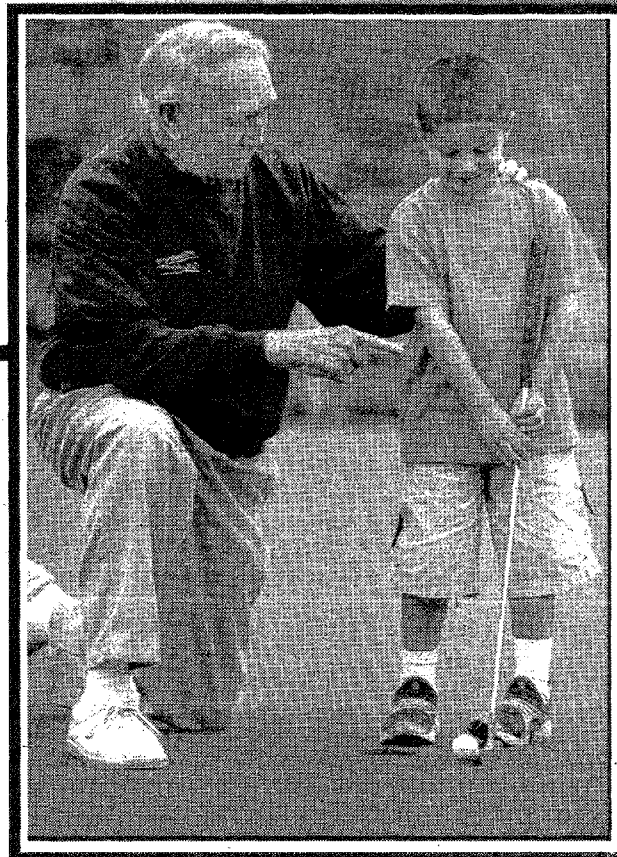
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television again and I can tell street signs from in the car," Robert states. He encourages others with low vision, "Don't hesitate! He who hesitates gets left behind. People who see my glasses and ask to look through them can't believe what a difference they make."

Octavius Germany, age 91, from Dearborn was seen in January. A retired architect and engineer, Octavius had a goal of driving again. With his new glasses he states, "Everything in the distance looks clearer... I'm impressed with my new lenses. This is what's going to win the day for me."

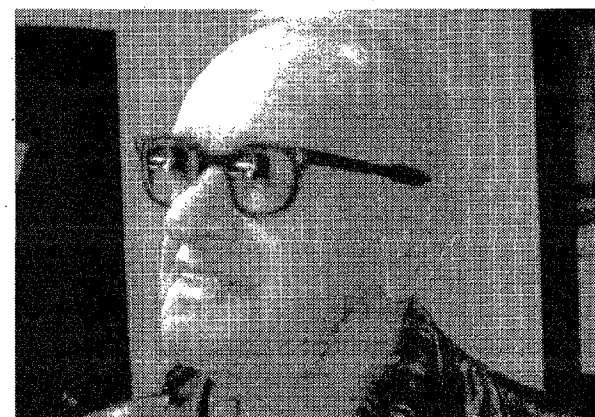
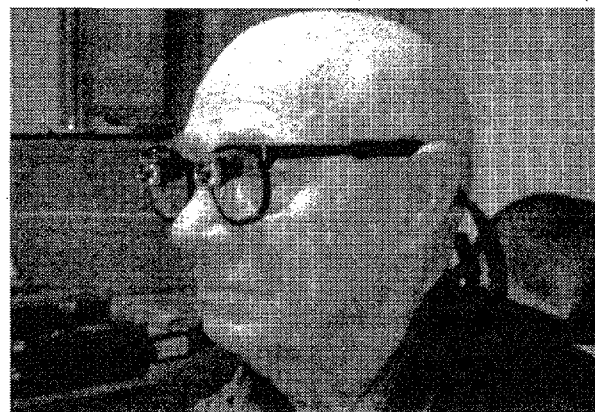
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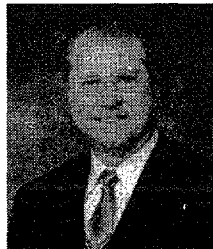
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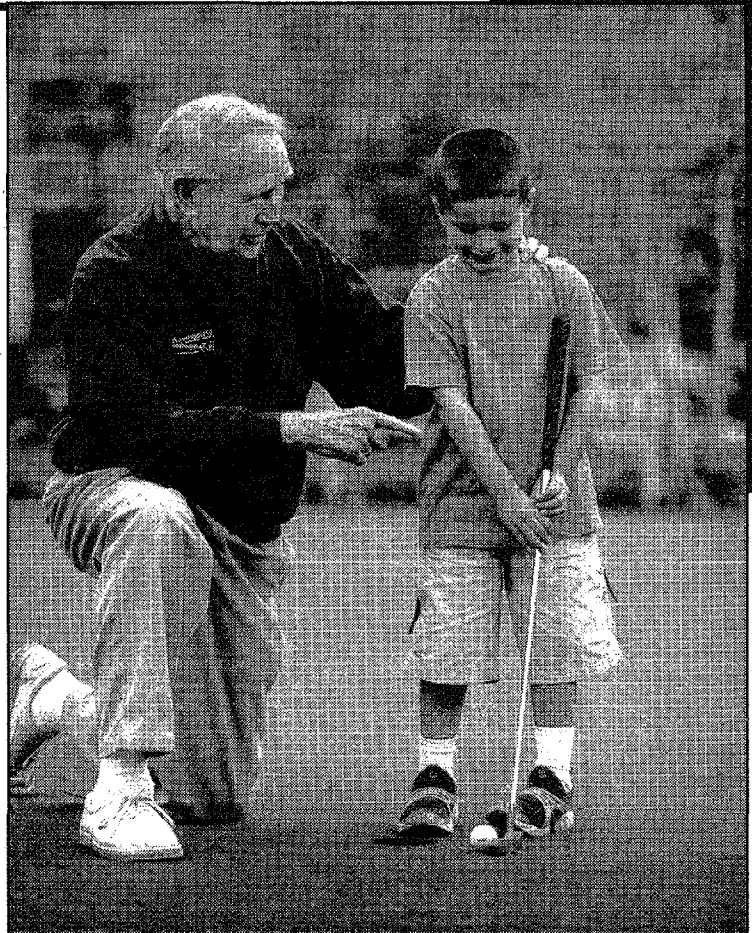
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For seniors, maintaining a healthy diet is very important as they head deeper into their golden years. Oftentimes, maintaining a healthy diet means making changes to your existing diet to counter the changes in body composition experienced as you grow older. Because your body will gradually lose bone and muscle while gaining fat as you grow older, these changes can go a long way to helping you maintain your current health.

• **Keep protein a part of your diet.** As people grow older, protein becomes more important, in large part because protein helps

to maintain a healthy immune system and prevents the wasting of muscle. Discuss with your physician the various ways in which you can incorporate high quality proteins, such as fish, eggs and poultry, into your diet.

• **Make sure you're eating enough carbohydrates and fiber.**

A diet with the right amount of fiber will help you avoid problems such as constipation. Carbohydrates are necessary because they provide a good source of energy, something seniors need if they hope to maintain a more active and less sedentary lifestyle.

• **Continue to consume calcium.** Bone diseases such as osteoporosis can be the result of calcium deficiency, and most seniors will admit their calcium intake isn't what it should be. Since osteo-

porosis weakens bones and makes them more susceptible to breaking, consuming calcium is essential for seniors to avoid potentially debilitating breaks. Seniors who don't like the taste of milk or other dairy products, can consider a calcium supplement or regularly include broccoli, a good source of calcium, in their diet.

• **Drink enough water.**

Dehydration is common among seniors due to the reduction in the body's overall water content. Regardless of thirst, seniors should drink water with each meal. Oftentimes, low water levels in the body can result in fatigue. How much water you should drink depends on individual body weight, so consult with your physician and stick to his or her recommendations.

• **Don't eliminate fat entirely.**

While it's important for seniors to limit their fat intake, fat remains an important energy source, so eliminating fat entirely is not a good idea. Low fat dairy products and lean meats are good sources of fat, which also provide necessary vitamins to maintain health. Also consider where you're getting fat from. If your preferred method of preparing meals is frying, that should be eliminated, as it will only lead to excessive fat intake.

