



**Kiwanis moves**

The Plymouth Canton Kiwanis Club is moving its weekly meeting to the Canton Coney Island at 8533 N. Lilley Road in Canton. Club officials say the new meeting spot offers a very central location just south of Joy Road that is convenient to both the Plymouth and Canton communities. In addition to an excellent location, the restaurant has several rooms for various meeting sizes and offers the opportunity for breakfast for the "early birds."

To kick off the new location, the club will host Brian Sullivan as a breakfast speaker July 17. Sullivan is the director of Sales, Marketing and

Communications for the Tooling Manufacturing & Technologies Association. He will discuss the "state of manufacturing" in the Michigan economy. The meeting starts at 7:15 a.m. and coffee is provided. Breakfast is available for purchase prior to and during the meeting. The club would like to encourage interested parties to attend. RSVP via e-mail at [info@pckiwaniis.org](mailto:info@pckiwaniis.org) or call (734) 981-0460.

**Delta Kappa Gamma show**

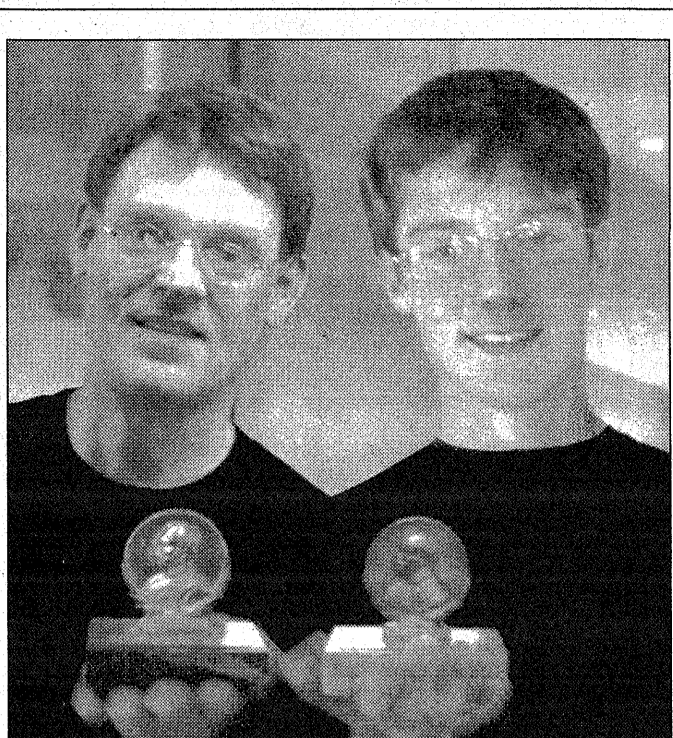
Delta Kappa Gamma's 21st annual scholarship craft and home show will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20 at West Middle School, 44401 W. Ann Arbor Trail (southwest corner of Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail) in Plymouth. The show will feature more than 100 juried crafters and home vendors. Admission \$2. Call (734) 254-0849 or e-mail [sweisz59@comcast.net](mailto:sweisz59@comcast.net) for more information on the show or about exhibiting crafts.

**CSI workshop**

The Teen Zone of the Plymouth District Library will present "CSI: Facts and Myths" 7 p.m. Monday, July 9. Forensic artist Barbara A. Martin of the Oakland County Sheriff's Office will share firsthand experience in this investigative field. Registration is requested; call (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4 or register on-line at [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org)

**Entertainment Books**

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



**Like father, like son**

Salem High School 2007 graduate and first chair saxophone player in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Wind Ensemble, Corwin Stout, is this year's winner of the 2006-07 John Philip Sousa Band Award from the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park bands. Announced at the PCEP Spring Band Concert, it was a particularly welcome family achievement as 33 years ago, his father, Charlie Stout, won the same award from his own high school band (Portage Northern High School in Portage, Mich.) for his work in the percussion section. The twin Sousa trophies are proud symbols of the family's appreciation for and dedication to music. The 17-year-old Stout, a former member of the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band, lives in Plymouth with his parents, Charlie Stout and Carol Knauss. Stout will attend Western Michigan University this fall at Lee Honors College, double majoring in music performance and engineering.

Entertainment Book will be available for pick up in August. ■ The BeckRidge Chorale is also selling the books for \$20 to support their educational and charitable activities. Buyers who pre-order now get a 2007 book free. The 2008 books will be available Aug. 12. Call (734) 459-6829 to order.

**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.
- 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.

**Garden club estate sale**

Plymouth Garden Club will be conducting an Estate Sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 12 through Saturday, July 14 at 42533 Postiff (southwest of Lilley and Ann Arbor Road) in Plymouth. The event will include antiques, collectibles, retro, furniture and miscellaneous household items. Proceeds from the sale will support the Club's college scholarships awarded to local high school students.

**Yo-yo contest**

The City of Plymouth, Rotary Club of Plymouth A.M., Duncan Toys and other yo-yo manufacturers are sponsoring the Mideast Regional Yo-yo Contest, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 28, in front of the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth. Recent Catholic Central High School graduate and future CMU student Jake Maloney ([www.yojake.com](http://www.yojake.com)) is organizing this event. Jake, one of the top 10 yo-yo players in the world, is a member of the Duncan Crew ([www.yo-yo.com/](http://www.yo-yo.com/)). Children of all ages are encouraged to compete. There will be a sports ladder division with winners from all age groups - ages 2-102! Talented players may freestyle (one or three minutes to music) to

show their best tricks and compete to win prizes. People are also invited to watch or learn these tricks. The Mideast Regional Yo-Yo contest is part of the League of Regional Yo-yo Contests and includes the following states: Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, western Pennsylvania, Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee. The winner of the single yo-yo three-minute freestyle competition will get a seed to the National Yo-yo Contest in Chico, California. Jake can be reached at [www.yojake.com](http://www.yojake.com) or by calling (734) 451-0115.

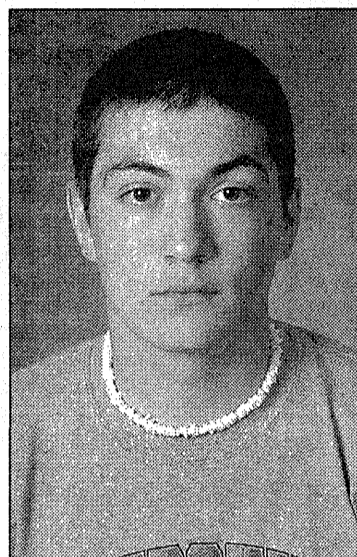
**New Hope programs**

With a revised summer schedule, New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second Tuesday night during July and August. The group meets 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Catholic Church on Haggerty in Plymouth and is offered free of charge. New Hope for KIDZ meets at the same time and place and is for children ages 3-18. New Hope also offers groups for widows and widowers of all ages, a group for parents who have lost a child and grief workshops several times a year, as well as other bereavement resources. For more information call 248-348-0115.

**Ice cream social**

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

**CORRECTION**



**All-Area baseball**

Livonia Churchill sophomore catcher Tyler Bledsoe, a first-team All-Observer pick in baseball, was inadvertently omitted from the write-up in Sunday's edition (July 1) of the 2007 Spring Sports All-Area Teams. Bledsoe batted .337 for the Division 1 district champion Chargers. "Tyler was a fixture in our lineup in the three and four spot the entire season," Churchill coach Ron Targosz said. "Offensively, he led the team in at-bats (101), hits (34) and RBI (24). His arm strength is as good as any catcher in the league. The good thing for us is that he is only a sophomore, so if he continues to improve, then there is no telling how good Tyler could become in the next two years."

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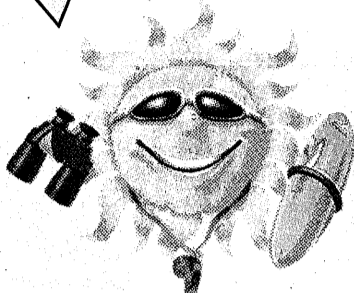




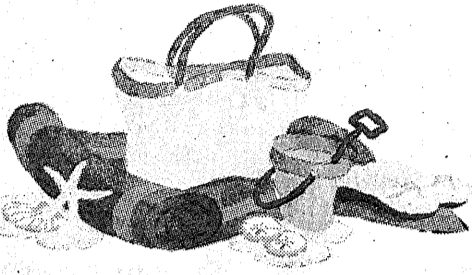


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Each year the event is held in a different city and state in North America. The event will showcase all aspects of model railroading including the industry's newest and most unique products and services from manufacturers and retailers from the United States and around the world.

The event will cover 180,000 square feet of space and include 45,000 square feet of operating model train displays.

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■ **Ask the Collectibles Appraiser.** Have an old train set hidden away in the closet? Wondering what it's worth? Bring it to the show and find out from The Collectibles Expert. Model train appraisers Bob Sherlock and Butch Tanis will meet with individuals and examine their prizes



Cobo Center will be the site July 27-29 for the 17th Annual National Train Show.

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The National Train Show is sponsored by the National Model Railroad Association, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of and education about the model railroading hobby.

# Mud Day is Tuesday

Ready to wallow?

Wayne County's annual Mud Day is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, at the Nankin Mills Area on Hines Drive, just east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland.

Children, ages 12 and younger, are invited to participate in one of Wayne County Parks most popular events. Wayne County mixes more than 200 tons of topsoil and more than 20,000 gallons of water to ensure that the mud is just right and a muddy time is had by all.

Youngsters will be separated into categories based on age to participate in "Mud Limbo" and the wheelbarrow races. At the conclusion of the event, Mr. and Miss Mud will be crowned.

To ensure that parents and children are prepared for this day of dirt, it is suggested that parents make sure that children are wearing old clothes and shoes. Children also need to bring a clean change of clothes. An on-site cleanup area will be provided. Parents are also advised to bring a supply of towels, as there are no showers on site. Worried about how to transport the old clothes home? Don't panic, plastic bags will be provided to ensure that all dirty clothes are properly contained for the trip home.

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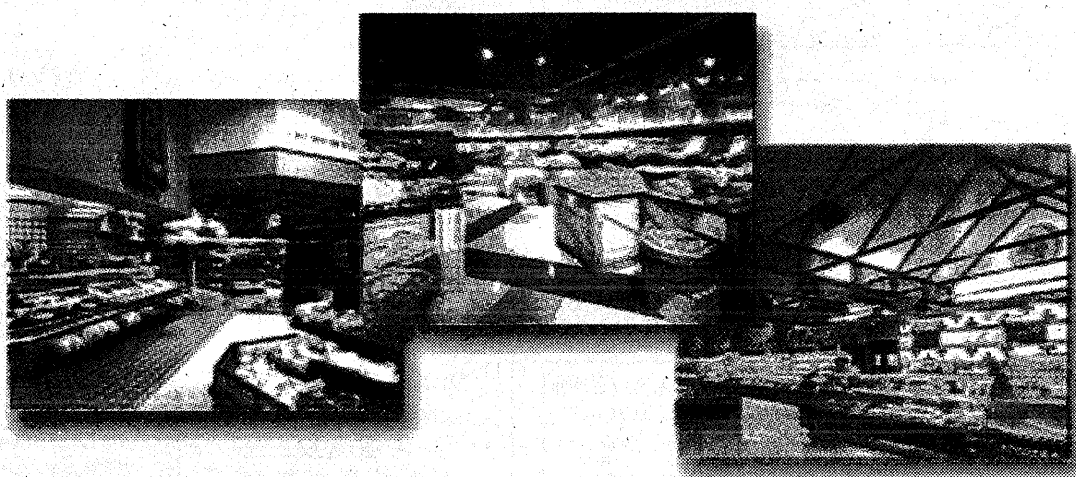
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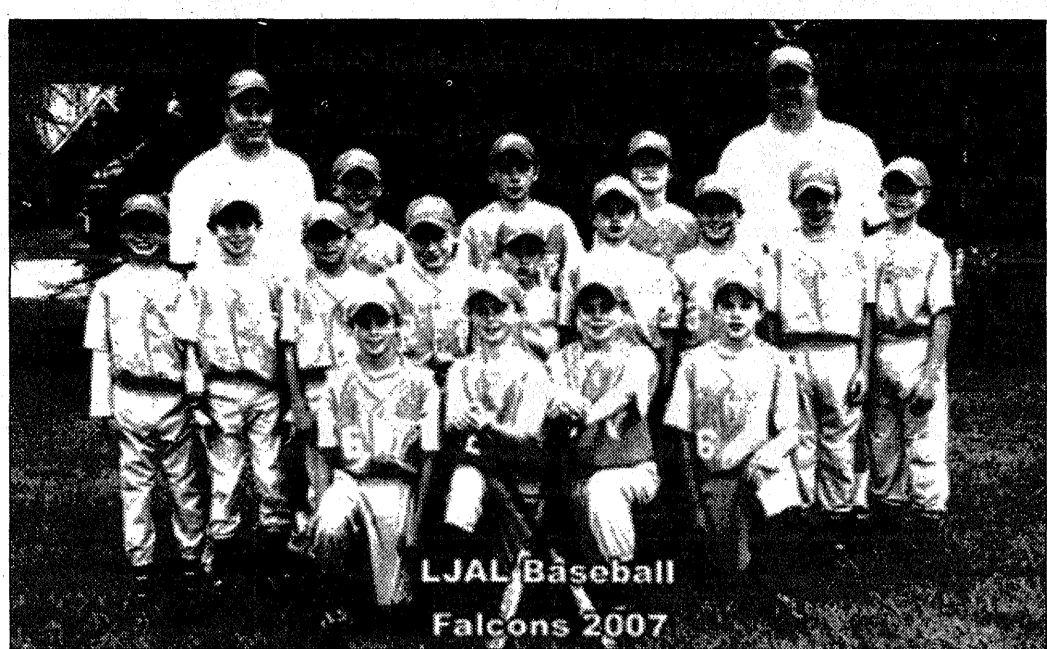
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**G-Major champs**

The Falcons (ages 9-10) finished the regular season with a 16-1 record, including an 11-1 mark to win the City G-Major title in the Livonia Junior Athletic League. Cameron-Mount Campbell was the team's leading hitter with a .625 average. Other members of the Falcons, who will play 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30 at Rotary Park in the playoffs, include: Kyle Way, C.J. Weiss, Derek Rotter, Frank Carlin, Jay Hopson, Gordon Ferguson, Vinny Jennaway, Jack Ferguson, Nick Copperstone, Alex Cleaver, Scott Mims, Jimmy Seewald, Heath Stillwell, Matt Boris and Sean McCann. The coaching staff includes Jim Hopson, Mike Rotter, Jeff Ferguson and Ken Way.

