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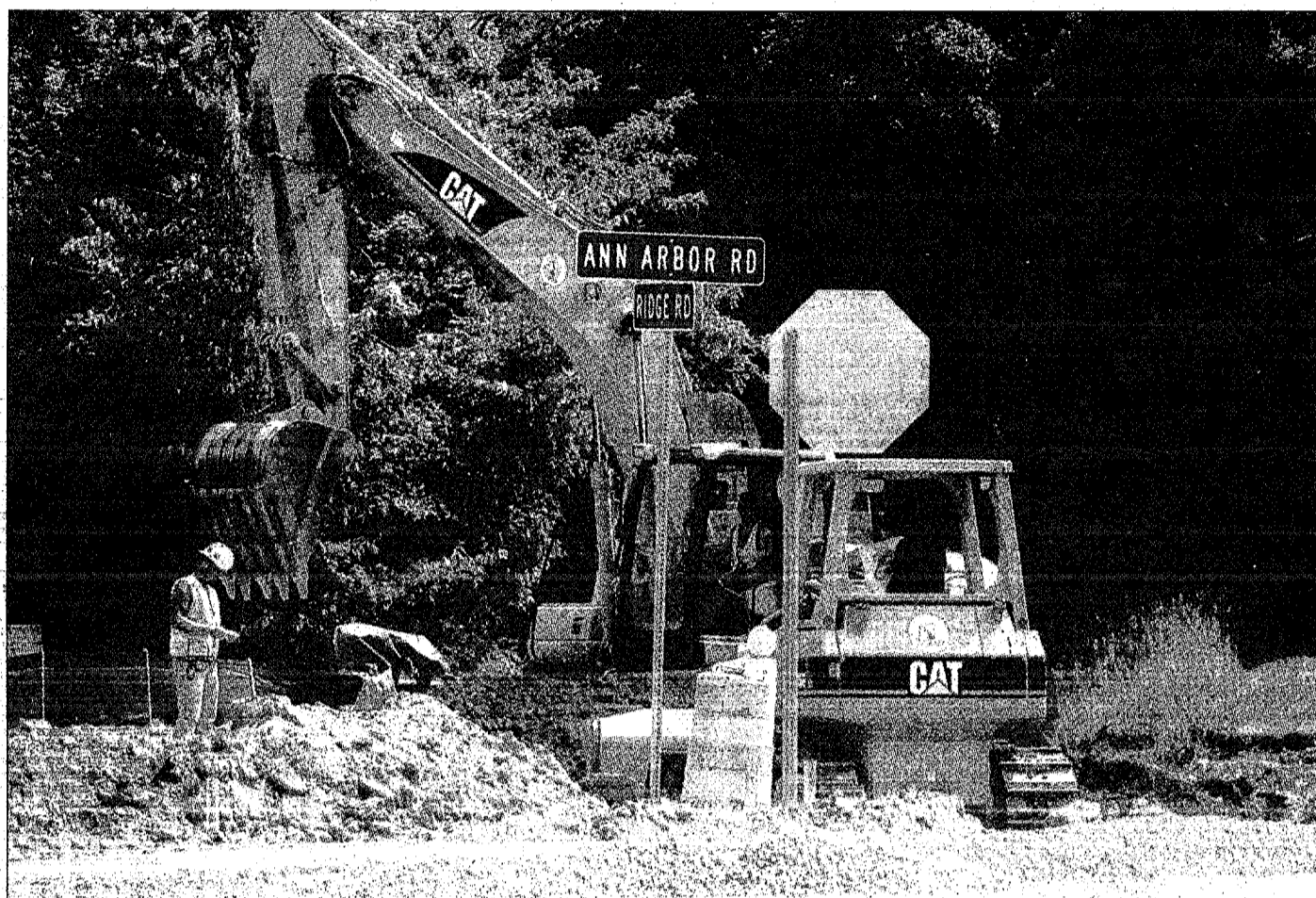
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Construction crews this week began work on improvements at Ann Arbor Road and Ridge that will eventually lead to the installation of a traffic signal at that intersection.

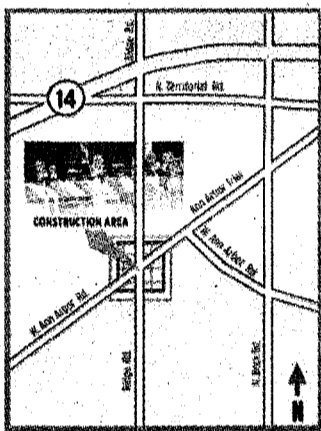
## Road work will help junction see the light

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township resident Sally Bashau drives her children to school, one to Isbister Elementary, the other to West Middle School, and so has to travel the daily traffic gauntlet that can build up at Ann Arbor Road and Ridge.

Accidents and near-misses are a fairly regular occurrence there, with residents trying to get out of neighborhoods and east-west drivers traveling at speeds in excess of the posted 55 mph limit.

That's why residents in the area — along with Plymouth Township officials — have clamored for years to have a traffic light at the intersection. A signal was installed last year during M-14 construction, and a blinking light was recently taken



down as work crews begin road improvements that will lead to the installation of a light.

"I have to go through that intersection every day," said Bashau, who lives off Ann Arbor Road near Gottfredson and works at The Picnic Basket. "I feel sorry (for residents). You take a chance every time you try to turn

there. They need to get (work) done before somebody gets killed."

Work started this week on the intersection improvement project, which Michigan Department of Transportation officials said will include center-turn lanes, through lanes and right-only lanes.

Construction on the \$850,000 project, being paid for using funds dedicated to safety projects, is expected to last through mid-September, MDOT spokesman Rob Morosi said.

The road will first have to be widened, and then right-turn lanes will be added along Ann Arbor Road, Morosi said. The center-turn lane will be added last; the traffic signal will be installed when construction is complete.

Southbound Ridge is

closed for the next month. When MDOT reopens the road to southbound traffic, northbound Ridge will be closed for 30 days.

"During those closures, traffic will be redirected to Beck Road," Morosi said.

Residents bombarded elected officials and MDOT staffers with complaints and requests for the traffic signal. Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington considers the intersection one of the township's most dangerous, and is glad to see work finally beginning on improving it.

"It's long overdue, and I'm grateful to MDOT for listening to the concerns of the community," Tiderington said. "I believe it'll make that intersection safer."

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## Township swallows half of hike

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township residents will have dodged half of a pretty big bullet if their township board members follow through on a plan they developed to raise water rates 15 percent.

While that's still a fairly hefty hike, it's only a little more than half of the 29 percent the township's rate is being raised by the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department. The township board came to a consensus at its Tuesday meeting that residents struggling in a sluggish Michigan economy shouldn't have to shoulder the entire burden.

The board eschewed a recommendation from its auditor, Plante Moran, to raise rates 25.1 percent, instead opting to eat some of Detroit's rate hike with a portion of the \$9 million surplus in the township's water/sewer fund.

Residents currently pay a combined \$5.42 per 1,000 gallons in water/sewer usage (\$2.36 for water, \$3.06 for sewer). That combined rate will rise to \$6.23. The board is scheduled to bring its water/sewer ordinance back for a first reading at its July 17 meeting.

"Do you use the reserves because of the way the economy is and the way families are struggling, or do you (raise the rate) and say, 'This is what we need?'" township Treasurer Ron Edwards said. "I don't think the residents will sit still for 25 percent. If you raise it too high, people aren't going to use their water and we're right back there anyway."

Joe Heffernan of Plante Moran told board members direct costs for operating the fund have gone up 17 percent. The fund's surplus has dwindled over the last five years, from some \$14 million to \$9 million due to increases in expenditures and the board's reluctance to raise water rates.

Heffernan pointed out the costs have gone up the last couple of years, due to things like the township's share of improvements to the Ypsilanti Communities Utility Authority plant, the new water tower and the new township hall.

"You still have a little room, but it's going away," Heffernan said of the surplus. "In the not-too-distant future, the surplus won't be there."

By contrast, the Plymouth City Commission recently voted not to increase water rates to its citizens, who pay a combined \$9.51 now (\$4.10 per 1,000 gallons for water). DWSD did not recommend a rate hike for the city.

## District puts kids back on bus

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth-Canton Schools Supt. Jim Ryan said the number of students who will be affected by the increase in elementary walking distance from a mile to 1½ miles has been reduced significantly.

Ryan said the 2,400 students who were initially affected by the change approved by the Board of Education, the final number will be 641 students who previously rode a bus who will now be required to walk to school.

"We literally looked at every single home and applied the district's safety standards," Ryan said. "We don't want kids to cross any major roads, and everybody has to have safe walkways, though that doesn't necessarily mean a sidewalk."

"We will soon notify the parents of those 641 students, and will prepare our principals, because I

know there will be an increase in parent traffic," he added.

Ken Jacobs, the assistant superintendent for administrative services, said while it may appear the district back-tracked on the busing issue, it just took time to look at each student's situation before making a final decision.

"We already provide busing to kids who live within a mile if there are no sidewalks, predators, all those kinds of things," Jacobs said. "The school board told us they wanted to maintain similar parameters."

As a result of the change, Ryan said the projected cost savings will most likely drop from \$206,000 to about \$40,000.

The Board of Education Tuesday night passed the 2007-08 budget. As expected, trustees approved a \$151.6 million operation that included \$4.2 million in reductions and used \$3.6 million in fund equity to balance the budget.

## Plans rolling for pre-parade bikers

BY BRAD KADRICH  
STAFF WRITER

Using largely just word-of-mouth last year, Ron Edwards was able to muster some 60 kids on bicycles for the pre-parade opener to the Good Morning USA Fourth of July parade.

This year, he's hoping getting the word out early will help triple that number. Edwards said there's enough room for some 180 riders, ages 5 and older. The group would ride out in front of the annual holiday Kiwanis parade.

"We really want to get kids involved," said Edwards, the Plymouth Township treasurer. "Parades are about kids, about families. It's a great thing for young people to be a part of."



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Last year, some 60 youngsters on bikes kicked off the Fourth of July parade. This year, organizers are hoping to triple that number.

There are some requirements for youngsters who wish to ride in the parade. Bikes must be decorated with

a Fourth of July theme, and the riders must be wearing bicycle helmets. The ride will take some 15 minutes.

Anyone interested in riding should call Edwards at (734) 354-3214.

Meanwhile, parade and Plymouth-Canton schools officials still have a limited number of spots available to children who want to walk in the actual parade. Some 100 children are being sought to march, holding signs thanking the community for various aspects of education.

Students who'd like to march should e-mail Linda Paris at parisl@pccs.k12.mi.us or call Ruggirello's office, (734) 416-2757.

The parade kicks off at 7:30 a.m. July 4, traveling on Main Street from Theodore to Hartsough.

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Coming Sunday  
in Health



Red Cross holds holiday blood  
drive. See Sunday's Health Section.

**Citizenship classes**

The Community Literacy Council hosts a free 13-week Citizenship Preparation class at the Plymouth District Library. The classes, which run 7-9 p.m., started Wednesday, June 27, but students can still get in and catch up.

The class is offered to Western Wayne County adults who meet federal naturalization requirements and CLC eligibility including reading level of fourth grade or above.

A certified and experienced CLC tutor and educator will teach the class. Study books and audio CD's will be provided free through a grant from ProLiteracy Worldwide's National Book Scholarship Fund.

Space is limited; call the CLC, (734) 416-4906, for more information and registration.

**Historical walking tours**

The Plymouth Historical Museum, in partnership with the Plymouth Preservation Network, continues their historical walking tours with:

■ July 14, 10:30-11:30 a.m. - The History of the Railroads in Plymouth. Plymouth is the only place in Michigan where you can find railroad

tracks that travel in all four directions of the compass. Gary Stone, member of both the Plymouth Historical Society and the Plymouth Preservation Network, discusses how the railroads changed Plymouth forever. This tour will also cover historical sites located in the north end of Old Village. Tickets are \$10 per person.

■ July 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m. - The Penn Theatre & The Albert E. Patterson House. Ellen Elliot, from the Friends of the Penn, will be the personal tour guide inside the historic Penn Theatre. Then it's just a short walk to the Albert E. Patterson House. Built circa 1930, this beautifully restored arts and crafts home is a treasure of the historic district. Due to small places behind the scenes at the Penn, this tour is limited to 10 people. Tickets are \$15 per person.

Tickets can be purchased at the Plymouth Historical Museum during museum hours (1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) or through PayPal at [www.plymouthhistory.org/walking-tours.html](http://www.plymouthhistory.org/walking-tours.html)

**Child seat clinic**

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free Child Safety Seat clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday July 14, at the Plymouth Township Police Department, located at 9955 N. Haggerty.

The inspections will be by "appointment only," and limited space is available. If you would like to have your child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, please make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734)354-3243.

**Ice cream social**

Plymouth Community Council On Aging hosts its annual "Ice Cream Social"



**Spanish specialty**

Linda Yang (left) and Nickolas Wasylshyn, shown here with Canton High School principal Dr. Cassandra Smith, scored in the top 97 percent in the country on the National Spanish Exam. Yang and Wasylshyn are both freshmen at Canton High School, and enrolled in Spanish II taught by Kathy Hunt. The National Spanish Exam is an on-line, standardized assessment tool given voluntarily by more than 3,000 teachers throughout the country to measure proficiency and achievement of students studying Spanish as a second language.

1:30-3 p.m., Monday, July 9 at the Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail in the Pavilion overlooking the pond. Reservations are required, tickets are available 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday-Friday at the PCCA Office, 201 Main, in downtown Plymouth. Ticket prices are \$1 for PCCA members and \$3 for non-members. There will be a special demonstration by "PAWS With A Cause" dogs trained to provide lifetime team support for people with disabilities and to encourage independence.

For any additional information call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

**Webkinz raffle**

Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M. Foundation is sponsoring a Webkinz Raffle, with the drawing set for 6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 23 in Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth. More than 30 Webkinz will be

raffled off, with proceeds to benefit Rotary projects and Tanger School. Tickets are \$1 each or seven tickets for \$5. Winners need not be present to win.

Tickets and Webkinz are available at Gabriela's, 322 S. Main, Plymouth and from Plymouth A.M. Rotarians. For more information, contact club president Beth Stewart, see the Rotary Web site at [www.plymouthrotaryam.org/](http://www.plymouthrotaryam.org/), Gabriela's Web site at [www.gabrialas.com/](http://www.gabrialas.com/) or the Webkinz site at [www.webkinz.com/](http://www.webkinz.com/)

**Chamber golf**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts its annual golf outing Monday, July 9, at Northville Hills Golf Club, an award winning Arnold Palmer Championship Golf Course.

The outing begins with free clinics at 10:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Dinner and cocktails will be

immediately following in the Northville Hills Clubhouse.

Individual golfers are \$300 per person or \$1,000 for a VIP Foursome, which includes golf cart, lunch, refreshments on the course, dinner, cocktails and a tee sign.

The chamber's golf outing will also be the location of the 2007 Corporate Challenge. Each participating foursome will be placed in one of four business categories to compete for top honors. There will be one trophy awarded to the winning foursome of each category. The four categories for the 2007 Corporate Challenge are Financial, Professional, Industry and Automotive.

This outing, sponsored by Victory Honda of Plymouth, is one of the chamber's major fund-raisers and supports its community programs, including Plymouth 101, Walk of Trees, Scarecrows in the Park and Santa in Kellogg Park.

For more information, contact the chamber, (734) 453-1540.

**Summer cinema**

The Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth plays host to a variety of summer cinema matinees.

Sponsored by Plymouth District Library, Wolverine & Spartan Shop, Michigan Made & More, Signature Audio Services, Book Cellar & Café, Bennigan's Grill & Tavern and Cold Stone Creamery, movies play Tuesdays at 1 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$3.

The schedule: July 19 & 21 - *October Sky*; July 26 & 28 - *Curious George*; July 3 & 5 - *The Secret Garden*; July 10 & 12 - *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants*; July 17 & 19 - *The Goonies*; July 24 & 26 - *Mary Poppins*; July 31 & Aug. 2 - *Chronicles of Narnia*; Aug. 7 & 9 - *Spy Kids*; Aug. 14 & 16

- The original *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*; Aug. 21 & 23 - *Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone*.

**Grief support workshop**

Ward Presbyterian Church sponsors a one-day grief seminar, From Grief to New Hope, 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 21.

The workshop will be presented by Cathy Clough of Plymouth, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. All adults who are learning to cope after the death of a loved one are encouraged to attend.

There is no charge for the seminar. Ward Church is located in Northville at 6 Mile and Haggerty. Registration is not necessary, but if further information is needed call Barb Brace at Ward Church, (248) 374-5943. For information about New Hope Center for Grief Support's other age and loss specific groups call (248) 348-0115.

**Entertainment Book**

The Plymouth Symphony League is selling Entertainment Books as one of its fund-raisers.

For only \$20, buy the 2008 Entertainment Book and receive a 2007 Book free. The book offers 50-percent discount coupons at hundreds of restaurants and discounts for many other services and events.

Buyers wishing to support the Plymouth Symphony and Orchestra Canton can purchase a 2008 Entertainment Book at the Plymouth Symphony Office, located next to the Cozy Cafe in downtown Plymouth, (734) 451-2112, or call Mary Thomas at (734) 453-3016. The 2008 Entertainment Book will be available for pick up in August.

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# More than just 'oohs' and 'ahhs'

## Holiday fireworks come with their share of dangers

BY MATT JACHMAN  
STAFF WRITER

A series of explosions Monday rocked Redford Township's Bell Creek Park — all in the name of fireworks safety.

The pyrotechnics, staged by federal agents, were intended to illustrate for young people the dangers of illegal fireworks. The most dramatic display came when an M-80-type device cut a mannequin in half at the waistline.

"What could it do to you? That's something to think about," George Krappmann, a supervising special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, told children gathered at Bell Creek's soccer fields. A closer inspection revealed the explosion also took the fingers off the mannequin's right hand.

That mirrored a case Krappmann handled one Fourth of July: A boy took a bottle rocket, thought to be a dud and, with a friend, cut it in two and lit it. "It blew half his hand off," Krappmann told the children.

The message wasn't lost on Anita Stanfield of Farmington Hills, 16, who asked several questions of Krappmann.

"I thought it was very helpful and useful," Anita said of the event.

Anita said she's known people who've used illegal fireworks. She said she plans on taking in a professional fireworks show this Fourth of July season. "They're very fun, very exciting," she said.

Kameron Barden, 10, of Detroit, liked the event, too. "I liked it how — when the man blew up," Kameron said.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, who sponsors the event each year, told the children that the safest thing they can do with fireworks is — don't.

"Probably the best thing you can do is go to a professional show and not touch one yourself," Ficano said.

If you do use fireworks, he continued, be safe, do it with



George Krappmann, ATF group supervisor, shows and explains the different illegal fireworks.

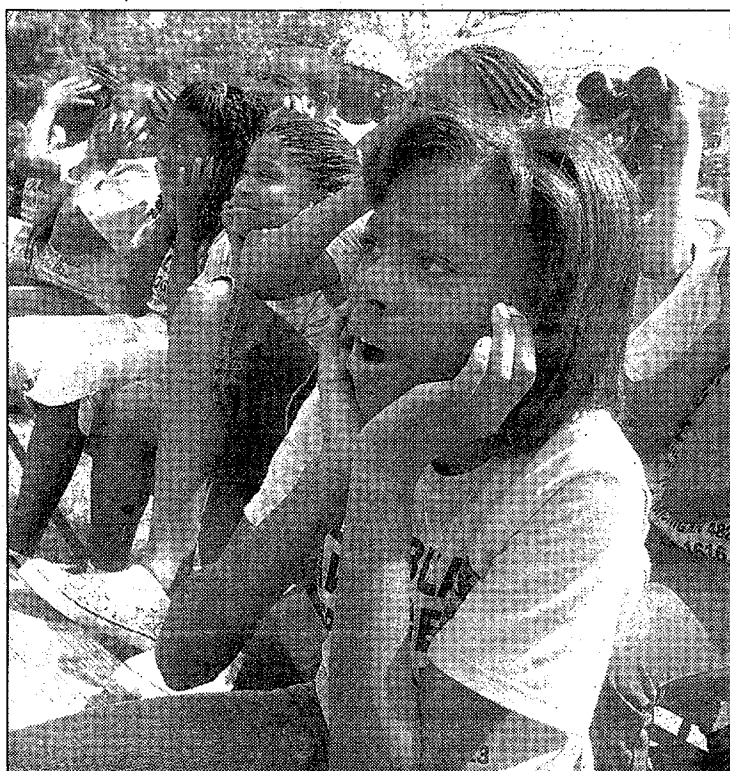


ATF explosion specialist Yvonne Meyer sets up a table of illegal fireworks. Michigan law says that anything that leaves the ground or explodes is illegal.

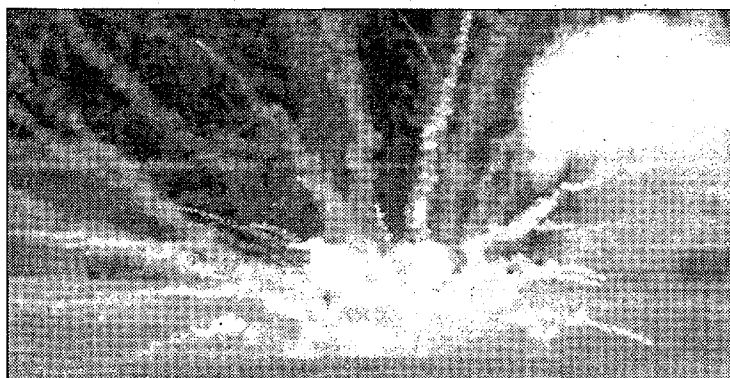
adults and have water nearby. "Fireworks are very, very dangerous," he said.

State law limits legal fireworks to those that don't spin, twirl, leave the ground or create a loud explosion. Legal fireworks include sparklers (up to 14 inches), snakes, fountains, paper caps and toy noisemakers. Such things as bottle rockets, firecrackers and Roman candles are illegal to possess in Michigan.

On the federal side, illegal possession of an M-80 or a shell intended for professional use carries a penalty of up to 10 years in prison, Krappmann



Anita Stanfield, 13, of Farmington Hills attending Lkebula Village Summer Program in Detroit, plugs her ears as the first explosive is set off by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). They were partnered with Wayne County CEO Robert Ficano to promote a safe Fourth of July holiday.



A commercial aerial device was set off as part of the illegal fireworks demonstrated by ATF.

said. "It's nothing to mess around with," he said.

Two other M-80 devices were set off Monday at Bell Creek. One exploded by itself and the other nearly vaporized a watermelon. In addition, a three-inch shell intended for professional use was also exploded.

Free home smoke detectors were handed out to people attending the event.

The smoke detectors were courtesy of the Detroit Red Wings, team member Henrik Zetterberg and Lowe's Home Improvement.



Shila, Jay Towers and Bill McAllister

## Meet and eat with crew of Motor City Middays

The *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* are teaming up with Buddy's to present "Dining With the Stars" featuring Jay Towers, Shila and Bill McAllister host of Motor City Middays, on Live 97.1 FREE FM.

In 100 words or less, tell us why you're a fan of the Motor City Middays crew and would like to have lunch or dinner at Buddy's Pizza in July with the trio from 97.1 FREE FM.

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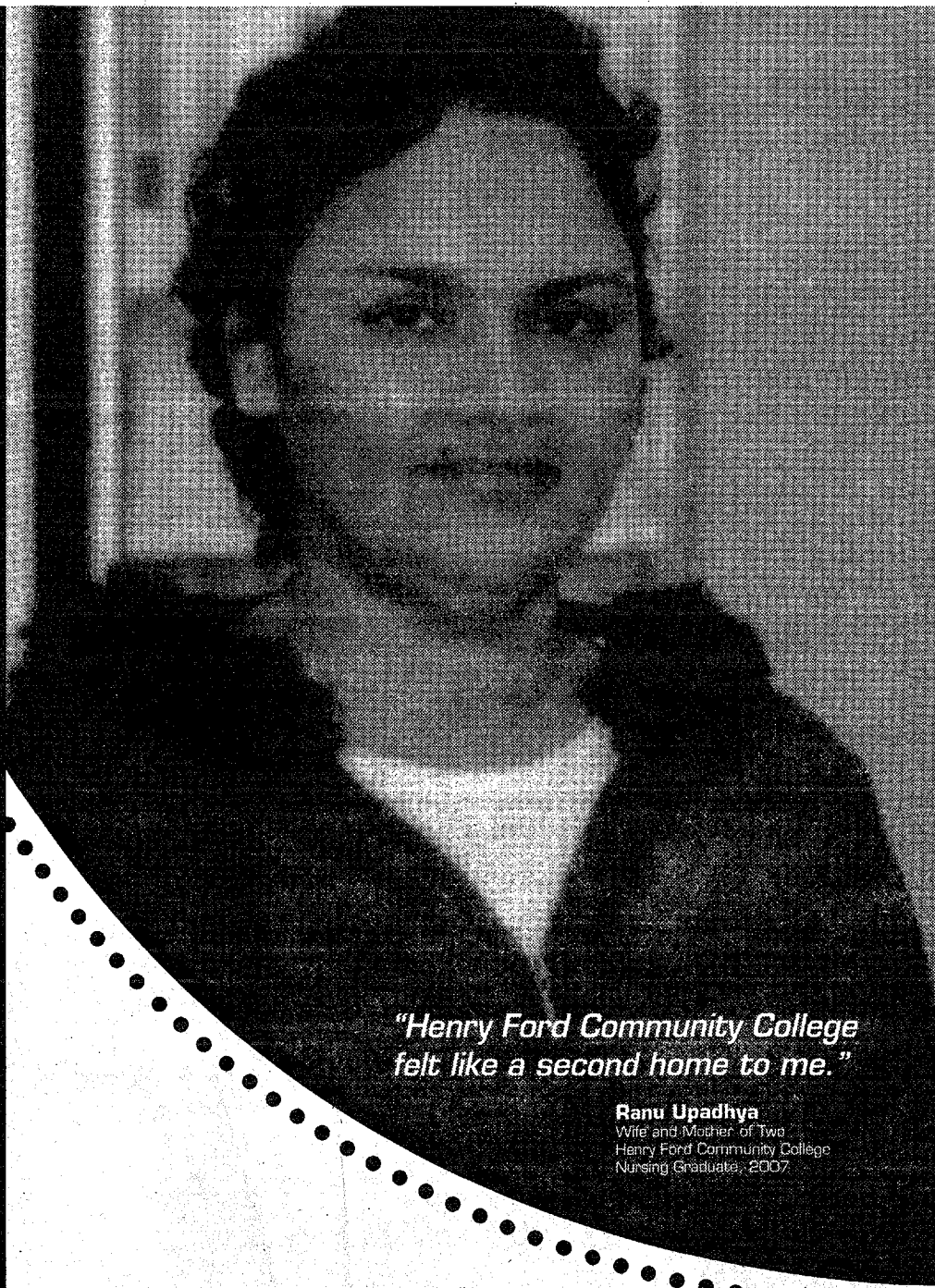
Deadline to enter the July contest is 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 17.