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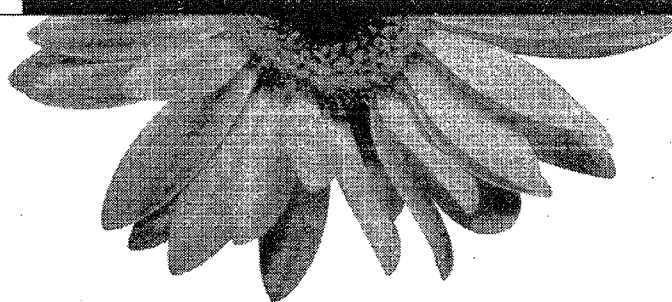
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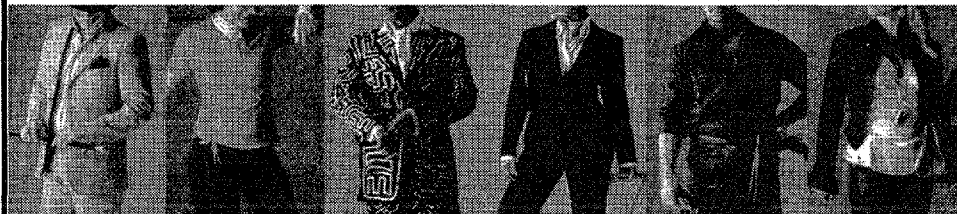
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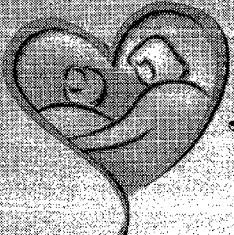
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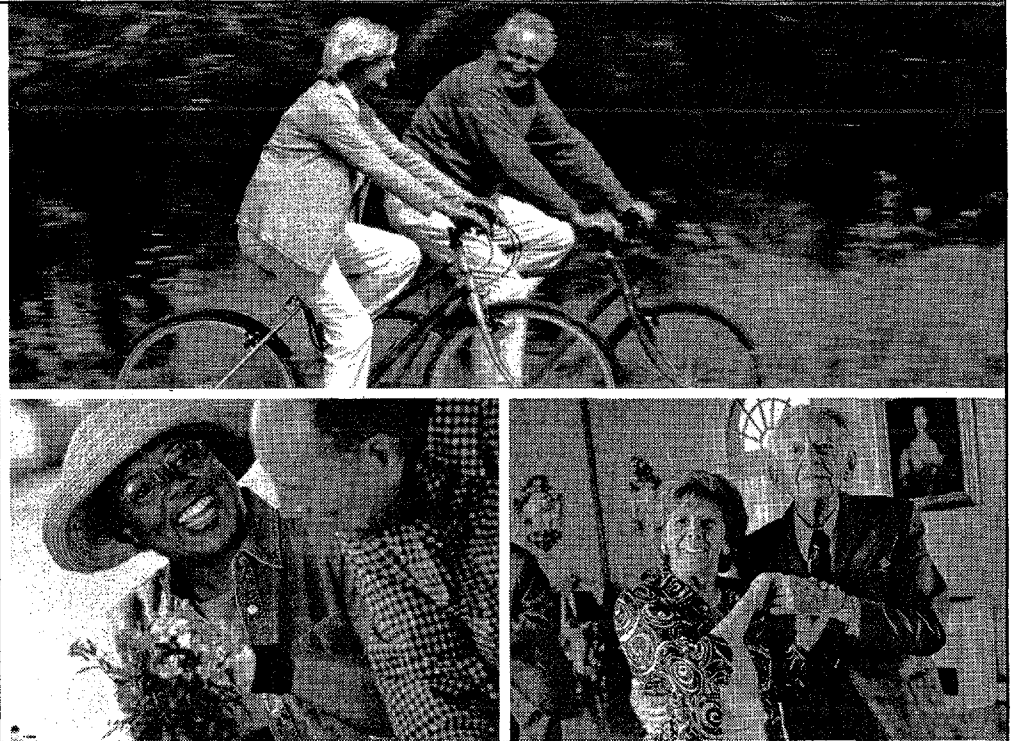
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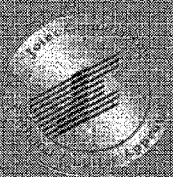
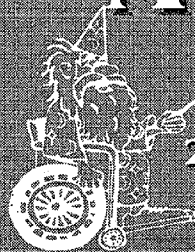
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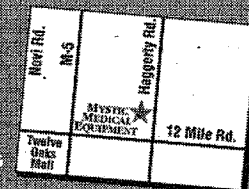
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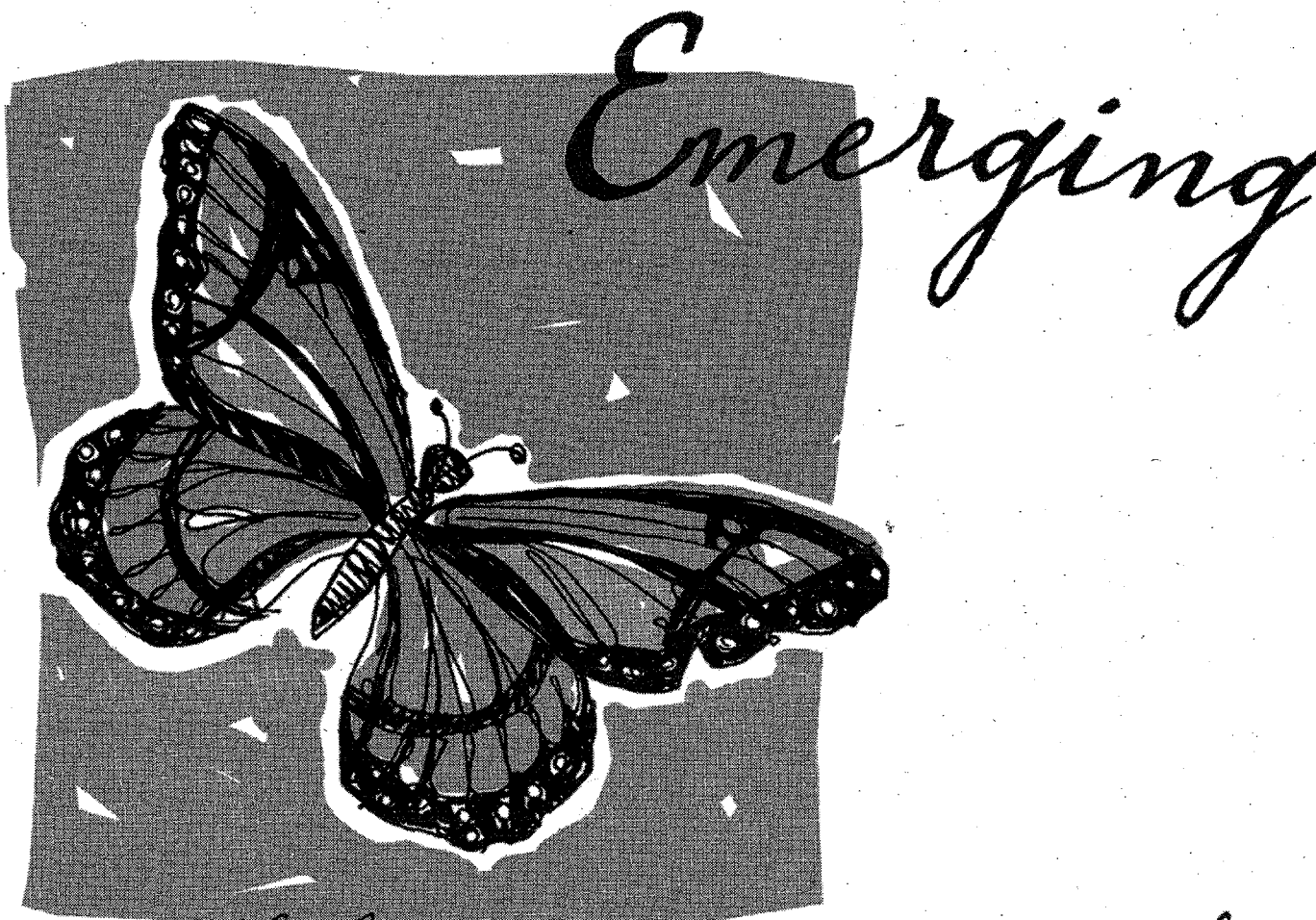


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The Benefits of Walking

Walking just may be one of the most beneficial actions you can take. If the power of walking were compressed into pill form, it would be one of the most popular remedies ever. What's more, walking is something that is easy to do, requires no prescription and you've been doing it from as early as age 1.

Here are just some of the benefits of walking:

• Weight loss: Physical activity com-

bined with well-balanced eating can keep the pounds off. This means advantages in lowering risk of heart disease, cancer, diabetes and more.

• Decreases your risk of heart attack: Exercising just half an hour a day is associated with a 30 percent to 40 percent lower risk of heart disease in women, according to a 20 year Nurses' Health Study of 72,000 female nurses.

• Moderates blood pressure: Getting the heart pumping regularly conditions it to work more effectively and with less effort.

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Getting Started

Being sedentary is one of the worst things you can do for health, particularly if you have no medical reason to stay put. You don't have to run a marathon the first day. Build up to the recommended 30 minutes of walking by starting slowly and for whatever duration you can manage - even 5 minutes. As you gain confidence your momentum will approve.

Choose a safe place to walk that is also comfortable. Many seniors enjoy a stroll around an area mall because walking is not impeded by weather conditions. Still, you can walk on the boardwalk, around a scenic lake or wherever else you choose.

Overcoming Obstacles

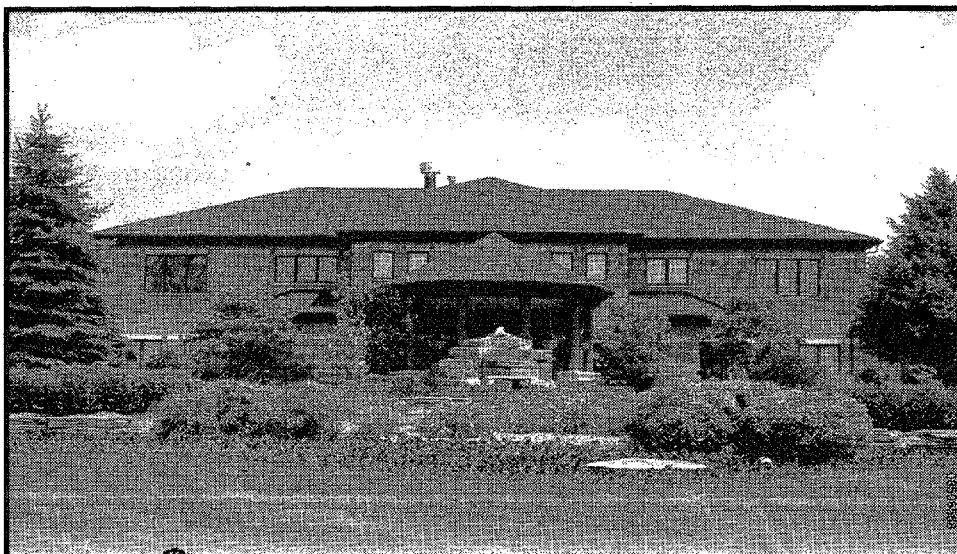
If you feel unsteady walking, or have had a fall or broken bone that limits mobility, there are solutions. You can use walking poles, which will give you balance and a little extra body strength. If you use a walker or cane, still get out there and get moving as much as possible.

Water exercises can also be beneficial. The water serves to support your body, and walking through water provides subtle resistance that can build strength. Check out area health clubs or senior centers that have a pool.

If dizziness or balance is a concern, you may need a new hearing aid or glasses. Sight and ear function contribute to balance.

If you're concerned about safety or embarrassed to walk alone, start a walking club or go with a friend. Remember, having the support of others will make it more likely you'll continue in your fitness goals. You can also get a dog as a walking companion. Requiring two or more walks per day, a dog can be the incentive you need to get moving.