**RECRUITS**

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including 5-11 guard Larry Wilson and 6-5 forward Ryan Matthews. Dabney led the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference in blocked shots, while Walker is a combination guard who jumps well.

Mason is an intriguing catch. He did not play high school basketball, but showed plenty of promise during the open gyms.

"We had tryouts and he (Mason) played hard and played very well," Henry said. "And Wilson is a tough kid with a great attitude. We're still recruiting. We'll have some of our guys play at St. Cecilia and hopefully they'll all be ready by August (when classes begin)."

Henry said it's unclear whether any of the three hold-overs other from last year's team - Jerome Hutchins, Kenyawn Patterson or Duncan Jones (Westland John Glenn) - will return.

He has put together coaching staff which includes Keith Bennett, who assisted Henry last year at Detroit Renaissance High, along with Joe Wallen, who works in Media Services

at Schoolcraft, and former University of Detroit Mercy center Bryan Alexander.

Bennett will serve as the assistant head coach.

The 6-8 Henry is no stranger to Detroit area basketball circles.

He played in the Detroit PSL for Elbert Richmond at Mackenzie, spent a year playing junior college ball in Iowa before going on to Illinois State where he played two seasons under Will Robinson and one under Gene Smithson. Henry was a teammate at ISU with former NBA coach and player Doug Collins. Henry was drafted and had a pair of tryouts with the Pistons before going on to teach at Detroit Northwestern High.

He also served as an assistant coach at the University of Detroit (under Willie McCarter), Highland Park CC and Orchard Lake St. Mary's College (under Glen Donahue).

(His daughter RanDee played two seasons at UDM and two at University of Nevada-Las Vegas where she scored over 1,000 points and earned All-America honors in 2004. She currently is playing overseas in Athens, Greece.)

In 1982, Randy Henry embarked on a career in television under a minority hiring program where he worked under sportscaster Eli Zaret and Dick Purtan (Purtan's People).

He currently produces and directs in-studio WDIV's Local 4 Morning Powercast, which includes Guy Gordon, Ama Daetz, Beth McLeod and Kim Adams.

"I go into work at 2:30 (a.m.) and get off by 11 (a.m.)," Henry said. "It makes for a long day. I try and sleep in between, when I can. We'll practice from 4-to-6 (p.m.)."

Henry, who served five years as JV coach at Renaissance before taking over the varsity for Marc White last season, guided the Phoenix to a 20-4 record last season and reached the PSL semifinals along with the regional semifinals (losing to eventual state champion Detroit Country Day).

Henry plans to work Schoolcraft's camp (July 29-Aug. 3), but has yet to finish his recruiting.

"We'd like to get three or four more, but right now we have a nice set of guys," he said.

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**Demolition wins division, await playoff destination**

The postseason playoffs now await the Midwest Division champion Detroit Demolition of the Independent Women's Football League.

The 7-1 Demolition wrapped up the title Saturday with a 21-6 triumph over the host Chicago Force in a game played at the Holmgren Athletic Complex at North Park University.

After a scoreless opening half, the Demolition tallied all three touchdowns over the final two quarters on a 3-yard run by quarterback Kim Grodus, a 39-yard scamper from Kiana Dennis, and a 12-yard run by Bridget Porter, who took turns alternating at quarterback with Grodus.

Dennis ran for team-best 105 yards, while the

Demolition defense, led by middle linebacker Misty Findlay (13 tackles) held the Force to 65 yards rushing and 81 yards passing.

The loss dropped the Force, who lost for the sixth consecutive time to the Demolition dating back to last season, including their third defeat this year, to 5-3.

The Demolition have been given a bye for the July 14 round of the IWFL playoffs. They await the winner of the Sacramento Sirens (7-1) vs. Seattle Majestics (8-0) game on that date.

If Sacramento wins, they will play the Demolition in the Western Conference championship game July 28 (tentatively set for Livonia Stevenson High School).

But if Seattle wins, the

Demolition will travel to Seattle.

The winner of the Western Conference championship plays in the IWFL title game Saturday, Aug. 11 in Atlanta, Ga. against the Eastern Conference winner.

**Demolition golf outing**

To help defray costs for two possible upcoming road trips, the Detroit Demolition will sponsor a four-person golf outing Saturday, July 7 at Southmoor Country Club, located at 4312 S. Dort Highway Burton.

Included in the \$50 cost is 18 holes (with cart), lunch, prizes, 50-50 drawing, raffle and silent auction.

For more information, or to register, call Diane Balbaugh at (989) 737-8851.

**HARVEYS**

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less of the situation.

"She's always infused that strength in me."

Alex said the golden opportunity to play college baseball at Benedict was accompanied by some reluctance.

"It was hard moving away because I was kind of the man of the house the past few years," he said. "I knew when I left that I'd be passing down a lot of responsibility to my younger brothers and I didn't want to just cut out like that. But I called my mom and brothers a lot and made sure everything was OK."

**Tough times**

The Harvey family was jolted in early May when Tammy was hospitalized for 32 days after an infection infiltrated her

body at the entrance site of the dialysis treatments.

The crisis was compounded by the fact that Alex -- her right-hand man -- was thousands of miles away at college.

With the help of Tammy's mother, Tammy's ex-husband Nathan, and David, who displays the accelerated maturity level of Alex, the family persevered. "It was pretty bad," said Tammy, of her hospital stay. "I missed almost all of Dave's baseball games. I actually cried at the first one I was able to attend."

"I called my mom two or three times a day when she was in the hospital," said Alex, who is currently home on summer break. "I told her and my brothers that if anyone was getting too stressed out to call me because I'd drop whatever I was doing and come home."

David dedicated the baseball season to his mom.

"I thought about her all the time during the games and I wanted to get a hit for her every time I was up," said David.

He nearly did during the season's final two weeks, as he hit close to .500 and helped lead the Wildcats to their best season ever.

**Prayers appreciated**

The Harvey family could use your prayers now. When I talked to Alex last Thursday, he informed me that Tammy had re-entered the hospital last week. Tests were being run throughout the weekend to determine a diagnosis.

Here's hoping Tammy gets well quickly and regains the energy that has been a fixture at high school athletic contests at Plymouth the past five years.

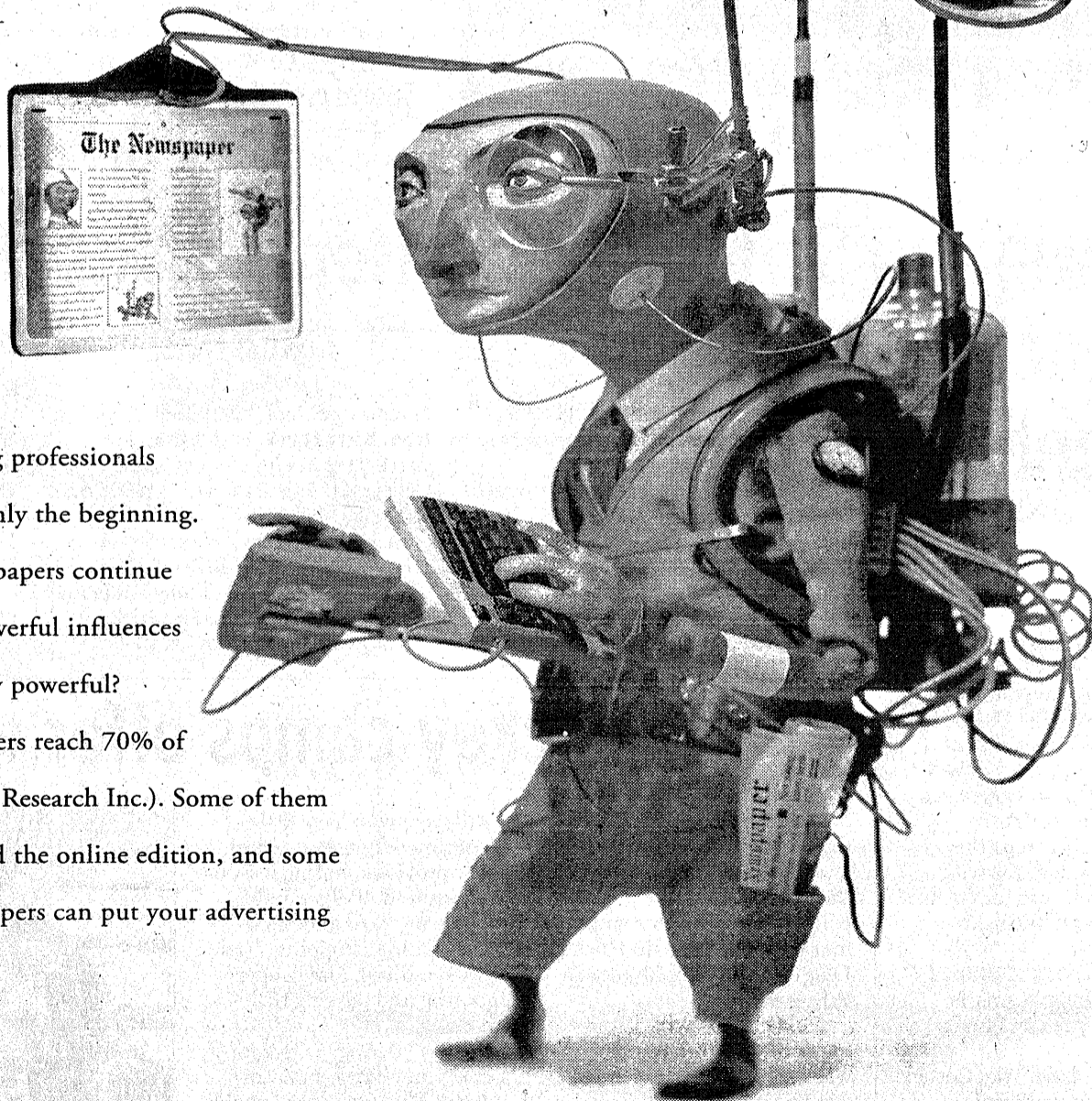
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### Blast champs

On June 9-10, the Livonia Meteors under-14 team captured first place in their division at the 15th annual West Carrollton (Ohio) Soccer Blast Tournament. Team members include (back row, from left) assistant coach Shannon Buckler, Dominick Grima, Trey Douglas, Matthew Aube, Nolan Mullett, Aaron Rife, coach Mano Vagnini; (from row, from left) Nick Wood, Brad Tatro, Zachary Schultz, Justin Vincent, Alessio Vagnini, William Rori, Ian Zukowski and Trevor Hart.

# Sweep eludes the Rams as Bulls rally in 8th inning

**SANDLOT BASEBALL**

The Michigan Rams couldn't convert the sweep of Saturday's Livonia Collegiate Baseball League doubleheader as the Michigan Bulls scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning of the nightcap for a 2-1 triumph at Madonna University's Ilitch Ballpark.

The 20-and-under Rams took the opener, 4-2, and were tied 1-1 through seven innings before Nick Brennan knocked in Nick Thurman with the game-winning run for the 22-and-under Bulls, now 12-5-3 in the LCBL.

Rams closer Steve McCatty, who walked two in the eighth, took the loss.

Ryan Gunderson started and allowed just one unearned run in 4.1 innings. He struck out

four, walked six and allowed three hits. Sam Yashinsky then pitched 2.2 innings of scoreless relief.

Winning pitcher Will Kennedy (Madonna University) went all eight innings. The Westland John Glenn High grade allowed just five hits, walked five and struck out five.

Eric Vojtkofsky and Drew Churchward each collected two hits in the setback as the Rams fell to 10-8-2. Frank Persichino knocked in the lone run for the Rams in the first inning.

In the opener, Nick Urban went 2-for-4 with the game-winning RBI run scoring Nick Plinka in the fifth inning for the Rams, who out-hit the Bulls, 8-6.

Kyle Hurtt went 2-for-2 with an RBI, while Yashinsky added two hits. Persichino also knocked in a run.

Aaron Powell went 2-for-4 with a homer for the Bulls. Kevin Zerbo also knocked in a run.

Steve Karchefsky was the winning pitcher in relief. Over the final 3.1 innings, Karchefsky did not allow a hit or run. He struck out three.

Starter Justin Mazur went the first 3.2 innings, allowing two runs on six hits and three walks. Mazur fanned four.

Losing pitcher John Feliccia gave up four runs on seven hits in 5.1 innings. He walked three and hit a batter. Reliever Bryan Weeks finished up, allowing just one hit and a walk in 1.2 innings.

# Oakland Hills proves too much for local British Open hopefuls

BY JIM TOTH  
STAFF WRITER

After 36 holes at Oakland Hills Monday, neither Michael Harris nor Tom Gillis knew which was north or south.

Looking to grab one of 12 qualifying positions for this year's British Open, Harris, a native of Troy, and Gillis, a native of Lake Orion, found both the North and South courses of the historic club trying and treacherous.

"It's a major championship-type of golf course and they (Royal & Ancient) wanted to set it up like a major championship," said Harris, who opened his day with a 74 on the North Course and closed with a 75 on the South. "They moved the tees back (on the South Course) and now you're hitting 5 irons into greens you're supposed to hit 9 irons into."

Harris' total of 149 left him eight shots off the final qualifying number, which was set at 141.

Nine players totaled rounds between 136 and 140, led by

Michael Putnam who followed his sterling 69 on the South with a stellar 67 on the North.

Six players finished tied at 141, forcing a sudden-death playoff to secure the final three berths into the July 19 Open at Carnoustie Golf Links in Scotland.

"I thought if I could shoot three under on the North, and come here and hang on for three over, that would have been 140 and that would easily be good enough," Harris said. "But I got off to a bad start and bogeyed four of my first six holes. The pins were tucked and I just didn't hit it that well."

"It was tough," agreed Gillis, who a little more than 12 hours earlier than his 8:22 a.m. tee time was wrapping up play in the fourth round of the Buick Open held in Grand Blanc.

"I didn't hit the ball good all day and I struggled. But I hung in there quite a bit — until I doubled (bogeys) the last two holes."

Gillis, who showed promise of shaking his slump with

four solid rounds at the Buick, began his day with a 2-over 72 on the North.

He concluded with a 6-over 76 on the South.