A photograph of you and your favorite stars will be published in the *Observer & Eccentric* and *Mirror Newspapers* and online at [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).

Other upcoming dining with stars include August: CoCo of WJLB-FM (97.9) and September: Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4).

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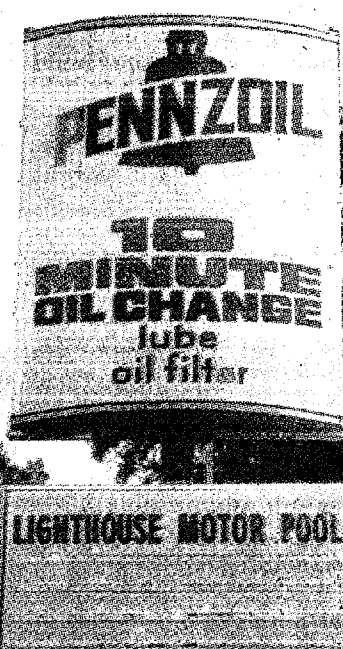


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# For women only – BOW program returns to Kensington for more adventure

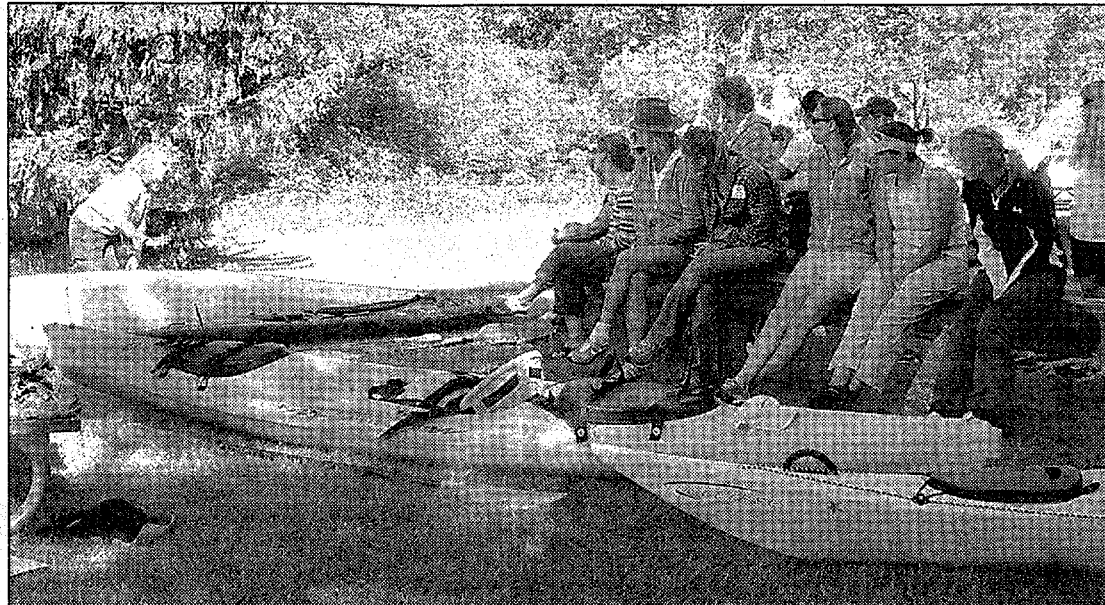
BY STACY JENKINS  
STAFF WRITER

Call it a different twist on a spa day.

But, instead of bubbling foot baths and hot stone massage treatments, senses will be enlightened through adventure, camaraderie and all the beauty Mother Nature has to offer at the Eighth Annual Women Outdoors: Kensington Adventure, a Becoming an Outdoors Woman program by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

"No malls, no kids, no traffic, no errands. This is a day to revel in the joyful beauty of new-found outdoor skills," said Carol Fink, Kensington Metropark Farm Learning Center interpreter who helped coordinate the event. "BOW is like a spa for the body and soul."

The day-long workshop for women age 16 and up, is set for Saturday, June 30 at Kensington Metropark and will include beginner-level instruction in kayak-



Women gather around for instruction before heading out in kayaks on the Huron River during last year's BOW program.

ing, archery and geocaching. All activities take place at the Farm Center and on the Huron River.

"The BOW program gives women an opportunity to experience adventure, new skills, and fun while being in a safe environment," said Fink, of West Bloomfield.

Each year, different workshops are offered. New this year is the geocaching segment, which will teach participants how to use a Global Positioning Satellite unit to find a hidden cache.

The kayaking workshop is a popular mainstay at the event, in which women learn the

basics of paddling and safety on a scenic trek down the Huron River.

Fink said the goal of the program is to introduce outdoor sports and recreation to women who may not otherwise give such activities a try. Past participants have ranged in age from late teens to 65



BOW women celebrate at the end of the day-long outdoor workshops sponsored, in part, by Moosejaw, a locally based outdoor outfitter.

and up.

"This is a time for women to bond and find new courage, strengths and confidence in themselves," said Fink. "Many times, we need to step outside our comfort zones to find our true selves."

Registration is still open and the cost for the day is \$60, which includes instruction, program materials and lunch. Enrollment is limited to 40

women.

Moosejaw, Heavner's Canoe Rental, Safari Club International, Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Huron-Clinton Metroparks are sponsoring the event, which will include cool giveaways from Moosejaw, an outdoor outfitter.

For more information or to register, call Kensington Metropark at (248) 685-1561.

## HITTING THE STAGE

### Music in the Park

The "Music in the Park" concert series is sponsored by the Plymouth Community Arts Council. The schedule (concerts are noon Wednesdays in Kellogg Park, unless otherwise noted):

- July 4 - Matt Watroba (Plymouth Township Park)
- July 11 - Biakuye Duo
- July 18 - elmo THUMM
- July 25 - Harpbeat
- Aug. 1 - Equinox
- Aug. 8 - Candy Band
- Aug. 15 - Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express and Phoenix
- Aug. 22 - Laz and the Gemini Good Mischief Band

### Music in the Air

The "Music in the Air" concert series is hosted by the Downtown Development Authority Friday nights in Kellogg Park. The schedule (concerts start at 7 p.m.):

- June 29 - Harper, originally from Australia, brings his international flavor of blues-rock to the park in Plymouth.
- July 6 - Redhill, Detroit's original Detroit Country band.
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- July 27 - Sarah Lenore Band, featuring Plymouth's

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Aug. 31 - King Sweat closes the season with soul.

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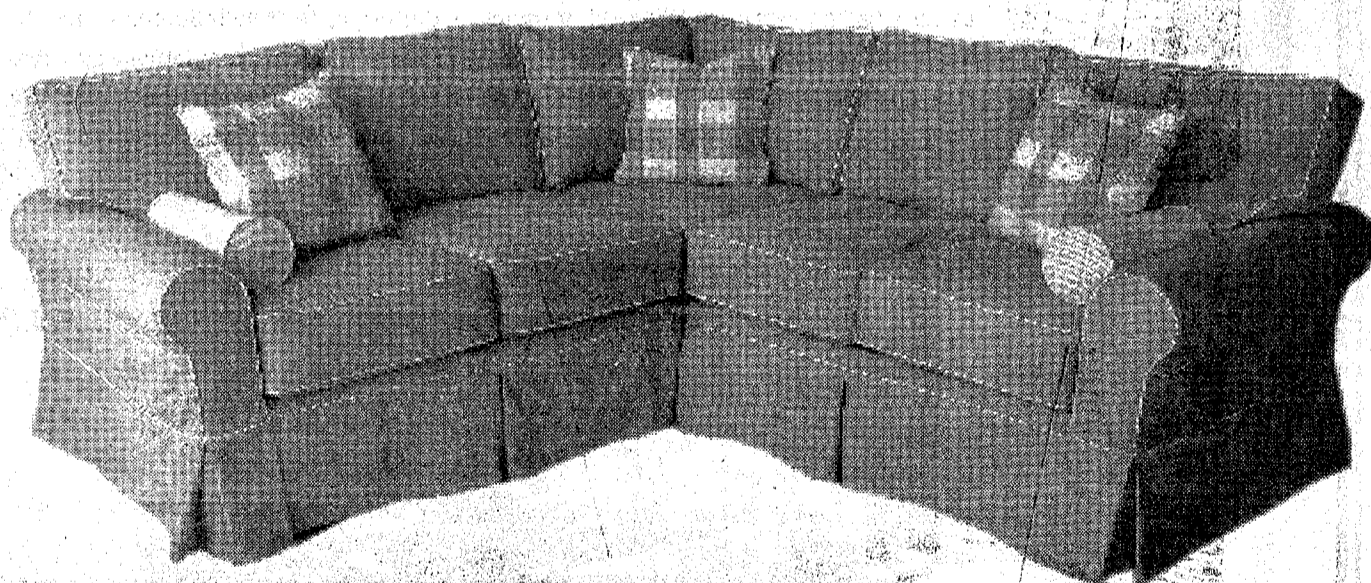
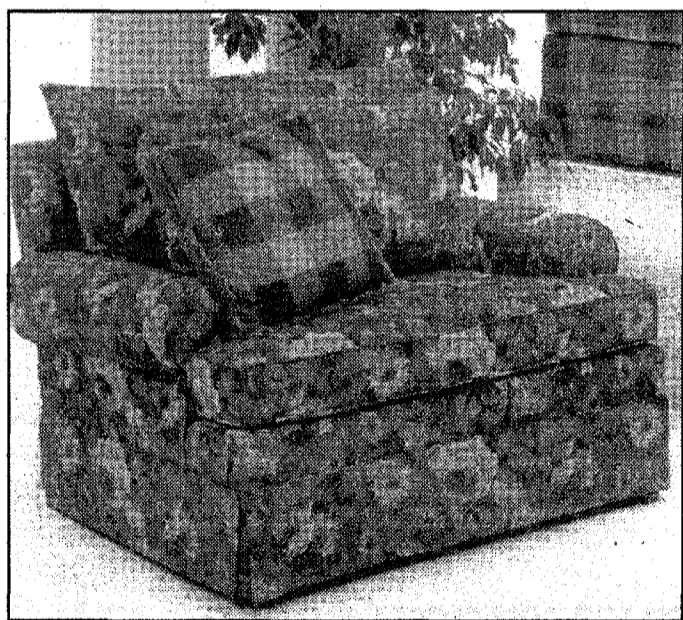
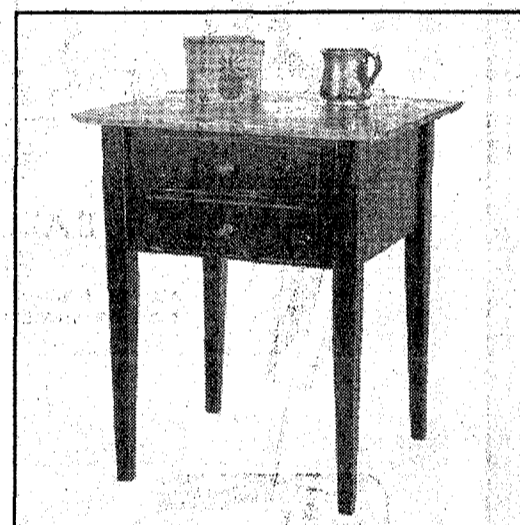
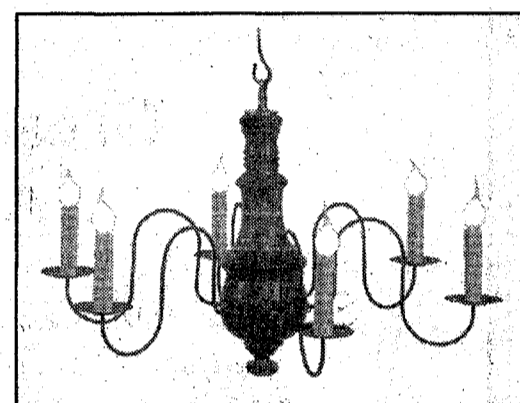
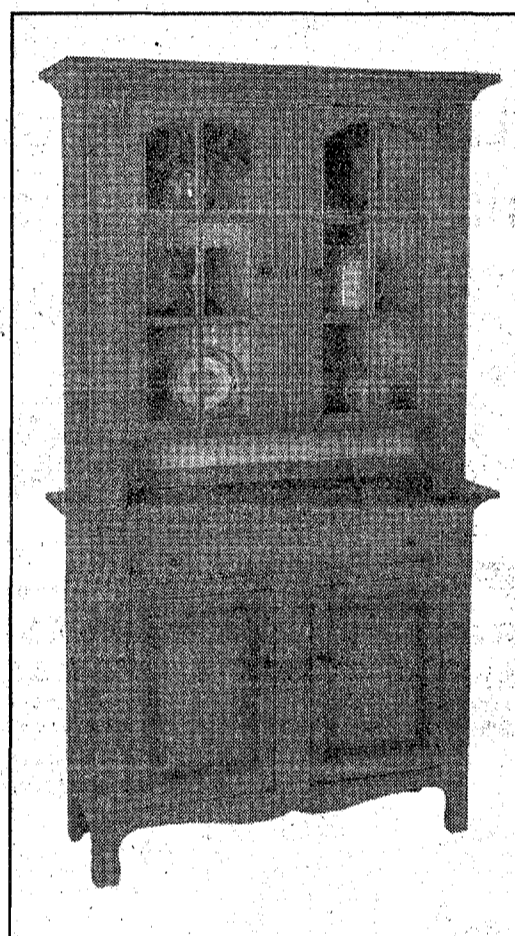
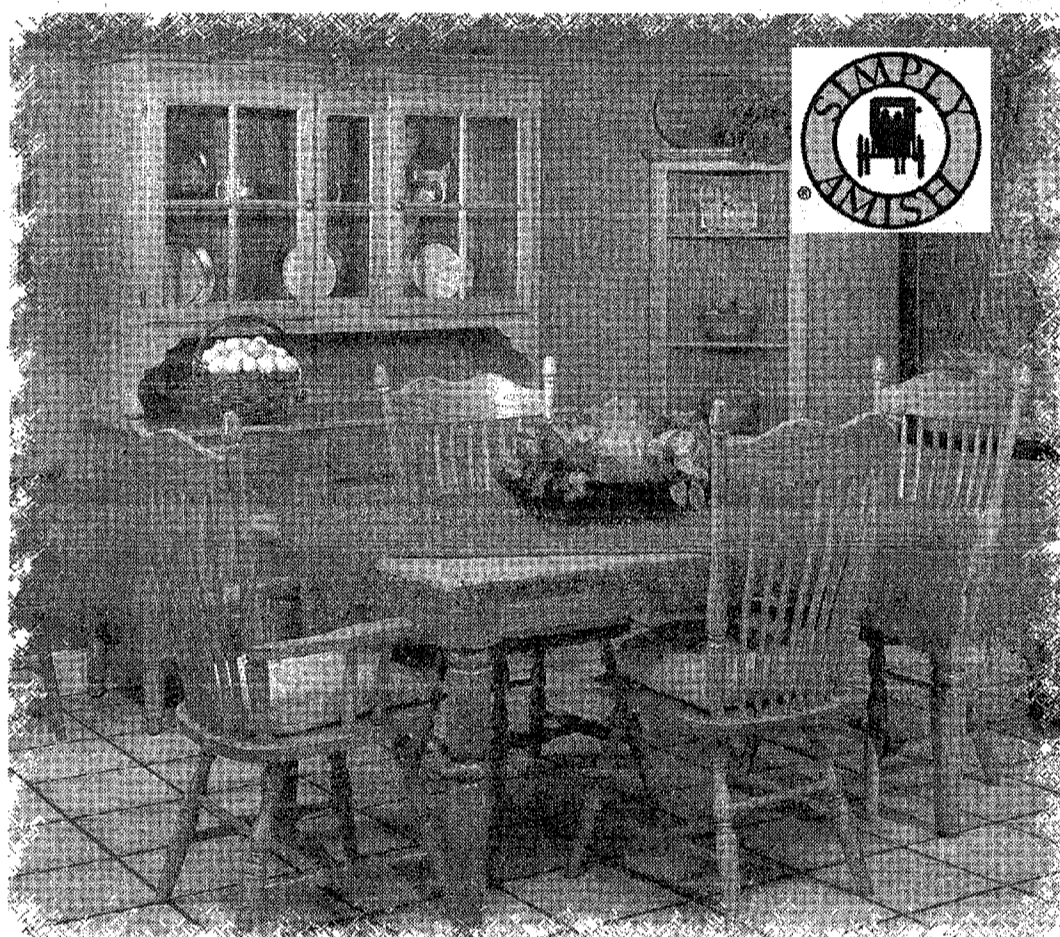
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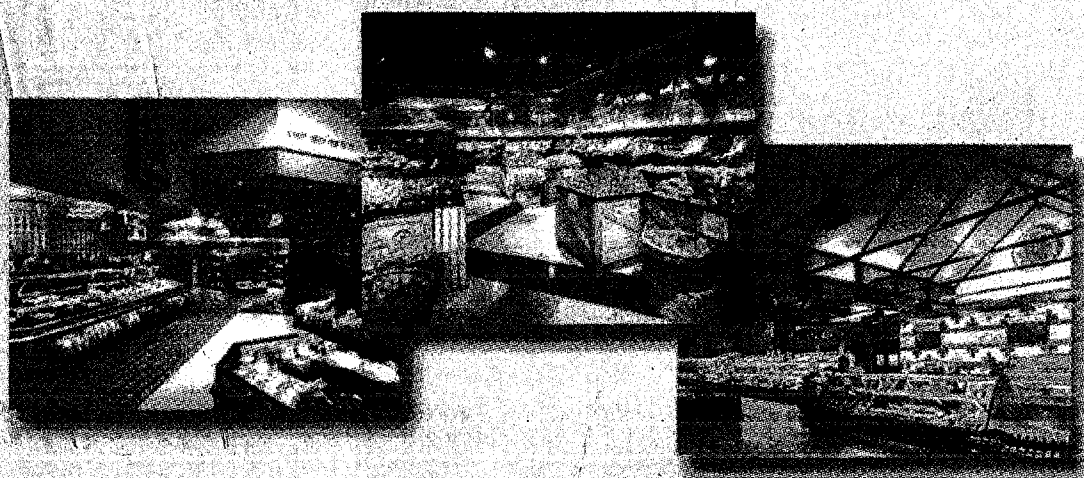


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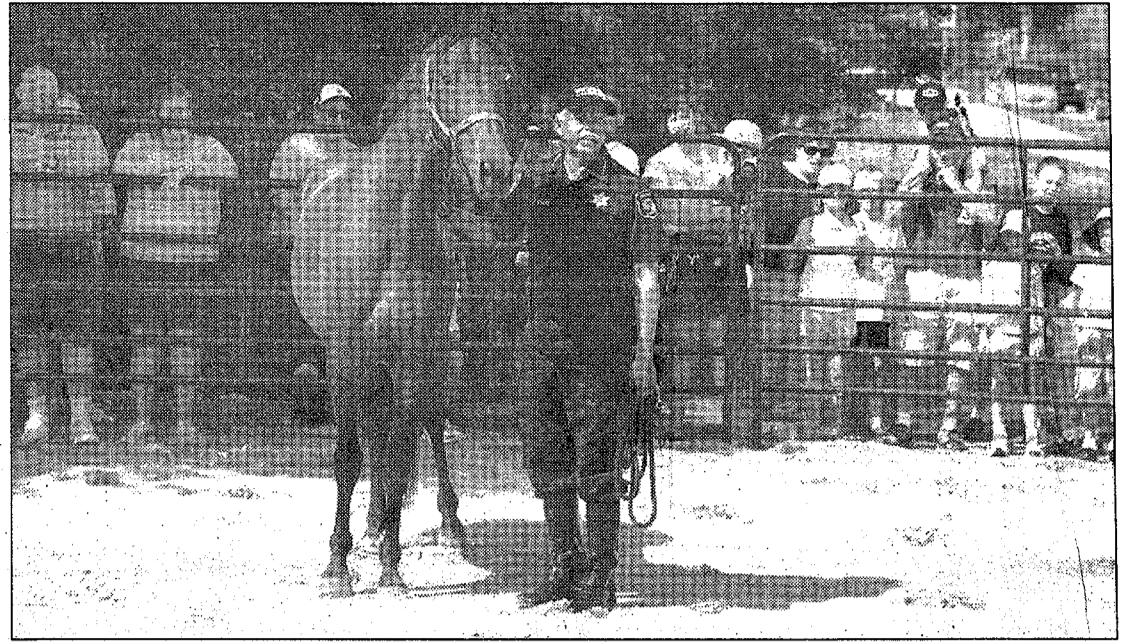
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Since last year's event, the Sheriff has added several new horses to the Mounted Unit stable and guests attending the event will have an opportunity to get up close and personal with the new mounts. Sheriff Evans and Mounted Unit officers will conduct tactical demonstrations, show visitors how they groom and train their mounts and answer questions.

Children will be able to interact with these majestic animals in the beautiful Hines Park setting, which is

the unit's primary patrol area. The department also will have its armored personnel carrier on display, as well as numerous other fun interactive Sheriff's Office displays.

Refreshments also will be available at the event. "This is a great chance for people of all ages to come out and learn about the history and importance of Wayne County's Mounted Unit," said Sheriff Evans. "I encourage everyone to stop by and have some fun."

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### AROUND TOWN

##### Genealogical society

The Livingston County Genealogical Society meets 7 p.m., July 12, at the Hamburg Historical Museum, 7225 Stone, Hamburg. A member of the Hamburg Historical Society will talk about the history of the Hamburg area and a visit to the museum. The public is invited. For more information, call Margaret, (810) 227-7745.

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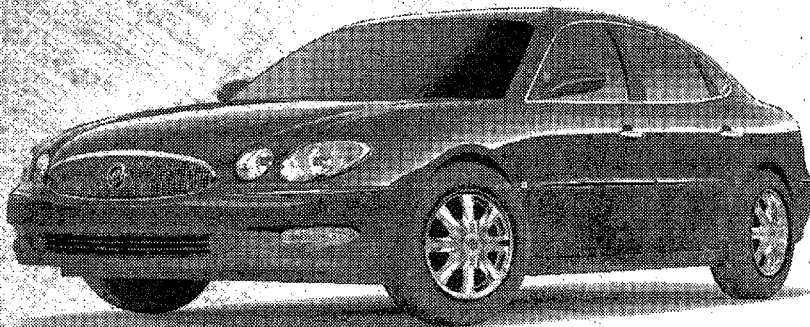
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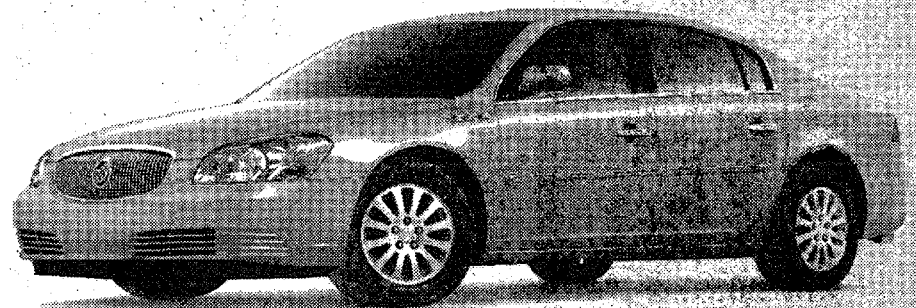


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## OUR VIEWS

### One storm water permit for watershed makes sense

It is said that everyone who lives within an urban watershed like that of the Rouge River actually resides on the headwaters of the river.

That is not to say that all the 1.5 million people who live within the Rouge River watershed have a stream or river running through their backyard. But all the storm water that runs off of their homes, lawns, driveways and streets and into storm drains actually makes its way directly into the Rouge through a series of underground concrete pipes.

The surge of that storm water every time it rains is now the leading cause of pollution to the Rouge River, which winds its way through much of metro Detroit before emptying into the Detroit River. The storm water is laced with motor oil, antifreeze, pet waste and fertilizers, which are destructive to the river and its wildlife.

This is the main reason the federal and state governments have mandated that each community implement storm water discharge plans. Because of the federally-funded Rouge River National Wet Weather Demonstration Project, communities along the Rouge have been far ahead of most of the country when it comes to managing storm water. In fact, every Rouge community has already created a management plan to meet Phase II storm water regulations, which requires municipalities to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

However, communities must re-apply for these permits every five years, and within the next year all the communities in the Rouge watershed will have to get new permits, which include plans for illicit connection inspections, public education and water quality monitoring.

Currently there is a push by the Alliance of Rouge Communities, which includes 43 members, to get one permit for the entire watershed, rather than have each community apply for its own permit. According to ARC officials, this would save staff time, resources and, most importantly, money.

However, these same officials say they have been met with resistance from officials with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the agency that processes the permit applications. This seems to fly in the face of Gov. Jennifer Granholm's call for communities to consolidate and regionalize services as a way to save money.

It doesn't make sense for 43 communities to essentially duplicate the same work, when it could be done once by ARC staff. It would also be easier for the state to comb through one permit rather than dozens.

In the past, the state has encouraged communities to tackle water quality issues on a watershed-wide basis, because what one community does to the river impacts every community downstream. Here is a great opportunity to allow communities in the Rouge River watershed to do just that — plus save lots of money.

### Declaration of Independence still provokes, inspires

Every few years a pollster will take to the streets in the weeks before Independence Day, read a statement and ask whether the person being polled agrees or disagrees with the statement. Invariably the majority of those polled express shock at the radical ideas being proposed and ignorance that the ideas come from the revered document that we celebrate on the Fourth of July.

The Declaration of Independence is both cautious and revolutionary. The framers made their declaration out of a "decent respect to the opinions of mankind" which required that the revolutionaries make a strong case for why the colonies should separate from Great Britain's authority.

The framers also took the consequences of what they did very seriously: "Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes."