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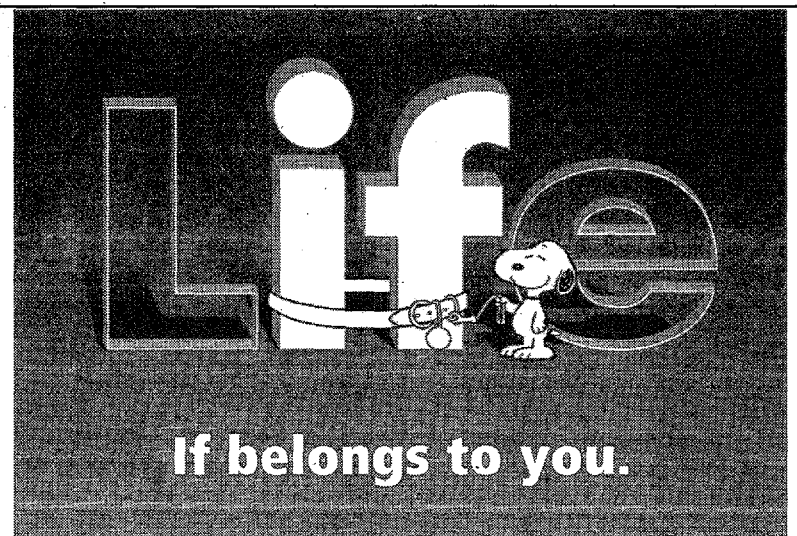
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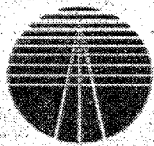
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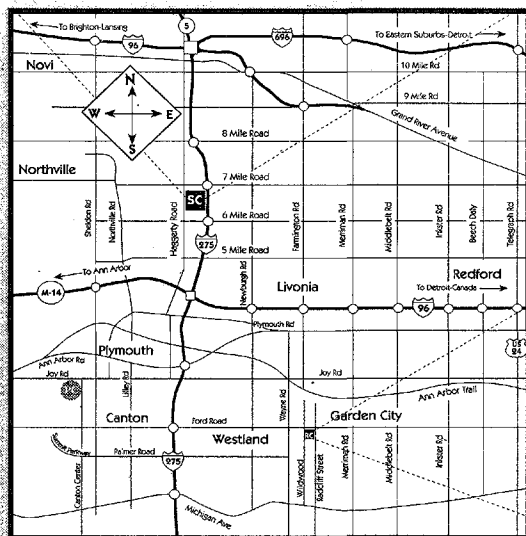
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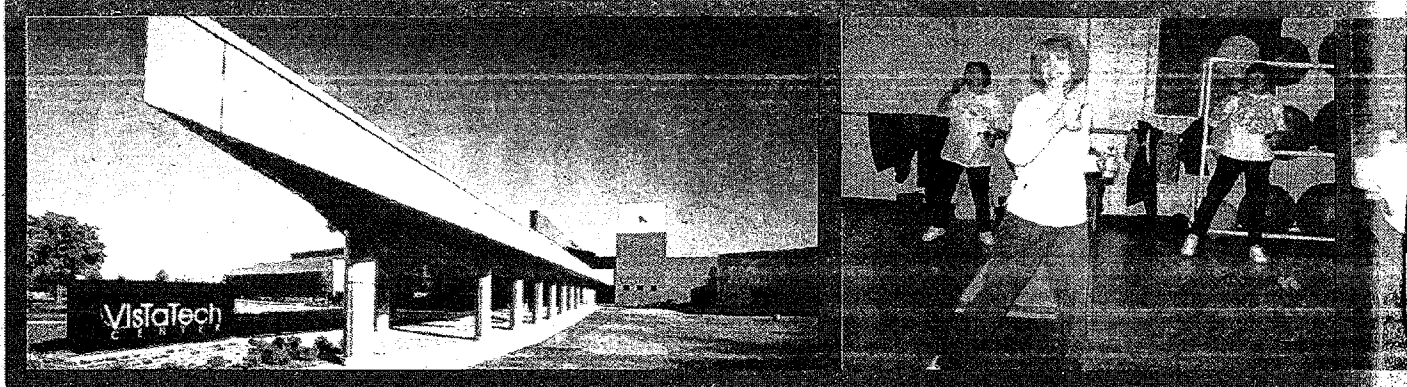
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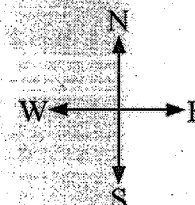
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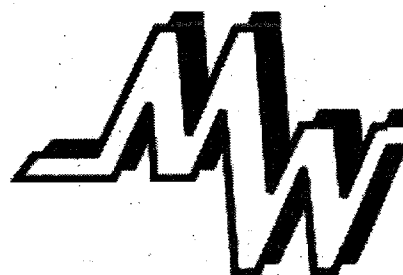
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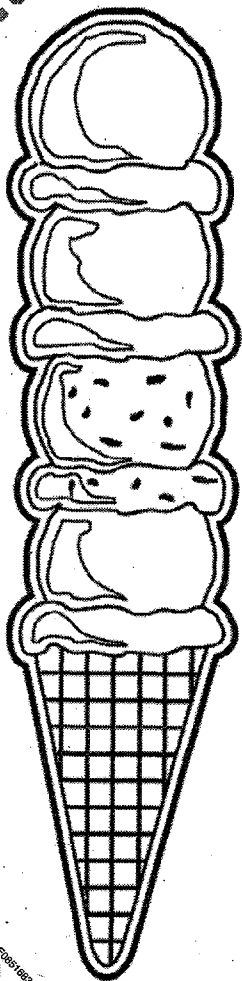
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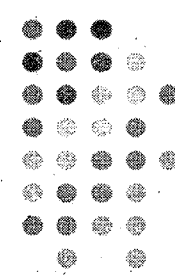
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- Install grab bars in the bathtub and by the toilet.
- Check to be sure that extension cords are not overloaded & are clear of walkways.
- Install smoke detectors on every floor of the home and test them monthly.
- Destroy out-of-date medications and those which are no longer being used.
- Place a telephone in the bedroom.
- Post emergency numbers by all telephones.
- Keep space heaters away from flammable materials, and be sure the room is well ventilated.
- A three-pronged plug should be used in a three hole outlet, or an adapter should be used.
- Always turn off heating pads before an older person goes to sleep.

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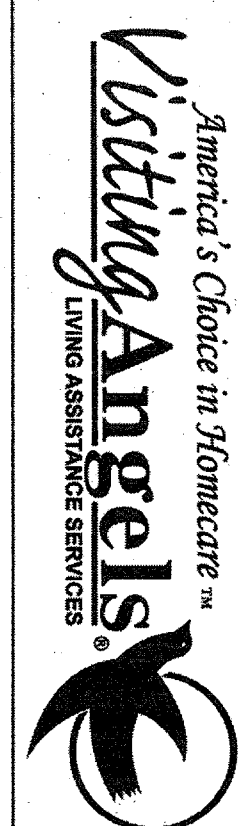
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- Remove scatter rugs, or attach a nonskid backing to them.
- Reduce the risk of falling on uncarpeted floors by ensuring that they are not slip-pery. Do not use any gloss polish.
- Use night lights in the bedroom, hall-ways, kitchen and bathrooms.
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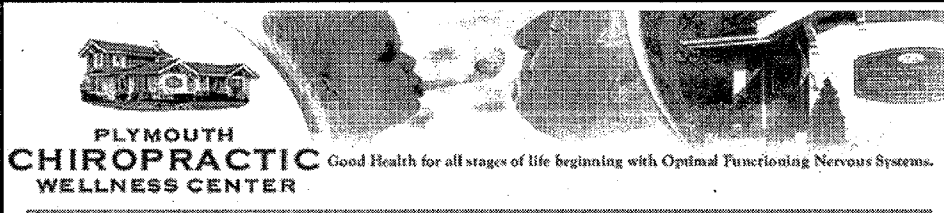
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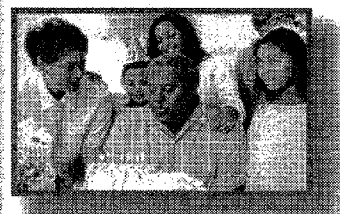
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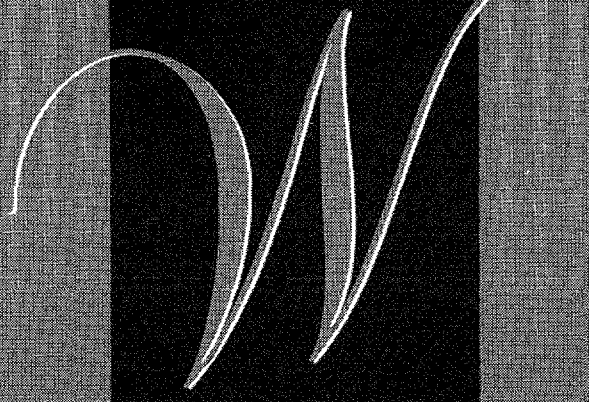
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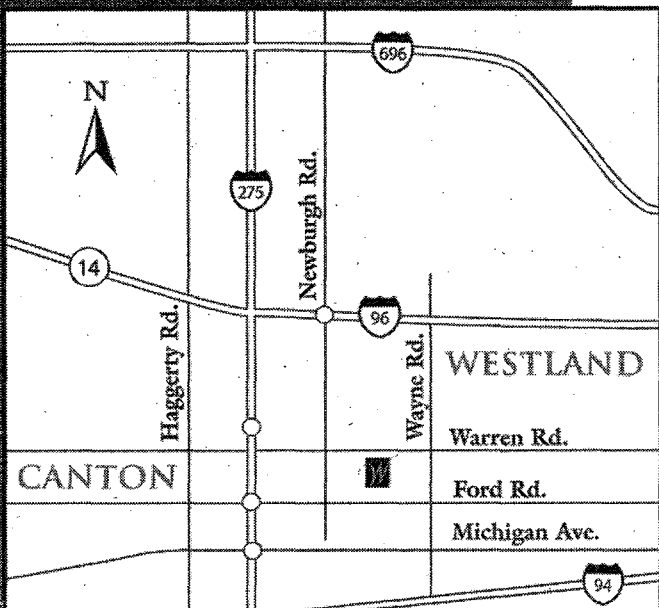
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Limit Risks From Medication Mistakes

There are ways to reduce the chances for mistakes when it comes to your medication.