"The South Course is definitely toughest," Gillis said. "They have it set up probably a little too hard for a qualifier. They don't have quite enough marshalls with the amount of rough and the greens are in good shape, so they're really tough."

"It's a great track," he continued. "It just takes little long to play when you're playing 36 on a course that tough. I'm really not that tired — just frustrated."

For Harris, missing out on qualifying means back to play on the Canadian Tour, along with various stops throughout the Midwest.

"I always think good golf is right around the corner and it just hasn't happened," the Troy High alum said. "I'll pick and choose (tournaments) and try to make a living."

For Gillis, life will continue down south in Florida competing on the Gateway Tour.

### GAMES

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much respect for him. He cried after we won that (4 x 100) relay."

Kozeljan, who works as a company supervisor and coaches high school soccer in the Boston area, also gives back to his Homenetmen chapter.

He reminded a young competitor not to "look over" when you're running a race. "You lose time, when you look around, look straight ahead," Kozeljan urged in the Stevenson High infield.

"I've been doing it my whole life, since I was 12," said Kozeljan, who plays senior basketball and soccer, and coaches junior hoops and track and field. "But now I'm doing it for the kids."

Homenetmen is about heritage.

It was established in 1918 in Armenia, soon after the 1915-1918 genocide by the Ottoman Turks.

The organization has held the North American Regional Games every year since, and the World Athletic Games every four years. The next

World Games are scheduled for 2009 in either Armenia or Athens Greece where over 9,000 athletes are expected to participate.

Among the chapters participating this week in Livonia included Toronto, Chicago, New Jersey, Boston, Philly, Atlanta and Miami.

"The hosts have done a good job, very organized, everything starts on time," Kozeljan said. "The referees are there. The buses are on time. Things are done quickly, on schedule. They've done a very good job."

The camaraderie, the friendships and preserving their culture. You see guys like Churchill High's Raffi Markarian being urged on by the crowd to finish in the 800 and brings a smile to your face.

And it keeps guys like Glenn Papazian coming back year after year.

"Thirty-seven, point-eight seconds," Papazian said. "Sonny told me that's not a bad time."

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# Storm places 3rd in ASA tournament

Despite injuries and illness, the Livonia Storm 16-and-under travel team made a respectable third-place showing in last weekend's Junior Olympics ASA Class A State Tournament held in Mount Pleasant.

Playing against elite and select teams, the Storm won five straight games to advance to the winner's bracket championship game, but suffered their first tournament defeat

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as eventual champion Team Michigan overcame a seven-run deficit with eight runs in the final inning to win, 8-7. Finesse then avenged an earlier 5-4 setback to eliminate the Storm, 6-0.

Members of the Storm, coached by Tim Hollandsworth, include Amanda Paison, Lauren

Brueck, Kathleen Hoehn, Emily Hollandsworth, Laura Deacon and Jamie Johnson, all of Livonia Stevenson; Brittany Taylor, Brianna Taylor, Alecia Geraghty and Natalie Polakowski, all of Livonia Franklin; Annie Hollandsworth, Chelsea; Genny Kotyuk, Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Assistant coaches include Tom Hollandsworth, Reno Taylor and Kevin Deacon.

### CAMPS

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ots, agility and speed training.

■ July 30-Aug. 3 (1-2:50 p.m.) - Squirt Elite (\$250): This five-day school is geared for the accelerated player looking for a combination of on-ice as well as off-ice drills and training. Professional instructors will conduct a high-intensity on-ice workout followed by dry-land conditioning with Dennis MacDonald, the Whalers' athletic therapist.

■ Aug. 6-10 (9 a.m. to 3:50

p.m.) - All-Day School (\$399): This five-day school will balance on-ice instruction with off-ice development.

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■ Aug. 13-17 (9-10:50 a.m. or 2-3:50 p.m.) - Mite Preseason Tune-up (\$250): This five-day school focuses on power skating, agility, balance, stops and starts, and game situations.

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ity, balance, stops and starts, stick handling and game situations.

■ Aug. 20-24 (11 a.m. to 2:20 p.m.) - High School (\$300): A challenging camp designed to enhance the players' overall skill set. Players will be able to utilize the Whalers' training facility, including the weight room and locker room. Instructors include the Whalers' coaching staff as well as high school coaches.

For more information on the schools, call (734) 453-8400; or visit www.plymouthwhalers.com.



**Level 8 champ**

Eurostar gymnast Kelsey Stamm, who recently completed her ninth-grade year at Plymouth High School, captured the all-around championship at the Level 8 Regional Gymnastics Meet held April 28 in Indianapolis. Stamm outperformed 51 other gymnasts from a five-state area with a total score of 37.275. She also placed first on the vault with a score of 9.45.

Stamm, who has been training at Eurostars in Canton for six years, was seventh in the floor routine (9.35), eighth on the uneven bars (9.25) and eighth on the balance beam (9.25). Earlier this year she placed second at the state meet.

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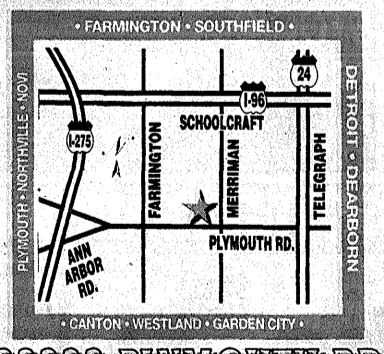
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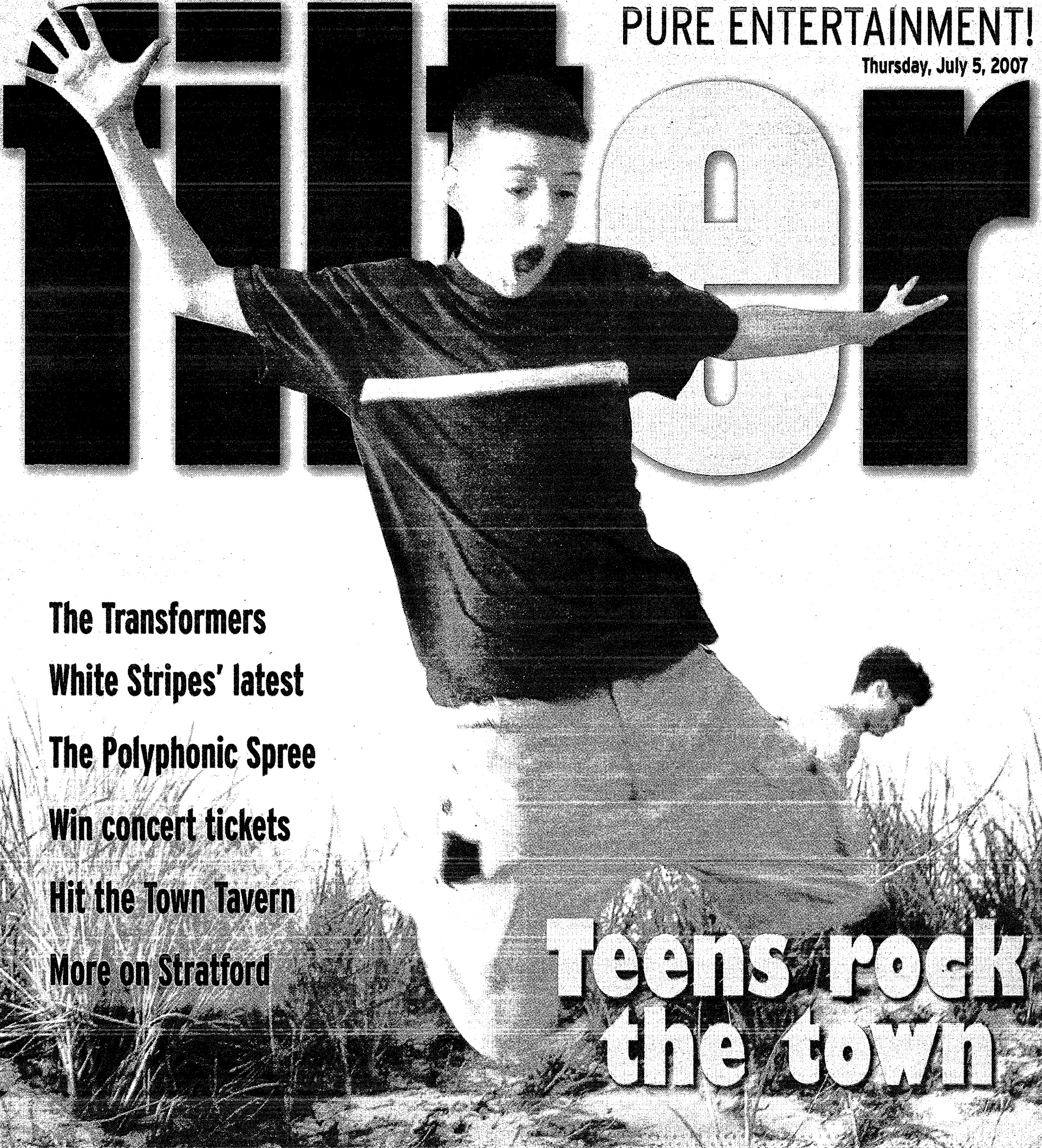




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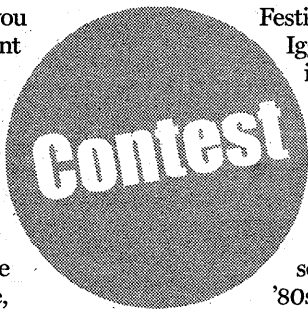
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# White Stripes return with 'Icky Thump'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

Well it's been a while since we've heard from our favorite peppermint candy-colored garage rock two-some. Two years in fact, since the release of *Get Behind Me Satan*.

And it's been a long road since Detroit natives Jack and Meg White first banged out that raw guitar and drum-driven sound at dives like the long-shuttered Gold Dollar in Detroit.

Ten years ago, the duo paved the way for the Detroit garage scene and put the world on notice. This month

The White Stripes returned, with fervor and the Third Man release *Icky Thump*. It's the band's sixth studio album and comes on the heels of a hiatus that found rock's favorite divorcees moving away from the Motor City.

Jack White kept busy as new husband, father and member of The Raconteurs, which also features Brendan Benson. Meg reportedly moved to Los Angeles. But it sounds like the break served the band well.

Fans of early White Stripes will find plenty of evidence of that familiar blues-infused, battered guitar, cymbal-slicing sound on *Icky Thump*.

Songs like *Bone Broke* and *300 M.P.H. Torrential Outpour Blues* evoke images of the sparser *DeStijl* era Stripes. *You*



The White Stripes recently unveiled 'Icky Thump' on Third Man Records/Warner Bros.

*Don't Know What Love Is* sheds traces of *White Blood Cells*, with a country bent. There are hints of the past here, and tell-tale signs of the present, too.

*Little Cream Soda* seems to comment on the scope of success and yearning for simplicity. It builds with dark chords and Jack's intermittent story-telling vocals announcing: "There was a time when all I wanted was my ice cream colder and a little cream soda/ Oh Well Oh Well."

While stomping out new territory, the first singles, *Icky Thump* and *Rag and Bone*, manage to show separate sides of the band. The first poses some sort of primal scream while the second finds Meg and Jack bantering back and forth. Let's just hope that conversation goes on and on.

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Singer Teresa Marbury of Rock and Soul will also heat up the concert with jazzy numbers from her new CD. She has performed at venues such as Detroit's Annual International Auto Show and the Super Bowl. Bruce Pooley, also with the band, is a Farmington Hills resident, and has performed all over the world with Jerry Lee Lewis, Chubby Checker, and the Irish Rovers. Marbury and Pooley are pictured here.

The remaining concerts in the free Stars in the Park:

July 26, Farmington Community Jazz Band

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Aug. 9, Chris Roach Band (Country & English Rock & Roll)

Aug. 16, Farmington Community Chorus (Pop, Jazz, Classical Vocal)

Aug. 23, Saline Fiddlers

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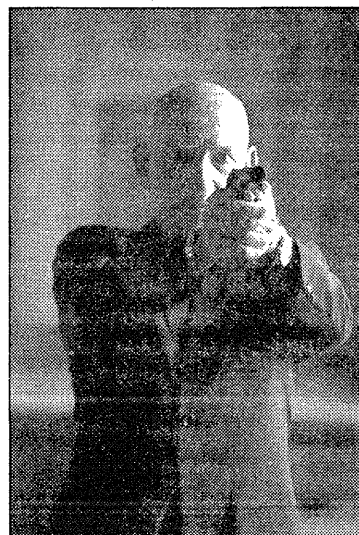
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The Polyphonic Spree

# Join the choir

## The Polyphonic Spree makes a joyful noise

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

It seemed like an unorthodox concept for a rock band. Still, adding a choir full of voices and a host of symphonic sounds has made The Polyphonic Spree into a critical success and a musical wonder since its debut in 2000.

The band, currently 23 members strong, has just released its third full-length album. Brilliantly titled *The Fragile Army*, the record finds its founders Tim DeLaughter and Julie Doyle picking up where they left off with joyful messages from *Together We're Heavy*, and building songs with a more rock-oriented structure. Still, the voices are strong, and stirring - all in unison.

"When we came up with the Spree, Tim was not really concerned about putting together a rock band, if it would tour or if we would record an album," Doyle recalled.

The two had initially joined forces in the band Tripping Daisy, but the group disbanded after guitarist and friend Wes Berggren died of an overdose.

DeLaughter had long been inter-

ested forging a symphonic sound into modern music. What sounded so new felt like a sensible transition to Doyle. The initial idea for The Polyphonic Spree was to spin a traditional rock band lineup into a new musical force with 10 (yes, 10) lead singers, strings, horns and percussion.

It started out as a few friends singing and joining in on instruments, about 13 people in total. They wore nondescript robes to hold focus on the music, rather than the band itself.

"We're a band that developed on the road," said Doyle. And it happened fast. From their living room to the U.K. to Japan and then a record deal.

"Our first record was our demo," she added. The band released *The Beginning Stages of ... The Polyphonic Spree* in 2002. It was recorded in three days, thanks to some leftover studio time from the Tripping Daisy days. "There were still no song titles," Doyle recalled. "It was just for us."

But band members shared it with friends, and people began to show an interest. It only made sense to release it.