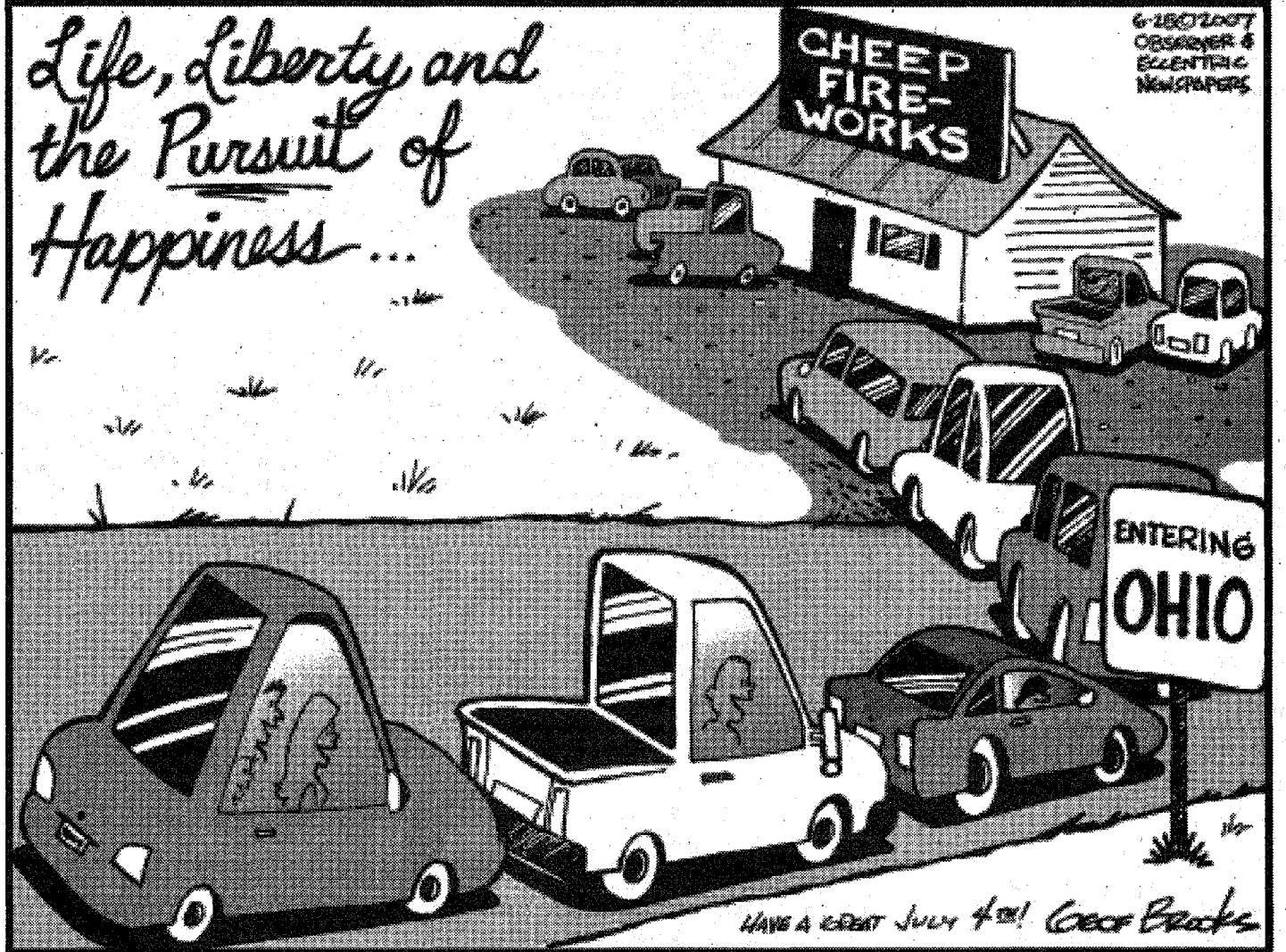
But they boldly declared in Thomas Jefferson's rich phrasing: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

But the part that causes many modern Americans to hesitate is the heart of the matter: "That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new Government, laying its foundations on such principles..."

The Declaration then lists the grievances against King George III so that the world would understand their cause.

This Declaration has been an inspiration to generations of oppressed people throughout the world, offering a new and more just foundation for government than the rights of kings or the power of armies; a government established to uphold the life and liberty of its citizens.

To that end, the framers made a bold pact that we would do well to join "for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."



### Why Ahwal?

I am at a loss to understand why Terry Ahwal is repeatedly afforded considerable space in your newspaper when the bias and distortion of her views are manifest.

Perhaps it would be tolerable if you made an even passing effort at balance, but I have seen no meaningful evidence of that.

John J. Ronayne  
Plymouth

### Poles' roles in history

Now that the 400th anniversary of the establishment of the Jamestown settlement is being observed, and the baseball season is in full swing, it may be of interest to many, especially to the baseball enthusiasts who attended the recent Hot Stove Baseball speaker series sponsored by the Friends of the Plymouth District Library, to learn of the origin of this, one of the most popular sports in this country.

According to the published work on the subject of sport, *History of Physical Education*, baseball originated in Jamestown, but the publication is for some reason timid of telling how it got there in the first place.

With minor modifications, baseball is palant, a game played for centuries in Poland. It was played in Jamestown by the Poles who, among others, arrived there on "Mary and Margaret" in September 1608. Many more Poles arrived in Jamestown in July 1610 on ships commanded by Lord Delaware. One of them, Zbigniew Stefanski, in his memoirs wrote, "After New Year, on Sundays, I together with other Poles, among them Sadowski, Mata, Mentus, Sojko and Zrenico, used to joyfully play palant using balls made from rags. Often, when we were playing, Indians used to come, sit around, watch and marvel at this Polish game."

It should be added here that these Jamestown Poles, besides introducing baseball into the American sports arena, were pioneers of the colony's industry. They were engaged as artisans and instructors in the manufacture of glass, pitch tar, soap ashes, wood and other products.

Within a short time, samples of their work, presumably the green glass bottles and vases of that period, were sent to England. These were the first "Made in America" items shipped abroad. In a testimony of the colonists' leader, Capt. John Smith, recorded in the book *The True Travels, Adventures and Observations of Captain John Smith*, published in London in 1630, John Smith states the arrival in Virginia in 1608 of artisans from Catholic Poland saved the first English settlement in America from failure.

In 1609, it was recorded that when Indians set an ambush to kill Capt. Smith, the Poles saved his life, and captured an Indian chief.

In a special edition of *U.S. News and World Report* dedicated to "First Americans," relating "What really happened in Jamestown 400 years ago," as noted on its front cover, these Poles' role in helping build the foundation of today's America has been for some unknown reason completely omitted; likely a biased historical account by dishonest, perhaps prejudiced, historians as it appears to be much too often the case.

Joseph Wira  
Plymouth

### LETTERS

#### Support the MDA

As an intern for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA), I have been afforded a wonderful opportunity to help others while learning and growing as a person and intellectually. However, the most important part of this experience was realized when I had the opportunity to attend MDA Summer Camp at both Camp Cavell in Lexington, Mich., and Lions Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer, Mich.

Immediately upon my arrival to camp, it was obvious how important this camp is to the children. Each child was full of joy, smiling and laughing, with full confidence in themselves and their abilities. The word "disability" was not part of the camp for the youth, and was replaced by the word "ability." They were no longer the minority, but the majority. After being at the camp for only moments, I no longer noticed the sea of wheelchairs, but only the faces of the smiling children.

By attending camp, I was able to understand why the volunteers who aid the children return year after year, many having a special bond with their camper. At camp, the children can climb trees, ride horses, swim, dance and play as able-bodied children can. They can also ask questions and support each other in their time of need. No one at camp is alone. They have not only each other, but a support network of friends, volunteers and sponsors who care deeply about each child.

The camp is held every year for youth affected with one of 43 muscular dystrophies and, for many of them, MDA Summer Camp is the "best week of the year!" Each child is able to attend the camp free of charge, and the \$650 cost to send a child to camp is covered by the generous support of community members and corporate sponsors. The biggest fund-raiser for the camp is the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, which airs annually in September.

I strongly urge anyone interested to volunteer or support the MDA Summer Camp program. It is only with the help of the community that these children can hope that a cure is found for their disease. But until then, we continue to fight for the children in our communities served by MDA and provide them with an opportunity to build confidence in themselves and allow them to experience things many of us take for granted.

Kate Day  
Regional Public Affairs coordinator  
Muscular Dystrophy Association

#### Get less with Republicans

Everyone likes a bargain. We all like to get our money's worth when it is spent. We don't like to be ripped off, short-changed or invest in anything with low value. This is just human nature. So why do we accept something less from our government?

One fallacy Republicans have been touting since taking control of some state and federal government branches is the privatization of government being more efficient, or it gives Americans more value for their tax dollars. Nothing could be further from the truth. Compare the operating models providing the service.

One has a government employee as the manager, being held accountable by an accounting office and our representatives. Tax dollars are spent to provide the salaries for the employees doing the work, oversight is from our paid representatives in government and expenses and outside

material are done from a competitive open bid process. No fat here, just a possibility of an uninspired work force.

The other operating model is a service done by a private company, with a chief operating officer, demanding lots of money, a board of directors being paid, shareholders wanting a return and, of course, an exploited work force, inspired occasionally, but generally paid too little for an adequate living. There also is the family member receiving a salary and not contributing to the service being rendered. And, of course, there is the profit that must be made.

Every company today must make money, that is undeniable. But many companies put making money ahead of making a product consumers need or providing a service consumers need. The U.S. auto companies are perfect examples of this. Figure out how much money they want to make and then build cars to make that much money. U.S. auto companies are SUV producers and not car companies. Asian auto manufacturers scrutinize the market for what customers need, make it better than the current products, build the car and then sell it for more than it costs to make.

I was reminded of the efficiencies of government when Gov. Jennifer Granholm of Michigan and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger of California proposed privatizing the state lottery. Both states have budget issues and each promised a lump sum to solve today's problem. And each claimed the lottery could increase sales, if it was in private hands, because the private companies could spend money on marketing to increase sales. But what about tomorrow and what about the original promise of the lottery? "All funds go to support education." Are we not going to support our schools tomorrow? Nearly every state that has a lottery adopted it to improve funding for schools, but has reduced tax funding for schools by the amount the lottery has provided.

I can guess that each state lottery has a few officials that have suggested ways to promote sales and increase revenues, but they have been turned down by representatives of the people because it will cost money. Put a Republican crony in charge of a government service and then tighten the budget until it is no longer effective, then privatize it eventually at 10 times the expense to the people. The revolving door for Republicans to the private industry for companies they worked with in government far exceeds any non-Republican government employees.

Frances Meese  
Westland

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### QUOTABLE

"It's had a significant impact on what goes on around there ... It's a very difficult situation with the underpass project languishing, there's not a lot of activity there."

Paul Sincock, Plymouth City Manager, on the impact the Sheldon Road underpass project is having on local business

## State has plenty of bad news, but some good is trickling in

Well, for Michigan, the bad news is kind of old hat, but it's worth reciting. Understanding the good news requires a bit of thought, but it is significantly more interesting.

First, the bad. According to the most recent number from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Michigan continues to lose the most jobs of any state and post the highest unemployment percentages in the nation.

Between April and May, we lost a net 55,500 jobs and posted an unemployment rate of 6.9 percent. Over the year, unemployment increased in only three states — and, yes, we were one.

Dana Johnson, the balanced and sensible chief economist at Comerica, may have put it best: "Michigan is rapidly becoming a relatively poor state." Michigan's per person output fell from 96 percent of the national average in 2003 to 89 percent in 2006.

The state's Gross Domestic Product (GDP, the best measure of the output of the economy) declined by 0.5 percent, while the nation as a whole expanded by 3.4 percent. However, Johnson points out that Michigan's economic weakness was confined to just three industries — manufacturing, construction and government.

They play a disproportionate role in this state's "misery index." Together, those three sectors accounted for more than 80 percent of Michigan's net declines from 2003 to 2006, even though they made up only around 35 percent of the state's GDP.

But enough bad news. Now for the better stuff. An EPIC/MRA poll released last week indicated that 300,000 to 600,000 Michigan residents were considering leaving the state. "That's practically a whole Congressional district," said Ed Sarpolus, vice president of the polling firm. Michigan's U.S. House delegation is now at 15 members, down from our peak of 19 in the 1960s and 1970s.

That might mean we could lose another Congressional seat after the next census. So what on earth is the good news?

Well, as scary as those numbers are on the surface, if you dig into the digits, it turns out the folks who are thinking of leaving are mostly less-educated, less-skilled and lower-earning.

For example, 9 percent of those asked from Macomb County (where only 21 percent of residents have a bachelor's degree or higher) said they felt certain they would move out of Michigan.

By contrast, no one surveyed from Oakland County (where 41 percent of residents have a B.A. or higher) was planning to leave.

College kids are, by and large, planning to stay. The survey found only 7 percent of those with college degrees planning to fly.

Meanwhile, those holding only high school diplomas were twice as likely to leave. Meanwhile, 18 percent of those with no degree of any kind said they would be willing to move.

Nor is the solid middle class planning to head to Manitoba. Just 3 percent of those earning between \$75,000 and \$100,000 were planning on leaving. By contrast, those earning between \$25,000 and \$50,000 were six times as likely to report that they are discouraged and looking for sunnier pastures.

I certainly don't want to minimize the human pain and anguish felt by many, many Michiganders. But the plain fact is that if Michigan is going to thrive, it will be through our higher-educated, more skilled people, not the relatively unskilled.

The policy set by Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the Cherry Commission to improve educational results and double the number of college graduates within the next decade makes perfect sense.

More subtle but equally important is a paper prepared by Tom Ivacko, of the University of Michigan's Center for Local, State and Urban Policy (CLOSUP). Ivacko argues that the 20th century Michigan economic model of low-skill, high-wage manufacturing no longer works and that the only hope for a prosperous future is based on a knowledge economy. He concludes, "A critical component in establishing a sustainable and successful knowledge economy is human capital, a critical mass of talent based on a cultural context that promotes higher education and life-long learning, entrepreneurialism, innovation, risk-taking and diversity."

He recites U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics data, which show Michigan growth in employment and number of firms in knowledge economy sectors such as financial services, professional and business services, education and health services and so on. Growth in these sectors is admittedly less robust than it is nationwide, but the data show noticeable growth in our economy that's all too easy to dismiss as a one-state recession.

Ivacko's paper also points out that Michigan's economy is becoming more balanced and diversified than our history of top-heavy reliance on manufacturing.

He concludes, "Whereas the overwhelmingly negative portrayal of Michigan's economy over the last half-decade has resulted in a public sense of gloom and self-doubt, this report presents evidence of numerous positive developments occurring in the state economy. ... While there are certainly long-term struggles yet to come, there are also signs that Michigan is navigating a historic transformation between economic models, as its former industrial foundation gives way to a growing post-industrial knowledge economy."

All in all, the bad news is, well, bad. But it's beginning to be balanced by the good. There are all kinds of sad and cynical associations with the phrase, "light at the end of the tunnel" (used in connection with the war in Vietnam.) Maybe it's accurate in our case.

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## Attacking recruiters over war is misdirected anger

BY BRIG GEN. SUZANNE VAUTRINOT  
CORRESPONDENT

Several recent confrontations have put some of our airmen in harm's way. These conflicts didn't occur on the streets of Baghdad or in the skies over Afghanistan, but right in America's backyard.

Over the past few weeks, protestors in several U.S. communities have shown their displeasure over the war in Iraq and the Defense Department's "don't ask, don't tell" policy by targeting military recruiting stations. While some protest peacefully, others resort to setting off smoke bombs, tossing paint onto buildings, vandalizing vehicles, breaking windows and shouting profanity at recruiters. Even more troubling is protestors picketing and vandalizing recruiters' homes, placing their families in danger.

Subjecting military recruiters to a public stoning when citizens are unhappy with public policy is like smacking a dog because his owner put an ugly sweater on him. It's misdirected anger at best and criminal at worst.

The dark days of Vietnam, when many citizens openly vilified and harassed young service members returning from southeast Asia, should have served as a harsh lesson as to what happens when Americans turn their frustrations on fellow countrymen. The physical display of frustration builds contempt and anger on both sides.

Recent protests in New York City; Milwaukee; Syracuse, N.Y.; Winona, Minn., and other American communities have subjected our young soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines to real danger. These junior troops are not villains, not decision-makers and certainly not targets. But that's what they're being made out to be.

Recruiters come from the operational Air Force. They are security forces, mechanics and medical technicians. Many have returned from deployments in the Middle East as well as humanitarian missions in Indonesia and Africa. Respect for their contributions and a little "humanitarian" response in their hometowns seems a small thanks to request.

We live in a complex world, one where terrorists ignore compassion, perspective and humanity. Your Air

Recruiters don't hide behind tall fences or security guards. They can be found at the mall, in the school cafeteria and on neighborhood streets, talking to parents, teachers and prospective recruits. They are highly visible members in America's communities. However, this doesn't mean they should bear the brunt of the public's dissatisfaction with decisions made by officials in Washington.

Force will continue to deter them and defend America.

Recruiters are often the only military members in the communities they serve. In each of them, you'll find a patriot who holds integrity, service and excellence as core values. They are someone's parent and child, someone you'd like to have as a neighbor.

When these honorable men and women volunteered for military service, they understood the potential dangers that lay ahead. None expected to come under fire on the streets of America.

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While many Americans may grow increasingly frustrated with the situation in the Middle East, support for our troops is strong. We all take an oath to protect and defend the Constitution, which allows the privilege of free speech. All we ask is that citizens speak to those with an ability to change policy, rather than insult or attack those who defend their rights to speech as well as their homeland.

It's time to stop the harassment of recruiters and heed the lessons of a generation ago. After all, we are all one team. We are all Americans.

The writer, a brigadier general, is commander of the Air Force Recruiting Service.

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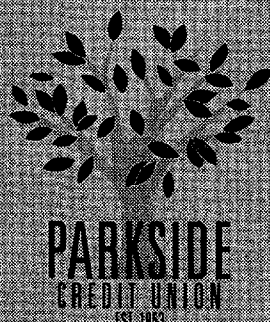
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BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI  
CORRESPONDENT

Lenore Daniels felt like she was being pulled in too many directions, trying to care for her father after he had an operation and keeping tabs on her aging aunt.

"I can't be in three places at one time," Daniels says.

Seven years ago, Daniels heard about Home Instead Senior Care and thought it was worth a try, even though her aunt, Olga Christian, was adamantly against getting help.

Earlier this month, sitting in her Livonia home, Christian says she would be lost without the help she gets from Home Instead caregivers.

Daniels is among a growing number of family members taking on the role of caregiver as more and more adults age well into their 80s and 90s. There are 33.9 million people caring for someone 50 or older in the United States, according to a 2005 study by the AARP and the National Alliance for Caregiving.

"She's been a mom to me," says Daniels, a 50-year-old Ypsilanti resident who has recently been forced to juggle a lot of family turmoil, including the death of her older sister to breast cancer and helping to care for her 85-year-old father.

At first, Christian needed minimal help three times a week running errands and making sure meals were made. Now Home Instead caregivers are with Christian 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Christian, 89, has congestive heart failure, arthritis and other illnesses.

When her load became nearly unbearable, Daniels considered taking Christian to a nursing home.

## PEACE OF MIND

"But there's nothing like her being in her own home," Daniels said. "There's piece of mind. These women who come here are like family."

That sentiment is at the heart of how Home Instead came about, according to Glenna Yarouch, owner of the Home Instead franchise in Livonia. Other franchises are



Margaret Baron of Home Instead, right, helps adjust Olga Christian in her Livonia home where Christian has been in need of 24-hour, in-home care.

located throughout the U.S. and around the world.

"We want to help seniors stay in their own homes," Yarouch says. "They may need a little assistance or a lot of assistance, like bathing, meal preparation, running errands and getting to doctor appointments. Most of the folks who are using home care are using it as an alternative instead of assisted living or nursing homes."

A large portion of Yarouch's clients have Alzheimer's, others need help doing laundry or want to have someone available to go for walks. Many live alone, some stay with their grown children and other clients even live in assisted living facilities and require extra attention.

## SERVICE NEEDS VARY

Home Instead provides non-medical needs, there is a three-hour a week minimum and clients decide if they want day, evening and weekend hours. Rates vary depending on the services required. While Home Instead isn't a maid service, the caregiver can

provide light housekeeping, laundry and ironing.

"Some are very active and go to senior centers or go dancing and maybe they don't drive anymore and others are bed-bound," Yarouch says.

Occasionally, clients are near the end of their lives and Home Instead caregivers work with their families and with hospice to allow them to die in their homes.

"We're at the bedside of many of our clients at death, side by side with the family member if that's what they have chosen," Yarouch says.

The Livonia franchise opened in June 2002 and today Yarouch has more than 700 clients throughout western Wayne County, including Livonia, Westland, Plymouth, Northville, Canton, Garden City, Detroit and other communities.

"Families decide what type of schedule they are looking for," Yarouch says. "They fill out a service agreement outlining services and prices and we can get started immediately."

Typically, the children of

clients call for the initial appointment.

"It's for us to understand the dynamics of the entire family environment and to make sure we get a compatible match with a caregiver," Yarouch says.

"It's not just cooking them lunch," she added. "Personalities should match."

## STANDARDS MATTER

Only 5 percent of the people who apply to be Home Instead caregivers are hired after rigorous reference and criminal background checks, Yarouch says adding that Home Instead caregivers are bonded, insured and must complete training programs and pass tests covering practical situations that might arise while caring for the elderly.

Margaret Baron, a Livonia resident, is Christian's Home Instead caregiver on the weekends. On Sundays, Baron says, she enjoys making Christian Belgian waffles with enough left over for her to freeze and eat during the week.

Home Instead handles all the billing, payroll, taxes,

## MORE INFORMATION

Home care programs for seniors include: (248) 656-6870 (800) 852-0995

Attendant Care Services of Michigan  
16950 Nineteen Mile Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038  
586-228-9991  
www.attendantcaremi.com

Home Instead  
16013 Middlebelt Road  
Livonia, MI 48154  
(734) 525-5300

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1460 Walton  
Suite 60  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

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42690 Woodward  
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Win free home care for a senior citizen by writing in 500 words or less the challenges you've faced, how you've embraced your role as a caregiver for a senior loved one and how a Home Instead Senior Care caregiver could make a difference.

The contest is sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care and *Caring Today* magazine. One entrant will win \$5,000 of free home care and two winners will receive \$2,500 of free care.

Winning essays will be published in the November/December issue of *Caring Today* and the top 10 essays will appear on www.caringto-

day.com or www.homeinstead.com/ct. Visit the Web site to read stories of past winners and to learn more about the contest rules.

You must be at least 18 and a legal resident of the United States. Only one entry per person is allowed. Entrants must be the caregiver and not a third party.

Submit entries online at www.caringtoday.com or by mail to *Caring Today*, 145 Post Road East, Westport, CT 06880.

The entry deadline is July 16. For more information, contact Glenna Yarouch with Home Instead Senior Care in Livonia at (734) 525-5300.

insurance and administrative responsibilities for the caregivers.

"The most important part is for the family to recognize they need help and be willing to accept the help," Yarouch says. "An agency can fill in all gaps the families are struggling with. The most important part of working with an agency is getting one that is reputable. Ask questions and ask for references. Make sure the people you are using are accessible, responsible and reliable."

Time is stretched to the breaking point for people, like Daniels, who are caring for elderly family members.

Patricia Volland, senior vice president of the New

York Academy of Medicine and director of the Academy's Social Work Leadership Institute, was among a group of people recently who commissioned a study, "Squeezed Between Children and Older Parents: A Survey of Sandwich Generation Women."

The poll, which surveyed women ages 35-54, showed that more than 60 percent of women concerned about an aging relative's health have difficulty managing stress and are about three times more likely than non-caregivers to worry "a great deal" about having enough time for family.

"In the end, a relaxed caregiver who is not stressed is a better caregiver," Yarouch says.

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# CALENDAR

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

**Shabbat Rocks**  
A musical celebration precedes traditional Shabbat service once a month at Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 851-5100 or visit [www.adatshalom.org](http://www.adatshalom.org).

**English classes**  
Conversational English as a Second Language classes are being offered for adults of all ages and backgrounds at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia. Tutors will work on a one-to-one ratio to help students better understand and speak the English language. No charge. To register, call (734) 525-0191 or (734) 522-6830.

**Sunday school**  
Congregation Beit Kodesh, at 31840 Seven Mile, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia, is registering children, age 4 and up, for Sunday school. Financial assistance available. Special discounts for new members. For more information, call (248) 477-8974.

**Services**  
St. John Lutheran Church (23225 Gill Road, Farmington Hills) invites the community to a new worship service at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays. Also, Sunday traditional worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; contemporary service is at 9:50 a.m.; and Sunday school hour for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Call (248) 474-0584 for more information.

**Single Point Ministries**  
For ages 30 and older, join more than 350 single adults at 11:30 a.m. Sundays for fellowship and related topics in Knox Hall at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Coffee, doughnuts, conversations are present. Call (248) 374-5920. Tennis continues from 1-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 4-7 p.m. weekdays any time the weather is above 45 degrees, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard, Livonia.

**Bible talks**

4 p.m. Sundays at the Friendship Center, 1119 Newburgh, Westland. Call (734) 728-9157.

**The Gap**  
A new youth Sunday School (God Always Present) at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford Road. Lessons are taught using various media, computers, storytelling, games, cooking, music and art, and a small theater complete with popcorn-making machine. Adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. with a traditional service and The Gap at 10 a.m. Child care available. Mustard Seed contemporary service at 6 p.m. with refreshments served afterward. Call (734) 421-7620.

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**Worship services**  
At 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sundays with an education hour from 9:30-10:40 a.m. at Prince of Peace

Lutheran Church, 37775 Palmer, Westland. Social hour follows each service. Call (734) 722-1735.

**Community Bible study**  
Studying the Book of Corinthians, breakfast at 7 a.m. for Bible study from 8-9 a.m. at the Kerby Coney Island, Haggerty Road just north of Eight Mile. Come when you can, leave when you must. For more information, call (248) 924-2779.

**Contemporary service**  
New informal service in a casual environment 6 p.m. Sunday at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, south of Ford. Fellowship hour after services including 10 a.m. traditional. Call (734) 421-7620.

**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
Sunday worship 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., Bible studies Sundays at 8:50 a.m. and Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., at the church 11575 Belleville Road, four miles south of Michigan Avenue, Belleville. Call (734) 699-3361.