1. Notify your doctor of all over-the-counter, prescription drugs and vitamin or herbal supplements you are taking. Every one of these items has the potential to interact with new drugs your doctor may be thinking of prescribing.
2. Take the drugs your doctor prescribes according to directions (time of day, empty/full stomach, duration). Do not stop a medication without consulting with the doctor first, even if it seems like it may be a good idea.
3. Be aware that drugs can be listed and prescribed by their trade or generic name.
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5. Drinking alcoholic beverages when you are taking some medications may alter their effects or create hazardous reactions.
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8. Develop a rapport with your pharmacist. He or she can prove a wealth of knowledge on medications and answer any questions you may have concerning prescriptions or general health care.
9. Create a system at home that keeps medications organized according to when you need to take them. Some people prefer a pill organizer in which they distribute pills. When the caddy is empty, they've taken all the pills for the day. Others feel this presents confusion because the pills are taken out of their original bottles. A chart placed in the bathroom or where you keep your medications could prove handy.
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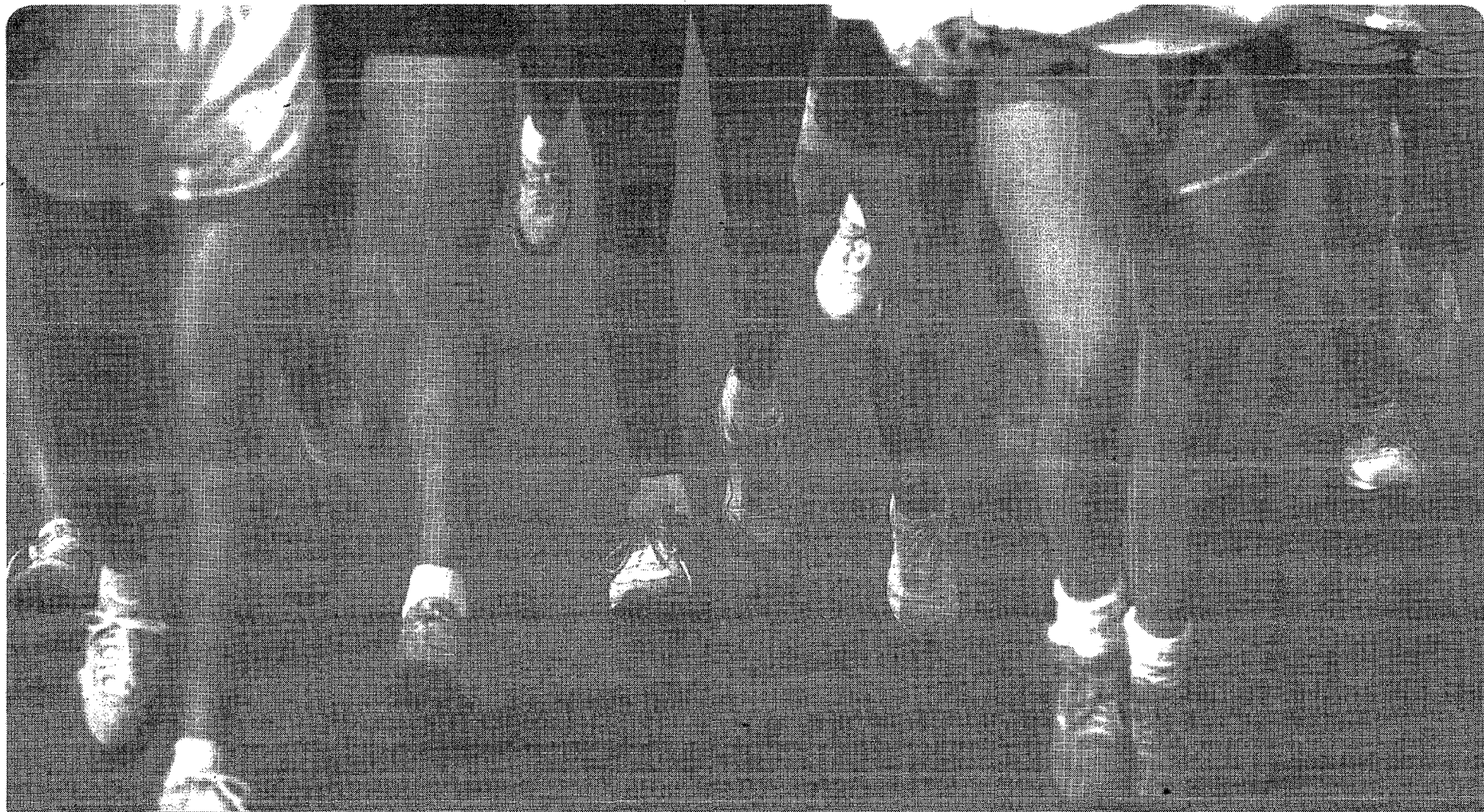
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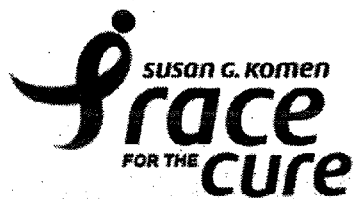
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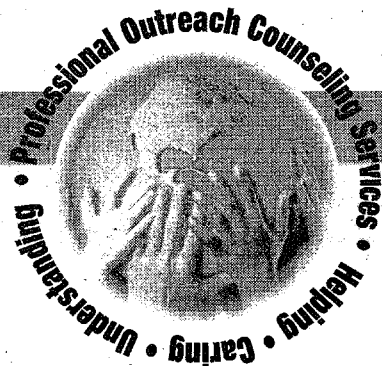
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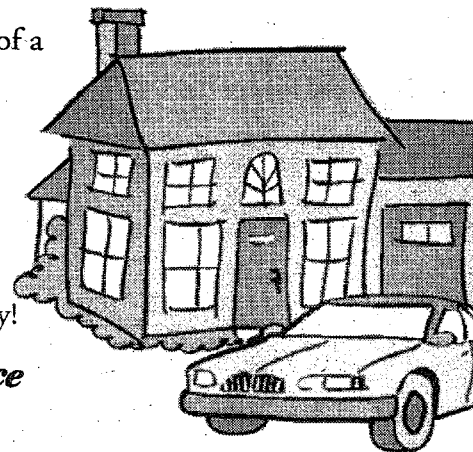


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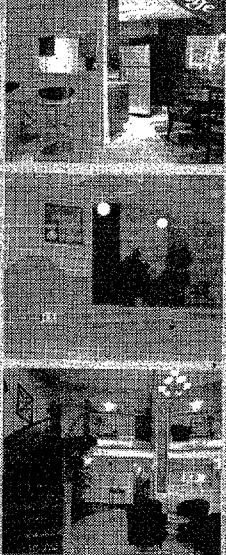
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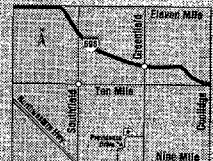
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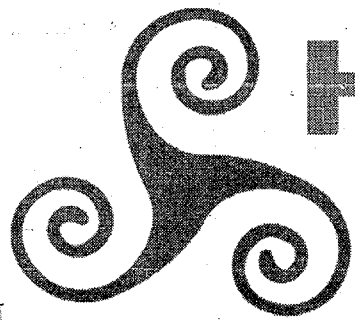
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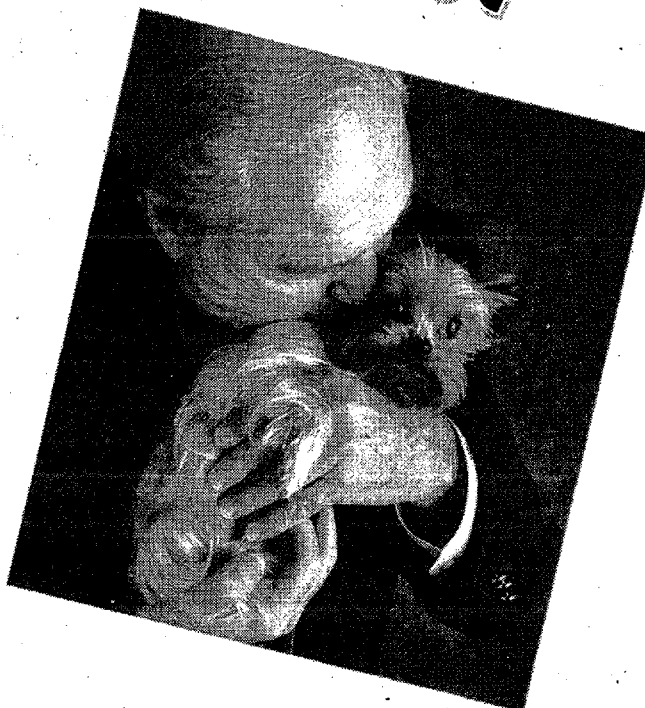


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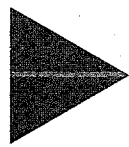
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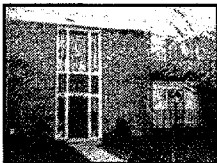
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Must see this stunning brick end unit condo that backs to woods w/private balcony. Cathedral ceilings, prof painted, recessed lights, designer window treatments, cherry cabinets, finished bsmt, & Garage.
\$184,900 (P-201CA)



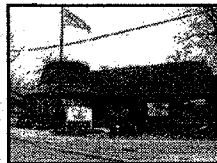
CORNER LOT
Nice 3 bd brick ranch w/full bsmt, 2 car Garage, Dining Room off Kitchen, covered Patio, & more.
\$129,900 (C-208BA)



DESIREABLE CONDO
Super ranch condo in prime Livonia location. 2 bd, 2 full baths, open floor plan, new doorwall leading to Deck, updated t/o, & area pool & clubhouse.
\$82,500 (P-530BO)



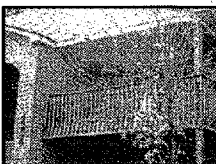
A MUST SEE!
Fantastic like new ranch, 3 bd, 2.5 bath, ceramic Foyer, berber carpet, hwd floors, LR w/frpl, large Master Suite w/bath, bsmt w/glass block, 2 car Garage, & nice landscaping.
\$259,900 (C-662BE)



DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON
Great location for this totally updated professional office building. 1st floor offers 5 offices, kitchen, elevated 2 conference room, 4 more large skylit offices upstairs, & ample parking.
\$998,000 (C-604GR)



LUXURY MEETS VALUE
Enjoy this beautiful ranch condo w/large master suite, vaulted ceilings, den/study, 3 full baths, & a finished basement. Canton community at it's best.
\$265,000 (C-491KI)



AWESOME OPPORTUNITY
2 bd condo w/over 1100 sq ft, Master w/WIC, fresh neutral paint & carpet, Great Room w/cath ceiling, formal DR, open floor plan, & all appliances stay.
\$105,500 (P-839WI)



WOW
Great 3 bd home w/large Living Room; dining area, partially finished bsmt, new roof, all appliances, & much more. Won't last, hurry!
\$120,000 (C-465ST)



NO GIMMICKS
Just a nice solid 3 bedroom ranch w/basement & 2 car garage in the southeast area of Dearborn Heights. Close to the new shopping center.
\$114,900 (C-611WE)



NEWER LIVONIA COLONIAL
Great layout on this 3 bd, 1.5 bath home featuring an updated oak Kitchen w/hook, Master w/cath ceiling & WIC, formal LR w/picture window, & convenient location.
\$169,900 (P-951CA)



SPOTLESS GEM
Looking for eat of the floor clean? This home has been totally updated w/a fantastic new Kitchen, custom tile baths, soaking tub, custom oak staircase, bsmt, 2 car Garage, & backs to woods.
\$234,800 (C-587CA)



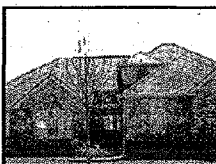
GREAT STARTER
This 3 bd ranch in Dearborn Heights is perfect for 1st timers. Basement, garage, updated windows, flooring, electrical, gutters, & more.
\$96,900 (P-908ET)



BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED
Hurry on this beautiful, neutral condo w/so many updates. Eat in Kitchen w/appl, spacious Master; newer windows, bright finished bsmt w/bedroom & bath, area pool & clubhouse, & carpet. 55+ community.
\$120,000 (P-857NE)



PERFECT CONDO
Great for 1st timers! Crown moldings, decorator paint, Pergo, neutral carpet, all appliances stay, balcony, spacious bedrooms, & great location.
\$99,900 (P-419SA)



HARD TO FIND!
Contemporary cape w/ finished walkout bsmt, sun filled Kitchen w/nook & views of pond, large Great Room w/volume ceiling & frpl, Master Suite w/trey ceiling, WIC, & spa bath. Hurry on this one!
\$374,900 (P-832WA)