The Polyphonic Spree debuted at

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**Where:** The Majestic Theatre, 4120-4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

**Tickets:** \$18-\$20, for this all-ages show. Call (313) 833-9700 or visit [www.majesticdetroit.com](http://www.majesticdetroit.com)

**More on the band:** [www.thepolyphonicspree.com](http://www.thepolyphonicspree.com)

Austin's South By Southwest in 2002, then moved on to David Bowie's Meltdown Festival in the U.K. "That's how it all started," said Doyle. The Spree spent the next two years on the road. The band's second release, *Together We're Heavy*, was a direct result of constant touring.

But *The Fragile Army*, Doyle said, shows a clearer representation of the Spree. "This band live is a lot different than the first two recordings," she said. "This time we wanted to capture that feeling of high energy intensity."

*The Fragile Army* also encompasses a more political point of view, a reaction to a world Doyle describes as "out of control." Songs like *Overblow Your Nest* and *The Championship* usher listeners to stand up and let their voices be heard.

The title was coined by Director Mike Mills, while working with DeLaughter on music for his film *Thumbsucker*. "When he said it, it

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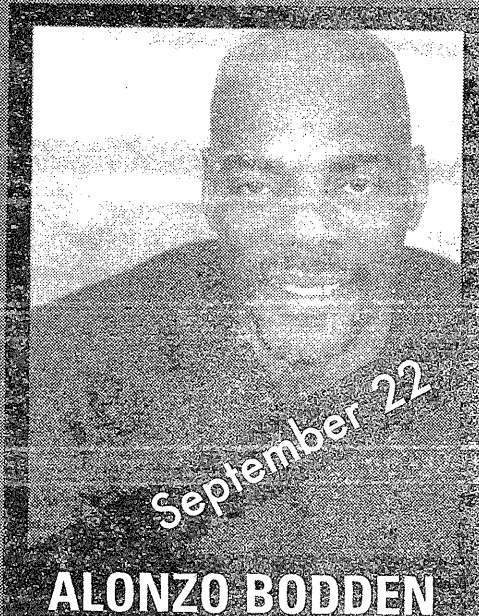
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# 'Oklahoma' dazzles, 'Merchant of Venice' is muddled

BY HUGH GALLAGHER  
STAFF WRITER

The Rogers and Hammerstein musical *Oklahoma* is a more optimistic view of ranch life than *Of Mice and Men* (also at Stratford and reviewed in Filter on

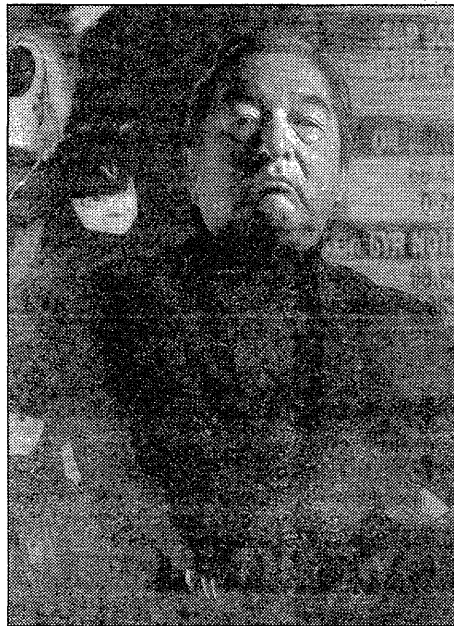
June 30), but not without its conflicts and perils. It's Stratford's big musical this year, played on the large Festival stage.

*Oklahoma* is a rich blend of sweeping music, sophisticated and complex dance, cornball comedy and

wrenching drama. Director Donna Feore presents a musically rich, enthusiastically danced production that falters only in the drama of sexual tension that set *Oklahoma* apart from the fare of its day.

From the first accent-thick strains of *Oh What a Beautiful Mornin'* Dan Chameroy plays the optimistic, confident cowboy Curly with a big voice and an easy manner. Not the typical square-jawed figure, he is a more realistic and charming Curly.

His on-again, off-again girl Laurie is played by Blythe Wilson as a prim young



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Graham Greene is Shylock in 'The Merchant of Venice.'

women yearning to let her flirty side out. Wilson has a fine voice that does not reach into the operatic heights, again giving a more down-to-earth interpretation.

Notable performances also come from Nora McEllan as a smiling, life loving Aunt Eller, Kyle Blair as a snappy Will

Parker and Lindsay Thomas as the comic flirt Ado Annie, who mugs confidently through *I Cain't Say No*.

The weak part is the portrayal of the pornography loving Jud Fry who hungers after Laurie and invites a tragic confrontation. The conflict is never as fully presented and menacing as it should be to carry the story.

But with songs like *Surrey With the Fringe on Top*, *People Will Say We're In Love*, *Kansas City* and the rousing title song and dazzling dancing, this production is a winner.

## Merchant of Venice

Directors love to put their stamp on Shakespeare by updating, pruning and twisting. Sometimes it works, often it fails miserably.

Director Richard Rose fails miserably in his interpretation of Shakespeare's most troubling play. He adds elements that are sledge hammers to drive home his reinterpretation of the Bard's play. He attempts, as have others, to save the Bard from being seen as the anti-Semite that his play suggests he was. Rose also adds annoying loud music, pointless motion and often muddled diction and action.

The opening parts of the play are hard to follow because they are either

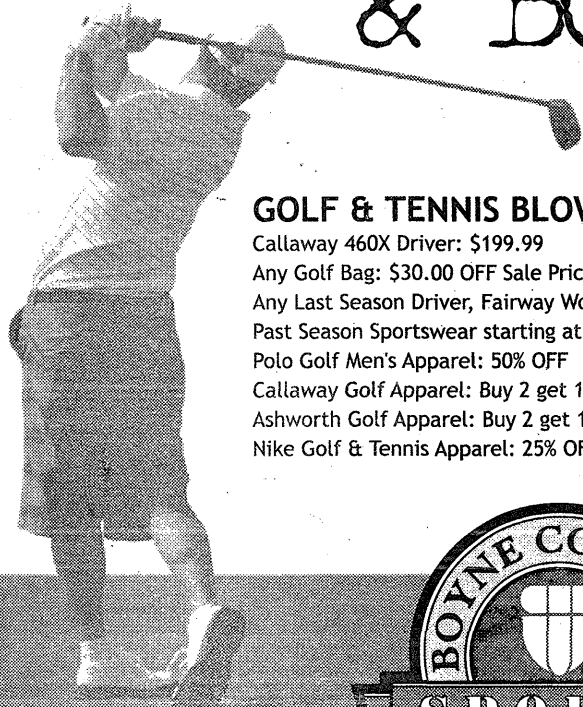


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Laurey Williams (played by Blythe Wilson) is courted by Curley (Dan Chameroy) in *Oklahoma!*

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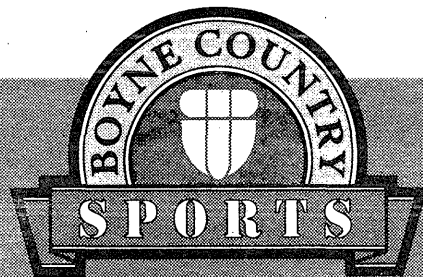


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# Teen Scene

## A Filter guide to summer fun

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

Summer vacation is short and there's much to do in metro Detroit. We want to help you pack as much into your break as possible.

For teens, there's enough to do and see to fill your calendars every day. And, aside from obvious things like hanging out at the mall, going to Starbucks or your local park we decided to suggest things a bit out of the norm.

Maybe you want to meet new people by visiting other cities. Or maybe you're without a car and need to stay in your own town. Heck, maybe you don't feel like leaving the house once in a while and want to find fun online beyond chatrooms.

Here are our suggestions, and tune back to Filter throughout the summer. There's always something in it for teens.

### MORE THAN MINIATURE GOLF

Putt-putt places are everywhere and they're loads of fun. Here's some miniature golf spots that either feature attractions, or are super-challenging.

#### ROYAL OAK

At Royal Oak Golf, the 18-hole miniature golf course includes rocks, waterfalls and is known for being one of the "less easy" courses around - making the competition extra intense for you and your friends. Cost is \$6.25 for those over 12 years old and it's open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. every night, weather permitting. Check it out at Royal Oak Golf, 3500 Edgar Avenue, Royal Oak, (248) 549-4653, [www.fourseasonsgolf.center](http://www.fourseasonsgolf.center)

#### SHELBY TOWNSHIP

If you haven't been to the Joe Dumars Fieldhouse, plan an all-day adventure with your pals. Not only is there miniature golf designed with plants native to Dumars' homestate of Louisiana, there's also ponds and a waterfall that you can walk under. The fieldhouse has Laser Tag, a bungee trampoline, wall climbing, an inflatable shark slide, mini-bowling, Slot Car racing, a high

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You'll jump, sweat and dance to the wild beats of rock/punk/gypsy band Gogol Bordello at the band's all ages show Saturday, July 14.

# SUMMER

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ropes climbing course, and a lot more. Visit it at Joe Dumars Fieldhouse, 45300 Mound Road, Shelby Township, (586) 731-3080

## PLYMOUTH

It's only \$3 and there's waterfalls and ponds and curvy grounds at the Oasis Golf Center, 39500 Five Mile Road, Plymouth. And if that isn't challenging enough (which it will be), there's also a driving range. (734) 420-2228, [www.oasisgolfcenter.com](http://www.oasisgolfcenter.com)

## GOLF LOVERS

### CANTON

If full-size courses are more your bag, the Pheasant Run Pro Shop is hosting Take Your Daughter to the Course Week July 9-15. Daughters play for free with one paying adult. Then golf one day a week, for five weeks on Tuesdays, beginning July 17 at the Pheasant Run Junior Golf Academy. The program consists of lessons, range time and nine holes played on Pheasant Run's North Course. Students will be grouped by age and experience. Fee is \$180. Junior golfers should have a basic understanding in golf and have had at least one year of on course experience. You will need a Fairway wood, 8 iron, pitching wedge, and putter.

Pheasant Run is located west of Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill, on 105 acres, and includes an amphitheater, splash playground, soccer fields, softball fields, pavilions, play equipment, picnic areas, gazebo, ponds, sand volleyball courts, football field, fishing pier, walking paths, restroom facilities, and a veterans memorial. Call the Pheasant Run Pro Shop, (734) 397-6460.

## NATURE FUN

### LIVONIA

Of course there's the big parks that you already know about like Kensington, Stoney Creek and Metro. A park with fewer crowds is at Hines Park at Newburgh Lake in Livonia with paddleboats, a bike and hiking trail and clean grounds for picnics. The Paddleboat Concession is located on Hines Drive west of Newburgh Road (734) 261-1990.

## TROY

The Lloyd A. Stage Nature Center is a great place to spend an afternoon, at 6685 Coolidge Highway, about 3/4 mile north of Square Lake Road (248) 524-3567. There are 100 acres of land home with plants, wildflowers and wildlife, along with trails, wetlands and a gift shop. Admission is free. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday; and noon to 7 p.m. Sunday. (248) 524-3518 for facility opening status due to weather.



The Displays are an indie band trio from Royal Oak featuring Brandon Mallon, Guitar/Vocals; Andrew Hecker, Bass/Vocals and Scott Ryan, drums. The band performs at the Royal Oak Music Theatre on Wednesday, July 11 with Monkey Jacket and Stolen Liberty. The Displays also play on Saturday, July 21 at New Dogdge in Hamtramck. Visit [myspace.com/thedisplays](http://myspace.com/thedisplays) for details.

## CANTON

Don't miss the Splash Park at the Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail, just east of Beck Road. It's free and a popular destination. Just touch the fire hydrant to start the water fun! Children 12 and under must be supervised by an adult at all times. Water shoes are recommended.

## GO SWIMMING

Some cities have public pools, others don't. Here are a few pools that welcome residents and non-residents.

## LIVONIA

There's a lot more than swimming at the Livonia Parks & Recreation world. There's a leisure pool, water inner-tubes, wall climbing and a lot more. Located at 15100 Hubbs at the southeast corner of Hubbs and 5 Mile roads, (734) 466-2900, <http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us>

## WEST BLOOMFIELD

The West Bloomfield Family Aquatics Center is open every day from noon to 7 p.m. It's \$3 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. The outdoor pool, with swimming noodles, usually isn't too crowded and the staff is very friendly. (248) 451-1902, 4640 Walnut Lake Rd Bloomfield.

## CANTON

There's a lot more to do than swimming at Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. There is a five-lane 25-yard lap pool, zero-depth leisure pool with play features, a lazy river, hot tub, spa, steam room and sauna. A variety of pools has something for everyone who enjoys the water, visit [canton-mi.org/](http://canton-mi.org/) for more in

as they create a fictional crime scene investigation. Teens can analyze evidence, conduct imitation blood testing, examine fingerprints and handwriting samples and then put it all together in a mock trial. Located in the Meeting Room.

Kids (again grades six-12) can participate in Harry Potter-related activities to celebrate the release of the newest Potter book at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 26. There will be a costume contest, trivia, potion-making projects and foods enjoyed by the Hogwarts.

It's Family History Craft day at 7 p.m. Aug. 2. Bring family photographs and facts to create your own family history in an album that you can take home.

Get physical at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8, and learn the ancient martial arts of Tae Kwon Do for safety and fitness benefits. Located at the Southfield Public Library, 26300 Evergreen Road, Southfield (248) 796-4200.

## NASCAR FANS

NASCAR and Dale Earnhardt fans across the country will have one final chance to see the only Earnhardt family-authorized documentary on "The Intimidator" through Earnhardt's own words and images. Narrated by Paul Newman, this 100-minute documentary begins at 7:30 p.m. July 19.

Tickets for this one night event are available now for \$10 at

# Town Tavern

Classic and new in Royal Oak



LAWRENCE MCKEE | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

End your dinner on a sweet note with Strawberry Shortcake and Fresh Whipped Cream served with a creamy cold Grasshopper.

BY ELEANOR HEALD  
CORRESPONDENT

Upon entering the newly opened Town Tavern in Royal Oak, one might question, "Has this spot always been here? Did someone just spiff up this joint?"

The building has been there and once housed a camera shop and after that an Italian restaurant.

"My aim," said proprietor Bill Roberts, "was to create an old 1930s tavern that had recently been remodeled and brought into the year 2007."

Classic mohair booths and bench backings, bentwood chairs (with thick seat padding), hand-shellacked rosewood walls, re-sanded original ebony flooring and an antique gold, rough-finished ceiling announce classic. Flat screen TVs at the bar state modern-era.