**New contemporary service**  
9 a.m. on the last Sunday of the month, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church, 9601 Hubbard, Livonia. A group of church members present a short drama on a theme relevant to the season, a church event, or current newsworthy situation. For more information, call (734) 422-0494.



**Prayer group**

Join in 7 p.m. Thursdays for music, singing, prayer and friendship at St. Edith Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Come to the back of the church, enter entrance No. 2. For more information, call Grace at (734) 464-1896, Shirley at (734) 464-3656, or Geri at (734) 464-8906.

**Women of the Word**  
Tuesday Ladies Bible Study from 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, at Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile. \$15 registration fee includes interdenominational study materials. Child care available for children through age 5. For more information, call (248) 348-7600.

**New modern-style worship**  
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, 14175 Farmington Road, Livonia, just north of I-96, presents a modern-style worship service. The multimedia service is informal, using modern and praise music, led by vocalists and various instruments. Dramas, led by the members, are often a part of this service. The service is held at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday, between the traditional services at 8:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School, youth and adult Bible classes at 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. each Sunday. For information, call Linda Hollman, Outreach director, at (734) 522-6830.

# Your Invitation To Worship

<p><b>BAPTIST</b></p>	<p><b>UNITED METHODIST</b></p>	<p><b>LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD</b></p>
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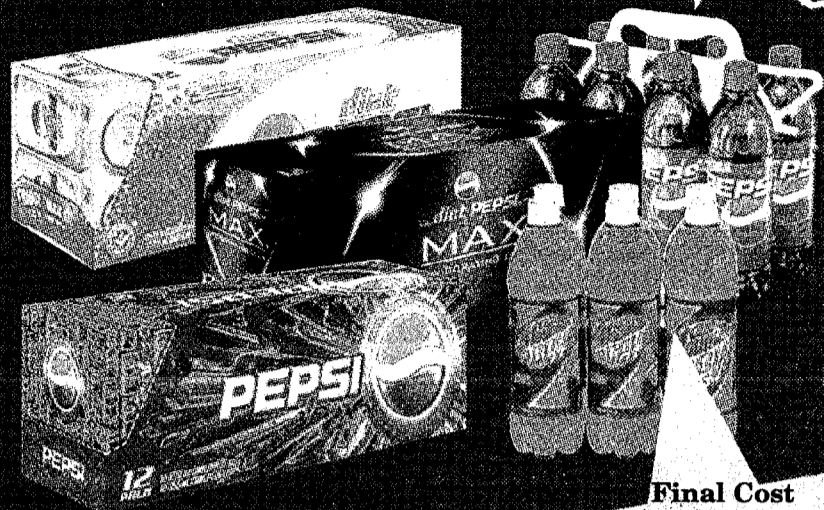
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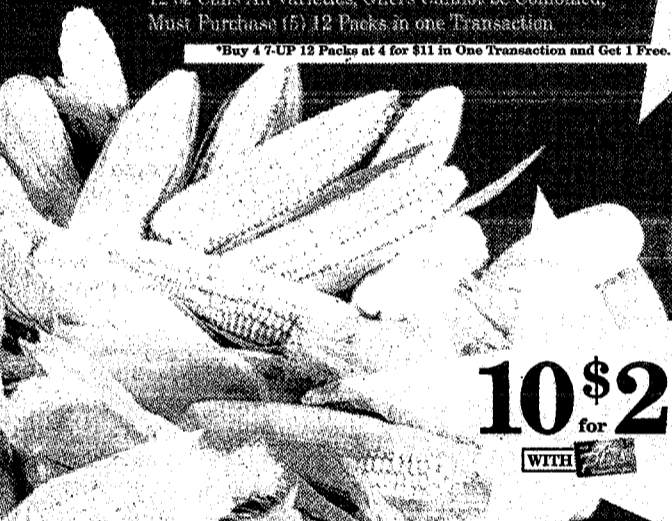
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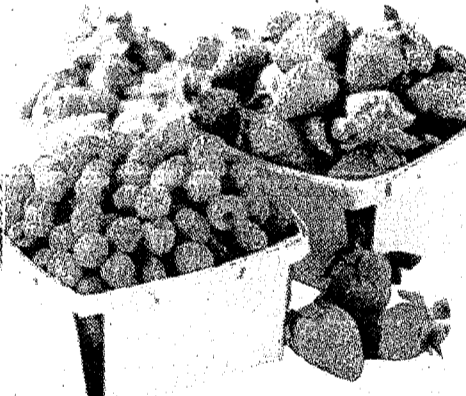
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## A balance sheet keeps you in touch with your financial situation

It wasn't long ago that I put my winter clothes away and now we are just about ready to celebrate the Fourth of July. And before you know it, it will be Labor Day and the summer will be over.

Since we are midway through 2007, it's time to update the personal balance sheet.

A personal family balance sheet is nothing more than a listing of all assets and liabilities. Subtracting assets from liabilities equals net worth, the number you can use to see how you are progressing in achieving your personal financial goals and objectives.



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom

In doing a personal financial balance sheet, it is easy to value

your stocks, mutual funds and bank accounts. In addition, knowing your liabilities is easy, too.

It is easy to find out what you owe on a mortgage, charge cards and other types of debt. What makes doing a personal financial balance sheet somewhat tricky, particularly now, is how you value your real estate.

### BE REALISTIC

Unfortunately, real estate has taken a hit in Michigan. When it comes to preparing your personal financial balance sheet, you have to give a fair valuation to your house. Remember, your house is not worth what you think it's worth or what you hope it's worth. It's worth what it could sell for.

One way to determine the valuation is to look at what similar homes have sold for in your neighborhood. There are some Web sites that can help determine value. One is [www.zillow.com](http://www.zillow.com). However, even when using a Web site, you have to be careful in determining valuation.

What is the fair value of collectibles? It is what a willing buyer and willing seller can agree upon. My recommendation is to once again use the internet and to consider sites such as eBay.

### CASH FLOW IS KEY

Along with the personal family balance sheet, it's also an excellent time to do a cash-flow statement, listing what revenues came in vs. what went out. I cannot stress enough how important it is for people to know what it costs them to live for one month. That is what a cash-flow statement offers.

I am often asked by individuals if they can afford to retire. My question back to them is, What does it cost to live a month? If you don't know, you can't determine whether you have enough resources to retire.

A personal family balance sheet and a cash-flow statement are relatively simple and straightforward documents. Preparing these documents on a regular basis allows you to remain in touch with your financial situation and judge your progress.

To help prepare the documents, software programs such as Quicken or MS Money can help or do it the old-fashioned way, with pencil and paper. It doesn't matter how it gets done, the important thing is that it gets done.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. Observer & Eccentric readers can submit questions at [money@hometownlife.com](mailto:money@hometownlife.com). For more information visit Rick's Web site at [www.bloomassetmanagement.com](http://www.bloomassetmanagement.com). You can hear Rick from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

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## MHSAA comes down on coach

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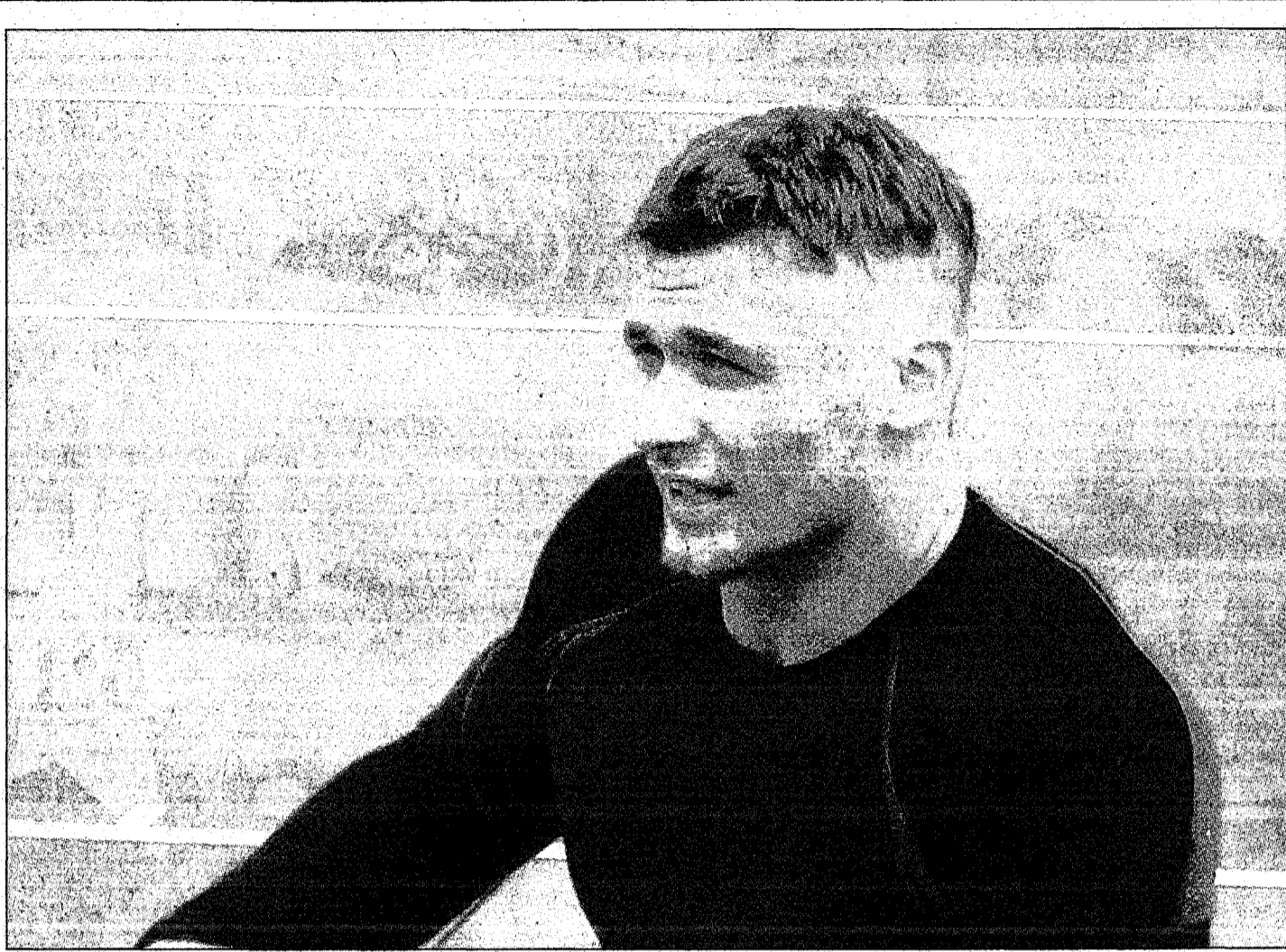
The Michigan High School Athletic Association has handed Canton wrestling coach Casey Randolph the harshest penalty possible after he coached former Chief standout Corey Phillips in a national seniors tournament in Virginia Beach, Va. last month.

Randolph, who has transformed the Canton wrestling program from an also-ran into a state-ranked power the past five years, was given a one-year suspension by the MHSAA. Several other Michigan high school wrestling coaches who actively coached in the tournament were either suspended or resigned, according to MHSAA spokesperson John Johnson.

"Would I have stepped on the mat down there if I had known I was going to be suspended for one year? Absolutely not," Randolph emphasized. "This suspension is just short of ripping my heart out."

Randolph, a physical education teacher at Canton, will appeal the suspension at a hearing before the MHSAA's Representative Council on Aug. 13 in East Lansing, according to Canton Athletic Director Sue Heinzman. The 19-member

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ZACK ZILCH

Paul Terek will be headed to the IAAF World Outdoor Track & Field Championships, scheduled for late August in Osaka, Japan, for the third time in his career.

## Terek in World Championships again

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Paul Terek apparently can't get enough of Japan.

The Livonia decathlete will be making his third trip to the Orient in the last nine months - this time it's Osaka - for his third appearance in the IAAF World Track & Field Championships (scheduled for late August).

The Livonia Franklin High grad, who earned a spot in the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece (21st overall), parlayed a solid Friday showing at the AT&T USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Indianapolis into a second place finish overall and automatic berth on the U.S. squad.

The 27-year-old Terek, who scored a total of 8,064 points, will be joined by

reigning World Champion and 2004 Olympic silver medalist Bryan Clay, who did not finish the Indy meet; 2003 World Champion Tom Pappas, who placed first in Indy with 8,352 points; and third-place finisher Robert Arnold, the NCAA champion from the University of Arizona.

Terek has appeared as an obstacle

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Recently named Miss Golf was Livonia Churchill's Shannon Warner, who repeated earlier in the month as Division 1 state champion at MSU's Forest Akers West Course.



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## Warner reaps honor Churchill junior named Miss Golf

BY BRAD EMONS  
STAFF WRITER

Apparently Michigan's new Miss Golf doesn't plan to miss any golf this summer.

Livonia Churchill's Shannon Warner, recently named the state's top player by the Michigan High School Golf Coaches Association, has currently put off plans to have surgery for a cyst on her both-ersome wrist.

The junior, the two-time Division 1 state medalist, shot 70 Monday during the opening round of stroke play for the Golf Association of Michigan (GAM) Girls Junior Championship held at Owosso Country Club.

In addition to competing recently in the USGA Girls Junior Qualifier (where she shot an uncharacteristic 81) and playing in the upcoming Michigan Women's Amateur, Warner has a schedule packed summer, which also selected American Junior Golf Association events.

"It maybe comes from the repetitive motion, but it (the wrist) has not hurt recently and I'm not sure when I'll get it looked at - I'm playing well right now," Warner said.

During her junior year, Warner captured the Division 1 state girls golf tournament at Michigan State's Forest Akers (West Course) by five strokes

shooting 72-73-145 after annihilating the field by 11 strokes as a sophomore when she shot 69-67-136.

She was medalist in 10 of 11 dual matches this season, sporting a nine-hole average of 37 and an 18-hole average of 74.

As an eighth-grader, Warner dreamed of becoming the state's Miss Golf.

"It's definitely amazing, the best feeling in the world," Warner said. "It's always been one of my goals."

Warner, who does not turn 17 until Oct. 7, works under the tutelage of Paul Haase at Miles of Golf in Ann Arbor. She also has a practice membership at Northville Hills Golf Club.

Warner says "it's too early" to determine where she'll play collegiately. She prefers to stay ground as a normal teenager, who hangs out with her friends when she's not practicing or competing.

In wake of a sports seasons switch due to a federal court decision which will move volleyball and girls golf to the fall, Warner has already made a decision to play both sports.

She was a reserve defensive specialist on Churchill's state Class A championship volleyball team.

"It's a matter of sitting down with the coaches and athletic director and try and figure it out," Warner said.

## Go west, young man

### Teen in Final 4 of Pitch, Hit & Run contest

BY TIM SMITH  
STAFF WRITER

California's calling Zach Vera-Burgos. The 14-year-old Garden City resident is one of four national finalists in his age division (13-14) in the Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run competition, having found out Monday that he made the cut thanks to excelling at the June 9 Michigan round hosted by the Detroit Tigers at Comerica Park.

Zach and his family are looking forward - obviously - toward making the junket to San Francisco, where he will compete against the other national finalists 1 p.m. Monday, July 9 at the home of the San Francisco Giants, AT&T Park. Later that day, he will shag fly balls during the Home Run Derby and attend the Major League Baseball All-Star Game the following day.

"He made it to the national finals and now we're trying to make some travel plans," said his dad, Dave Vera-Burgos. "It's pretty exciting and pretty overwhelming."

Dave Vera-Burgos said the highly anticipated telephone call finally came early Monday morning, following a late night of attending the Livonia Spree fireworks. Zach, meanwhile, spent Sunday night at a friend's house and wasn't even home when the phone rang.

"They called at 8:30 (a.m.) and the answering machine grabbed it," Dave explained. "Before she (his wife, Sherri) could play it, she accidentally hit delete and couldn't hear the message. But she saw the number on caller ID and called them back."

When Zach's parents found out he qualified for nationals, they called him at his friend's and told him to get home right away, without telling him why.

"They didn't know what it was about, whether there was a death in the family," Vera-Burgos noted. "But when he got home, his brother (Jeremiah) and sister (Hannah) welcomed him with a homemade poster, 'San Francisco, Here We Come!'"

Zach couldn't believe his eyes. "He was like, 'no way,'" Vera-Burgos continued. "He was just in shock, he couldn't believe it."

Thanks to the message from program spokesman Matt Hilley, of LEJ Sports Group in Georgia, Zach is one step away from finishing what he started when he signed up for Pitch, Hit & Run. Without even considering the long journey to California, it's been quite a trip already: More than 600,000 youngsters competed across the country, with Zach prevailing against local, regional and state opponents.



Garden City's Zach Vera-Burgos is one of four national finalists in the 13-14 age division of the Pepsi Pitch, Hit & Run contest.

### RARE OPPORTUNITY

A day or so later, the news was still hard to fathom for the family, which also includes Garden City High School junior Ben Vera-Burgos.

Although thrilled Zach and a family member will enjoy a two-night all-expenses-paid stay in San Francisco, that doesn't enable both parents and all three siblings the opportunity to share in the once-in-a-lifetime experience - at least, without having to come up with some serious cash.

For starters, in order for all of the Vera-Burgoses to watch Zach pitch, hit and run for

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## Sidelines

### Bucks romp

The Michigan Bucks set a club record 17-game match streak without a loss with a convincing 5-1 men's soccer victory over the Indiana Invaders Saturday night in conjunction with 14th annual Saginaw 7-11 Soccer Classic field at the Saginaw Soccer Complex.

Kenny Uzoigwe scored in the 69th and 85th minutes (penalty kick) for the 2006 North American Premier Development League champions, who improved to 7-0-3 in the Great Lakes Division of the Central Conference.

Mo Dube added a goal in the 90th minute (from George Josten) and assist (to Eric Brunner in the fifth minute) for the Bucks.

The first-place Bucks led 2-1 at halftime thanks to an "own goal" courtesy of the Invaders (3-5-2). Saidi Isaac scored for the Invaders in the 18th minute from Ryan Stewart.

Bucks goalkeeper Steve Clark made three saves, while Justin Holmes had 11 for the Invaders.

The Bucks, who inducted former player Benji Djeukeng, former coach Steve Burns and former general manager Jim Duggan (Livonia) into their Hall of Fame, return to action Tuesday, July 3 to face the second-place Chicago Fire Premier before returning home Sunday, July 22 to face the West Michigan Edge in a 7 p.m. start at Lake Orion High School.

### Dwyer fans 14

Pitcher Shea Dwyer struck out 14 and pitched a complete-game as Livonia Post 32 won the opener, 13-3, in an American Legion baseball double-header Sunday against host Waterford Cardinals at Waterford Mott High School.

Livonia Post 32 was led offensively by John Rodeman, who collected three doubles, a single, two RBI and scored three runs. Derrick Poremba also added two hits, walked twice, scored two runs and knocked in a run.

Dwyer scattered three hits and walked only two in the victory. The Cardinals won the night-cap, 3-2, as pitcher Josh Payzant took the loss.

### Lady Ocelot honors

Stephanie Squires of Redford has been named an Academic All-American, with a 3.6 or higher grade-point average. Squires was a member of the 2006-07 women's soccer team.

The National Junior College Athletic Association, which honored Squires, also named three of Schoolcraft's teams "Academic Team of the Year," because of their composite grade-point averages. They are the women's cross country team, women's soccer team and bowling team.

# Trio of Whalers drafted by NHL teams, eight others sign MISO expands with addition of Ironmen

The Plymouth Whalers' whirlwind of the playoffs, Memorial Cup and post-season continued at the National Hockey League Entry Draft, held June 22-23 in Columbus, OH.

Fresh off their second Ontario Hockey League championship in their 17-year history, the Whalers had eight players sign National Hockey League contracts this spring. Three remaining Whalers were selected in the NHL Entry Draft.

Goaltender Jeremy Smith (Brownstown) was taken in the second round (54th overall) by the Nashville Predators. Left wing/center Chris Terry was taken in the fifth round (132nd overall) by Carolina. The Hurricanes then turned around in the sixth round and took defenseman Brett Bellemore 162nd overall.

Smith posted a 2.59 goals against average, .923 save percentage and 23-6-0-1 record with Plymouth while sharing time with Michal Neuvirth. Nashville's goaltending situation is in a bit of flux, with Tomas Vokoun being traded to Florida, Chris Mason taking over the number-one goaltending job for the Predators and Pekka Rinne signed as a potential backup.

Smith - the highest-ranked North American goaltender in the NHL Entry Draft, according to the NHL Central Scouting Bureau - is seen as a goaltender of the future in Nashville. With Neuvirth signing with the Washington

Capitals, Smith's future is right now with the Whalers.

"He's not big in stature now, but he's going to continue to grow, as will all the kids," Nashville assistant general manager Paul Fenton told the Tennessean. "We think Smith has the chance to be a big-time goaltender. He's athletic, he's quick and he's on top of pucks coming to him."

Smith's selection was the highest the Predators have spent on a goaltender since Brian Finley was taken sixth overall in 1999.

"We haven't been this excited to be able to take a goaltender in a long time," Fenton said. "Certainly Brian Finley didn't turn out (two games for Nashville before moving to Boston), but Smith is probably the next best goaltending prospect we've been able to take since then. How often do you get a chance to take the number-one rated goalie in the draft?"

The NHL Entry Draft was nerve-wracking for Terry, as he sat through the entire first round on June 22, then through at least a couple of hours the next day.

"Every time a pick came close, I'd cross my fingers," Terry told the Raleigh News-Observer. "It was a long wait, no doubt, but it was well worth it."

Terry was an integral part of the Whalers' championship run last season with 66 points in 68 games. When James Neal missed the final month of the regular season with a knee



Plymouth Whalers Chris Terry (left) and Jeremy Smith (right), along with teammate Brett Bellemore (not pictured), were selected in last weekend's National Hockey League draft. Terry and Bellemore were taken by Carolina while Smith went to Nashville in the second round.

injury, Terry fit in seamlessly on a line with Evan Brophy and Jared Boll, scoring seven goals with 16 assists in 13 games.

Terry acknowledged there's a Hurricanes-feel to the Compuware Sports Arena in a different part of Hockeytown.

"I'm pretty familiar (with the Hurricanes), being that Mr. (Peter) Karmanos owns the Hurricanes and also the Whalers," Terry said. "We have a lot of banners and pictures around our building and our head coach is always talking about them."

Bellemore had an even longer wait. Since he wasn't listed among the 210 skaters rated by Central Scouting, his selection was delayed a little longer.

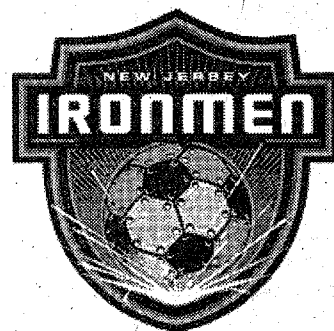
That's typical for a stay-at-home defenseman who was a healthy scratch of the first month of last season but then blossomed into an excellent defender once getting into the lineup. Bellemore didn't score a goal, but led the OHL with a plus-48 plus-minus rating.

"I know I've worked extremely hard to get to this point from the beginning of last season when I was out of the lineup," Bellemore said. "I had to work just to get playing time. This feels so good. It's been a long year, but it's all worked out for the best."

Terry and Bellemore are the 12th and 13th player Carolina has selected from the Whalers since Karmanos bought the Hurricanes in 1994.

The New Jersey Ironmen officially joined the ranks of the Major Indoor Soccer League June 21 at a ceremony held at the Newark City Hall.

New Jersey becomes the ninth MISL team — and third to join since the conclusion of the 2006-07 season — and will begin play during the 2007-08 season.



In addition to unveiling the team name and logo, the organization also introduced a 20-year banking and business executive, Tony Novo as its General Manager and Vice President of Business Operations.

Additionally, two-time MISL Coach of the Year Omid Namazi was introduced as the Ironmen's head coach and Vice President of Soccer Operations. The team will play a 15-game home schedule at Prudential Center in the Downtown Core Redevelopment District of Newark.

"We are welcoming another piece of Newark's transformation and a new resident to our city in welcoming the New Jersey Ironmen to Prudential Center," Mayor Booker said. "They will bring visitors to our downtown, excitement and huster to our soccer fans, and strength to our economy. The New Jersey Ironmen will kick a winning goal for Newark."

The team identity for the New Jersey Ironmen results from an online team naming campaign waged during the month of February. The interactive online campaign, supported by the Newark Star-Ledger, solicited feedback from soccer fans from Newark, all across the state of New Jersey, as well as throughout cyberspace. Fans were asked to select from a compila-

tion of five names, or fans could submit their own nicknames. Among the 4,500 responses, the nickname Ironmen, symbolic of the industrial origins of the Ironbound neighborhood, was, by far, the leading vote getter.

Representative of its community, the steely-looking, hard-edged logo depicts the tough attitude of the predominantly Portuguese-speaking community, made up by Brazilian and Portuguese ethnicities.

The New Jersey Ironmen will join the Baltimore Blast, California Cougars, Chicago Storm, Detroit Ignition, Milwaukee Wave, MISL Monterrey Club, Orlando Sharks, and the Philadelphia KiXX in the 2007-08 MISL regular season, scheduled to commence in mid-October and conclude at the end of March.

"Today marks the culmination of a journey to return indoor soccer to its historical origin, Newark, NJ," added MISL Commissioner Steve Ryan. "Not only are we proud to bring the Major Indoor Soccer League to the 1885 site of the first-ever recorded indoor soccer match in the United States, but we're eager to have the opportunity to offer affordable and exciting family entertainment to a community rich in cultural diversity."

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# MHSAA mandates 'dead period'

For the first time this summer, all schools in the Michigan High School Athletic Association's membership must enforce a "dead period," when school coaches have no contact with students in an athletics setting on or off school premises.

The dead period is a minimum of seven consecutive days, with each school deciding when those days will occur. In surveys conducted this spring, more than 90 percent of MHSAA-member schools indicated that their dead period will include the Fourth of July.

"Some of our constituents think a dead period is long overdue, and some don't think seven days is enough," said John E. "Jack" Roberts, Executive Director of the MHSAA. "It is what it is, a de-escalation of pressures on kids and coaches out-of-

season, one of several coming to school sports in Michigan."

The creation of the dead period is one of three actions taken by the Association's Representative Council a year ago which have been widely publicized and went into effect on June 1.

The others are the creation of a preseason down time before each sports season and a ban on curriculum offerings focusing on a single MHSAA post-season tournament sport.

The preseason down time prohibits schools from conducting open gyms and other activities for a period of 6 to 14 days prior to the start of each season which could be construed as out-of-season practice or even tryouts for a team.