LOVELY COLONIAL
4 bd, 2.5 bath in the heart of Livonia's nicest sub. Updated Kitchen, private backyard, Family Room w/frpl, covered deck, & close to everything.
\$234,900 (C-407LA)



CUSTOM BUILT CAPE
Great home built by Walter Menard. Comfort & elegance abounds. Hwd floors, large closets, 1st floor laundry, 2 fireplaces, oversized Garage, Patio w/gas grill, huge finished bsmt, & updates galore.
\$319,900 (C-951NO)



GREAT LOCATION
Beautiful 4 bd, 2.5 bath home in popular Canton sub. Open Kitchen w/hwd, all appl, formal LR & DR, luxury Master w/jetted tub, 2nd floor laundry, & more.
\$299,900 (C-904ST)



LIVONIA COLONIAL
Kimberly Oaks colonial featuring 4 bd, 2.5 baths, hwd floors, Family Room w/frpl, Deck w/hot tub, & backyard leading to park. A must see.
\$253,900 (C-308AL)



UPDATED RANCH
Custom features everywhere! Impeccable craftsmanship, beautiful oak Kitchen w/ceramic, Master w/ceramic bath, hwd, crown molding, manicured yard, & good location.
\$180,000 (C-160BE)



A BEAUTIFUL START
3 bd, 1.5 bath home in nice neighborhood. Full bsmt, Garage, natural fireplace, large Dining Room, & immediate occupancy.
\$134,900 (C-644CH)



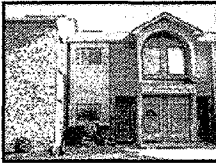
BETTER THAN NEW!
Remodeled in 03! This sharp 3 bd has hwd floors in LR, newer appliances, oversized Master, updated furnace, hwh, roof, windows, C/A, bsmt w/rec room, & nice lot w/newer shed.
\$106,900 (C-877CO)



LOOK NO FURTHER
Fantastic opportunity to own this totally updated Novi condo. 2 large bds w/private baths, Living Room w/doorwall to Patio, Garage, finished bsmt w/bar & lots of storage. Don't wait!
\$139,900 (C-721BA)



RANCH W/GREAT VALUE!
Don't miss a deal on this well kept home w/beautifully updated Bath, Kitchen, windows, furnace, roof, driveway, hwh, great fenced yard w/shed, & much more.
\$137,900 (C-025IV)



IMPECCABLY MAINTAINED
Ground floor condo w/all of the features you desire. Upgraded ceramic in Foyer, oak Kitchen w/window seat, formal Dining, covered Patio w/woody backdrop, & updated carpet.
\$101,700 (C-517LI)



CUSTOM BUILT HOME
Newer construction home on cul de sac featuring cherry Kitchen w/granite, private Master w/trey ceiling, WIC's in all bedrooms, & a covered porch w/fans overlooking acre lot.
\$473,000 (P-569MU)



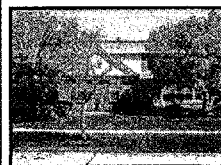
EXCEPTIONAL
Well appointed home featuring hwd floors on 1st floor, open Kitchen w/island & nook, formal Liv & Din Rm, Master w/WIC & bath, finished lower level w/wetbar, & a private wooded lot.
\$318,000 (P-790PH)



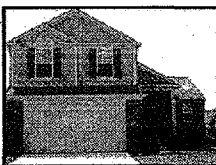
READY TO MOVE IN!
Updated Windsor Park colonial highlighting a brand new Kitchen w/granite & maple, Spacious Fam Rm w/brick frpl, Master retreat w/ceramic bath & frpl, & elec, & seller can help w/finished lower level.
\$217,000 (P-015RY)



INVESTORS DREAM!
Well maintained 2 bd brick condo w/long term tenants. Separate bsmt's & fenced yards, front & side door entrances, newer roof, C/A, elec, & seller can help w/closing costs.
\$120,000 (P-233SC)



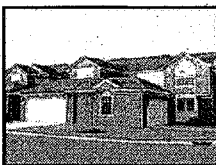
TRANSFER FORCES SALE
Beautifully maintained 4 bd colonial featuring a 2 story elevation. Spacious Fam Rm w/hwd floors, neutral décor, new windows, Din Rm w/bay window, Master w/cath ceiling & massive bath, huge Deck, & a beautiful yard.
\$284,900 (P-514SW)



EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY
Very open floor plan w/brick elevation. Spacious Fam Rm w/frpl & views of backyard, sun filled island Kitchen w/nook, Master w/volume ceiling & private bath, & finished lower level.
\$214,900 (P-638WE)



LIVONIA SCHOOLS
Very cute & clean condo offering updates t/o. Neutral décor, new carpet, windows, appliances included, association pays water, great view of pond, & convenient location.
\$69,900 (C-335WO)



FANTASTIC CONDO
This great condo could be yours! Open floor plan, Master w/sitting room, gorgeous oak Kitchen, full bsmt, Great Room w/cath ceiling, Plymouth Canton schools, & more.
\$207,400 (P-767CO)