Waitstaff in classic white shirts, long black ties, black slacks and long white aprons connect the themes.

Restaurant designer Ron Rea of Ron

& Roman in Birmingham interpreted Roberts' concepts brilliantly and Fenton builder Bren Mar, put it all together in just over three months.

To place Town Tavern squarely in Royal Oak, Roberts and Rea spent time at the Royal Oak Historical Society Museum with curator Muriel Versagi, who helped locate reproducible historic photos gracing the walls.

Additionally, Royal Oak High School (before it was called Dondero) sports team photos from the 1930s, '40s and '50s are among other notable wall art.



## MODERN TAVERN EATS

Patrick Roettele, Roberts' veteran chef at Beverly Hills Grill on Southfield Road in Beverly Hills, collaborated with his boss on the Town Tavern menu, which complements the comfortable tavern look and feel.

Among Bar Plates, which could be

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called "small plates," are Short Rib Tacos, soft ones with salsa fresca and black bean purée; Five Spice Calamari with Asian Aioli and Steamed Mussels in garlic and white wine.

French Onion Soup, topped with a Swiss-Parmesan cheese mix and baked in a crock, makes a meal when teamed with one of the side salads, such as Caesar with house-made croutons tossed in garlic compound butter. Chopped Tavern salad takes on a unique spin with radicchio, garbanzo beans, basil chiffonade, crunchy cucumbers and red onions.

Decadent and creamy Lobster Mac & Cheese is among Tavern Favorites along with Southwest Shrimp (satisfying Chef Patrick's penchant for Southwest-style food).

Fresh Seafood of the day is listed on a chalkboard.

Among steaks with unique sauces is classic Steak Diane, which has all but disappeared in steak houses. Tenderloin medallions in a brandy sauce -- welcome back, you decidedly retro dish.

Like fries? New-age Parmesan Truffle Fries don't accompany the 8-ounce Tavern Cheeseburger with your choice of bleu, cheddar, jack or Swiss, so substitute the "comes with Tavern Fries" for an additional cost. You will thank me.

## TOWN TAVERN

**Where:** 116 W. Fourth, Royal Oak  
(248) 544-7300.

**Open:** Monday-Wednesday 4-11 p.m., until midnight Thursday-Saturday and until 10 p.m. Sunday.

**Food style:** Familiar and innovative American fare.

**Reservations:** Currently not accepted. Smoke free.

### MORE

An easy-to-navigate one-page wine list has some neat selections. Codax Albarino 2006 from Spain at \$8 by the glass or \$32 per bottle is a refreshing white.

Whether your preference is low rise, boot cut or slim fit, Blue Jean Red from California at \$7 by the glass and \$28 per bottle is a well-priced flavorful red.

Keeping it local among desserts is the Ray's Ice Cream of Royal Oak flavor of the day and BHG (Beverly Hills Grill) Chocolate Brownie with Ray's Vanilla Ice Cream and Sanders Hot Fudge.

Taverns of the 1930s may be an archetypal memory but the food was never as good as today's Town Tavern.

**Eleanor Heald** is a nationally published writer and Troy resident who writes about restaurants, food, wine and spirits for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact her by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com.

# 'Women of spirit' feted

**Morton's The Steakhouse**, 888 W. Big Beaver Rd., in Troy celebrates women, wine and goodwill as they partner with the American Red Cross to recognize "women of spirit" with a special dinner by that name at 6:30 p.m. July 19.

Tickets are \$150. Morton's will donate a portions of ticket proceeds and 100 percent of silent auction proceeds to the American Red Cross. The Women of Spirit dinner will be hosted by winemaker Danielle Cyrot of St. Clement Vineyard. Cyrot will present her signature wines to accompany a four-course dinner prepared by Morton's chefs. For information, [www.mortons.com/womenofspirit](http://www.mortons.com/womenofspirit) or call (248) 404-9845.

**Potbelly** restaurants have turned over a literal new leaf.

The Chicago-based restaurant chain now offers salads, which includes a variety of vegetables such as marinated artichoke hearts, roasted red peppers, blue cheese and dried cranberries. The new salads cost \$5.29 and are A Wreck Salad, Chicken Salad Salad, Italian Salad and

Veggie Salad. Dressings are buttermilk ranch, Potbelly vinaigrette, nonfat vinaigrette, 100 Island and Asian sesame.

For more information and to locate the nearest Potbelly, visit [www.potbelly.com](http://www.potbelly.com).

**Full Kilt Pub and Restaurant** hosts its first annual Celtic Feast and Beer Tasting Dinner at 6 p.m. July 9.

Five courses (which will be predominantly Irish) will be paired with crafted brews, which guests will be educated on how each

brew was made and paired with each dish. Courses include a Baked Brie with Fruit and Bagette Appetizer, Cream of Potato and Leek Soup, a Wentworth Caesar Salad, a choice of entree of Chargrilled Lamb Chops, Jameson Salmon or Shamrock Grilled Chicken, and a Chocolate Lava Divine Dessert.

Tickets are \$30 each and available at Full Kilt Pub and Restaurant, 143 N. Main St., Mt. Clemens or [www.fullkilt.com](http://www.fullkilt.com). Call (586) 307-8450.

The dinner will be hosted by Jon Piepenbrok of International Beverage Company and Full Kilt.

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## ART EXHIBITS

**Cranbrook Art Museum:** Hot House: Expanding the Field of Fiber at Cranbrook 1970-2007, through -Oct. 14; Material Memory: World Textiles from the Collections of Cranbrook Art Museum and Gerhardt Knodel, through Dec. 30, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

**Detroit Institute of Arts:** While the museum is closed for renovation, enjoy mini golf on the front lawn Wednesday-Sunday, Summer Music & Film Series through July 29 in the Detroit Film Theatre, all at 5200 Woodward Ave., (313) 833-7900, www.dia.org.

**Flint Institute of Arts:** Artists of the Great Lakes: 1910-1960, through Aug. 19, \$7, free admission to permanent collection galleries, 1120 E. Kearsley (off I-475 in the Cultural Center Park between University of Michigan-Flint and Mott Community College, Flint, (810) 234-1695, www.flint-arts.org

**Majestic Cafe:** Make Nice Things About Detroit, featuring 15 artists and crafters kicks off with an opening reception 8-10 p.m. Thursday, July 5, Majestic Cafe, 4120 Woodward Ave. Detroit. Show is free and runs until Aug. 27. Visit www.handmadedetroit.com.

**Wayne State University's Community Arts Gallery:** Michigan Water Color Society's 60th Annual Exhibition, through July 20, at 5400 Gullen Mall, Detroit. Call (313) 577-2423.

**Eastern Michigan University University Gallery:** 100 Years of Emil Weddige, through Aug. 10, honors Weddige 100th birthday with display of stone lithographs over past 60 years; Tom Voorhees: the Beer Lady, digital photomontages, Aug. 20-Sept. 26, reception 5-7 p.m. Sept. 11, 900 Oakwood, Ypsilanti (734) 487-4065.

**University of Michigan Museum of Art:** Out of the Ordinary/Extraordinary: Contemporary Japanese Photography, through Sept. 16, exhibition of 11 photographers challenges Western assumptions about Japanese culture; curator's tour, 3 p.m. July 22; Persian Visions: Contemporary Photography from Iran, Sept. 29-Dec. 30; 1301 S. University, Ann Arbor (734) 763-UMMA.

## ART GALLERIES

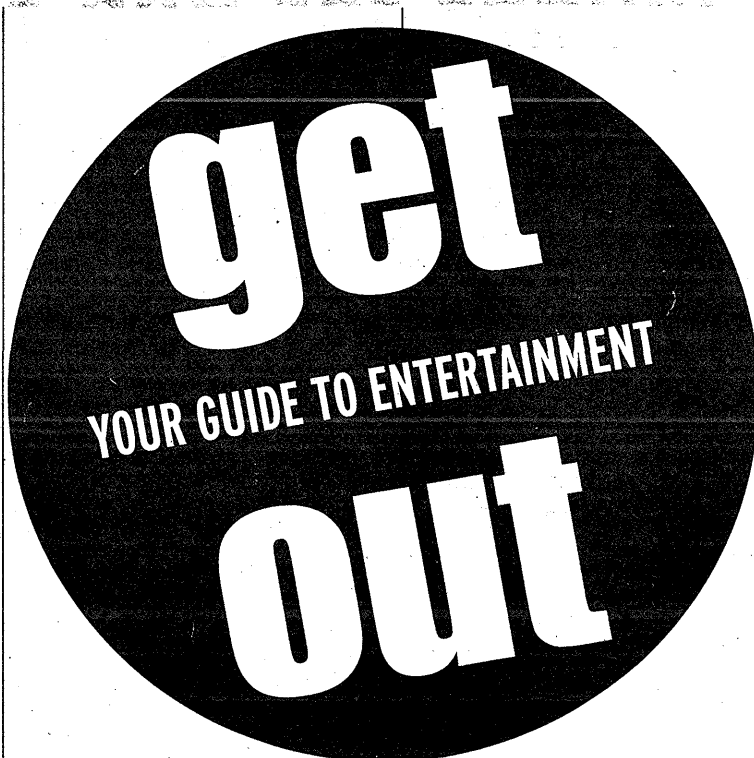
**B. (Gallery):** New Works by Matt Lewis, through Aug. 31, 235 Willits Alley, Birmingham (248) 540-0046.

**Cranbrook Art Museum:** 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3300, www.cranbrookart.edu. Hours 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The museum is closed Monday-Tuesday and select holidays.

**Cass Cafe:** New Expressions, Stephanie Sturton, Andrew Blake, through Sept. 22, 4620 Cass, Detroit (313) 831-1400.

**David Klein Gallery:** fresh with works by Brian Barr, Ben Hall, Dalton Jamieson, Ben Kiehl, Mary Kim, Kelly Reemtsen, Lauren Semivan, through Aug. 4, 163 Townsend, Birmingham (248) 433-3700, www.dkgallery.com

**Flatlanders Art Galleries:** A Summer Series, including exhibition of oil paintings by Kim Taylor; artwork from tattoo culture, comic book art and mixed media prints by



Dustyn Bok, opening reception with artists July 22, runs through Aug. 24, 11993 E. U.S. 223, Blissfield, **Kresge Art Museum:** Circus: The Art of the Strange & Curious, through July 27, museum is located at Physics and Auditorium roads on the campus of Michigan State University, East Lansing, (517) 355-7631, www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

**The Janice Charach Epstein Gallery:** Through the Eye of the Needle - Fabric of Survival, tapestry exhibit of Esther Krinitz, who survived Nazis in Poland and relocated to United States, through Aug. 9, located in the Jewish Community Center on Orchard Lake Road and Maple in West Bloomfield, meet daughters Bernice Steinhardt and Helene McQuade, 2 p.m. July 15.

**Lawrence Street Gallery:** Ceramic and Fiber Art, Suk Jin Choi and Jung Yeon Choi, opening reception 6-9 p.m. July 6, exhibit through July 28, 22620 Woodward Ave., Suite A, (east side of Woodward, two blocks south of Nine Mile), Ferndale, (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

**Lemberg Gallery:** A Changing Exhibition,

through Aug. 11, reception 5-7 p.m. July 18, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lebergallery.com

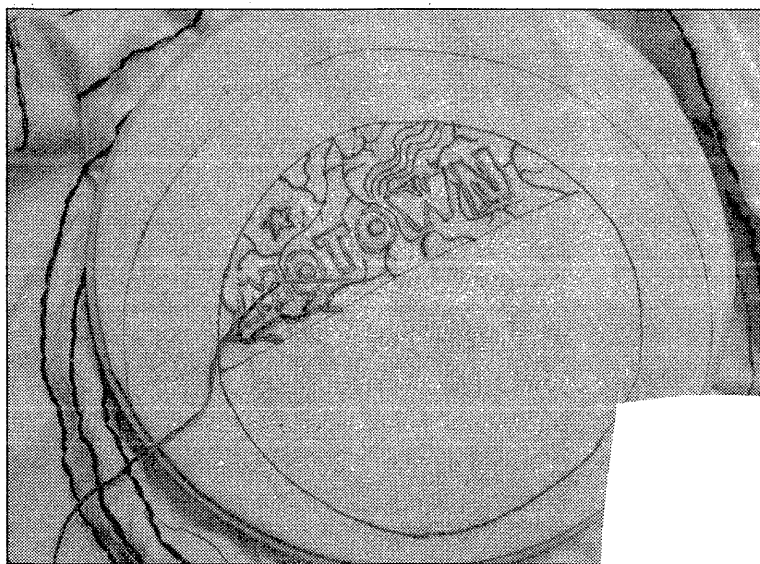
**Livonia Civic Center Fine Arts Gallery:** Exhibit of Recent Work of Suzanne Bauman, through July 30, reception 2-4 p.m. July 14, located in Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Rd., east of Farmington Road, (734) 466-2491, visit www.suzannebauman.com, call (248) 647-8938, for artist info.

**Nextstep Studio & Gallery:** Craig Paul Nowak, through July 28, 530 Hilton, Ferndale (248) 342-5074.

**Northville Art House:** Nature's Garden: A Plain Air Juried Exhibition, July 6-Aug. 12, preview event 5:30-8:30 p.m. July 6, 215 W. Cady St., (248) 344-0497.

**Paint Creek Center for the Arts:** Israel Davis (ceramic works), July 6-Aug. 4, opening reception 6-8 p.m. July 13; Jan van der Marck, July 6-Aug. 4, opening reception, 6-8 p.m. July 13; juror's gallery talk, 2 p.m. July 14; 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

**paulakotula projects:** New exhibit runs through July 14, 23255 Woodward, Ferndale, www.paulakotula.com, (248)



Alicia Dorset's embroidered Motown record will be featured as Nice Things About Detroit, an art show opening today, 8-10 p.m. Majestic Cafe, 4120 Woodward Ave. Detroit. The show is free, p1 Handmade Detroit, and runs until Aug. 27. For more information handmadedetroit.com.



Smooth jazz artist Randy Scott celebrates the release of "Breathe," his new CD, with two shows July 10 at Seldom Blues. Call (313) 567-7301 for more information.

544-3020.