The down times are from August 1 to the first practice

date in fall sports, 14 calendar days before the first practice date for each winter sport, and from March 1 until the first practice date in spring sports.

In the school curriculum, effective with the 2007-08 school year, if a class offers instruction specific to an MHSAA tournament sport, the class must offer instruction on at least of three topics in equal proportion taught to all students enrolled, and the class must be open to all students.

"The down time will allow schools to more clearly distinguish the start of each practice and its tryout period," said Roberts. "There have also been a number of schools conducting classroom offerings which have appeared to their opponents as school-sponsored out-of-season practice, especially in football."

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the national championship, they have to buy four additional tickets to the Home Run Derby. Dave said one standing room ticket, on e-Bay, was going for about \$200 as of Tuesday.

And then there was the little matter of extra airfare. The hotel shouldn't pose a problem because, "we're going to cram into the one room they're giving us," said Vera-Burgos with a chuckle.

One way or another, they'll be there.

Dave wondered out loud whether anybody might have insider information about how to score some of those Home Run Derby ducats, as close to face value as possible, for example.

But nothing is going to spoil the party for Zach and his family, not if Dave can help it.

"His siblings have just helped him out tremendously by practicing," he said, referring to Ben, Jeremiah (entering seventh grade) and Hannah (entering fifth grade). "They were out shagging fly balls when he was hitting them. There's no jealousy at all. They're just so happy for him."

Of course, they'll be happiest if they can all be on the West Coast, inside AT&T Park on July 9 to hopefully watch Zach finish what he started. It's been quite a trip already, without even considering where he's headed when he roared past the competition at the local and state level, taking final swings toward an achievement that about 600,000 youngsters signed up to pursue several months ago.

(Vera-Burgos said anybody with information that could help cut some of the family's trip expenses should call him at (734) 427-8345.)

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council is made up of athletic directors, coaches and school administrators from across the state.

Heinzman said she is hopeful the punishment will be lessened due to Randolph's impeccable history leading up to last month's tournament.

"It was Casey's first violation of any kind and he did not know all the rules about coaching student-athletes at national tournaments," said Heinzman.

"Rules were broken and there will be consequences. We just weren't expecting the maximum penalty."

Johnson said the length of the suspensions the MHSAA hands out are formulated by the association's member schools.

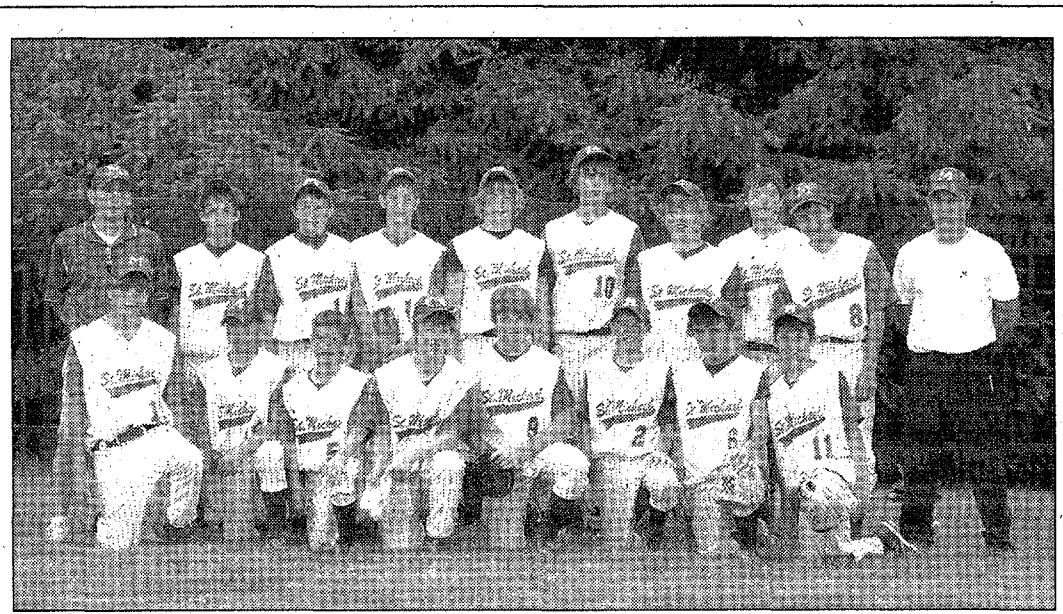
"Our schools consider coaching and competing in national tournaments a very serious situation," he said. "Our schools determined a long time ago that our coaches and athletes should not be competing in national competitions, like wrestling tournaments and the McDonald's All-Star basketball games."

"Student-athletes can lose up to a year of eligibility if it is proven that they competed in a national event."

Under Randolph's guidance, the Chiefs have captured two straight Division 1 District titles in 2006 and 2007. In 2006, Canton advanced all the way to the state team tournament in Battle Creek before getting upended by Rockford.

Randolph is a two-time Regional Coach of the Year and his teams have earned Academic All-State honors twice.

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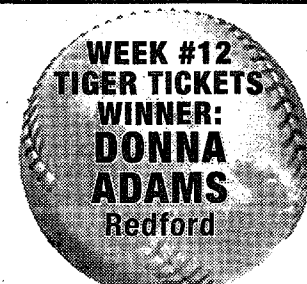
The Livonia St. Michael's seventh- and eighth-grade baseball team recently finished with a 12-1 overall record, including an 8-0 league mark while outscoring their opponents 105-24. In 40 innings, pitcher Dan Muller struck out 93 batters en route to a 6-1 record. He allowed just eight runs on five hits. Jon Ferrar, Tim Iaquinta, Adam Michael and Muller led the offense, each hitting over 3-0. Members of the Gaels, who fell in the Catholic Youth Organization playoff semifinal include (front row, from left): Jake Widmer, Jake Kelley, Matt Gove, Marshall Hart, Joe Barczuk, Mike Rybinski, David Oliver, Mario Carbanaro; (back row, from left) coach Kevin Rogers, Kyle Cser, Josh Dehetree, Cody Nalecz, Muller, Michael, Iaquinta, Ferrar and coach John Gotts.

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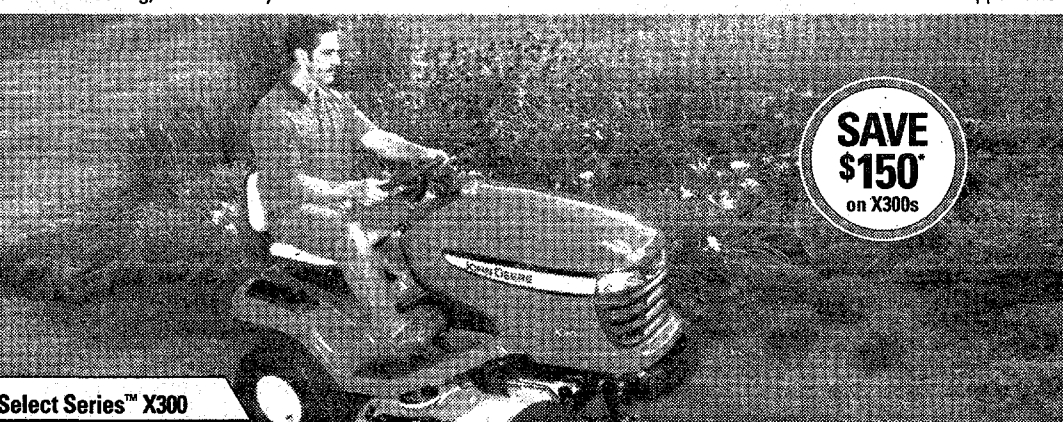
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Livonia decathlete Paul Terek (right) equaled his best time in the 400-meter dash with a time of 48.7 seconds in the AT&T USA Outdoor Track & Field National Championships held last weekend in Indianapolis.

**TEREK**  
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course contestant on two Japanese game shows including Ninja Warrior (reaching the third stage), a program that has aired in the U.S. on the G4TV network, along with the Muscular Athletes Championship (which he took first place).

"I can't look at second place as a failure, but there are a lot of things I need to work on," Terek said of his Indy performance. "It's like every other decathlon, some good, some not so good events. But overall it was a success for the reason that I made the (U.S.) world championship team. I'm starting to get a better understanding of my events and starting to make adjustments on my own."

On the first day, Terek scored 4,234 points highlighted by equaling a personal best 48.7 seconds in the 400-meter dash.

His other marks included 11.03 in the 100 dash; 7.26 meters in the long jump; 50 feet, 1.25 inches in the shot put; and 6-7.5 in the high jump.

On a wet surface Saturday, Terek

recorded a personal best 14.92 in the 110 hurdles, considered his weakest event, but plummeted to 139-09 in the discus, an event held under slippery conditions due to the rain. He finished out the meet by clearing 16-8.75 in the pole vault, his strongest event; followed by a throw of 173-09 in the javelin; and a clocking of 4:39.98 in the 1,500 run.

"The hurdles are coming along OK," Terek said. "I've got a lot more hip flexibility. It's not like can't do it ten times in a row consistently. And it was good that I tied my best 400 time."

Terek had a new set of poles ordered, but was pleased to have his old set finally shipped back in time from Italy where he scored 8,134 points in a MultiStars Meet (held May 5-6 in Desanzano).

Over Memorial Day weekend, Terek took a step backwards competing in a meet held in the Dominican Republic.

"I took only four or five days off coming off Italy, I got sick when I came back, and that killed my training," he said. "I thought I was better than what I was. I needed to take a

whole week off. I bit off more than I could chew if I can use that cliché. I was worn out."

Before heading to Osaka, Terek returns to train at his base in San Luis Obispo, Calif. where he'll review video, fine-tune his technique, and shore up timing issues under the watchful eye of coach Harry Marra. "There were bright spots, the 110 hurdles and the 400 with not a lot of speedwork," Terek said. "But this was also the litmus test to see where I'm at in the other events."

Had Terek met his average point totals in the discus, javelin, pole vault and 1,500, he might have challenged Pappas for the national title.

"I got a great base in the fall," Terek said. "We did a lot of running - striders, hills, sprint technique, little segment things. For three weeks we ran five days per week. But in the 1,500 I did not feel as good as I did in Italy."

Terek's sole focus now is Osaka. "It will be hot," said Terek, who looks to improve on his 12th-place finish in the 2003 World Outdoors in Paris and 13th in 2005 in Helsinki.

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## INFINITI QX56 CAN TAKE A TRAVELING FAMILY A LONG WAY

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### CA Report



By Dale Buss

For my money, there's no better test of a large SUV than the family road vacation. That's the single best practical reason to drive one of these behemoths anyway - notice that "prestige" and "road presence" are not practical reasons - so a vehicle like the Infiniti QX56 better stand up to this test.

And on a four-day trip to visit relatives elsewhere in the Midwest, QX56 indeed came up roses for me, my wife and two college-age kids who cocooned themselves in it for a several-hour journey. Though not everything was perfect, QX56, Infiniti's largest offering, provided us with comfort, convenience, driving command, plenty of amenities and not intolerable gas mileage. It ranks up there with my favorite large SUVs.

Actually, one major feature stood out in my book: Intelligent Cruise Control. This innovation automatically allowed me to maintain appropriate distance from the vehicle ahead on I-94 and other highways. Using a combination of laser sensors, throttle and brake actuators and the braking system, the QX56 emits a laser signal that measures the distance to the vehicle ahead, then automatically adjusts the QX56's speed to maintain a pre-selected following distance.

It's impossible to understate how much I appreciated this innovation in the QX56. I - maybe like many of you - am a bit of an incorrigible tailgater, or at least a closer driver than I should be, especially at high speeds. I also am one who enjoys the ergonomic benefits of using cruise control on long trips, but I also am easily annoyed at the continual need to coast or to disengage cruise control even in interstate driving because of how much speeds vary even among left-lane drivers.

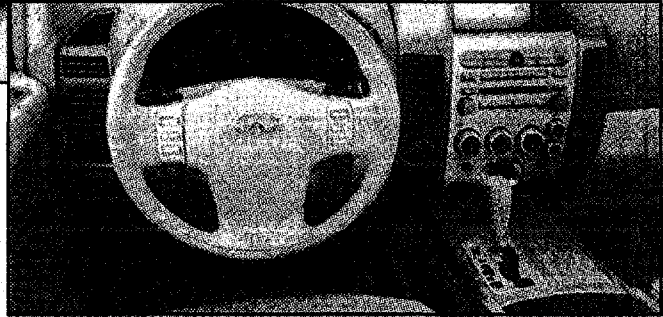
Many years ago, when I was a reporter in Detroit for The Wall Street Journal, I remember taking a ride in a car with a radar-braking system that was concocted by an inventor in Mt. Clemens. Wow - would he ever enjoy the QX56! This system is what he envisioned, and I doubted could happen, 20 years ago!

Intelligent Cruise Control kept me more than a safe distance from the car ahead. It slowed the vehicle gradually, not jarringly, when necessary. In short, it



Infiniti's QX56 cuts a stylish figure on the road and gets the job done inside as well.

The spacious and practical interior of the QX56 makes long trips an easier task.



delivered all the fun and convenience of cruise-control driving and eliminated nearly all the hassle and frustration.

I must admit that I tested this feature just a bit, on purpose. Infiniti's instructions say that Intelligent Cruise Control isn't to be engaged in city or congested driving, so I didn't do that. But I did deliberately come in too fast behind a slowing car in front of me just to see how much braking assistance, and how quickly, would be delivered by the feature. And then I immediately saw its limitations: I had to put on the brakes quite quickly, waking up my unappreciative family and slinging a few things around the cabin.

But Intelligent Cruise Control wasn't all there was to appreciate about the 2007 QX56 that I drove. Styling-wise, QX56 strikes a nice pose for design-oriented Infiniti, which is difficult to do with a behemoth vehicle that's meant to be boxy. Inside, QX56 makes good use of the ample space with luxurious appointments of leather and faux wood accents, and even noticeably thick carpeting on the floor.

The front seats feature 10-way power adjustment for the driver and eight-way for the front passenger. The "extra" two-way adjustment for the driver is a lumbar-support feature, which was a lifesaver on the long trip for an aging boomer like me; Infiniti should have gone ahead, however,

and put lumbar supports on the passenger side as well. That was an unfortunate oversight.

A great feature of the second-row seats that you don't find in some SUVs is that the captain's chairs recline, providing for great comfort customization. The high-mounted third-row seat proved capable of accommodating two teenagers comfortably, but anything other than a dog in between them would have been a squeeze. Overall, however, the second-row seats and the ride back there proved somewhat uncomfortable, ultimately betraying the fact that the QX56, like its sibling Nissan Armada SUV, is based on Nissan's Titan truck platform.

QX56 provided a rather athletic ride for such a beast, and the 320-horsepower, 5.6-liter V8 furnished ample punch and sustained power in every situation. Gas mileage was a predictable disappointment; EPA ratings are 13mpg in the city and 18 on the highway. Fortunately, the vehicle has a huge gas tank.

At a suggested price of \$57,560, the 2007 QX56 more than holds its own with other luxury-grade hulking SUVs, in a market segment that clearly is challenged these days. New for the 2008 version will be some exterior design tweaks to make it cleaner, instrument-panel prettification, power folding of the third-row seat, and other improvements.

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**Outdoor Furniture**  
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BY MARY KLEMIC  
STAFF WRITER

Today, outdoor furniture and decor are as far from "roughing it" as can be imagined, even in the climate of the Midwest.

Trends are for comfortable, and often lush and luxurious styles, that turn outdoor areas into versions or extensions of indoor living spaces.

"There are more and more pieces that are really indoor/outdoor," said interior designer Rosanne Duncan of Rosanne Designs of Bloomfield Hills, who is with the Design Connection program at Michigan Design Center (MDC) in Troy.

Designs by Laneventure include a frame structure for an outdoor room, said interior designer Mary Antenucci of Mary Antenucci Interiors LLC of Rochester, one of the Design Connection founding members.

An arbor by Laneventure, with optional canopy and drapery sun panels, is at the Henredon Interior Design Showroom at the design center.

Furnishings for the lanai – and other outdoor areas – are as sophisticated as those for the living room.

Sofas, lounge chairs, swivel rockers, sectionals, high-back dining chairs, cushioned chaises, coffee tables, end tables, ottomans and rugs are examples.

Upholstered pieces, weaves and slings can be found along with traditional wicker and teak. Fabrics are easy-care, and colors are bold.

Among popular colors for outdoor pieces are burnt orange, mustard and brown, as well as sea green and spa blue, said Roy Farmer, president and CEO of Allstate Billiards and Patio

Furniture, which has locations in Bloomfield Hills, Novi and Ann Arbor.

Outdoor fireplaces are growing in popularity, according to David Whittingham, president of Fireside Hearth & Home by Williams Panel Brick, which has showrooms in Canton and Utica.

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The style of an outdoor fireplace can complement that of the house. Varieties include thin brick, stone and metal, Whittingham said.

Fire pits come in various styles. The Fogata Grande by Quadra-Fire, features a cast-iron bowl and concrete supports. A wood fire can be built in it, or a gas log fire kit can be installed.

Casual Concepts in Rochester carries a coffee table with a sunken ice tub that converts to a fire pit and grill and back again.

Fabrics can withstand the elements without sacrificing fashion, and have the feel of traditional upholstery.

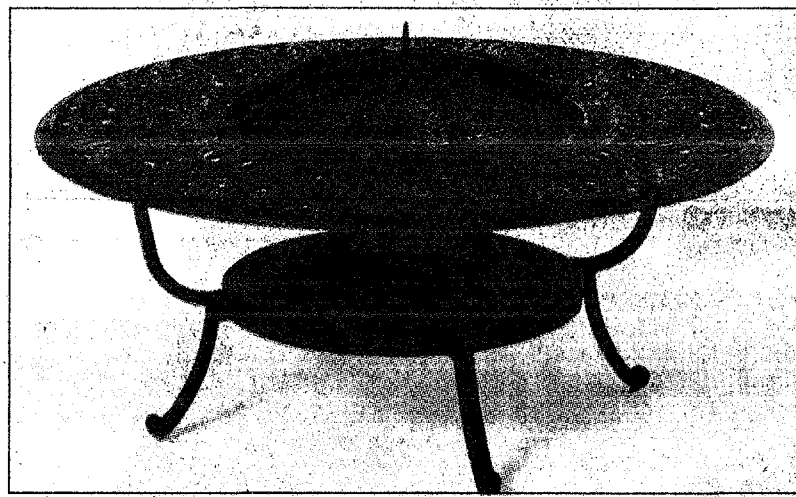
Cushions in the Bimini collection, introduced at Kravet at MDC, are designed to allow rain to run through them and to dry quickly. The WeatherMaster Spinnaker dining set by Laneventure, at the Henredon showroom, includes Laneventure's patented drainable cushions.

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COURTESY ALLSTATE BILLIARDS AND PATIO FURNITURE

Outdoor chairs, such as the Grand Traverse from Allstate Billiards and Patio Furniture, are also stylish.



COURTESY CASUAL CONCEPTS

This coffee table from Casual Concepts turns into a fire pit and grill, and back to a coffee table.



FIRESIDE HEARTH & HOME BY WILLIAMS PANEL BRICK

Like other outdoor furnishings, fire pits come in a variety of styles. The Fogata Grande, with cast-iron bowl and concrete supports, can be used for a wood fire or a fire from a gas log kit.

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Sub-Zero Inc. and Wolf Appliance Inc., leading manufacturers of premium refrigeration and cooking appliances, have announced a renovation to their Web sites, accessible at [subzero.com](http://subzero.com) and [wolffappliance.com](http://wolffappliance.com).

The new sites act as a virtual showroom for Sub-Zero and Wolf products. Enhanced interactive tools and imagery

for each of the brands are at the core of the sites' changes.

Sub-Zero's commitment to food preservation is demonstrated throughout the sites with images of cheeses, fruits and vegetable. Cooking confidence inspired by Wolf is underscored with customers' own real-life stories about the challenging dishes they successfully executed.

With just a few clicks, it is easy to visualize design flexibility by changing appliance finishes, cabinets, walls, counter tops, trim and floors to reflect personal styles and color palettes.

The Appliance Selector, customized for dimensions and product interest, allows visitors to start planning their dream kitchen.

Product pages allow consumers and designers to view appliances in different kitchen environments. The zoom feature brings visitors up close and personal to the pictures, while videos outline key product attributes.

When owners register their appliances online, they automatically receive e-mail updates on food storage, use and

care as well as ongoing tips, recipes and quick-start videos loaded into their online accounts.

This feature educates consumers inside and out about their Sub-Zero refrigerator, freezer or wine storage unit and Wolf cooking equipment.

Kitchen designers, architects and builders also benefit from the new Web sites. They can view the online specification library, download CAD or request a trade kit that will supply them with the resources they need for easy planning and installation of Sub-Zero and Wolf appliances.

The Design Resource Center is another tool created for trade professionals to learn about new and upcoming products as well as view articles and information written specifically for them.

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# Crowd purrs for Ryan Adams prior to the release of 'Easy Tiger'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

Ryan Adams embraced the intimate nature of Detroit's Gem Theater June 20, during a sold-out stop on his current tour. Between songs he bantered about with an enthusiastic crowd, even putting on a half-hearted hip hop persona. "We're just gonna play some music up in here - in this piece," he announced with a laugh.

Switching gears ever-so-quickly, Adams moved into two new songs, performing *The Sun Also Sets* and *Oh My God, Whatever, Etc.* Both appear on his latest *Lost Highway* release, *Easy Tiger*, along with a duet recorded with Sheryl Crow called *Two*, and an off-kilter offering titled *Halloweenhead*.

The album was released Tuesday, June 26.

Adams, formerly of Whiskeytown, has

crafted quite a successful solo career, one consisting of nine albums recorded in seven years. Much of the notoriety hinges on an accessible alt-country style marked by Adams' impressive voice and unmatched, intimate songwriting. It seems he's never more inspired than when he's utterly heartbroken.

Accompanied by five musicians known as The Cardinals, Adams took the stage under a haze of blue lights. He had to forgo playing guitar due to a torn ligament (reportedly the result of a skateboarding accident last month), so he perched restlessly on a stool, cradling the microphone and signaling changes to the soundman instead.

The Gem's elegant surroundings didn't go unnoticed. Adams wore a suit coat and tie, and was the only member lining the stage who intermittently hid behind sunglasses.

Between each song, stage lights faded quickly out and came back in, punctuating his emotive performance - and pro-

voking an already outspoken audience.

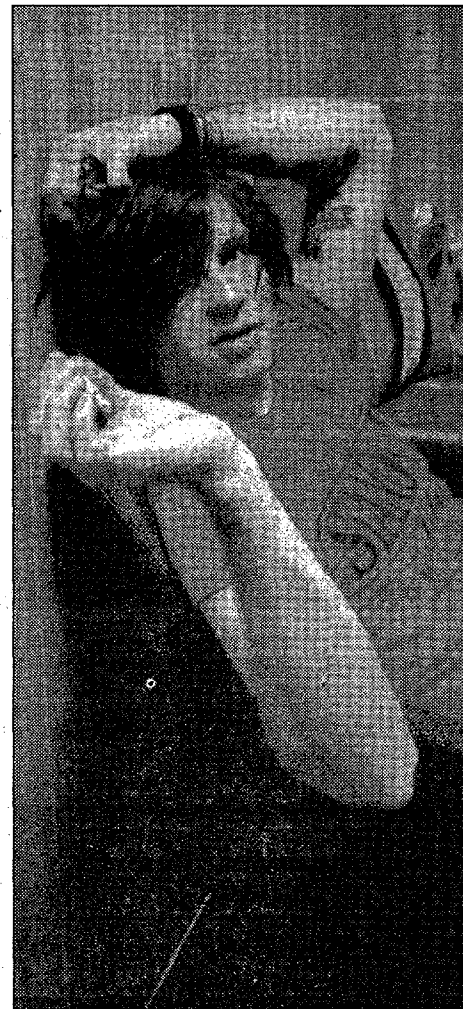
Songs like *Let It Ride* capitalized on hushed harmonies while early favorites like *Goodnight*, *Hollywood Boulevard* and *My Winding Wheel* earned relentless applause. Adams taunted the crowd to stop clapping along to *Beautiful Sorta*, and later dedicated *I See Monsters* to Nick Nolte.

Though the audience felt comfortable enough to shout out song titles, Adams insisted on sticking to a rehearsed set list. But he did so with humility, whispering into the mic: "We have to pretend we're not friends now" before continuing.

Much of the set list featured songs from his 2005 album, *29*. He and The Cardinals kicked out *Elizabeth*, *You Were Born to Play That Part*, *Strawberry Wine*, and later as an encore *Blue Sky Blues* and *Starlite Diner*.

For more on Ryan Adams visit the Web at [www.ryan-adams.com/RyanAdams.html](http://www.ryan-adams.com/RyanAdams.html)

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# Stratford stages outsider-themed plays

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
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Shakespeare is the heart and soul of the Stratford Festival in Ontario but it is only part of the broad range of theatrical offerings presented.

In his last year at Stratford, artistic director Richard Monette has chosen the theme of the outsider and three distinctly American works are being staged to explore that theme and other aspects of the American spirit.

## To Kill a Mockingbird

Harper Lee's richly evocative classic novel *To Kill a Mockingbird* was made into an equally distinguished film with a transcendent performance by Gregory Peck as Atticus Finch, a lawyer who takes on the job of defending a black man accused of rape in Depression-era Alabama.

Playwright Christopher Sergel has reimaged the book into a stage production that puts a different emphasis on some issues but does a fine job of realizing the two essentials of the novel and movie – the tense courtroom drama and the interplay of the three children at the story's center and the attempts to bring out Boo Radley.

The Stratford production, directed by Susan Schulman, has three excellent young actors playing the roles of Scout and Jem Finch and their friend Dill. Thomas Murray is all angles and unease as Jem, a boy on the cusp of manhood. Spencer Walker captures all the bravado of Dill, a character famously based on a young Truman Capote. Best of all is Abigail Winter-Culliford as the 9-year-old Scout, a precocious, outspoken and, yet, sensitive young girl. She is wide eyed and direct.

The play is told, like the novel and movie, by an adult Scout. The older Jean Louise is on stage throughout and the play rolls out as a memory. Michelle Giroux does a fine job of telling a story Southern-style in a graceful accent.

Stratford veteran Peter Donaldson is a retiring but righteous Atticus, the very essence of a decent man who tries to see good even in those who embrace the racism of his time and place. He is the outsider. Other excellent performances come from Keith Dinicol as the wise sheriff, Dion Johnstone as the accused Tom Robinson and Dayna Tekatch as the false accuser, more victim than villain.