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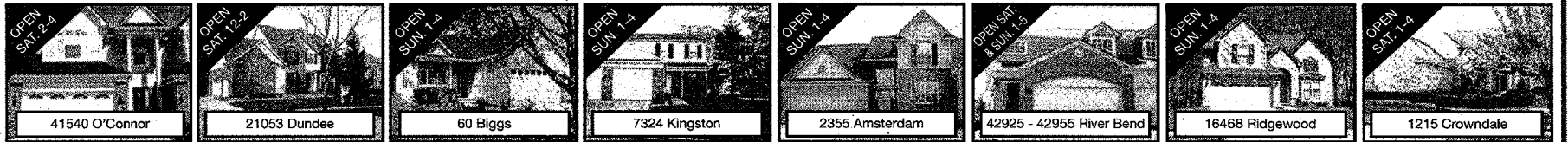
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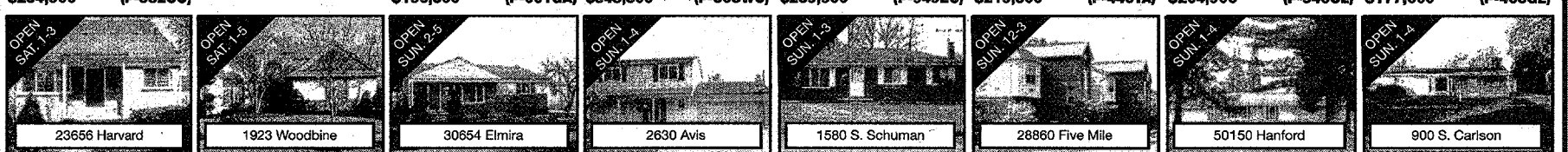
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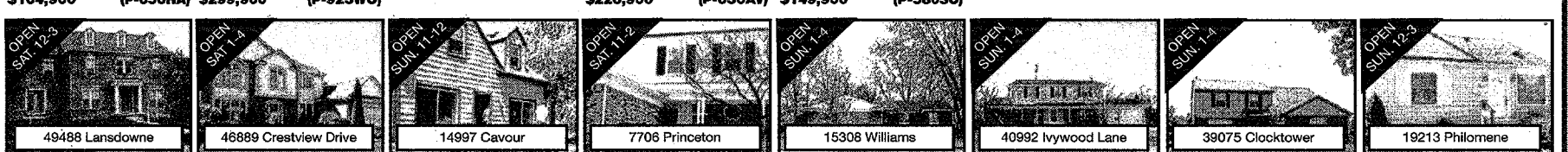
<p>41540 O'Connor S OF 13 MILE W OF MEADOWBROOK NOVI TOWNHOUSE Enjoy a pond view from the Deck in the great condo featuring 2 story Great Room, dining area, ceramic Kitchen, neutral decor t/o, 2nd bd w/bath, & dual sided frpl. \$219,000 (P-540CC)</p>	<p>21053 Dundee N OF 8 MILE E OF NOVI RD DESIRABLE LOCATION Chase Farms proudly presents this spacious colonial w/traditional layout. Foyer w/hwd, Fam Rm w/cath ceiling & frpl, Master w/bath, 1st fl laundry, & finished walkout. Too much more to list! \$459,900 (P-053DU)</p>	<p>60 Biggs S OF HURON RIVER DRIVE E OF MAIN ST BETTER THAN NEW Built in 2004, this home features Bruce Hardwood flooring, 9 ft ceilings, corian counters, oak cabinets, 6 panel doors t/o, Master w/bath & WIC, & a acre lot. \$238,900 (P-60BI)</p>	<p>7324 Kingston N OF FORD W OF NEWBURGH MOVE IN READY Enjoy this totally remodeled end unit condo. Updates include all fixtures, windows, & hwd floors. Add to this an attached Garage, fireplace, & great location. \$129,900 (P-324KI)</p>	<p>2355 Amsterdam S OF CHERRY HILL W OF BECK CONDO LIVING AT IT'S BEST Stunning view of nature preserve from the Great Room & Dining Room. 1st floor Master w/bath, guest bedroom w/bath, 2 way fireplace, 1st fl laundry, & move in ready! \$259,900 (P-355AM)</p>	<p>42925 - 42955 River Bend S OF HINES DRIVE W OF NORTHVILLE RD BRAND NEW CONDOS 4 units available. Fantastic location overlooking woods & park. Top quality construction, cathedral ceilings, walkout bsmt, 3.5 baths, 2 car attached Garage, & more. \$279,900 (P-935RI)</p>	<p>16468 Ridgewood S OF 6 MILE RD W OF RIDGE CUL DE SAC LOCATION Check out this home featuring volume ceilings, open floor plan, neutral décor, maple Kitchen, Master Suite w/huge WIC & bath w/6 ft tub! Northville Schools. Must See! \$409,900 (P-468RI)</p>	<p>1215 Crowndale S OF CHERRY HILL E OF BECK RD PHEASANT VIEW CAPE Outstanding home on a corner lot. Great floor plan offering dramatic ceilings, gourmet Kitchen, 1st floor master w/ jetted tub & crown moldings, & a 3 car garage. \$359,900 (P-215CR)</p>
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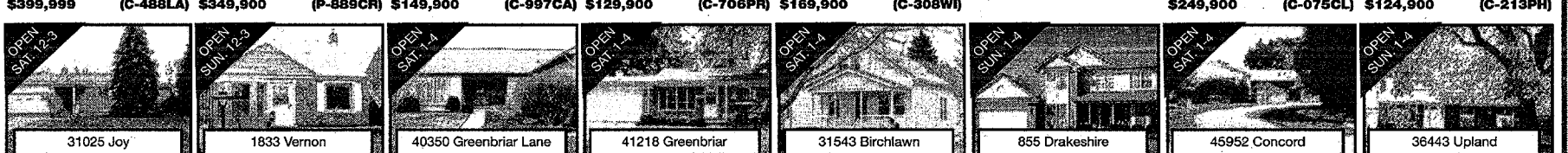
<p>6382 Courtland N OF FORD RD, W OF HAGGERTY GREAT HOME! Located in popular Pickwick Sub, this beautiful home has it all. Walking distance to parks, updates galore including roof, furnace, siding, gutters, paint, Kitchen, baths, & big screen TV stays! \$234,900 (P-382CO)</p>	<p>12405 Pinecrest N OF ANN ARBOR TRAIL W OF SHELTON PLYMOUTH CONDO Fantastic 3 bd, 3.5 bath condo w/an easy walk to downtown. 2 car attached Garage, lots of updates done in the last 2 years, too many to list. \$237,500 (P-405PI)</p>	<p>15061 Gary Lane S OF 5 MILE W OF FARMINGTON SUPER BRICK RANCH Charming home w/updated Anderson quality & elegance w/2600+ sq windows, Kitchen, bath, furnace, roof, insulated 2.5 car Garage, FR w/frpl, great yard w/Deck, patio, & BBQ. Finished bsmt w/drybar & hwd floors. \$196,500 (P-061GA)</p>	<p>45305 Woodleigh Way N OF ANN ARBOR RD E OF CANTON CENTER TURN KEY COLONIAL Find quality & elegance w/2600+ sq ft, 4 large bds, 3.5 baths, remodeled Master w/heated floors, extensive crown molding, remodeled Kitchen, finished walkout & a great Deck. \$348,500 (P-305WO)</p>	<p>14949 Eckles S OF 5 MILE RD E OF HAGGERTY PLYMOUTH - 1.45 ACRES Country setting close to Plymouth & Livonia shopping. 4 bd, 2088 sq ft, clean & neutral t/o. Decks off Master & Dining Room, large Patio w/ hot tub, & treehouse w/elec. \$239,900 (P-949EC)</p>	<p>14446 Yale S OF 5 MILE W OF FARMINGTON LIVONIA RANCH Beautiful, spacious ranch featuring 3 bd, 3 baths, Family Room w/frpl, Master w/bath, finished bsmt w/wetbar, 2nd Kitchen, & bath, lots of storage & great landscaping. \$219,500 (P-446YA)</p>	<p>2546 Cleveland Way N OF GEDDES E OF BECK SPECTACULAR CONDO Vacation at home in this gorgeous 3 bd condo w/1st fl Master, volume ceilings, walking distance to pool, fantastic view of pond from wall of windows, gourmet Kitchen, & more. \$264,900 (P-546CL)</p>	<p>40463 Glen Eagle S OF PALMER W OF LOTZ ELEGANT CONDO Enjoy the convenience of condo living in beautiful Links of Fellows Creek. 2 bd, 2 bath, Master w/ large WIC, upgraded kitchen cabinets, carpet, custom blinds, & area pool & clubhouse. \$177,000 (P-463GL)</p>
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<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, part finished bsmt, large Deck & charming neighborhood. \$164,900 (P-656HA)</p>	<p>1923 Woodbine S OF PALMER W OF LILLEY STUNNING CAPE COD Numerous accents abound in this open floor plan. 1st floor Master, vaulted ceilings, gourmet Kitchen, Library, brick Paver patio, huge bsmt, good location, & home warranty included! \$299,900 (P-923WO)</p>	<p>30654 Elmira S OF PLYMOUTH RD E OF MERRIMAN LIVONIA RANCH This 3 bd brick ranch offers a spacious Liv Rm, remodeled bath, hwd floors in all bedrooms, finished bsmt, updated plumbing, elec, hwh, windows, & roof. \$154,900 (P-654EL)</p>	<p>2630 Avis N OF 14 MILE RD W OF RYAN RD BEST IN THE SUBDIVISION Totally updated colonial featuring 4 bds, 2.5 baths, & Family Room w/frpl, Updates include oak Kitchen, berber carpet, newer roof, hwd floors, & much more. \$226,900 (P-630AV)</p>	<p>1580 S. Schuman N OF PALMER E OF WAYNE RD THIS IS THE HOME FOR YOU Beautiful 3 bd ranch is move in ready! Great floor plan, open Kitchen, updated bath, new roof & C/A, vinyl windows, finished bsmt, big Garage & lots more. Call today! \$149,900 (P-580SC)</p>	<p>28860 Five Mile N OF 5 MILE E OF MIDDLEBELT DON'T MISS THIS ONE Awesome Livonia condo w/all the features you want! New carpet & hwd floors, & appliances inc. Priced to sell, nearly 20k under SEV. Motivated sellers say bring offers. \$128,899 (C-860FI)</p>	<p>50150 Hanford N OF FORD W OF RIDGE COUNTRY RANCH Move right into this 5 bd ranch situated on 5 acres w/creek winding thru it. Great Canton location, 2 natural fireplaces, game room, & too much more to list. \$459,900 (C-150HA)</p>	<p>900 S. Carlson S OF CHERRY HILL W OF WAYNE RD LARGE WESTLAND RANCH Move your family into this 3 bd home w/a large newer Garage, Family Room, completely remodeled in 2006, & more. Also for lease. \$134,900 (C-900CA)</p>
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<p>49488 Lansdowne S OF CHERRY HILL W OF DENTON RD 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 can't build a new home here for less than this price, lets make a deal! \$399,999 (C-488LA)</p>	<p>46889 Crestview Drive N OF 10 MILE E OF BECK RD THE JEWEL OF ROMA RIDGE This beautiful colonial backs up to wetlands on a corner lot. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, oversized Master Suite, updated & freshly painted t/o. Priced to sell! \$349,900 (P-889CR)</p>	<p>14997 Cavour S OF 5 MILE E OF MIDDLEBELT UNIQUE & STYLISH Set on a large double lot, this home has hwd floors, huge Fam Rm, vaulted ceilings, beautiful backyard, updated windows, roof, C/A, furnace, & tons of storage. Home warranty. \$149,900 (C-997CA)</p>	<p>7706 Princeton N OF WARREN W OF NEWBURGH JUST REDUCED!!! Recent price drop on this Westland condo w/Livonia schools. 2 bd, 2 baths, frpl, basement, Deck & master w/bath. All appliances included, plus low assoc dues. \$129,900 (C-706PR)</p>	<p>15308 Williams N OF 5 MILE E OF NEWBURGH DESIRABLE AREA 3 bd, 1.5 bath brick home in a great area. Family Room w/frpl, part finished bsmt, 2 car attached Garage, all appliances included, & immediate occupancy. \$169,900 (C-308WI)</p>	<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>39075 Clocktower S OF ECORSE E OF HANNAN NEWER COLONIAL This 4 bd, 2.5 bath home has a lot to offer. Spacious Fam Rm w/cathedral ceiling & gas frpl island Kitchen w/pantry, 1st fl laundry, 3 car side entry Garage, & much more. \$249,900 (C-075CL)</p>	<p>19213 Philomene N OF ECORSE E OF PALMER COZY & AFFORDABLE Move in & relax in this ranch offering an updated Kitchen w/stain steel appl, Liv Rm w/hwd flooring, new roof in 06, Garage, part finished bsmt, & party Deck in fenced yard. \$124,900 (C-213PH)</p>
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<p>31025 Joy S OF JOY RD E OF MERRIMAN MECHANIC'S DREAM Let your dreams come true in this 3 bd brick ranch w/huge 3 car Garage w/pit & a drive rear door. Large fenced lot can be split, nice eat in Kitchen, full bsmt, & covered patio. \$204,000 (C-025JO)</p>	<p>1833 Vernon S OF FORD W OF TELEGRAPH FULLY LOADED BUNGALOW Filled w/updates, Hanson tempered windows, vinyl siding, roof, appliances, C/A, beautiful wood floors, 2 car Garage, & extra insulation added to cut down on heating costs. Home Warranty! \$144,900 (C-833VE)</p>	<p>40350 Greenbriar Lane S OF 5 MILE RD E OF HAGGERTY A PLYMOUTH JEWEL This 3bd, 2 bath ranch offers a Fam Rm w/ firepl, oak Kitchen w/breakfast bar, door wall leading to Deck, privacy fenced yard, 1st fl laundry, 2 car Garage, & prof finished bsmt w/extra storage. \$254,900 (P-350GR)</p>	<p>41218 Greenbriar S OF 5 MILE RD E OF HAGGERTY OPPORTUNITY AWAITS This 4 bd home is located in highly sought after Lakepointe Village. Updated Kitchen, large Fam Rm w/frpl, 1.5 baths, newer furnace & C/A, appliances stay, & Home Warranty included. \$209,000 (P-218GR)</p>	<p>31543 Birchlawn N OF FORD W OF MERRIMAN MOVE IN AND ENJOY Curb appeal abounds w/this picture perfect Garden City gem. Great location, spacious double lot, many updates including siding, oak Kitchen, carpet, glass block, neutral décor, 2.5 car Garage w/opener, & room for an RV. Must see! \$144,900 (P-543BI)</p>	<p>855 Drakeshire N OF MAPLE W OF BENSTEIN ENJOY THE VIEW! This home is terrific for entertaining. Beautiful landscaped lot w/view of fountain & pond. Great Sunroom extends to Deck & Patio, vaulted ceilings, updated oak Kitchen, finished bsmt w/garden windows, & more. \$309,900 (P-856DR)</p>	<p>45952 Concord N OF ANN ARBOR TRAIL W OF SHELTON DESIRABLE LOCATION Impressive Beacon Estates ranch w/4-5 bd, finished bsmt w/egress, 3.5 baths, updated roof, cedar closet, office, central vacuum, beautifully landscaped acre lot, & so much more. \$399,900 (P-952CO)</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>
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What's your home worth - really?

(NAPSI) — Many homeowners are curious about the value of their property and would like to find a reliable way to get an estimate. Here are some tips on how to get the facts and not settle for a guess:

■ Don't always believe what you see at online home valuation sites. On some sites, you can enter your address and a property value pops up. While these sites can sometimes be fairly accurate, research has shown that they are often off the mark. The reason is that online valuation sites primarily consider public records data such as tax assessments or listings for sale — not current, independent appraisal data. Plus, Web valuation sites can't look inside a house to note major upgrades such as a new kitchen or other amenities. A good rule of thumb: Don't take a free Internet estimate to the bank.