**The Print Gallery:** Mark Wolak, Abstract Paintings, through July 14, 29173 Northwestern Highway, Southfield (248) 356-5454, www.EverythingArt.com, www.MonaLisaMania.com

**River's Edge Gallery:** SLAW, Detroit's king of retro paintings, exhibit through July 9, 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 246-9880, e-mail riversedgegallery@wyandotte.org, or Web site www.artattheedge.com

## ART, ETC.

**Art in the Park:** Art Fair, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. July 14-15, Warren's New City Square, east of Van Dyke, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads, Warren Cultural Commission, Warren Tri-County Fine Arts.

**Bagley Housing Gallery:** The Canadian/Columbian Connection, paintings by Patricia R. Edie and Jeanne Poulet, through July 14, 2715 Bagley, Detroit (313) 964-5942, www.bagleyhousing.com

**Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center:** Adult Art Camp, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 9-13, instruction in mixed media, painting with color, metals and ceramics, 1516 S. Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, for details, visit BBArtCenter.org

**Detroit Artists Market:** Baseball as Art, through July 14, 4719 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 832-8540.

**National Institute of Doll Artists:** Gallery Night, 6:30 p.m. July 12; show and sale 1-4 p.m. July 15, free admission, Concord Ballroom of the Downtown Courtyard Marriott, 333 E. Jefferson, Detroit, www.niada.org

**Orchard Lake Fine Arts Show:** Aug. 3-5, campus of Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 3535 Indian Trail (corner of Commerce and Orchard Lake roads), artists preview party, 6-9 p.m. Aug. 3, tickets \$25 at www.TicketWeb.com, free admission on Saturday and Sunday, www.HotWorks.com for information.

**Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery:** Enrichment

853-9855; 7 p.m. July 9, Book Connection, 19043 Middlebelt Rd., Livonia (248) 471-4742; 7 p.m. July 10, Barnes & Noble, 17111 Haggerty Rd., Northville (248) 348-0696.

## CAR SHOWS

**Troy Museum & Historic Village:** Motoring Memories, second annual car show, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., July 14, classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and bicycles, vintage hat show at 1 p.m., exhibit of model cars, special children's activities, food for purchase, trophies for exceptional cars; live entertainment, \$3 per person donation, children under 10 free, 60 Wattles Road (on northwest corner of Livorno intersection), park at Zion Lutheran Church, 3668 Livorno, south of Wattles, and ride the free shuttle to the museum (248) 524-3570, www.troymi.gov/museum.

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**DTE Energy Music Theatre:** Toby Keith, July 5-6, call (248) 645-6666 or visit palacenet.com.

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## CLUBS

**The Ark:** Carrie Rodriguez, July 5; Tcheka, July 6, Feufollet, July 7; Ramblin' Jack

# Killer comedy earns laughs for Ben Kingsley

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
STAFF WRITER

His name is Frank Falenczyk and he's an alcoholic. But it takes this unlikely protagonist a good half-hour into John Dahl's black comedy *You Kill Me* to admit that.

Frank's issues run deeper than his addiction to the vodka bottle, though. Just so happens he's a contract killer with a conscience. And as of late, his drinking has been interfering with his work.

When Frank, portrayed in all his frozen-faced glory by Ben Kingsley, passes out waiting to take down an Irish mob boss, his Uncle Roman (Philip Baker Hall) sends him to San Francisco to dry out.

Dahl takes an idea audiences will find somewhat familiar, thanks to movies like *Grosse Pointe Blank*, and delves deeper into the recesses of human frailty. He shows it all with a biting comic edge.

Once Frank sets up shop in San Fran, he's greeted by a morally bankrupt real estate agent played by a pudgy Bill Pullman, and a calm, supportive Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor named Tom (Luke Wilson).

Forced to work in a morgue, the dead bodies are no bother, of course. But the alcohol-soaked wakes pose a dilemma.

Still, Frank manages to fall in love post-funeral, with a sharp-tongued brunette named Laurel (Téa Leoni).

Here's a guy whose black wardrobe and over-arching stature paint him into a rather foreboding villain. Kingsley humanizes this cold character - first showing the way he bristles during AA meetings, then revealing his tactics with women. He asks Laurel: "If nobody dies, maybe we could get coffee sometime."

She's harsh, a dry wit, and a seemingly his perfect match. During their first date, Dahl shadows them in a half-light, indicated that there's a side of these two that's kept hidden from one another.

But as the film moves on, with scenes flitting between San Francisco and Buffalo, N.Y., Frank reveals his truth and tries to "make amends."

But tensions are escalating back in Buffalo, as the aforementioned Irish mob boss Edward O'Leary (Dennis Farina) gains ground over Uncle Roman and his family. Frank must make a move and right his wrongs - in this case failing to whack O'Leary in the first place.

But how will it all impact his relationship with Laurel? Audiences will have to wait and see. A dark, witty delight, *You Kill Me* is in theaters now.

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Movie  
review



Above, Ben Kingsley shoots for laughs in 'You Kill Me.' The new IFC Films black comedy features a killer cast including (at left) Luke Wilson, Téa Leoni and Kingsley.

## STRATFORD

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muttered or spoken too quickly.

The play is primarily about the pursuit of a rich young woman named Portia and a deal made by her preferred suitor to obtain money. He asks a merchant friend to loan him a sum of money, which the merchant borrows from a Jewish moneylender and business rival, Shylock. When a series of shipwrecks prevent the merchant from making good on the loan, Shylock demands his forfeit - a pound

of flesh. Meanwhile, Shylock's daughter elopes with a Christian and denies her father.

Shakespeare gives Shylock a beautiful speech Hath Not a Jew that reminds his listeners that Jews are human and have been much abused. But the play clearly means Shylock to be the villain and the Christians to be in the right.

Rose, as have others, turns this around. The opening is a bizarre pig roast with everyone wearing pig masks. As unreasonable as Shylock is, everyone else seems more venal and coarse. The ending suggests regret by the wayward daughter that is not in the text. The modern cos-

tuming is bizarre as well, suggesting a world taken over by Yves St. Laurent on a bad day.

The acting here is uneven. Graham Greene as Shylock delivers his lines more clearly and naturally than the others, but often seems too stiff in his interpretation. As the merchant Antonio, Scott Wentworth's voice sometimes never clears the stage. The low comic clowning of Gobbo, played by Ron Kennell, isn't funny and seems disconnected. No one laughed at his hurried word plays.

The best performances come from Severn Thompson, who plays an elegant Portia and, in drag, the advocate for

the merchant who outwits Shylock, and Raquel Duffy as her maid and confidante Nerissa. In fact the Portia scenes play better than the rest, though I've seen funnier versions. And the transformation of Portia from a ditz fluttering over her marital choices and the competent legal mind and shrewd wife at the end is unconvincing.

In the end Merchant is still a problem play and this muddled attempt at political correctness doesn't add anything to the discussion.

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# SUMMER

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www.FathomEvents.com and at participating movie theatre box offices. Locations are: Livonia 20 Theater, 19500 Haggerty Rd., Livonia, and Commerce Township Stadium 14, 3033 Springvale Dr., Walled Lake.

## GIRL SCOUT CAMP

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## MUSIC

### SOUTHGATE

If you love live underground music, this is your place. The Modern Exchange,

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### DETROIT

One of the most energetic bands in the punk scene today is Gogol Bordello who will perform an all ages show 7 p.m., Saturday, July 14 at the Majestic Theatre. This underground gypsy punk band is emerging fast - so catch the band before it explodes into mainstream popularity. Singer/lyricist visionary Eugene Hutz and the rest of the Gogol create an intense energy at their shows - everyone participates. It's a mix of gypsy music, rock, Flamenco and other types of rebel music. \$18 in advance, visit www.gogolbordello.com for more info.

### CANTON

Lighter style music can be heard in Canton. Thursday night summer concert series at the Heritage Park Amphitheater. Concert goers are encouraged to bring blankets or folding chairs. Light concessions will be on sale. These shows are weather-dependant. All shows scheduled 7:30-9 p.m.

July 19, The Gratitude Steel Band Reggae/Island Music, it's a Luau Celebration! Caribbean-themed fun for all ages. Free.

July 26, Sun Messengers, Motown/R & B. Donate a new/gently used item of clothing and receive one free small popcorn. Free

Tuesdays it's a Youth Concert Series for younger kids. Grab your sack lunch and a blanket, and get ready to enjoy our lineup of children's entertainers Performances begin at noon and run for 30-45 minutes. On July 10 it's Jasen Magic the magician. On July Aug. 7, it's Harpbeat. Located west of Canton Center, south of Cherry hill. <http://leisure.canton-mi.org>

## VOLUNTEER

### GET ACTIVE!

Help take care of animals, make root beer floats for the Easter Seals, help at the Woodward Dream Cruise or talk to teens who need emotional support. If you want to help repair houses for those in need, you can do that too. For animals, visit [www.guardiansforanimals.org](http://www.guardiansforanimals.org), for Easter Seals visit [www.essmichigan.org](http://www.essmichigan.org), or to help your peers in a crisis center for phone visit [www.commongroundssanctuary.org](http://www.commongroundssanctuary.org). A Web site lists scores of groups that need teenage volunteers is [www.volunteermatch.com](http://www.volunteermatch.com)

## SKATE

### WESTLAND

Westland's Concrete Jungle Skate Park is open and ready for all skaters. Admission for adult Wayne County residents is \$5 per session and \$8 for a day pass. For children who live in Wayne County, the cost is \$3 per session and \$5 for a day pass. The Concrete Jungle is located at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, behind Westland City Hall. For more information, call (734) 722-7620.

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ROBERT ZUCKERMAN

Captain Lennox (Josh Duhamel, left) and Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf, right) join forces when they are attacked by an alien race in 'Transformers.'

# Transformers serves up all-ages summer fun

BY JEFF VON BUSKIRK  
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Another addition in the line of recent movies adapted from popular cartoons, *Transformers* is designed for young teens to mid-twentysomethings, but also appeals to the nostalgia of the older crowd who grew up watching the original cartoon and playing with the boxy plastic toys. A demographic home run, this production is perfect for Hollywood, but comes with the problem of how to satisfy the demands of this varied group.

This problem is handled fittingly by producer and director Michael Bay, responsible for such blockbusters as *The Rock*, *Armageddon*, *Pearl Harbor* and *Bad Boys*. Bay's love affair with high-flying action sequences, slow-motion military images and fast-paced dialogue was a good match for this content. What he communicated best was the environment created by towering robots battling to the death around the viewer. The action sequences were filmed at ground level and were somewhat scattered and confusing, which gave a realistic human viewpoint.

The effects were convincing where the robots were concerned. They often wreaked unintentional havoc on the surrounding area as they transformed back and forth from robots into cars, airplanes and tanks. But the writing was bland, with much of the back story explained with narrative sequences, and the characters were campy and exaggerated. They seemed to be taken from stereotypes of other char-

acter stereotypes in other movies, and cast accordingly. Notwithstanding the unlikely, curly-haired, muddling teenage hero who, let's hope, does not become a new stereotype we will have to live with. Even the heroic speeches in the movie were stereotypes of other speeches in other movies. Courage, fear and freedom were thrown into the dialogue haphazardly, seemingly without any real relevant plot involvement or consequence, though the personality of the robots was consistent with the original show. The comic relief was predictable -- clueless parents and overbearing law enforcement -- but also included timely and political jabs at overseas call-help centers, a napping, Ding-Dong eating President, and Spanish-speaking Americans.

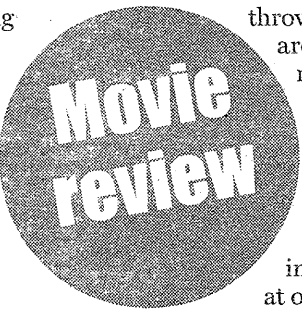
Finally, the gratuitous product placement in the film at times seemed to blur the line between Hollywood blockbuster and slick GM car commercial, complete with soundtrack and damp pavement.

In the end, *Transformers* is not Bay's best work, but his signature non-stop camera motion and a heavy helping of CGI make the subject matter visually stunning. It is the typical Hollywood summer release; what it lacks in sophistication, it makes up for in fast-paced fun and provides the audience with what it is looking for.

Detroiters will particularly get a kick out of identifying local spots downtown where the movie was filmed.

Now we will have to consider whether Will Smith and Steve Buscemi will make a good Destro and Cobra Commander respectively, and if the Hummer can be tricked out enough for GI Joe.

3 stars out of 5



## SPREE

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was such a beautiful thing," said Doyle. "It opened our minds to this universal idea as a human race."

It also spawned a new look. The band traded in robes for matching military attire.

The Polyphonic Spree is more than a band, Doyle said, it's a way of life. Members usually arrive by way of friends and other bandmates. "It would be our wish, and I'm not kidding, to have 50

people in the choir," said Doyle.

But the Spree is confined by space - on stage, on tour buses, everywhere. The Polyphonic Spree considers touring in itself a major victory. "There are all kinds of things we deal with. With the crew and kids we're 32 people. Our tour is an event."

For those experiencing The Polyphonic Spree live for the first time, Doyle said "be prepared for some explosions, a celebration, and a chance to join in."

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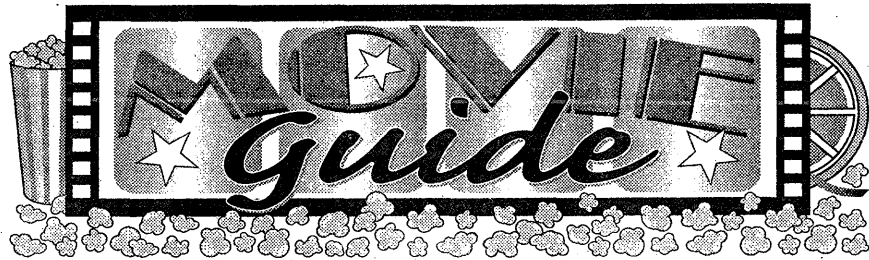
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## HOW ABOUT FENCING?

### CANTON

The art of swordplay is available for both the beginner and the continuing student in this 10-week class. Each two-hour class will consist of footwork drills, a group lesson and free fencing with individual lessons as time permits. Participants will learn at their own pace. Some equipment is available for use by students and you may also purchase your own equipment for an additional fee payable to the instructor. This class is offered to adults and youth at the same time. Located at Summer in the Park from July 14-Sept. 22. It's \$90 for residents and \$117 for non-residents.

<http://leisure.canton-mi.org>

## DRIVE-IN MOVIES

### CANTON

You can visit a drive-in just like your parents did back in their day. On Friday, Aug. 10 at Independence Park from 6 -11:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10. Southwest corner of Denton and Proctor roads, 80 acres, including 12-game soccer fields, eight practice soccer fields, and a play-scape area.