Charlotte Dean's set captures the grit and small town ambiance of Depression America.



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Peter Donaldson portrays Atticus Finch in 'To Kill a Mockingbird' at the Stratford Festival this summer.

## Of Mice and Men

John Steinbeck's stage adaptation of his novel *Of Mice and Men* deals with a whole class of outsiders, but tells the specific story of two drifters with dreams of something better than the hand they've been dealt.

The era is the Depression again, the setting is a ranch in California. George and his simple-minded companion Lennie are on the run from one problem and into another when they sign on as ranch hands.

Graham Greene, best known for his role in *Dances With Wolves*, plays the hulking, childlike Lennie whose love of soft things to pet leads to disaster. Nichola Van Burek plays the smart, dreaming George, who fills Lennie's head

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# Family fun promised at artBLAST

Guests can have a literal blast in Birmingham on July 3.

When the sky lights up over the city, fireworks will provide an explosive end to a night of fun as the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center hosts artBLAST, an all-ages party full of art adventures, food and live music.

Formerly known as Summer Solstice, artBLAST is a summer celebration for the entire family. The event has raised over \$300,000 for

the BBAC since its inception in 2003. Proceeds go directly towards educational and community programming at the center.

The event is made possible by signature sponsor TriMas Corporation, along with additional support this year from the Birmingham Fire Department. Says Fire Chief Timothy G. Wangler of the collaboration with the BBAC, "We are working together to coordinate events for a wonderful, safe, family experience – before,

during, and after the fireworks."

The center opens for artBLAST ticket holders at 7 p.m. The annual City of Birmingham fireworks take place at approximately 10 p.m., adjacent to the BBAC on the Lincoln Hills Golf Course. Complimentary parking for artBLAST ticket holders is provided at Birmingham's Seaholm and Groves high schools, with SMART shuttles to the BBAC. artBlast will be

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# DSO performs at Salute to America concert

Set your patriotic fire aflame this Independence Day with fun, family, fireworks and patriotic music when the Detroit Symphony Orchestra returns to The Henry Ford's Greenfield Village for the annual Salute to America concerts.

Now in its 15th year, the Salute to America concerts take place in Greenfield Village at The Henry Ford in Dearborn on Saturday, June 30; Sunday, July 1; Monday, July 2; and Tuesday, July 3. The DSO concerts begin at 8:30 p.m. each evening and gates open at 6 p.m. In honor of The Henry Ford's Rock Stars Cars and Guitars show, currently on exhibit, the evening will commence with a prelude concert by Michigan's own "blue-eyed soul singer" Stewart Francke at 7:30 p.m.

New this year, children ages 12 and under will be admitted free on LaSalle Family Fun Nights, June 30 and July 1, thanks to LaSalle Bank. Children must be accompanied by a paying adult who must possess a coupon for free admittance. Coupons can be downloaded at [www.LaSalleBank.com](http://www.LaSalleBank.com).

Also new this year are special VIP pass-

es which will be available for the June 30 and July 2 concerts. VIP passes include chairs in the best seating section of the park as well as parking in the exclusive Eagle Tavern lot (closer to Walnut Grove, where the concerts take place). The cost for VIP seating is \$50 per person.

Family Fun

Led by the DSO's resident conductor Thomas Wilkins, this year's Salute to America concerts will feature the DSO performing such steadfast favorites as *The Star Spangled Banner*, the Armed Forces Salute - in tribute to our veterans from all five branches of the armed forces -- and much more. Once again, each concert will conclude with a spectacular fireworks exhibit. The display follows the thrilling finale of Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*, complete with the booming of four authentic Hotchkiss cannons from 1876.

Returning for the festivities this year is 13-year old Kendall Pennington, the little girl with the big voice from Washington, Mich., who stole the hearts of audiences at last year's concerts singing *Over the Rainbow*. This year Kendall will sing selections from *The Sound of Music*, as well as *America the Beautiful*.

Adding to the excitement, a "flyover" in a vintage aircraft courtesy of the Yankee Air Museum will take place on the opening and closing nights (June 30 and July 3). While picnicking on the grounds, audiences can enjoy mingling with the many historic presenters in period clothing who roam the crowd, including the Greenfield Village Trio and Quartet. Food and beverage concessions will be available at the rear of the concert grounds during the DSO concerts, and will be open from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. each night, offering a wide variety of menu choices.

Tickets for the Detroit Symphony Orchestra's *Salute to America* concerts at Greenfield Village range in price from \$12 to \$19 for members/subscribers; \$14 to \$22.50 for non-members/subscribers. \$50 VIP passes are available to both members and non-members. Members of The Henry Ford must purchase tickets through The Henry Ford by calling (313) 982-6001 or online at [www.TheHenryFord.org](http://www.TheHenryFord.org). Detroit Symphony Orchestra Subscribers must purchase tickets through DSO by calling (313) 576-5111 or online at [www.detroitssymphony.com](http://www.detroitssymphony.com). Nonmembers/ Non-subscribers can purchase tickets through either outlet.

## FIREWORKS

(Start times at dusk unless otherwise indicated)

### Birmingham/Beverly Hills

July 3, Lincoln Hills Golf Course (Lincoln and Cranbrook), (248) 644-1800, <http://www.ci.birmingham.mi.us>

### Clarkston

July 4, Clintonwood Park, 6000 Clarkston Road (248) 625-1924, <http://www.twp.independence.mi.us>

### Clawson

July 4, Clawson Park, Main Street, north of 14 Mile Rd., (248) 589-0334, [www.ci.clawson.mi.us](http://www.ci.clawson.mi.us)

### Kensington Metropark

July 4, at dusk, vehicle permit required, 2240 W. Buno Rd., Milford (248) 685-1561, [http://www.metroparks.com/events/cal\\_events.php](http://www.metroparks.com/events/cal_events.php)

### Lake Orion

June 30, Green's Park on M-24 (Lapeer Road), right next to Lake Orion, (248) 393-0600, [www.downtownlakeorion.org](http://www.downtownlakeorion.org)

### Rochester Hills

10 p.m. June 28, Borden Park (Hamlin and John R), (248) 656-4663, [www.rochesterhills.org](http://www.rochesterhills.org)

### Stony Creek Metropark

June 30, 4300 Main Park Rd., Shelby Township (northeast of Rochester), vehicle permit required, (586) 781-4242, [www.metroparks.com/events/cal\\_events.php](http://www.metroparks.com/events/cal_events.php)

### Westland

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## ART BLAST

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staged rain or shine on July 3, regardless of rescheduled fireworks.

New to artBLAST this year is afterBLAST, an opportunity to wind down after the fireworks (and avoid lengthy traffic back ups) at the art center with munchies and nostalgic videos for the entire family.

All artBLAST tickets include admission to afterBLAST, although afterBLAST tickets may be purchased separately for \$5 at the door.

BBAC instructors and local artists facilitate artBLAST events, which are all included in the admission price. Event-goers can create digital "dog tags," figure drawings, tribal beads, mini-canvas paintings and felting projects among other things. Everyone is invited to get a crystal ink tattoo and participate in creating an interactive window mural that will stay in progress throughout the night.

Artist demonstrations will include ceramic wheel throwing, sculpture, and painting.

Dinner includes Michigan favorites like classic coney islands, sliders, Better Made chips and Faygo products. Musical entertainment is by Joel Mabus, a popular figure on the national folk music circuit.

The BBAC is a regional non-profit art center committed to promoting the

visual arts with classes for all ages and levels. Each year it offers 500 classes for 4,000 students including year-round classes and art camps attended by over 1,000 youths annually. The BBAC campus features seven-classroom studios, four galleries with free exhibits open to the public, art camps, special events, and a retail gallery shop.

Additional support for artBLAST 2007 is provided by Casino Windsor, Comerica, Econ Global Services, Snethkamp Chrysler Jeep, Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn, Deneweth, Dugan & Parfitt and SMART.

Ticket prices are \$110 for a family, \$50 for adults, and \$35 for seniors and children. To purchase, visit the BBAC website, [www.BBACenter.org](http://www.BBACenter.org) or call the BBAC at (248) 644-0866. The BBAC is located at 1516 S. Cranbrook, between 14 and 15 Mile Roads.



# Disney's 'Ratatouille' capitalizes on comedy

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

Disney-Pixar's latest animated adventure *Ratatouille* tells a heartfelt tale of a fish out of water.

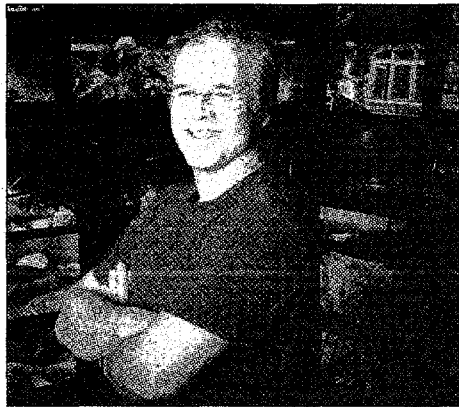
That is, if the fish is a high-brow rat named Remy who's most at home in the kitchen.

Unlike his rodent cohorts, Remy has a superior sense of smell which has led to an unexpected love of fine foods. He's not content to pick through trash to dine, like his chubby brother Emile. He'd rather risk getting caught by a human to munch on fresh fruit, taste fine spices or cook elaborate meals.

"If you are what you eat, then I only want to eat the good stuff," said the little blue rat, voiced by gentle comedian Patton Oswalt (*The King of Queens*).

The studio's initial thought in developing rats for *Ratatouille*, said Director Brad Bird, was to "de-ratify" them.

"When I got involved I felt that was a mistake," he said. "Let's use the ick factor."



Director Brad Bird ('The Incredibles') creates a loveable rat tale in 'Ratatouille.'

Animators studied the mannerisms and appearance of real, caged rats to create believable creatures. Remy stands apart from his brethren, choosing to walk on two legs rather than four.

Bird, perhaps best known as the Academy Award-winning director of *The Incredibles*, joined this project in 2000, helping refocus its script and breathe an air of beauty and realism into the film.

The movie's producer, Brad Lewis, noted that it was a long process to complete *Ratatouille* - about six years. Just weeks after completing it, the "Brads" were busy promoting the movie on a



Janeane Garofalo voices a French chef named Collette in the new Disney Pixar feature 'Ratatouille.'

press tour across the states - along with comedians Oswalt and Janeane Garofalo, who voices the role of the only female chef in the kitchen. As Collette, she's strong-willed and fights against the odds, a common theme threaded throughout the story.

Never before has a cartoon rat been so

adorable. From his wiry blue fur to the sheer pinkness of his button nose, it's easy to like Remy. And he, it turns out, wishes he were human.

Oswalt was chosen for the role thanks to a bit he performed on his first record.

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# CityFest

Newly named festival features music, food, art

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

With so many festivals coming and going, how do you choose which to attend?

How about the festival with a conscience plus big names in food, music and art?

Comerica CityFest this year has progressively gone green, implementing a recycling program and asking vendors to bring environmentally friendly products.

The musical lineup this year is strong as ever: Spoon, Cheap Trick, The Wailers, Femi Kuti and funny 'Weird Al' Yankovic.

Comerica CityFest (formerly the Tastefest) is known for bringing in emerging and already established acts: Cake, Jet, Ziggy Marley and Joan Jett have played previous years.

For the 19th year, the event is happening in the New Center, July 4-8. The festival is outdoors on West Grand Boulevard between Woodward Avenue and the Lodge Freeway. Visitors can sample food, shop, dance, hear music, watch extreme sports, view art and a lot more all along the urban backdrop of the city.

First the music.

You can see Spoon, an underground rock band; The Wailers, the most legendary reggae band in musical history; Femi Kuti, the Afro-pop star who's entering the mainstream, and 'Weird Al' (need we say more?).

Also performing are Bobby Blue Band, master blues and soul artist; Cheap Trick, rockers (If the words Live At Budokan mean anything to you, you'll want to be here); Yo La Tengo, indie band; Deniece "Niecy" Williams, R&B songstress, and Brian Culbertson, jazz keyboardist.

Locally the hot bands performing are The GO, The Detroit Cobras and Ty Stone.

World-jazz guitar masters Sean Blackman and John Arnold are also performing.

If music isn't your thing - but we know it is, since metro-Detroiters love their rock - you can shop at the Second Avenue Street Market, get henna tattoos and check out trends from boutiques

like Burning Bead Studio from Berkley, seductive clothing from Royal Oak's Noir Leather, City Knits of Detroit, and a lot more.

Kids' events include:

■ Kevin Collins and his African Drums, an authentic local African drum troupe, will perform and discuss the cultural significance of drums. Shows are noon-6 p.m. each day.

■ Kids+Chemistry, free hands-on chemistry experiments for kids, noon to 6 p.m. July 7.

■ Miniature Motorways, a six-lane slot car track, noon to 6 p.m. each day

■ The Detroit Derby Girls Roller Derby will strut their stuff every day. The team is Detroit's only skater-owned and operated, all-girl, flat-

track roller derby league. There's also rock climbing; modern skate, and BMX aerial demos; interactive basketball and extreme Hula Hooping by Revolva. She's Detroit's new sensation who does wild hula hoop dances with mind-boggling flexibility to funky music.

Featured artists will be showcasing their work at a special event 8 p.m. to midnight Tuesday, July 3, in the lobby of the Fisher Theatre. The event is free and proceeds from purchased art will benefit the New Center Area.

Artists include:

■ Chris Turner, of Detroit, who is an artistic staple in the city. He creates sculptures out of throwaway objects and is co-designer of the Millennium Bell in Grand Circus Park.

■ Carl Lundgren, of Detroit, is an illustrator of rock poster art.

■ Glen Barr, of Detroit, is a world class surrealist painter who blends retro and futuristic icons into fantasy scapes.

■ Gwen Joy, of Redford, is a painter of "trippy, child-like art that incorporates renditions of real people, animals and combos of both." She is the creator of Joy Toys, a doll that's part animal and part clown.

■ Niagara, of Detroit, is one of the city's best-known painters and silkscreen masters, with art in the genre of Andy Warhol and Roy Lichtenstein. Niagara is known worldwide.

■ Leni Sinclair is the photographic archivist of the Detroit music scene going

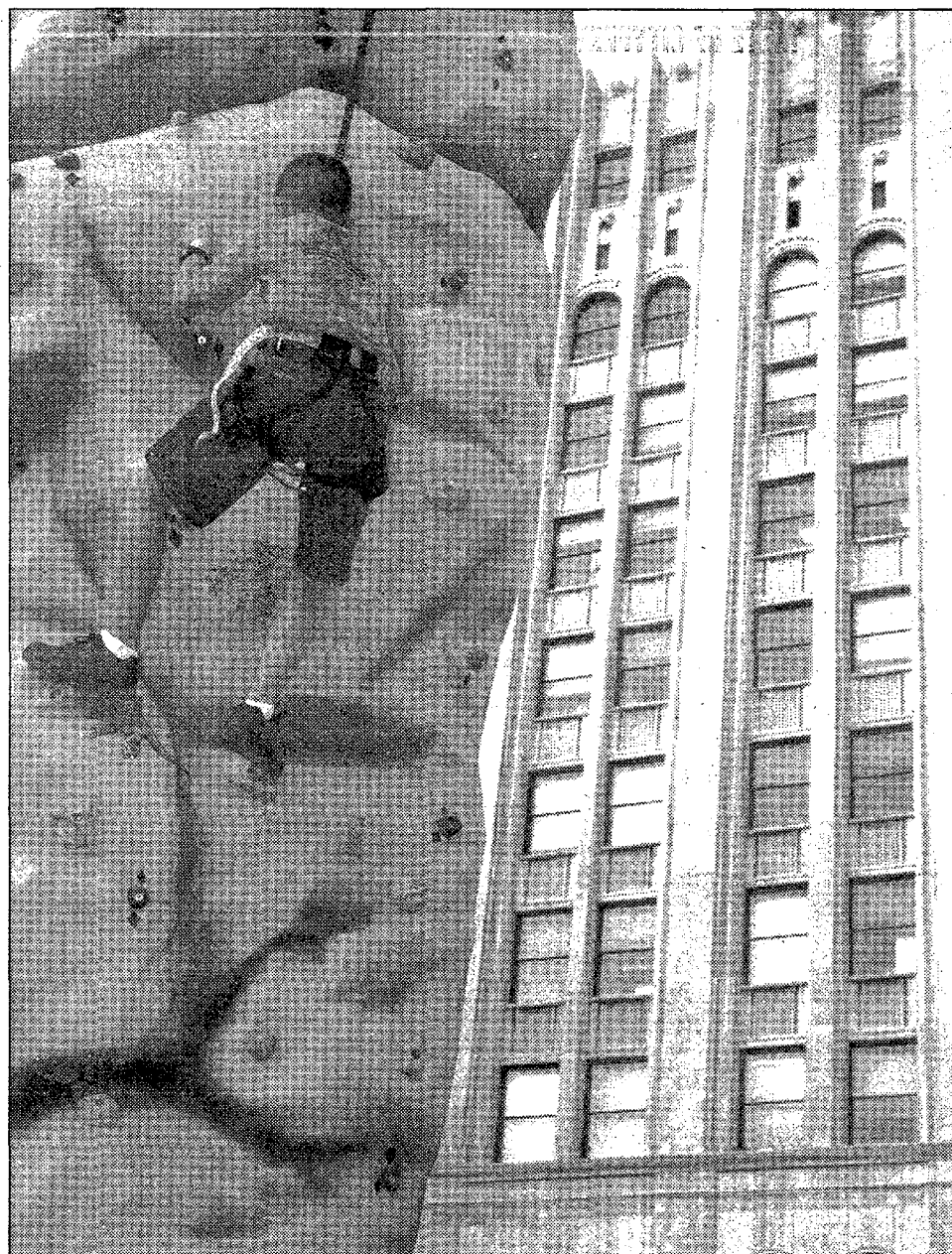
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## THE MUSIC SCHEDULE

### Motor City Casino Stage

#### Wednesday, July 4

Femi Kuti and The Positive Force, 5:30 p.m.; Spoon, 8:30 p.m.

#### Thursday, July 5

The Wailers featuring Elan, 5:30 p.m.; "Weird Al" Yankovic, 8:30 p.m.

#### Friday, July 6

Brian Culbertson reunited with Steve Cole, 5:30 p.m.; The Detroit News Battle of the Bands Winner, 7:30 p.m.; The Displays, 8:30 p.m.; Lupe Fiasco, 8:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, July 7

Deniece Williams, 5:30 p.m.; Yo La Tengo, 8:30 p.m.

#### Sunday, July 8

Bobby "Blue" Bland, 3 p.m.; Cheap Trick, 6 p.m.

### metroPCS Jazz & Blue Stage

#### Wednesday, July 4

Gerard Gibbs & ReORGAN'YZ, noon; GEQ, 2 p.m.; Jesse Palter, 4 p.m.; NILS, 6:30 p.m.; Ryan Shaw, 9 p.m.

### Thursday, July 5

Paul Carey Quartet, noon; Patrick Sweany, 2:30 p.m.; Measured Chaos, 5 p.m.; Gorilla Funk Mob starring Allan Barnes, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

### Friday, July 6

Marvin Jones Trio featuring Cornelius "JuJu" Johnson Jr., noon; Malik Alston & special guests Badriyyah Wazeerud-Din (vocals), Neco Redd (vocals), Monica Blaire (vocals), Sean Blackman (guitar), & Alma (spoken word), 2:30 P.M.; Lin Rountree, 5 p.m.; Hot Club of Detroit, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

### Saturday, July 7

Collaboration, noon; Tumbao Bravo, 2:30 p.m.; Sandra Bomar and the Jazz Experience with special guest Brenda Perryman, 5 p.m.; Rayse Biggs, 7:30 and 9 p.m.

### Sunday, July 8

PicNap Poetry featuring The Detroit Slam Team, noon; TFO, 2 p.m.; Reverend Robert Jones and Sweet Kingdom Missionary Baptist Church Choir, 3:30 p.m.; Detroit Soul and Blues Revue featuring Sir Mack Rice, Alberta Adams, Johnnie Bassett, and RJ Spangler &

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## TASTE OF CITYFEST

The flavors of the foods at Comerica CityFest promise to be pretty intense. (After all it was originally dubbed Tastefest because of its huge selection.)

Fifteen years ago at festivals, the idea of a falafel sandwich over a burger seemed way too exotic, but today it's nearly mainstream there.

Festivals are a great way to try samples of foods that you might not otherwise be daring enough to order as an entree at a restaurant.

Here are some uncommon items that will be offered at CityFest. For the unadventurous, don't worry, all the basic festival fare will be available, too.

Never had a BBQ portabello? Mario's, a legendary Detroit Italian restaurant, will offer that.

You'll get a shot of energy from the collard greens with Ethiopian Injera bread at the Taste of Ethiopia stand.

Under the Eagle, a Polish restaurant, will offer a refreshing dill pickle soup.

Aw Shuck's will have popular, roasted, sweet corn on the cob.

And if you're not counting calories, Union Jack's is cooking up, gulp, deep fried Mars bars.

And there's kabobs, gyros, samosas, peach cobbler and paella.

Tiki Huts will pour real fresh fruit smoothies.

Other restaurants include American Masala (Indian); Chan's Cafe (Asian); LaPita Restaurant (Middle Eastern); The Melting



Roasted corn on the cob is one of the annual favorites among CityFest patrons.

Pot of Troy (eclectic); Mookey's Beans and Greens (soul); Olympian Cafe (Greek); The Potato Factory (assorted toppings on butterfly chips); Vicente's Cuban Cuisine, and Zumba's (Mexican).

Even the desserts are exotic with the Centaur Bar creating Cheesecake Lollipops; Alinosi will offer decadent ice cream, Casey's New York Style Ice will sell assorted flavors of Italian ice and Sweet Potato Sensations has everything sweet potato-related.

Fresh squeezed lemonade is a CityFest tradition and there's also beer and wine.

Lana Mini

## SCHEDULE

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the Rhythm, 6 p.m.

### PURE Detroit Stage Wednesday, July 4

Demon Days: An official Planet E Selection plus Carl Craig presents Detroit Live featuring Marcus Belgrave (Tribe), Wendell Harrison (Tribe) & Kelvin Sholar (Q Tip band), noon

### Thursday, July 5

Hellen, 4 p.m.; The Fondas, 5 p.m.; Serenity Court, 6 p.m.; The Hentchmen, 7:30 p.m.; Luck Be A Lady: A Detroit Hip-Hop-Soul Jam, hosted by RenSoul.com featuring: DJ Sicari, DJ K-Fresh, MC Finale, Monica Blaire, Neco Redd, Angelique Brown, Invincibl , Miz Korona, L'Renee, Patrice Williams, with special guest Tanya Morgan, 9 p.m.

### Friday, July 6

Carjack, 4:30 p.m.; The Come Ons, 5:30 p.m.; The Satin Peaches, 6:30 p.m.; Jeremy Ellis & John Arnold, 7:30 p.m., Exchange Bureau featuring Billy Love "Live", 9 p.m.

### Saturday, July 7

Liz Copeland, 3 p.m.; Anthony "Shake" Shakir (Frictional Recording), 4:30 p.m.; Freer, 6 p.m.; The High Strung, 7:30 p.m.;

Heartthrob (live), 9 p.m.

### Sunday, July 8

God's Army, 2:30 p.m.; The Singles, 4 p.m.; The Silent Years, 5 p.m.; The Hard Lessons, 6:30 p.m.

### New Center Council Park Stage Wednesday, July 4

GooseGator, 11:45 a.m.; Matt Dmiz, 6 p.m.; Scott Kinison, 7 p.m.; Scream Ray, 8 p.m.; Inside Outlaws Collective, Doop DuPrie, Ty Stone, 9 p.m.

### Thursday, July 5

Simplicity (two 45-minute sets), 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Gretchen Wolff, 6 p.m.; Shotgun Wedding, 7 p.m.; Silent Violet, 8 p.m.; Thunderbirds Are Now!, 9 p.m.

### Friday, July 6

Baby Pepper and The Family Pleasers (two 45-minute sets), 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m.; The Syreens, 6 p.m.; The Drinking Problem, 7 p.m.; The Sirens, 8 p.m.; The Detroit Cobras, 9 p.m.

### Saturday, July 7

Roots Vibration, 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Dooley Wilson, 6 p.m.; The Expatriates, 7 p.m.; Siddhartha, 8 p.m.; 9 p.m., The GO, 9 p.m.

### Sunday, July 8

Polka Floyd, 11:45 a.m. and 1 p.m.; Youth Group of Rome, 4 p.m.; Citizen Smile, 5 p.m.; The Cetan Clawson Revolution, 6 p.m.; The Displays, 7 p.m.

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# Soul food and Motown pair in Detroit

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

## Table Hopping

Some themes click and others don't. That's the nature of the restaurant business.