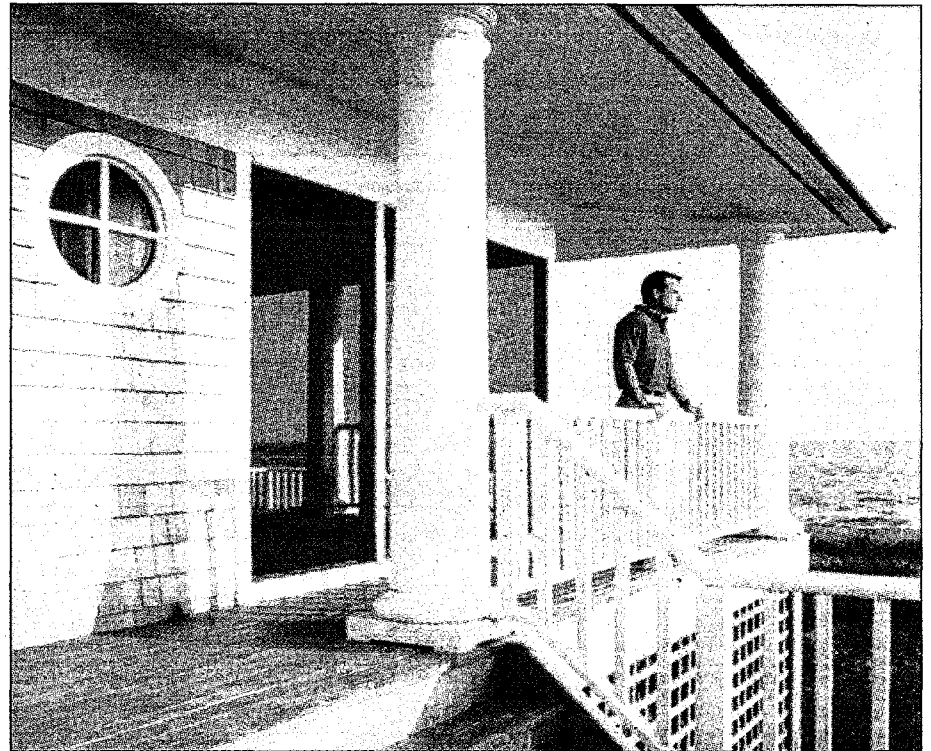
■ Not all appraisers are equal. The most reliable way to get a value estimate of your home is to use a professional real estate appraiser. Using current market data, knowledge of the area, a home visit and analysis of comparable properties, the appraiser arrives at an opinion of market value.

Appraisers are hired by banks or mortgage brokers during a pending sale transaction. Homeowners can also hire their

own appraiser as a check on the bank's appraiser, or for assurance that they aren't paying too much. Homeowners also use appraisers for home valuations when appealing property tax assessments, drafting wills, undertaking a major home renovation or dividing property pursuant to legal actions.

Although all real estate appraisers must be state licensed or certified, some appraisers increase their credentials by earning an SRA designation conferred by the Appraisal Institute to distinguish members experienced in the analysis and valuation of residential real property. They meet stringent education, experience and ethical requirements that surpass many of those required for state licensure. Appraisal Institute-designated appraisers can be found at www.appraisalinstitute.org.

Not all renovations add value. A common misperception among homeowners is that remodeling and renovating cost equals value. Remodeling a kitchen or bathroom may bring the greatest return on your investment, but some custom installations can actually detract from value. A good rule is to stick to what's standard in your neighborhood and consider projects that add square footage to bring a house up to — but not beyond — community norms.



Online sites that offer free home valuation may be significantly off the mark because they can't factor in upgrades.



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Home is where the money is

(NAPSI) — The American dream of homeownership is one of the best paths to accumulating personal wealth. According to a Federal Reserve 2004 Survey of Consumer Finances, the median net wealth of homeowners is \$184,400, while the median net wealth of renters is only \$4,000.

Owning a home gives families a sense of pride, stability and security, and for many, the roof over their heads also helps build a sizable nest egg. For example, a \$210,000 home purchased today with a \$10,000 down payment and a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage at 6.5 percent would cost a steady \$1,100 per month. After 10 years, assuming an historic 4.5-percent annual appreciation rate, the homeowner would have accumulated a net worth of \$138,521.

In comparison, over the past 10 years, the cost of rental housing in the United States has increased an average of 3 percent per year. A rental payment of \$1,000 per month, with a 3-percent annual increase, would amount to \$137,567 after 10 years, with no wealth accumulation.

"Owning a home is a wealth

builder for many Americans. However, all real estate is local and this can lead to swings in a property's value in certain markets. While it may make sense to rent in some communities in the short term, buying is a safe, steady investment for buyers looking to own long term," said David Lereah, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors.

Owning is a form of automatic savings. Homeowners who make mortgage payments on an amortized loan (a loan where portions of the payment are applied to both the principal amount and the interest due) increase their home "equity," or wealth, every month. Equity also grows as the home appreciates in

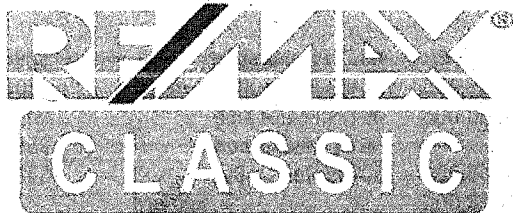
value.

Homeowners also enjoy many tax benefits, including mortgage interest and real estate tax deductions on personal income tax returns.

While there are additional expenses that can be incurred from owning — like maintenance, insurance and taxes — the increase in homeowner's equity as the house appreciates usually outweighs these costs.

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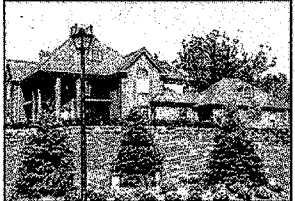


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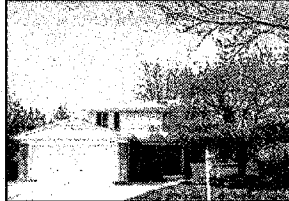
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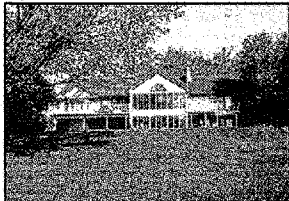


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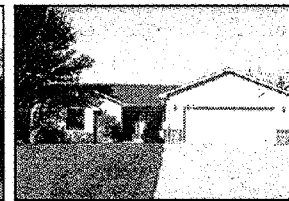
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Canton	
50547 Amberley Blvd	\$161,000
43144 Applewood Rd	\$204,000
2411 Arcadia Dr	\$134,000
1835 Ashbourne Dr	\$263,000
42099 Briarcliff Ct	\$215,000
7548 Charrington Dr	\$247,000
8241 Chatham Dr	\$800,000
43497 Cherrywood Ln	\$214,000
46524 Crosswick	\$375,000
1480 Delancy Cir	\$450,000
49167 Dominion Ct	\$475,000
6820 Foxcreek Dr	\$300,000
47097 Glastonbury Dr	\$386,000
48516 Greenwich Cir	\$322,000
45173 Horseshoe Cir	\$155,000
232 Morgan Dr	\$196,000
45631 Morningside Dr	\$298,000
7061 Newgate Ct	\$265,000
4038 Norwich Dr	\$143,000
49816 Potomac Rd	\$229,000
2851 River Meadow Cir	\$244,000
48380 River Way Dr	\$420,000
43915 S Umlerland Cir	\$225,000
51209 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$257,000
4441 Southbridge Dr	\$46,000

Farmington	
32718 Grand River Ave	\$70,000
Farmington Hills	
29077 Glenbrook Dr	\$368,000
36846 Kenmore Dr	\$405,000
38365 Lowell Dr	\$340,000
29685 N Meadowridge	\$250,000
21117 Willow Ln	\$135,000
Garden City	
7005 Inkster Rd	\$150,000
6065 Shotka St	\$196,000
Livonia	
15650 Doris St	\$155,000
36188 Fairway Dr	\$105,000
14663 Fairway St	\$235,000
36644 Grandon St	\$125,000
10042 Hartel Ct	\$150,000
8948 Hartel St	\$175,000
29518 Joy Rd	\$65,000
29449 Linda St	\$158,000
39349 Lyndon St	\$198,000
11308 Mayfield St	\$185,000
11112 Middlebelt Rd	\$80,000
31104 Orangelawn St	\$182,000
39240 Orangelawn St	\$185,000
19434 Osmuś St	\$183,000
38110 Ross St	\$178,000
9151 Stonehouse Ave	\$256,000
31719 Summers St	\$162,000
18246 University Park Dr	\$140,000
30006 Vassar St	\$230,000
32918 Vermont St	\$151,000

Milford	
761 Milford Glen Ct	\$235,000
599 Tower Ridge Ct	\$300,000
Northville	
17018 Boulder Dr	\$465,000
17018 Brooklane Blvd	\$468,000
16943 Courville Dr	\$382,000
17450 Deer Path Dr	\$475,000
49053 Freestone Dr	\$425,000
46710 Merion Cir	\$760,000
41777 Onaway Dr	\$106,000
49117 Rainbow Ln N	\$401,000
48806 Running Trout Ln	\$134,000
Novi	
45441 Addington Ln	\$373,000
45167 Bartlett Dr	\$168,000
27668 Belgrave Place	\$351,000
51128 East Bourne Terrace	\$269,000
27909 Hopkins Dr	\$167,000
23157 Meadowbrook Rd	\$355,000
25583 Portico Ln	\$219,000
44751 Roundview Dr	\$320,000
41328 Todd Ln	\$238,000
24362 Venice Dr	\$290,000
23270 W Le Bost	\$224,000
Plymouth	
1117 Beech St	\$260,000
10976 Chestnut Dr	\$205,000
14857 Greenbriar Ct	\$245,000
1530 Nantucket Rd	\$160,000
40847 Newport Dr	\$122,000
1754 Old Salem	\$243,000

11373 Pinehurst Rd	\$290,000
42483 Plymouth Hollow Dr	\$100,000
49479 Pointe Xing	\$155,000
11054 Sandalwood Dr	\$558,000
50929 Weston Dr	\$385,000
Redford	
24774 Ashley Ct	\$190,000
9090 Beech Daly Rd	\$120,000
9171 Centralia	\$160,000
18494 Delaware Ave	\$138,000
12920 Norborne	\$57,000
8843 Riverdale	\$137,000
13561 Royal Grand	\$128,000
15182 Salem Ct	\$145,000
26649 Southwestern Hwy	\$75,000
26341 W Seven Mile Rd	\$65,000
South Lyon	
1036 Cantor Ln	\$285,000
Westland	
31124 Geraldine St	\$125,000
8226 Huntington St	\$58,000
1117 Judith St	\$143,000
32541 Mackenzie Dr	\$162,000
36490 Newberry Estates Dr	\$370,000
2561 Nichols Ct	\$188,000
32459 Palmer Rd	\$106,000
549 Ravencrest Ln	\$158,000
819 S Merriman Rd	\$104,000
5165 S Middlebelt Rd	\$120,000
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Acre Lot Backing To Woods, In-law Ste W/sep Ent, Main Fir w/LR, Fam Rm, Kit, & 1.5 Bths. Upstairs, 2 lrg BRs & Full Bth. Fin Bsmt W/tp, BR #7, Kit & Bth
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WHITE LAKE \$299,900
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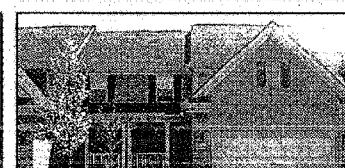
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$199,900
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HOWELL \$199,900
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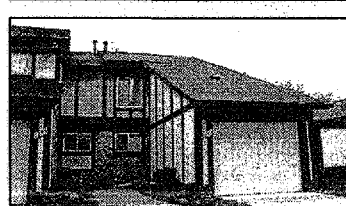
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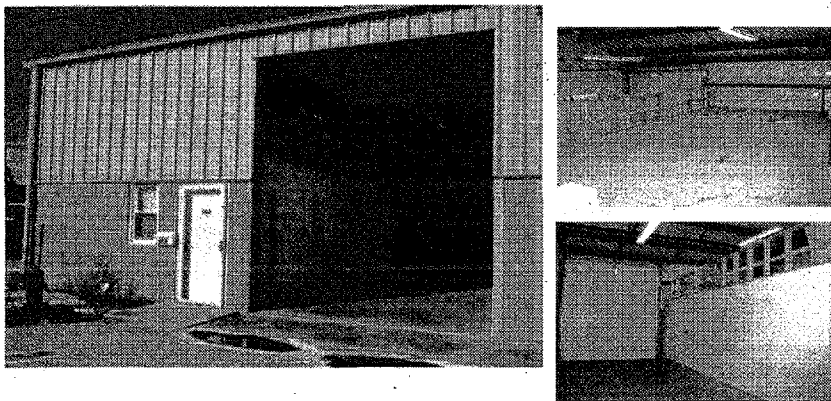
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AT&T, which owns telecommunications cable on the properties, has agreed to pay net compensation benefits of up to approximately \$2.40 per