Enjoy a family movie in the comfort of your automobile. Lawn seating is also available. Concessions will be sold. In addition, family entertainment will take place prior to the movie. No pre-registration required. Space is limited.

### PLYMOUTH

Everyday in Plymouth, movies can be viewed under the stars. The Compuware Sports Arena operates the Compuware Sports Arena Drive-In Theatre. Seven days through Sept. 2.

Movies will include *Surf's Up*, *Spider-Man 3*, *Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End*, *Wild Hogs*, *Nancy Drew*, *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* and more. Call (734) 927-3284 or visit [www.compuwarehockey.com](http://www.compuwarehockey.com)

Prices range from \$8 for ages 13 and older, \$6 for children 4-12 and \$6 for students (Sun.-Thurs.). Children 3-and-under are admitted free.

The restaurant at the arena - Ginopolis on the Ice - is offering a "Dinner and a Movie" package. For \$29, two people can choose meals from a select menu and enjoy a double-feature afterwards at the Compuware Sports Arena Drive-In Theatre.

## ONLINE

### THE ENVIRONMENT

On July 7, during the globally televised Live Earth rock concerts, the world will be introduced to The GREENS - the edgy, engaging new Web site that empowers eco-minded kids to make a difference, brought to life by the award-winning WGBH Interactive Kids Group.

But, before The GREENS' intriguing



On August 1, the Family Values Tour comes to DTE, featuring Droid (pictured here) and also Korn, Evanescence, Atreyu and others. It's a festival focusing on metal, speed metal, 2-step, Crunk, romance metal, hardcore and other heavy sounds. Visit [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com) for details

crew of animated environmental advocates meet the anticipated audience of 2 billion Live Earth viewers, here's a sneak peek: <http://www.meetthegreens.org>

The GREENS explore an array of kid-friendly green topics and offers concrete ways kids can take action. Issues include sustainability, ecology, environmental care and social equity. The GREENS' animated, episodic adventures, Web blog, Flash games are upbeat and fun.

### PIANO LESSONS ONLINE?

It's tough trying maintaining a full load of courses, being involved in school sports and trying to keep your skills and practice in music going. Not only that, but piano lessons with good teachers are expensive and it's often really difficult to schedule lessons. So now you can take piano lessons on the Internet. In classic piano lessons, students and teachers vie for a certain number of limited time slots. With the Internet, students download workbooks and listen to flash audio files anytime they want.

Personal music lessons with a good piano instructor usually run \$25 to \$35 per half hour session. Online music lessons with Weiss cost \$19.97 a month.

Edward Weiss, a pianist/composer from San Diego, is one of the online teachers.

"My students move a computer or a wireless laptop right next to their piano," he explains. "With the Internet, students just click on the piano lessons they want to take and work their way through the instructions. They practice on their own for the most part. Then when they have a question, they e-mail me."

According to Weiss, the future of music instruction is on the Internet. A YouTube video demonstration film of Weiss giving a piano lesson. Lesson 82: "December Twilight", a left-hand ostinato pattern going on while the right improvises melody. The left hand plays a few bass notes - then two chords - A Major and D Major at <http://www.quiescencemusic.com/art13.html>

For more information, visit [www.quiescencemusic.com](http://www.quiescencemusic.com) or call (619) 817-8650

### ART, STARS, ANIMALS AND MORE

#### BLOOMFIELD HILLS

Ah, Cranbrook. Some of the prettiest

gardens in the state with hidden nooks and crannies and sculptures. A science, a museum, art museum and planetarium is all on Cranbrook's campus.

Visit Cranbrook Institute of Science any Friday for an evening of science until 10 p.m. for "Starry Night" Fridays.

At 7 p.m., discover the Stars of the Pharaohs. A 30-minute program takes you on a journey to ancient Egypt to see how science was used to tell time and align huge buildings. Learn about the connection the ancient Egyptians felt with the stars and various astronomical phenomena. Finish with a viewing of the most spectacular temples and tombs of the ancient world recreated in their original splendor.

At 8 p.m. discover what you will see when go outside tonight. Michigan Sky Tonight is a live-narrated program about what's happening in the current night sky from constellations to comets, planets to pulsars.

At 9 p.m. is Rock Hall of Fame 2, an intense and revolutionary entertainment program that brings down the house with full dome high-resolution computer animation. Based around a Rock Hall of Fame theme.

A new planetarium program debuts this month, "The Future Is Wild," which gives audiences a glimpse at what might be the future of the animal kingdom on planet Earth.

An international team of researchers has been looking into how animals and plants will change and evolve over the next 5 to 200 million years. A team of 100 animators and scholars transformed their ideas into creatures that fly, walk and swim on the earth of the future. Cranbrook Educational Community is located at 39221 Woodward Avenue in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan

### ART FOR PRE-TEENS

#### FARMINGTON HILLS

The City of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division offers art camp.

New this year is fine art camps, which will add a creative blast to the summer. Explore the world of art, music, and performance while enjoying the beauty of Heritage Park. A Half Day Fine Art Camp is offered 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Aug. 6-10 featuring photo adventure and music

discovery. (Early drop-off is available for an additional fee.) The fee is \$105 for residents and \$110 for non-residents.

Kids can have fun learning and creating art projects in camps with art instructor Faina Lerman. Using a variety of media including pottery, painting, and drawing, kids can enroll in "Art Explorers: Art Around the World." Camps are Aug. 13 - 17. Ages 5 - 7 attend the morning sessions (9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.); ages 8 - 12 attend the afternoon sessions (1 - 4 p.m.) Camps are held at the Heritage Park Stables Studio. Fees are \$90 residents and \$95 non-residents. Supplies will be provided.

Young Rembrandts, Junior Zoo, Pirate Camp, and Anime Cartoon Camp provide kids the chance to learn to draw animals, cartoon characters, and pirates and treasure ships using pencils, color pencils, markers, and sharpies. Junior Zoo Camp (for ages 5 - 7) will be held July 17 - 19 or July 24 - 26 from 9 - 10:30 a.m.; Anime Cartoon Camp (for ages 7 - 12) runs July 17 - 19 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.; Pirate Camp (for ages 7 - 12) will be held July 24 - 26 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fees for the Young Rembrandts camps are \$58 residents and \$63 non-residents. Camps will be held at the Heritage Park Stables Studio; fees include all supplies.

The popular Step-by-Step Drawing Camps will be offered with instructor Mary T. Schmidt, July 30 - Aug. 3. These camps allow kids to learn, apply, and combine the basic elements of shape; older children learn the fundamentals of the three-dimensional technique. Camp for students ages 5 - 6 is held 9-10 a.m.; students ages 7 - 8 attend 12:15 - 1:15 p.m., and ages 9 - 12 attend 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. Camps for students ages 5 - 6 and 7 - 8 are \$46 for residents and \$51 for non-residents. Camps for ages 9 - 12 are \$66 residents and \$71 non-residents. Camps will be held at the Heritage Park Stables Studio; fees include all supplies.

In addition to the camps listed above, the Cultural Arts Division offers group Violin Lessons for Beginners and Intermediate students (ages 5+). Parents are encouraged to attend the class with their child.

Violin rental and purchase of additional materials and equipment is required. Beginning Violin classes are held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8 p.m. on July 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 and Aug. 1 and 6. A performance class will be held on Sunday, July 29, at 4 p.m. Intermediate Violin classes (for those with prior experience through the schools or private or group lessons) will be held on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 - 8 p.m. on Aug. 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29 with performance class on Sunday, Aug. 26, at 4 p.m.

Fees for violin classes are \$125 for residents; \$130 for non-residents.

To register for any of the camps or classes, call (248) 473-1857/1859 for a registration form, download a form from the city's Web site at [www.fhgov.com](http://www.fhgov.com) or stop in at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.



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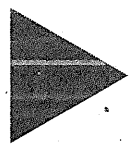
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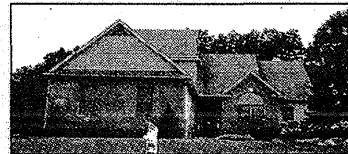
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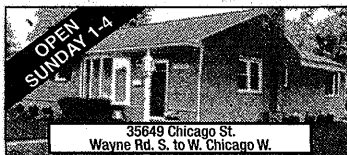
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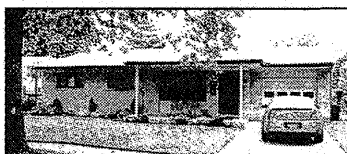
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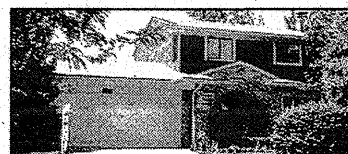
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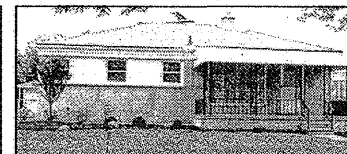
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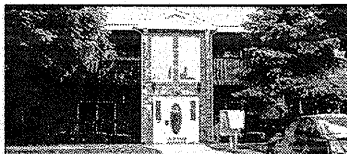
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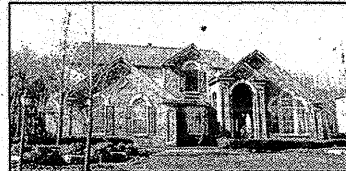
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**SALEM** \$975,000  
4 Fps, gr W/18' Ciling & wall of windows, 1st Fir Mstr w/fp, 2-way Fp Off Kit W/42" Mple Cabs & grnte, fin.w/o w/2nd Kit, hm Theatre, \$2,500 Tcc.  
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**NORTHVILLE** \$699,900  
1st Fir Mstr Backing To woods! Gr W/18 Ft Ceiling & 2 Way Fp To Kit, 42" Cab In Kit. Fish D/L Bsmt W/office 5th Bdrm, Craft Rm, Frw/bar, Bth & Wrkshp.  
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**NORTHVILLE** \$665,000  
Expanded Harvard model w/solarium addition! Spacious gourmet kitchen, FR w/2 story ceiling & stone FP, dual staircases, 3 1/2 car garage & more!  
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**NORTHVILLE** \$665,000  
Surrounded by woods w/spectacular private backyard w/inground Gunite pool! Updated kit, stamped walkways, fin bsmt, 2 FPs, the list goes on!  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$570,000  
Cape Cod Nestled In Woods Incredible Views. HW t/o. Fin LI W/o W/fr, Bar, 5th & 6th BR Or Office. Multi-tier Deck, Corian Counters In Kit, 3.5 Car Gar  
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**NOVI** \$500,000  
New inter pnt & grnte in kit & 1/2 bth, 9FT cings on 1ST fir, 2 stroses, 3 season rm, 2 car gar, hwd in 2 stry fyr, kit&1/2 bath \$2,500 twrd close cost  
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**NOVI** \$475,000  
Backs to woods w/walkout bsmt. 2 Story foyer, 9 ft ceilings, premium lot, 3 car garage, clubhouse w/fitness center, tennis cts, pool & beach.  
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**CANTON** \$425,000  
4 BR, 2.5 bath, positively stunning w/custom features & upgrades! Cherry/Maple kitchen, luxury master bath, hand carved FP, deck with quiet setting.  
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**NORTHVILLE** \$395,000  
2,900+sqft, 2 Str Foyer & Curved Stcrose, Lrg FR W/ Cthdral Cigs & Fp, Kit W/island, & Formal DR. Extensive H/W Fir, 1st Fir Ldry Rm & Security system.  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$375,000  
Custom w/2 entry drs, Newer dimen.roof (tearoff) New 18x18 tile in hall&kit, paver walks&patios, 2 fp's, hw firs, unfin.bsmt w/rough-ins & deck  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$370,000  
Sharp Colonial! New Rf, Newer Windows, Ext Pnt'd, Kit W/cherry Cabs, Updated 1/2 Bth W/ granite Cntr, 1st fir Lndry, Kit Open To Fr W/fp, Deck W/gazebo  
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**NOVI** \$340,000  
New Driveway, Sdwalk & Porch, Newsinks T/o, & Hwd, Gourmet Kit W/bay Wndw Overlook Bckyrd, FR Open 2 Kit, Multi-tier Deck W/ mature Ldscp w/sprinklers.  
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**NOVI** \$305,000  
4br tudor w/cdral ceiling in fam. rm & brick wall fp. Mstr br w/WIC. Updates inc new pnt in/out, new crpt, new Wallside windows & roof. P fin bsmt  
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**GREEN OAK** \$295,000  
Updated kit W/corian Cntrs, Re-modeled Mstr Bth & Main Bth, Newer Roof&Furn, Ca, New Trex Deck, Newer Cpt, Fin W/o, Hw In Gr & Kit, Fr W/wet Bar.  
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**COMMERCE** \$265,000  
Updated 3 Br 2 Bth. New Light Fxtrs, Lg Brs W/Wics, Eat-in Kit W/Island, Nat Fp In Huge Lr, Sep Dr, Fin Bsmt W/new Crpt & 3 car Att Gar W/ Wrkshp.  
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**NOVI** \$265,000  
Volume Ceilings! Hw Firs, Remodeled kit W/ maple Cabs&Corian Cntrs, Deck W/paver Patio&Walks, Ca, Ceramic Tile t/o. Remodeled 1/2Bth, Fin Bsmt W/recRm  
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**NOVI** \$250,000  
3 Bdrm, 2 Bath, updated top to bottom! Lrg open kit w/maple cabinetry & snk bar, Mstr bdrm w/updated bath, finished bsmt w/rec. Rm & exercise rm.  
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**SUPERIOR** \$242,500  
4 BR, 2.5 bath, neutral decor, kitchen & baths w/ceramic flooring, large deck, master suite w/ huge walk-in closet, glamour bath & cathedral ceiling.  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$223,125  
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**NOVI** \$199,900  
New int & ext paint, new Hwh (05), Hwd In Gr Dr Hlws, Vinyl Windows, Updt'd Bath, jetTub, 2.5 Car Garage, Fenced Backyard W/shed, Gr W/full Hearthfp.  
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**CANTON** \$189,900  
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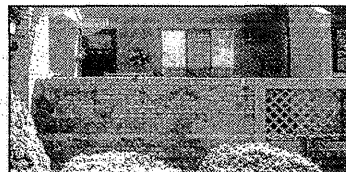
**WESTLAND** \$182,500  
3 Br 2.5 Bth Colonial W/Open Firpln. New Crpt, Eat In Kit, Mstr W/ Cdral Cigs, &Part. fin Bmt. Upgraded Lighting, Brick Paver Patio.  
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Homeowners also want to give their porch style and unique appeal, as nothing spells monotony like a street full of homes with the same facade design. Creating a fresh look can be done in a variety of ways, such as using vinyl post wraps, a quick and convenient way to update your porch by wrapping wood

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## Recourse limited on dog walker/co-owner

**Q. A co-owner walks his dog at various evening times using the grassy areas between the buildings and sometimes behind and around those buildings. His walk is very disturbing since it results in a person suddenly appearing outside my window and behind my unit. These walks can be later than 10 p.m. when it is very dark alongside the buildings, particularly since there are other open areas in the condominium. Might there be a restriction to these areas for walking?**



**Robert Meisner**

**A.** I have not seen such a restriction in the typical condominium documents other than the fact that no one shall engage in any obnoxious or offensive activity. The fact that a co-owner is walking on the common elements, even late at night, may

not be a violation of any restriction, and it would be hard to enforce same in any event. I would suggest, therefore, you bring to the attention of the co-owner in question your concern about him walking between the buildings and that you would prefer him to walk somewhere else.