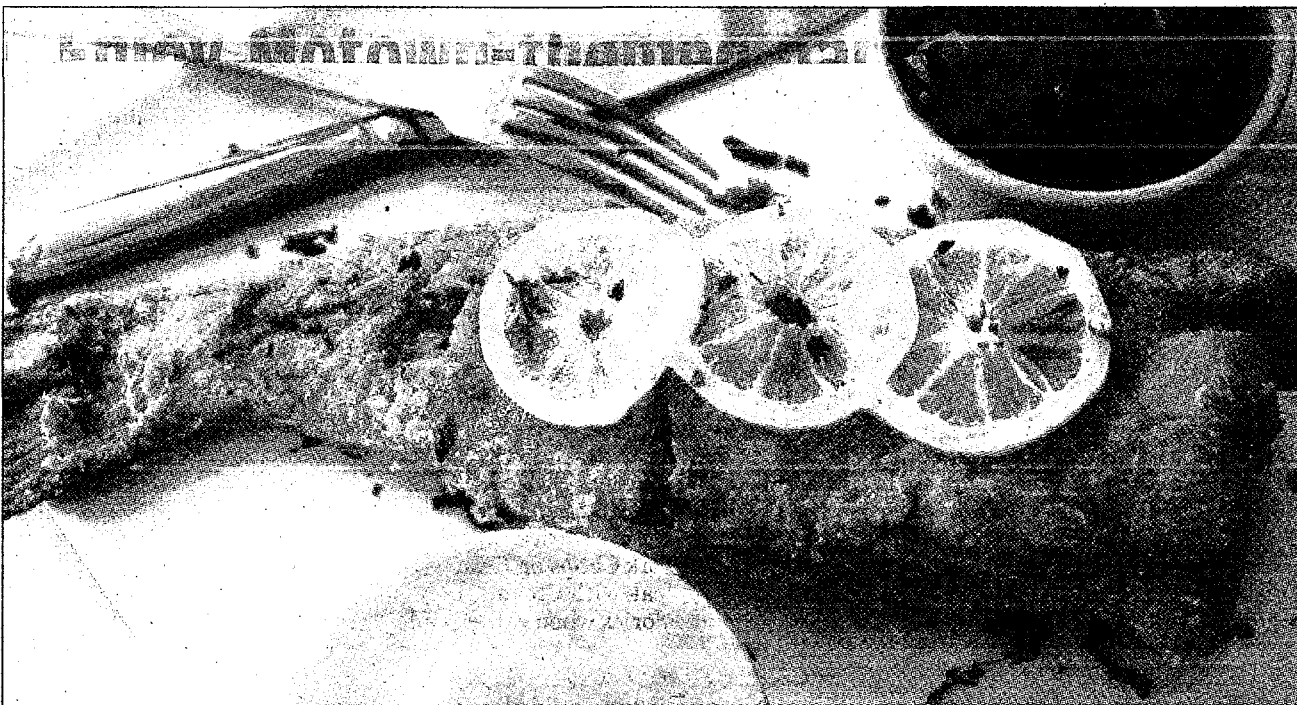
Earlier this month, Southern Hospitality Restaurant Group, which owns and operates Seldom Blues Restaurant and Jazz Supper Club in Detroit's Renaissance Center and Detroit's Breakfast House & Grill @ Merchants Row in the heart of

Campus Martius, changed the name of its former Grand City Grille to Motown Soul Food Café in Detroit's New Center area.

Grand City Grille, popular when the Fisher Theatre stage was lights-up, didn't play to a full house at other times. Thus, its closure after a year and a half.

### DESTINATION THEME

"It's funny," said Frank Taylor, CEO of Southern



Louisiana Farm-Raised Catfish fills the plate and the palate at Motown Soul Food Café.

Hospitality Restaurant Group, "we kicked around the idea of a casual soul food restaurant in an upscale setting with top professional service before we decided on the Grand City Grille concept.

"Area diners really wanted a more casual style for non-show times. We recognize this now and were willing to change to satisfy diners who come downtown for casual events. When the Fisher Theatre has shows, we'll adjust hours of operation to accommodate theater-goers."

Taylor believes that Detroit has yearned for a soul food restaurant and potential diners want it with beautiful

ambience and professional waitstaff.

### MOTOWN AND SOUL FOOD

Connecting Motown with soul food is also important to Taylor. "Both are Detroit signatures," he said. "Motown never died. When a person thinks of Detroit, they remember the Motown music era that put Detroit on the map."

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# MOTOWN

FROM PAGE E8

Café. The timeless sounds of Marvin Gaye, the Temptations, Four Tops, Martha Reeves & The Vandellas, Diana Ross, Stevie Wonder and Smokey Robinson & The Miracles lift your spirits to another era where, according to Taylor, "the words made sense."

Except for the inclusion of Motown artists' wall art and Detroit historical graphics, the look that was once Grand City Grille remains. And that's not a bad thing because it has class — lots of class.

## ALWAYS IN SEASON

So many of metro Detroit's restaurants have seasonal offerings. Soul food is not seasonal. That's its attraction.

On a seasonal menu, you're not likely to find appetizers such as Southern Fried Chicken Wings, Salmon Croquettes, Fried Oysters, Fried Green Tomatoes or Homemade Chicken & Dumplings as the house soup.

Call Pineapple & Spiced Pecan Spinach Salad upscale southern.

N'Awlin's Shrimp Po Boy and N'Awlin's Oyster Po Boy state their origin among other sandwiches including BBQ Meatloaf and Fried Shrimp Grilled Cheese.

Choice of two sides (one of which

## MOTOWN SOUL FOOD CAFE

**Where:** 3011 W. Grand Blvd. (first floor of Fisher Building), Detroit (313) 556-9993.

**Open:** Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 5-10 p.m.; Sunday Soul Food Brunch, noon to 4 p.m.

**Food style:** Classic southern soul food inspired by Detroit native and executive chef Jerry Nottage.

**Cost:** \$6-\$15.

**Reservations:** Recommended. Smoke free.

should be the Macaroni & Cheese), and a corn muffin accompany all main dishes. Try the Southern Fried Chicken, Southern Fried Pork Chops or Texas Chicken Fried Steak with Cream Gravy. Never count calories when eating soul food!

But do leave room for dessert such as peach cobbler, sweet potato pie or banana pudding:

Hmmm. Classic soul food and Motown in Detroit. A destination theme that should be attractive this time around. Give Motown Soul Food Café a try when downtown for an event or make it a destination.

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# Enjoy Motown-themed parties

If you like to party outside and enjoy Motown music favorites, then it's time to take in a summertime garden patio party atmosphere at the Courtyard at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn.

Motown in the Courtyard takes place 4-7 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 23. The courtyard will be transformed club-like atmosphere with dancing, socializing and free live entertainment.

Entertainment is varied each week and will include performances by local favorites Taylor Made and Horizon.

Nestled in a cluster of trees, this outdoor space conveys comfort and style with cocktail and cabaret tables combined with comfortable and relaxing seating throughout The Courtyard.

A selection of beer and wine along with themed specialty summer cocktails like the "Berry Gordy Martini," a fruity blend of vodka, Cointreau, Chambord and cranberry juice and the "Devil with the Blue Dress," a combination of vodka, Blue Curacao and lemonade are sure to be a huge "temptation" for all. Other crowd pleasers feature a Motown twist - Molasses Barbecue

Chicken Wings, Crusted Catfish Fingers with Spicy Remoulade and Jumbo Lump Crab Cakes.

The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn is located at Fairlane Plaza, 300 Town Center Drive, Dearborn.

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# Quiet down, hear the artwork

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

You can almost hear it approaching. But it won't make a sound.

This July, Paint Creek Center for the Arts will present *Silence*, an all-media exhibit juried by Jan van der Marck, former chief curator of the Detroit Institute of Arts.

All works included in the show will relate to the abstract theme of silence. Artists from across Michigan are expected to participate. The

Exhibition Committee came up with the idea last spring and placed a call for artists.

"In choosing 'Silence,' we were looking for a theme that would evoke a variety of responses," said Mary Fortuna, the PCCA's exhibition director. "Silence can mean stillness, the absence of sound. It can also refer to a refusal or failure to speak out or to the suppression of speech.

"You get interesting results when you invite artists to challenge their usual ways of thinking."

Adding the theme to an all-media show enabled the PCCA to narrow the focus, while still allowing for an open field of creativity. The result, Fortuna said, was a host of interesting, inventive responses to the idea of silence.

Thirty-nine works by 30 artists were chosen by van der Marck from a total of 58 submissions. The highly regarded curator, art historian and author was the PCCA's first choice for juror. "These are



Above, Ted Ramsay's 'Bedroom Place/Mental Space' is an oil on canvas that will appear with work from 29 other artists during an exhibition in downtown Rochester. Above right, Carol Cameron's 'She Doesn't Talk' will be featured in the 'Silence' exhibit. It is mixed media with tapestry and wood.

his choices," said Fortuna. "He didn't have much trouble."

The public is welcome to meet van der Marck during a free gallery talk on July 14 in which he will discuss the works included in this exhibition. It will be an informal affair, Fortuna noted, with an opportunity to ask questions and gain insight.

"He's very articulate," said Fortuna.

"He knows why he likes what he likes."

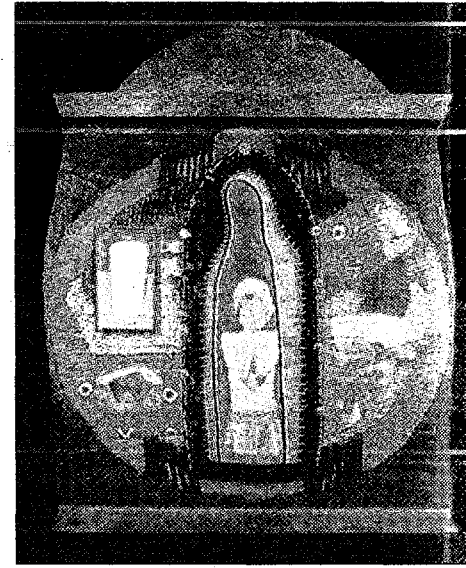
This show fits into Paint Creek Center

for the Arts' mission - to enrich the lives of area residents while providing opportunities for Michigan artists.

The center opened in Rochester in 1982 and offers a year-round exhibition schedule, in addition to art classes, community outreach, and Rochester's annual Art & Apples Festival.

Its programs are made possible with the support of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs.

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## SILENCE

**What:** All-media exhibit juried by Jan van der Marck.

**When:** July 6 - Aug. 4, with an opening reception 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 13, and Juror's Gallery Talk at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 14. Both are free and open to the public.

**Hours:** The center is open 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday.

**Where:** Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St., Rochester.

**Participating artists:** Alice Allhoff; Suzanne Andersen; Carl Angevine; Hartmut Austen; Clara Beckmann; Hanne Bloot; Carol Cameron; Sandra Cardew; Donna Cyrbok; Carl Demeulenaere; Darcel Deneau; Rose DeSloover; Stig Eklund; Gary Eleinko; Terry Förd Holcomb; Eric Law; Jacque Liu; Jill Maki; Carol J. McCluskey; Frank Pahl; Ted Ramsay; Julie Sabit; Terri Sarris; Lindsay Satchel; Jon Strand; Rebecca Tufts; Elijah Van Benschoten; Norwood Viviano; Mary Weiss and Lori Zurvalec.

**More information:** Call (248) 651-4110 or visit [www.pccart.org](http://www.pccart.org).

# Sandoval brings his spicy Cuban jazz to Ann Arbor

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Ah-h-h, the Ann Arbor Summer Festival.

Swing music, country and indie performances have taken the stage this week, and on Friday, June 29 at the Power Center, it's the hot, spicy sound of Cuban-born jazz trumpet legend Arturo Sandoval.

Sandoval is a founding member of Irakere, a Grammy Award-winning band whose blend of jazz, classical, rock and traditional Cuban music changed



the world of jazz.

Born in Artemisa, on the outskirts of Havana, Cuba, he discovered music at the age of 9, when the townspeople formed a brass band and gave him instruments to play.

Three years later, he began studying classical trumpet, but it was Dizzy Gillespie's sound that hooked him on jazz.

Sandoval can burn through an Afro-Cuban groove, tear up a bebop tune, soar over a Mozart concerto and sooth you with a lush ballad; with equal power and grace.

"I owe my life to the music so I must respect it... that's why I play every day and I give it my body and my soul," he said.

Sandoval was voted Cuba's Best Instrumentalist in 1982, 1983 and 1984. He defected from his homeland, was granted political asylum here, and has never looked back. "I've been in the U.S. for 15 years and I give everything I have to living as an American. ... I don't want to feel like a stranger here because I love this country and it has my heart," he said.

He's won four Grammy awards and an Emmy. Sandoval is also a tenured professor at Florida International

University, and works abroad with institutions offering several scholarships, exercise books, clinics and seminars. He maintains one of the most extensive educational programs in the industry.

Sandoval's music can be heard on CD by Gillespie, Woody Herman, Bill Conti, Johnny Mathis, Frank Sinatra, Paul Anka, Rod Stewart and Alicia Keys.

Showtime is 8 p.m., Friday, June 29. Tickets are \$38-\$52. Visit Michigan League Ticket Office, 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor, call (734) 764-2538 or visit [www.annarborsummerfestival.org](http://www.annarborsummerfestival.org). The Power House is located at 121 Fletcher St., Ann Arbor.



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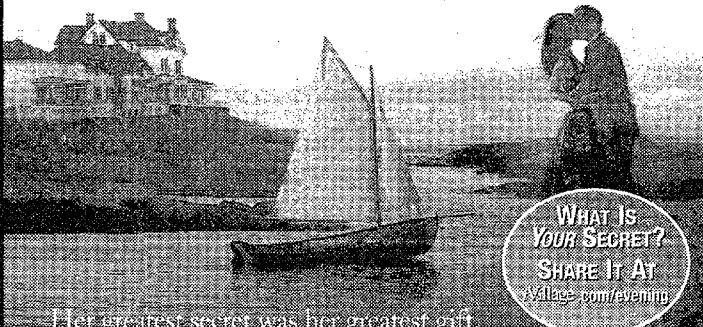
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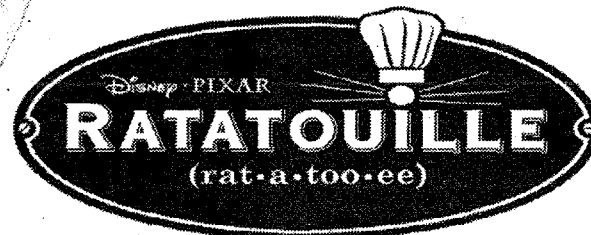
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with dreams of a ranch of their own.

But the world they live in is full of meanness and tragedy is always just a wrong look or word away. Director Martha Henry brings out the different kinds of alienation in this setting but doesn't create a strong enough George-Lennie connection.

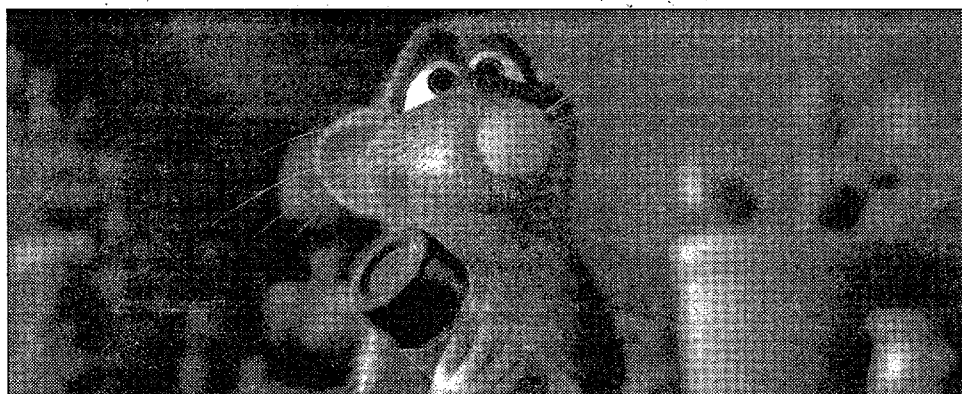
Greene brings out the child in Lennie but does not quite convey the latent menace. Van Burek is a crisp, fast talking, emotionally torn George.

A scene between Lennie and Curley's wife, who brings on their tragedy, is well

done, underplayed and sensitive even in its horror. But the final bitter scene doesn't seem to resonate as fully as it should.

The production does have some excellent performances from Stephen Russell as the epitome of the cowboy, Slim; Jerry Franken as the sad old, amputee Candy; Philip Akin as the smart and ostracized black hand, Crooks; and Jennifer Mawhinney as the sexually frustrated Curley's wife. Also of note is John Pennover's set in the small theater-in-the-round Tom Patterson, which economically creates ranch, barn, bunkhouse and autumnal woods.

Next week: 'Oklahoma' and 'Merchant of Venice' will be reviewed by Hugh Gallagher.



Remy the rat has good taste in 'Ratatouille.'

# RATS

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*Feeling Kinda Patton*, which centered around his love of food.

In the film, Remy idolizes a famous, deceased, Parisian chef named Auguste Gusteau (Brad Garrett) whose motto is "anyone can cook." After an unfortunate series of events that separates Remy from his family, he teams up with a bumbling young chef named Linguini. The two cook up quite a stir in Gusteau's fine restaurant.

Garofalo's Collette agrees to help Linguini struggle his way through the culinary world - not knowing his secret "little chef" is a live rat he keeps under his hat.

Garofalo said she didn't recognize her own voice upon seeing the film. In it she speaks with a French accent.

"I never spoke French; I've never been to France," she said. She initially thought she had been replaced.

Both Garofalo and Oswalt are self-confessed "foodies" so the film's subtext, a love of food and sharing food, made complete sense to them.

Oswalt noted that voicing these characters was an "exhausting" experience. But the effort paid off in the end.

The animation plays off of the mystique of Paris, with plenty of views of the Eiffel Tower and lifelike representations

of delectable Parisian food. "The food had to look really good," said Bird.

Lewis added: "The city had to live up to everyone's expectations of what it is."

Bird said that perfectly replicating the City of Lights was not the goal, however, just as it was not the intent of animators to perfectly replicate water in *Finding Nemo*. It's more about evoking the feeling of being under water, or in this case along the romantic streets of Paris.

A wonderfully comic element comes in the form of Anton Ego (Peter O'Toole), a menacing food critic, and Head Chef Skinner (Ian Holm), a scheming boss who tries to keep Gusteau's unknown heir away from the restaurant. But secrets are revealed, and in true Disney fashion it's up to Remy to save the day.

Though the two comedians had never toured together before, their current press tour became the perfect opportunity for Oswalt and Garofalo to take the stage, too. They hit Detroit's City Theater on June 20, after a day of interviews at Dearborn's Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

As for *Ratatouille*, the movie hits theaters June 29. The film is preceded by an enjoyable animated short, titled *Lifted*. In it, aliens have landed above a remote farmhouse in an attempt to abduct a sleeping farmer. What ensues is belly-laugh funny and certainly worth getting to the theater on time.

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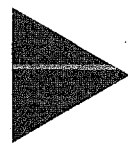
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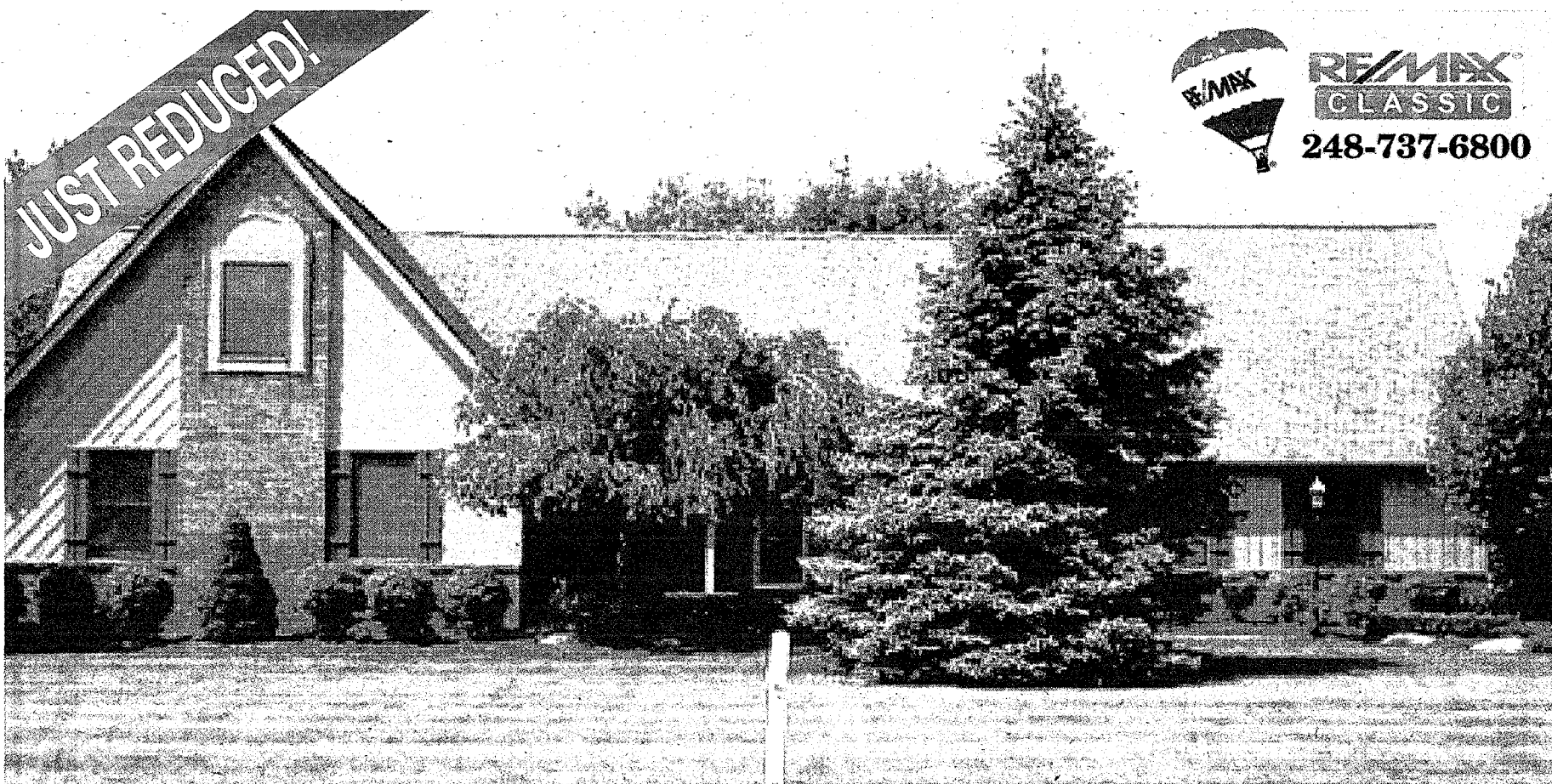
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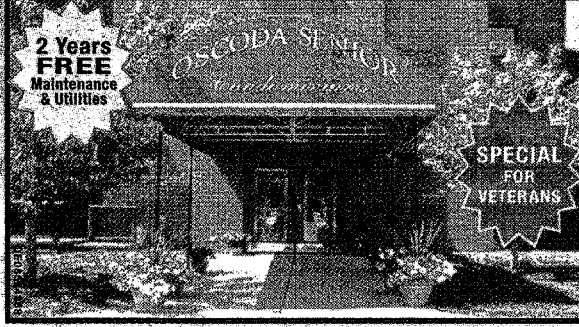
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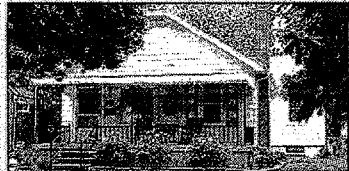
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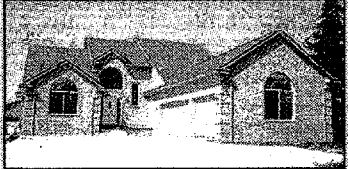
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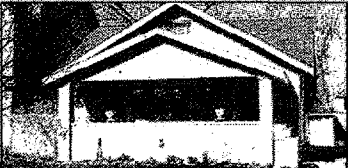
**MADISON HEIGHTS** \$162,777  
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# Planning key part of fire safety at home

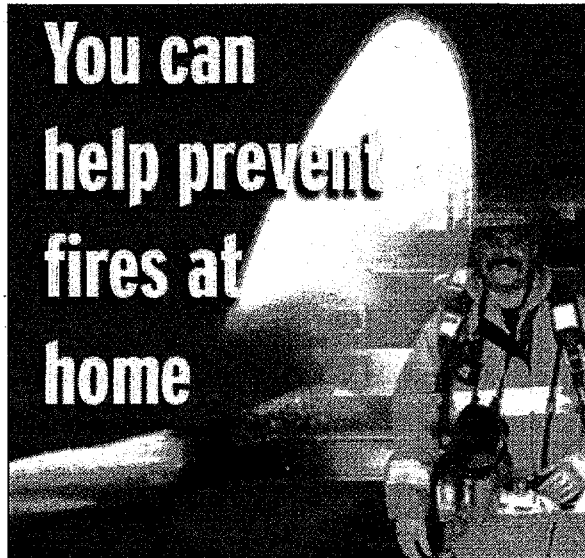
The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recently announced the theme for Fire Prevention Week 2007: "It's Fire Prevention Week - Practice Your Escape Plan." This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week, taking place Oct. 7 through 13, focuses on how to plan and practice escape from a home if a fire occurs. NFPA has been the sponsor for Fire Prevention Week for more than 80 years.

In 2005, U.S. fire departments responded to 1.6 million fires and 24 percent of these were home fires. Home fires killed 3,030 people that year - roughly eight people every day - yet only 23 percent of households have developed and practiced a home fire escape plan. It's not enough just to have a home fire escape plan in place; everyone in the home must also practice the plan. Visit FPW's official Web site ([www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org)) to learn more about how to escape a home fire.

Mike Kish, inspector with the Farmington Hills Fire Department, recommends a related Web site of the same organization, [www.nfpa.org/factsheets](http://www.nfpa.org/factsheets). He agrees having, and practicing, a home escape plan is vital.

"The plan is called EDITH - it stands for Exit Drills in the Home," Kish said. He just went over such a plan with a resident concerned about escape routes from a two-story colonial home.

Kish noted an escape ladder is recommended if no other option will work. "The parents need to practice that when the kids aren't around," to make sure the adults can use the ladder. If you can get out on your garage roof during a fire and summon help, either by



phone or from neighbors, that's good.

The public is invited to practice their escape plan by participating in The Great American Fire Drill. During the month of October, NFPA and its mascot Sparky the Fire Dog are urging people to "Practice Your Escape Plan." People participating in The Great American Fire Drill will be able to sign up and be counted at [www.sparky.org/cool.html](http://www.sparky.org/cool.html). Information will be available this summer on how to download an "I Did the Drill" certificate.

It's important to be prepared to escape from a fire if one occurs, but it is equally important to prevent fires from happening in the first place. NFPA suggests taking steps to avoid fires by making sure your home and activities that take place there are as safe as possible. The leading causes of home fires are cooking, smoking, heating, electrical equipment, and intentionally set fires. Cooking leads to the most fires and injuries while fires caused by smoking leads to the most deaths. Visit [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org) for more statistics about fires and useful safety tips on how to prevent them.

Kish recalled a house fire years ago in which six children died in Detroit. He did a home escape plan for Channel 7 news then, at the same time his now college-age son had a school assignment on fire escape planning.

Kish noted the importance of a home floor plan being studied, how to get out, crawling low in case of fire, and having a meeting place such as your mailbox, a tree or neighbors' home.

He advocates replacing smoke alarms at home a minimum of 10 years (read the warranty for specifics). Not everyone's getting the message on smoke alarms, as some have dead batteries, are deliberately disabled when cooking smoke sets them off or are too old.