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For more information or forms, contact The Louisiana Case TeleCable Settlement Center by calling (800) 436-6136, writing P.O. Box 131110, Dallas, TX 75313-1110, or e-mailing TeleCableCenter@lecg.com. The settlement home page is <http://att.fsiwebs.net/rrcorridors>.

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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 - 8-11 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.

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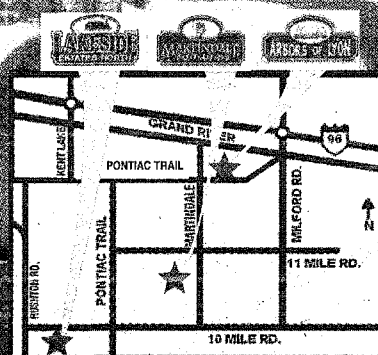
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Q. One of the co-owners in our condominium has displayed a toilet painted in a particular school's colors underneath their deck in their back yard and the board is serious about fining them. Do you have any suggestions?

A. Besides it potentially being obnoxious, it may well, no doubt, be in violation of the condominium restrictions against maintaining a nuisance or otherwise placing personal property on common elements. If the board chooses to fine, the board should be sure that it complies with the notice and hearing requirements mandated by the Condominium Act and presumably the condominium documents.

Q. I have heard about a recent case in a co-op regarding mold related health problems which resulted in a dismissal of a claim. Do you any information?

A. I am advised that a couple claimed that mold-related health problems drove them out of their co-op building in New York. After reviewing 1,000 pages of testimony and more than 70



Robert Meisner

scientific articles and books, the judge concluded that the couple had not shown conclusive scientific evidence that mold or a damp, indoor environment caused their illness. The court relied on the Federal Court of Appeals case of *Frye vs. United States* that

found that testimony regarding novel scientific evidence is not allowed if it has not "gained general acceptance in the particular field in which it belongs." The court in that case evaluated the mold sampling report, medical reports, and scientific writings and gave great weight to a 2004 report issued by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine which found that existing research did not show sufficient evidence of a casual relationship between mold and symptoms complained of. The judge also considered a 2006 posi-

tion paper of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology which did not find a causal relationship between airborne mold exposure and allergies, rashes, or fatigue. Of course, that is merely a New York decision and each case must be evaluated on its own facts. In other words, the court found that the couple's health problems could have arisen from other manifestations of building dampness such as dust mites, cockroaches, or chemical emis-

sions from building materials.

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 brmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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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 com-

mercial 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.

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Golf outing is June 21

Commercial Real Estate Women Detroit's 11th annual golf outing will be Thursday, June 21, at Pine Knob Golf Course, 5580 Waldon Road, Clarkston. A portion of proceeds will benefit Alternatives For Girls in Detroit (www.alternativesforgirls.org).

Registration is 8:30 a.m. with continental breakfast; 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Cost is \$175 for golf, breakfast, lunch, happy hour and dinner or \$35 for happy hour and dinner. Register by June 14 online at www.crewdetroit.org or contact Megan Cottrell at (888) 866-CREW or megancc@crewnetwork.org. Prepayment and pre-registration are required.

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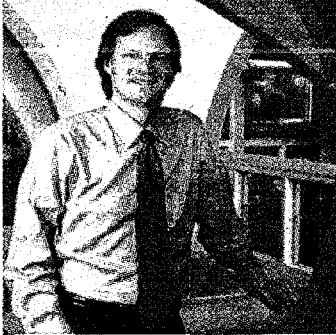
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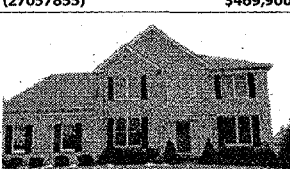



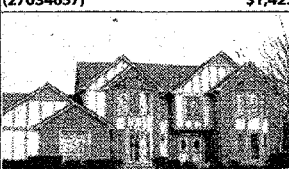
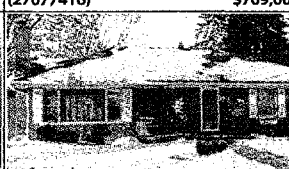

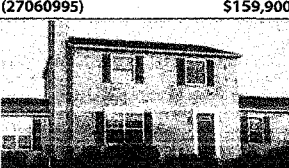
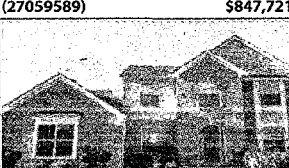
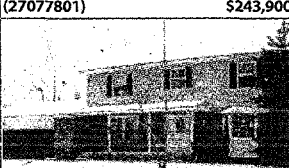


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 <p>Hartland 734-591-9200 LARGE, ALL BRICK CUSTOM BUILT RANCH. Over 3000 SF nestled on 10+ wooded acres. Ability to split. Full W/O bsmt, 100 SF InLaw qtrs 2 full kits + all appl. Vault clngs hwdwd flrs t/o hickory cabs & more.</p> <p>(27057855) \$469,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 734-591-9200 BEAUTIFUL AND CLEAN COLONIAL. 4 br 2 bath col 2600 sq ft. Huge foyer welcomes you in all rms are spacious. Well maint. and spotless clean 2 car gar. 2 tiered deck, great house for entertaining.</p> <p>(27046658) \$339,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-851-1900 NEWER CONSTRUCTION Ready to move in. 4 bdrm 2.5 bath, 2400 sq ft. Open floor plan. Maple kitchen. Fireplace in fam rm. Master ste w/WIC & jetted tub. Great buy.</p> <p>(27033823) \$265,900</p>	 <p>Milford 248-348-6430 UPDATES GALORE ON 3 ACRES Newer kitchen & Brazilian Cherry flrs. Mstr ba w/skylite & jetted tub. Newer furn & h20 heater. New composite deck & circular drvwy. Awesome views from every wndw.</p> <p>(27043072) \$299,900</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Milford Super condo for lease.</p> <p>(27034657) \$1,425</p>	 <p>Northville 248-851-1900 LOVELY MAIN HOME + GUEST HOUSE ON 2 ACRE Main home has gourmet kitchen GR w/sliding French doors & frplc. 1st flr MBR suite. Finished bsmt w/full bath, bar, rec rm. Clean, updated. Guest house is about 900 SF.</p> <p>(27077416) \$709,000</p>
 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 FABULOUS VIEW ON THE 5TH FAIRWAY Cheshire model w/2nd flr bonus rm, two story foyer, expanded kit & brkfst rm, 9' ceilings on 1st flr, FR w/frpl & vaulted ceiling, extra windows & skylights.</p> <p>(27053051) \$562,900</p>	 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 SPACIOUS NORTHVILLE CONDO This lovely Brentwood flr plan offers cathedral ceilings in GR, DR & mstr suite. GR w/central fr & doorwall to deck. Convenient to pool, clubhouse & fitness center.</p> <p>(27060995) \$159,900</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 ISLAND LAKE ELEGANT COLONIAL Located close to lake/clubhouse. Gourmet gran kit, frml LR & DR, 2 stry GR, 2 FR, huge mstr suite w/sitting room. Dressing area, 4 WIC. 3 full bath includes Jack/Jill.</p> <p>(27059589) \$847,721</p>	 <p>Novi 734-455-7000 END UNIT! FORMER MODEL! Over 2000 sq.ft., numerous upgrades; 3 BR/2.1 BA; master suite on main level; attached garage. Great location!</p> <p>(27077801) \$243,900</p>	 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 OWNERS HAVE LAVISHED CARE AND CHARM INTO THIS LOVELY HOME. Move in just when the gardens burst w/brilliant color. Bow Wndw in LR, DR and Mstr Ste.</p> <p>(27078291) \$444,900</p>	 <p>Redford 734-591-9200 BIG BEAUTIFUL RANCH 3-4 bdrm, 2 full bths & pro fin bsmt. new roof, gar dr, furn, a/c, hwh, glass blk, cop plum, updt elec, some new wind, egress wind in bsmt, rec rm, mini kit.</p> <p>(27046683) \$194,900</p>
 <p>South Lyon 248-348-6430 ATTENTION INVESTORS 16.12 acres with 2 br house. Spacious kitchen, lg enclosed porch. 8 stall barn. Pole 40 x 30 & fenced pasture. Close to school & town.</p> <p>(26131386) \$580,000</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-851-1900 THREE BEDROOM COLONIAL This 1992 home has cathedral ceilings, custom deck, spacious rooms, large windows, neutral carpeting. Great neighborhood w/sidewalks in growing community.</p> <p>(27047935) \$217,900</p>	 <p>Walled Lake 248-348-6430 BEAUTIFUL FIVE BEDROOM HOME This home is located in lovely area of Walled Lake, nice kit & brkfst area, cath ceiling accents FR, awesome fin daylight bsmt, deck, sidewalks & much more!</p> <p>(26185182) \$319,900</p>	 <p>Waterford 248-684-1065 Waterford Open FR w/ fireplace.</p> <p>(27003349) \$264,000</p>	 <p>Wolverine Lake 734-591-9200 ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS! TRUE QUAD with bonus sunroom and another rm added in up. level. Huge modern kitchen, updated baths, new c/a, new paint, custom shelving and nat. fp. in fr. sprinkler sys.</p> <p>(27060383) \$219,900</p>	 <p>Ypsilanti 248-684-1065 Ypsilanti Cute and cozy bungalow.</p> <p>(27011471) \$129,900</p>