**Q. I am aware of a homeowner who has allowed a group of high school students to hold a party on their premises despite knowing that they were underage and drinking. The homeowners allowed the party to take place on their property knowing that underage party guests were consuming alcohol, but they did not supply the alcohol and did not supervise or prevent its consumption. Do we or the homeowners have any liability?**

**A.** In a recent case out of Wisconsin, the court held that it was reasonably foreseeable that permitting underage high school students to legally drink alcohol on

the homeowner's property would result in harm to some person or something; thus, the court held that the homeowners had a duty to refrain from knowingly permitting underage high school students to engage in illegal alcohol consumption on their property. To the extent that the association's property is in any way involved and/or condoned such conduct, it may also be liable. You are best advised to consult with an attorney.

**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.

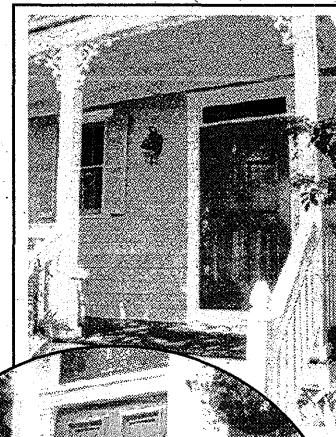


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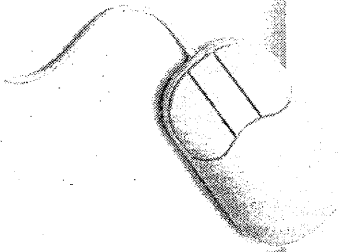
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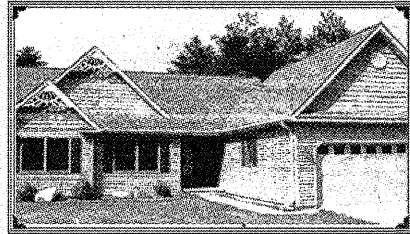
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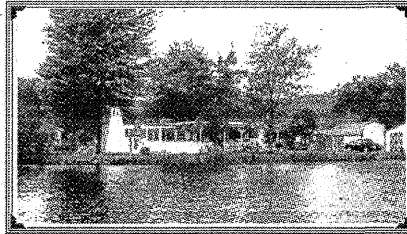
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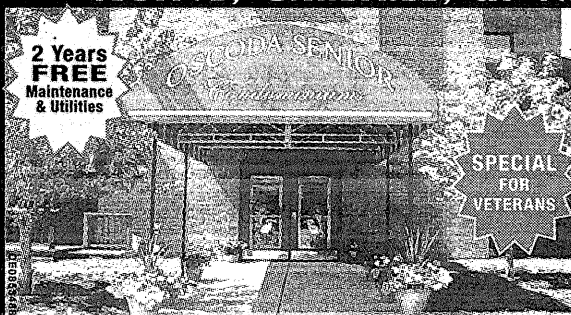
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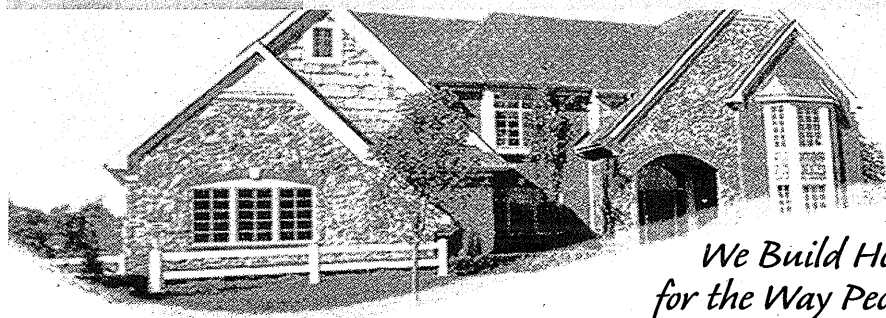
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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of March 5-9, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

City	Address	Sales Price	
Canton	43026 Arlington Rd	\$206,000	
	7992 Brampton Dr	\$425,000	
	45757 Bryn Mawr Rd	\$252,000	
	8475 Chatham Dr	\$530,000	
	324 Cherry Stone Dr	\$135,000	
	48297 Chesterfield Dr S	\$392,000	
	6687 Devonshire Dr	\$190,000	
	1290 E Crystal Cir	\$268,000	
	7142 Foxcreek Dr	\$280,000	
	45929 Graystone Ln	\$238,000	
	42007 Greenwood Dr	\$213,000	
	1159 Hampshire Dr	\$155,000	
	45575 Hanford Rd	\$268,000	
	48391 Inveraray Rd	\$435,000	
	39717 Lynn St	\$160,000	
	41141 N Maplewood Dr	\$201,000	
	2110 N Woods Ct	\$345,000	
455 Robert Ct	\$280,000		
6591 S Lambeth Ct	\$275,000		
2209 Stanton St	\$338,000		
631 Tyler Ln	\$235,000		
1935 Wentworth Dr	\$335,000		
Farmington Hills	25538 Arden Park Dr	\$219,000	
	25749 Castlereigh Dr	\$276,000	
	25184 Dunham Ct	\$184,000	
	37082 Dunstable Ct	\$385,000	
	29315 Fieldstone	\$386,000	
	21154 Gill Rd	\$253,000	
	30128 Kimberly Ct	\$95,000	
	31010 N Park Dr	\$235,000	
	22115 Purdue Ave	\$135,000	
	28838 Ravenwood St	\$230,000	
	30341 Rockshire Ave	\$287,000	
	30078 Shiawassee Rd	\$146,000	
	21965 Tulane Ave	\$136,000	
30368 W 11 Mile Rd	\$150,000		
29860 W 12 Mile Rd	\$89,000		
21811 Whittington St	\$55,000		
Garden City	29555 Barton St	\$120,000	
	562 Belton St	\$129,000	
	5642 Belton St	\$130,000	
	28433 Birchlawn St	\$83,000	
	251 Deering St	\$115,000	
	6188 Lathers St	\$125,000	
	31045 Marquette St	\$125,000	
	Livonia	33763 Eight Mile Rd	\$94,000
		36682 Angeline Cir	\$188,000
		19403 Antago St	\$133,000
11305 Arcola St		\$159,000	
20425 Beatrice St		\$260,000	
11018 Brookfield St		\$157,000	
19119 Canterbury Dr		\$100,000	
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18275 Doris St		\$150,000	
36200 Fairway Dr		\$113,000	
9321 Harrison St	\$152,000		
14333 Harrison St	\$166,000		
14230 Ingram St	\$194,000		
19667 Ingram St	\$155,000		
18670 Lathers St	\$154,000		
10218 Laurel St	\$265,000		
35467 Southampton St	\$201,000		
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29427 W Chicago St	\$166,000		
19541 Westmore St	\$107,000		
Milford	2324 North St	\$175,000	
	4522 Pommore	\$153,000	
	630 Woodside Dr	\$155,000	
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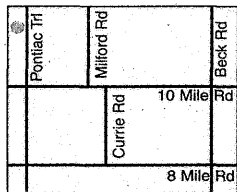
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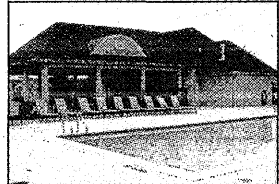
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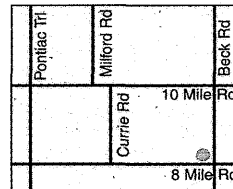
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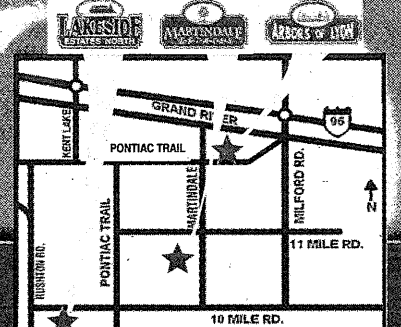

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## REAL ESTATE BRIEFS

### Career Seminar

Keller Williams Realty will be hosting Career Seminars 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, and Thursday, July 26. Seminars will take place at the Plymouth Market Place, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, a half block West of I-275 adjacent to Bally's Fitness Center. Please call in advance to reserve a seat: (734) 459-4700.

### 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 nonmembers. 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.

To receive an auction brochure, call the company auction line at (888) 442-8008.

### Builder pre-license classes

Oakland Builders Institute is presenting a 16-hour comprehensive seminar to give students the help needed to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople who want to work legally in Michigan. This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 16 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule of all classes including evening sessions, call toll-free (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

A 16-hour comprehensive seminar will be offered by Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled for Tuesday/Thursday, July 10, 12, 17, 19, from 6-10 p.m. at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

The cost of the seminar is \$189 for residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions, or \$208 for non-residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, July 5, to Henry Ford Community College. Please call (313) 317-1500 to register 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

### Builders pre-license class in July

Oakland Builders Institute is presenting a 16-hour comprehensive seminar to give students the help needed to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination. The seminar is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 21 and 22, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Dr., Rochester Hills.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan.

The cost of the seminar is \$205 and includes the manual, sample questions and the test application. A \$25 deposit is required no later than Thursday, July 19, to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48306. Call toll-free (800)-940-2014 or (248) 651-2771 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or register online at [www.buildersinstitute.com](http://www.buildersinstitute.com)

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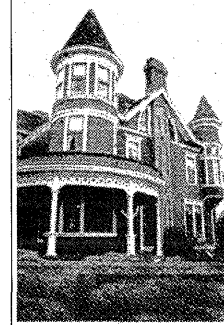
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# Getting rid of ants, the most common home invader

(NAPSI)-When the weather temperature rises, homeowners are more likely to see an increase in pest activity--the most common are ant infestations.

A research study conducted by the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) shows that 25 percent of homeowners say ants are their main pest concern. This same study revealed that more than half of all homeowners have had problems with ants--making them the most prevalent pest nationwide. In addition to being a general nuisance, these bothersome pests can cause significant damage in your home by destroying wood and contaminating your food.

Although encountering an ant infestation can be unnerving, it is important to deal with the problem quickly and

effectively. The first step is to properly identify which ant species is present in the home.

Most ants thrive in warm and moist conditions and can be controlled with cleaning methods and bait systems. In some cases, the only way to completely remediate an ant infestation is to promptly locate and remove the identified species' nests.

Some of the most common home invaders include:

■ **Odorous House Ants:** These ants get their name from the unpleasant odor they give off when crushed. It's often described as smelling like a rotten coconut. They typically nest in wall voids and crevices and prefer sweet foods.

■ **Pharaoh Ants:** Pharaoh ants also prefer sweets, but also consume

grease and even shoe polish. They live in extremely large colonies and keep warm near artificial heating sources like baseboard heaters and ovens.

■ **Carpenter Ants:** This species hollows out nests in both dry and moist wood, though they prefer the latter. They can be particularly hard to remove from the home since their nests can be more difficult to locate.

■ **Fire Ants:** At least 32 deaths in the U.S. can be attributed to severe allergic reactions to fire ant stings each year.

Fire ants can chew through the insulation around electrical wiring and have also been known to kill small animals. They currently infest 14 states throughout the Southeastern U.S.

Pest professionals can identify particular ant species and other pests in the home, treat to remove them and can recommend steps homeowners can take to prevent reinfestation.

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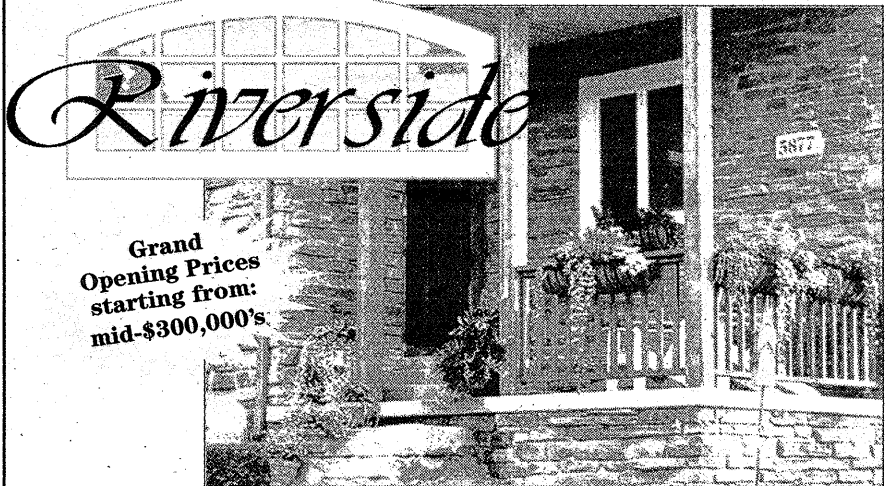


Livonia \$169,900  
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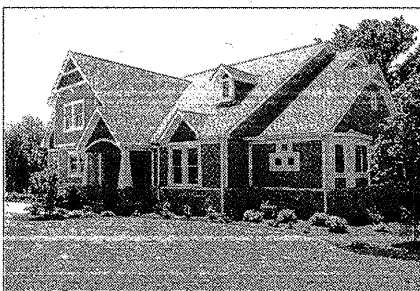
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