Kish has found Farmington Hills is becoming more diverse, with schoolchildren getting the fire safety message but not always their parents. If 9-

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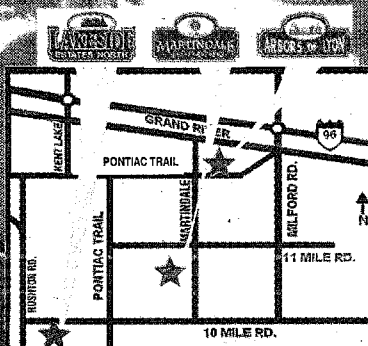
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**PLYMOUTH CHARMER 2 bd,**  
1 bath condo featuring Kitchen w/all appl, laundry room w/washer & dryer, large Living Room w/doorwall to Deck, Master w/doorwall to deck, dining area, neutral carpet, & low association dues.  
**\$109,900 (P-650PL)**



**WONDERFUL HOME** This 4 bd ranch features a Family Room, finished bsmt, too many updates to list, great neighborhood...close to everything, & more. Pride of ownership shows!  
**\$159,900 (P-553BA)**



**ULTRA CLEAN CONDO** Nice condo in popular Carolan Village. Living Rm w/bay window, freshly painted, updated white Kitchen, newer furnace & A/C, Master w/WIC, updated baths, & very usable floor plan.  
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**DOWNTOWN FARMINGTON**  
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**UNPACK & ENJOY** New carpet & paint t/o make this home move in ready! Enjoy the large island Kitchen w/ hwd & nook, spacious Family Rm w/gas frpl, Formal LR & DR, Master retreat w/2nd fireplace, & so much more.  
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**PRIDE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD** This home stands above the rest w/remodeled oak Kitchen w/ceramic, remod baths w/spa shower & skylight, finished bsmt, new roof & windows & backs to treed commons.  
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**HOME SWEET HOME** This updated ranch is ready to move into. Updates include furnace, roof, porch, & windows. Large Living Room, nice Kitchen w/all appl, finished lower level, & 2.5 car Garage.  
**\$139,900 (P-327GI)**



**A MUST SEE!** Fabulous St James colonial in popular sub. Open floor plan, premium lot, 2 story Foyer, hwd floors, island Kitchen, bsmt w/high ceilings, & prof landscaped w/Patio. Ready to move into!  
**\$244,900 (C-191HU)**



**A PERFECT GEM** Great Canton condo features a cozy Living Room w/frpl, efficient Kitchen w/plenty of cab's & all appl, 1st floor laundry, private bsmt, & 1 car attached Garage. Also for lease.  
**\$142,900 (P-484HU)**



**PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP** Designer touches t/o make this colonial an exceptional value. Spacious island Kitchen w/hwd floors & all appl's, Flex Room makes a perfect Dining Room or Den, finished lower level & large cul de sac lot.  
**\$258,900 (P-107PO)**



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**STOP, LOOK, BUY!** This gorgeous 3 bd, 2 bath ranch is located in a great neighborhood. Gourmet Kitchen, new carpet, windows, roof, siding, insulation, 2 fireplaces, bath in bsmt, 2 car Garage, & newly landscaped!  
**\$136,895 (C-905WA)**



**ATTENTION INVESTORS** Short sale available on this 3 bd, 1200 sq ft bungalow. Home has newer roof, furnace, hwh, windows, & doors. Short sale upon bank approval, bring all offers, not much time left.  
**\$85,000 (C-435AS)**



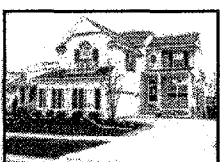
**WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY** Nice home feat. 3 bd, 1.5 baths, open floor plan, formal LR, oak Kitchen w/Nook, cath ceiling Family Room, finished bsmt, updated hwh, elec, plumb, sprinklers, & too much more to list.  
**\$149,900 (P-227FRA)**



**POPULAR PICKWICK SUB** Wonderful 2 story Great Room w/frpl, spacious oak Kitchen w/hook, 1st floor laundry, finished bsmt, newer roof, C/A, & Deck overlooking private yard. A must see!  
**\$219,900 (P-227GR)**



**GREAT BUY!** Open & airy condo featuring 2 bd, 2.5 baths, att 2 car Garage, full bsmt, Great Room w/vaulted ceiling, doorwall leading to Deck w/view of pond, upper level w/loft or Den area. Great location.  
**\$169,900 (P-282HE)**



**BETTER THAN NEW!** Built in 2002, this beautiful colonial has everything you desire. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, newer carpet, hwd floors, freshly painted, finished walkout bsmt, & more. Don't miss this one!  
**\$220,000 (P-185HU)**



**NEW CANTON CONDO** 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo featuring a loft area, Master Suite w/jetted tub, gourmet Kitchen w/builder's finest cab's & c-tops, partially finished bsmt, & 2 car att Garage.  
**\$229,900 (P-131MA)**



**WELL MAINTAINED** Roomy 4 bd colonial featuring a large Kitchen, open floor plan, Family Room w/frpl, 2 tier Deck, Master w/vaulted ceiling & bath, bsmt, & close to everything.  
**\$279,000 (P-974SH)**



**CUL DE SAC SETTING** Canton ranch featuring lovely landscaping, great yard w/ room for boat or RV, 3 bd, 2.5 baths, dual frpl, formal LR & DR, newer Kitchen, neutral carpet t/o, & more.  
**\$234,900 (C-038EP)**



**STYLISH LIVING** Enjoy the comforts of maintenance free living in this lovely Livonia condo. Upper ranch end unit, close to everything, 2 bd, 2 baths, Great Room w/frpl, attached Garage, many upgrades, & more.  
**\$169,000 (C-682FA)**



**CASUAL ELEGANCE** This home features over 2500 sq ft of open living space. Great Room w/frpl, oversized island Kitchen, Master w/cath ceiling, prof finished bsmt w/ 1/2 bath & lots of storage, & so much more.  
**\$357,500 (C-033GR)**



**PARK LIKE SETTING** Updated 3 bd all brick ranch w/bsmt, 2.5 car Garage, white Kitchen, peaceful yard w/Deck, Patio, & mature trees.  
**\$169,900 (C-888HE)**



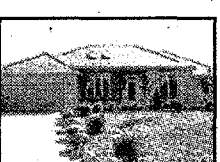
**SPRAWLING RANCH** Livonia ranch situated on approx acre lot. Spacious floor plan offering 2 natural fireplaces, updated flooring, roof, A/C, furnace, front windows, hwh, fenced yard, & 2 car attached garage.  
**\$168,750 (C-548HI)**



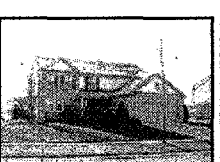
**NOVI CAPE COD** Gorgeous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home built in 2000. Bright, open floor plan, spacious island Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl, 1st floor Master, 1st floor laundry, Study, finished bsmt, & stamped concrete Patio.  
**\$325,000 (C-291HO)**



**GREAT DEAL IN CANTON** Great quad-level home priced below 200k w/over 1600 sq ft of living space. 3 bd, 2 baths, stain steel appl's, oak Kitchen, new furnace in 05, exterior freshly painted, & much more.  
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**CLASSIC RANCH HOME** Gorgeous ranch situated on 1 acre featuring a beautiful Master Suite w/Jacuzzi tub & custom shower, hwd floors, loft area, skylights, Living Room w/frpl, 2 car Garage, & professionally landscaped.  
**\$261,900 (C-711ME)**



**SPACIOUS COLONIAL** Nice 4 bd, 2.5 bath home featuring neutral decor, Master w/vaulted ceiling, bath, & large WIC. Family Room w/frpl, light oak island Kitchen, hwd floors, formal LR & DR, & 900 sq ft Deck w/hottub.  
**\$275,900 (C-941SH)**



**PREMIUM LOCATION** Executive colonial located on the 6th green of the south course in highly sought after Tanglewood. 4 bd, 3.5 baths, 1st floor Master w/luxury bath, island Kitchen, Great Room w/frpl & towering windows, walkout bsmt, & Deck w/spectacular views.  
**\$519,900 (C-646SP)**



**ENJOY ENTERTAINING?** This is the home for you! 3 bd brick ranch offering an open floor plan, updated oak Kitchen, large Fam Rm w/frpl, finished bsmt w/wetbar, 2.5 car Garage, 2 full baths, Patio, & fenced yard.  
**\$214,900 (C-015WE)**



**BEAUTIFUL HOME** Beautiful brick home on a n oversized lot. 5 bd, 2 baths, updated Kitchen, huge Deck in backyard, bsmt w/frpl & bath, new A/C, & attached Garage.  
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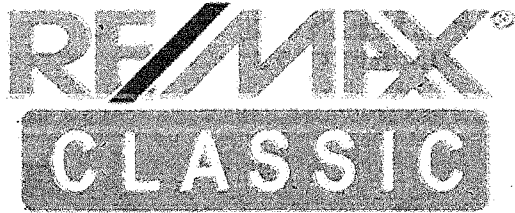
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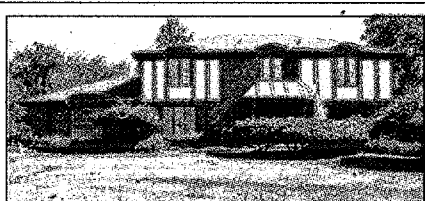


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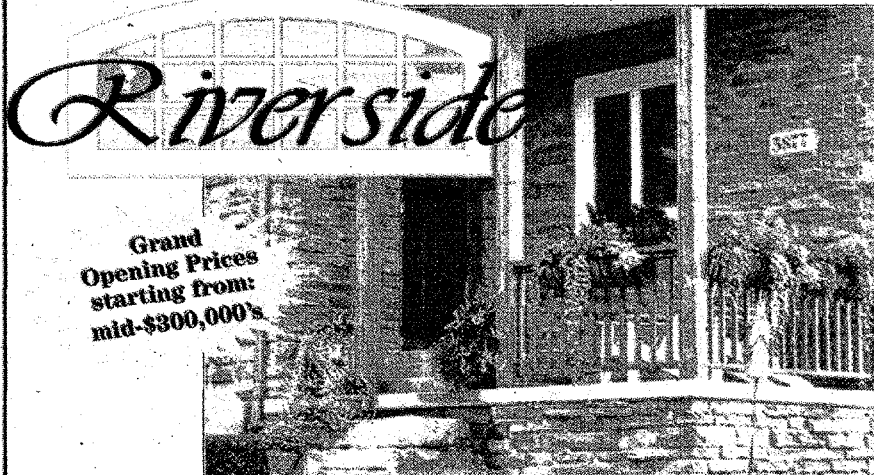
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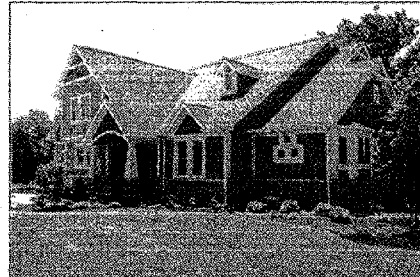
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# Corn storage facility could be wave of future

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**A.** It has been recently reported in the Des Moines Register that Iowa farmers and investors are joined together to build a condo storage facility that can hold hundreds of thousands of bushels of corn. The farmers own storage rights equal to the number of shares they hold in the condo and pay an annual fee that covers insurance, maintenance and other costs. Apparently, this is as a result of the growing need for ethanol, but this may be a coming trend throughout the country.

**Q. I am a substantial real estate developer who has suffered obviously over the last several years, and I am looking for sources of financing. Local banks seem to be turning their back. Do you have any suggestions?**

**A.** Several of our major developer clients have considered going to hedge funds and insurance



Robert Meisner

companies for liquidity and/or venture capital. In particular, hedge funds are looking for distressed properties and/or developers in southeast Michigan because they believe the economy will turn around and they can

get a piece of the action. There are opportunities for financing if you are resourceful and have the right contacts.

**Robert M. Meisner** is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit [bmeisner@meisner-associates.com](mailto:bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



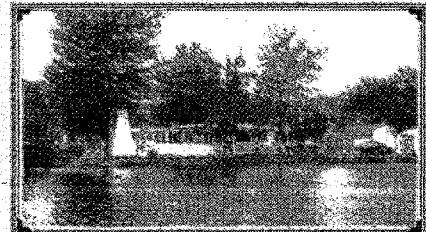
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### Investors

Dr. John Hayes, president of HomeVestors, will discuss the state of the real estate industry and what it takes to be successful in any kind of market at the monthly meeting of the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on July 12, 5:30-9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 non-members. Call (800) 747 6742.

### Auction July 25

The Auction Services Group of Benj. E. Sherman & Sons, a Chicago-based national real estate auction company, will be conducting the sale of eight single family homes, seven condominiums and 56 home sites throughout metro Detroit. The auction will be held in the ballroom of the Troy Marriott,

200 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 25.

Neumann Homes Inc., a Chicago-based national home builder, has elected to auction these properties to reduce the marketing time necessary to sell them in a slow marketplace. "We have experienced the same slowdown that other builders have experienced throughout metro Detroit," said Neumann President and CEO Kenneth P. Neumann. "We've made a business decision to utilize the accelerated sales method to complete a close-out of several of our communities which will allow our team members to concentrate their efforts on our most recently developed communities in the four regions around the country that we are building in."

"This will be the second auction that we will have conducted for Neumann Homes in metro Detroit," said Robert Roggeveen, president of The Auction Services Group of Benj. E. Sherman & Sons. "Last year, we sold 66 properties for over \$8,000,000."

All of the homes and condominiums will be open for viewing during the following scheduled open house dates and times:

Thursday, July 12, 7-9 p.m., Sunday, July 15, 1-4 p.m., Sunday, July 8, 1-4 p.m. Saturday, July 21, 1-4 p.m.

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"We're finding the smoke detector issue is probably the biggest thing," he said. Kish agreed fire extinguishers are good for the kitchen, provided they're far enough away from the stove and you know how to use them. They need to be replaced or serviced every six-12 years, depending on the type of extinguisher.

NFPA has taken the lead in public fire safety outreach by serving as the

official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for 85 years. The annual public awareness and safety commemoration, which is proclaimed by the president of the United States each year, is observed by fire departments in the U.S. and Canada to mark the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

NFPA has been a leader in providing fire, electrical, building, and life safety to the public since 1896. The mission of the international nonprofit organization is to reduce the worldwide burden of fire and other hazards on the quality of life by providing and advocating consensus codes and standards, research, training, and education.

Staff writer Julie Brown contributed to this report.

# Realtors help visually impaired kids

Each year, the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors selects two local charities to support. For the spring 2007 event, WWOCAR selected the Blind and Visually Impaired Children's Fund (BVICF).

Teachers and students from the BVICF attended a bowling and pizza party in which WWOCAR members bowled for the group and participated in other fund-raising activities. One of the many highlights of the evening was a solo performance of The Star Spangled Banner by one of


the students.

The event raised \$4,578.53 for the Fund. A check was presented to the Foundation on June 11 at the WWOCAR headquarters, 24125 Drake Road in Farmington.

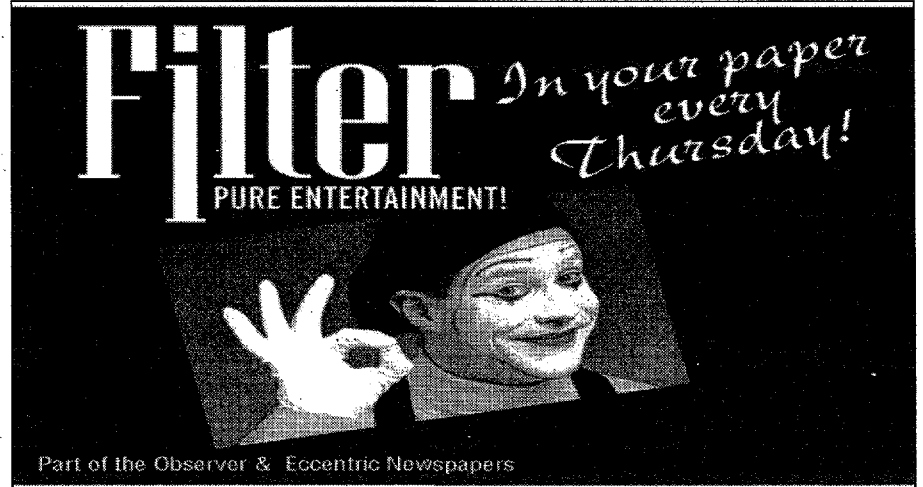
In addition to the BVICF, WWOCAR has selected the Ronald McDonald House to support in an event to be held later this year.

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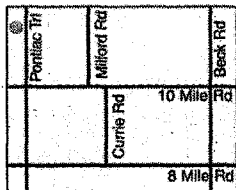
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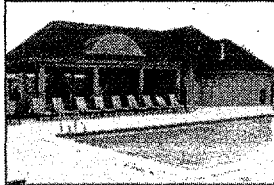
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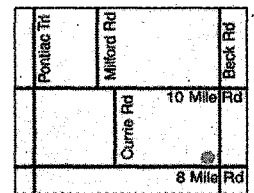


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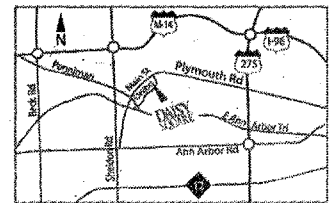
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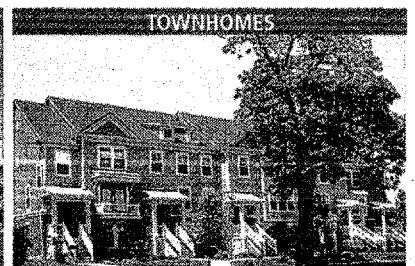
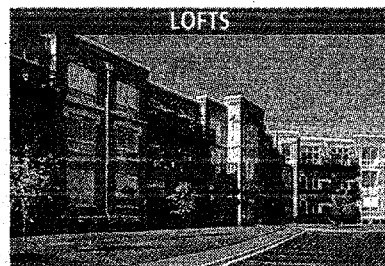
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 <p><b>Belleville</b> 248-348-6430 THE PERFECT CAPE COD! 3BR/2.5BA, 1878 sq. ft., 1st flr mstr ste w/jet tub &amp; sep shower. Kitchen w/island and maple cabinets. Hdwd in kitchen/dining rm. GR w/gas FP. 1st flr Indry.</p> <p>(26215954) \$229,900</p>	 <p><b>Canton</b> 734-455-7000 ELEGANCE ABOUND! Outstanding det. condo. Over 3000 sq.ft. of beautifully appointed living space shared w/nature's own protected woodlands. Huge kit, expansive GR. Spectacular LL.</p> <p>(27068735) \$425,000</p>	 <p><b>Canton</b> 734-455-7000 IMPECCABLE HOME! Wonderful 4BR/2.1BA, 2003 sq.ft. colonial. Numerous upgrades and improvements. Hardwood in living rm, kitchen and dining area. Huge master suite.</p> <p>(27065982) \$259,500</p>	 <p><b>Canton</b> 734-326-2000 DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY to own a 3 BD, 2.5 BA condo. master bedroom has its own bath &amp; fireplace. 2 car att garage &amp; a basement. 1st flr laundry. Clubhouse w/ pool, tennis, &amp; fitness.</p> <p>(27098401) \$194,200</p>	 <p><b>Canton</b> 734-455-7000 UPTOWN CANTON VILLAGE! 46 upscale brownstone condos coming soon w/5 flr plans, 2-3 bedrms, 2-car garage, fireplace, balcony, and GeoThermal heating &amp; cooling. Call for a reservation!</p> <p>(27054660) \$189,900</p>	 <p><b>Canton</b> 734-455-7000 UPGRADED TO THE MAX! Many nice upgrades! Mstr ste w/jetted tub, sep ceram shwr &amp; lg WIC. Kit w/Island, 42" white cabs., all appls stay! LR w/gas FP. Fin w/o plumbed for 3rd BA.</p> <p>(27104150) \$189,900</p>
 <p><b>Canton</b> 734-455-7000 ABSOLUTELY TURN-KEY! Immaculate upper level 2BR/2BA ranch condo in Lilley Pointe. Mstr ste w/priv bath. Lg GR w/doorwall to deck. Beautiful dining rm. Spacious kitchen w/all appliances.</p> <p>(27084697) \$122,000</p>	 <p><b>Commerce Twp</b> 248-348-6430 OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITY 3 br, 2 ba brick ranch with garage &amp; basement. Easy access to M-5 &amp; I-275. Completely updated kitchen &amp; both baths, hrdwd floors. Large fenced yard.</p> <p>(27047816) \$169,900</p>	 <p><b>Detroit</b> 734-591-9200 UPDATED COPPER CANYON CAPE COD FEATURING 1 BR down &amp; 2 up w/lots of closets (1 WIC). Total kit remodel, new oak cabs, granite cntr tops &amp; ceramic tile floor. Also new windows, roof (2004), &amp; fresh paint.</p> <p>(26147379) \$84,500</p>	 <p><b>Detroit</b> 734-591-9200 WONDERFUL STARTER HOME. This Charming 3 Bedroom Ranch Is On Large Lot. Great Flow, Wonderful For Entertaining. Nicely Finished Basement.</p> <p>(27053261) \$79,900</p>	 <p><b>Farmington</b> 248-348-6430 UP NORTH FEELING W/3-CAR GARAGE Check out the wonderful room sizes, formal dining room, oak paneled library. All on a 1/2 acre lot w/Farmington schools. Master suite and finished basement.</p> <p>(26179203) \$259,700</p>	 <p><b>Farmington</b> 248-851-1900 ENJOY SERENE VIEWS OF WOODS &amp; STREAM From glass enclosed porch. Open kitchen w/new cabinets &amp; refinished HWF. Plenty of storage. Short walk to downtown Farmington. 3 months assoc. fees paid.</p> <p>(27056163) \$101,900</p>
 <p><b>Farmington Hills</b> 248-348-6430 PRICED TO SELL ON 2/3 OF AN ACRE Desirable Farmington Hills area. Updates: kit, bath, roof, new driveway &amp; porch, hrdwd flrs, deck &amp; a heated breezeway. Home is absolute move-in ready.</p> <p>(27077660) \$179,800</p>	 <p><b>Garden City</b> 734-591-9200 THIS HOUSE IS REALLY NICE. Huge Addition Gives You Everything And Is Very Well Done. Loaded W/ Updates. Beautiful Hrdwd Fls. Huge Cntry Kit W/ Loads Of Table Space. Great Home For A Family.</p> <p>(27082941) \$179,900</p>	 <p><b>Howell</b> 248-684-1065 Howell Beautiful, end unit condo.</p> <p>(27026189) \$155,000</p>	 <p><b>Livonia</b> 734-591-9200 3 bdrm brick ranch, 1.5 bths, fin. base. w/ bar, poss 4 bed/ off in base, 2 home theatre sym's neg. 2 car gar. 3 tier deck w. hot tub, abv ground heated pool.</p> <p>(27104694) \$189,900</p>	 <p><b>Livonia</b> 248-851-1900 UPDATED &amp; MOVE IN READY! Livonia Cape Cod with 3 BR, 2 baths + 1545 Sq Ft of living space! 1st flr master suite w/jacuzzi. 1st flr laundry. Hardwd flrs. Deck. Full basement. 2 car att garage.</p> <p>(27044861) \$184,900</p>	 <p><b>Livonia</b> 734-591-9200 CUTE BRICK RANCH! 1700+ Sq. Ft Brick Ranch, 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, 2 Car Garage On A Half Acre Lot.</p> <p>(27103600) \$144,900</p>
 <p><b>Livonia</b> 734-591-9200 EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY HERE! Solid brick ranch, open flr pln, fresh painted, new carpet, new picture wndw, new ceram tile in kit, newer fridge, 2-car gar, newer roof on gar, Appl incl, Home Wrrnty.</p> <p>(27103777) \$129,900</p>	 <p><b>Milford</b> 248-684-1065 The Crossings of Milford. 21 wooded, walkout sites. 2-4+ acres. Come see the spec home, which is near completion. A subdivision worthy of your attention.</p> <p>(26039607) \$749,000</p>	 <p><b>Novi</b> 734-455-7000 I'M GORGEOUS ON THE INSIDE! Current owners were reluctant to go inside but did and bought it! Since then, updated kitchen, bath, roof and more. This 3 bedroom/2 full bath ranch has it all!</p> <p>(27002587) \$269,900</p>	 <p><b>Novi</b> 248-348-6430 UNPACK AND MOVE IN Spotless 2 br, 3 ba condo deep in complex, new ceramic tile, most rooms freshly painted, new carpet and roof. Seller to pay 1st year assoc fee.</p> <p>(27044264) \$171,000</p>	 <p><b>Plymouth</b> 248-348-6430 YOU DESERVE IT! Meticulous 6 br, 4.5 ba kit w/maple cab, Corain cntrs, brkfst rm and hearth rm. First flr mstr ste. Lib and DR w/bay wndws. 2 story GR w/gas frplc. Prof fin LL.</p> <p>(27084419) \$625,000</p>	 <p><b>Plymouth</b> 734-455-7000 TWO PLYMOUTH HOMES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE! Two separate houses on one lot in downtown Plymouth. Live in one—rent the other! Numerous updates in main house. Other home continually rented.</p> <p>(27097266) \$199,900</p>
 <p><b>South Lyon</b> 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><b>South Lyon</b> 248-851-1900 THIS CONDO HAS IT ALL! Move in condition. Great room w/ soaring ceilings, open floor plan. Lots of windows. 1st floor master. Hardwood in kitchen.</p> <p>(27069599) \$179,900</p>	 <p><b>West Bloomfield</b> 248-684-1065 West Bloomfield Lake view rear deck.</p> <p>(27047501) \$290,000</p>	 <p><b>Westland</b> 734-326-2000 FABULOUS 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL 1956 square feet, family room, den, updated kitchen, newer windows, vinyl &amp; roof. A great family home on a dead end street.</p> <p>(27080314) \$179,900</p>	 <p><b>Westland</b> 248-348-6430 PRISTINE WESTLAND RANCH Updates galore in this 3 br, 1073 sf beauty. Dimensional roof '04, h20 '01, paint '06, newer carpet over hrdwd flrs, furnace &amp; AC '07, updated windows, kit &amp; baths.</p> <p>(27066582) \$174,972</p>	 <p><b>Westland</b> 248-851-1900 AWESOME VALUE IN WESTLAND! Updated contemp. w/neutral decor. Remodeled bath &amp; kitchen. Separate LR &amp; FR. Large 2+ car garage. Sunroom. Private yard. Home is clean, ready &amp; priced for quick sale!</p> <p>(27100327) \$129,900</p>