

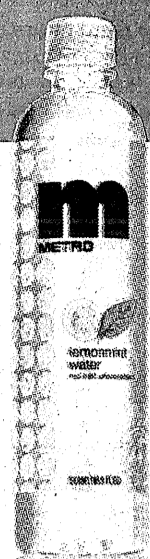


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City OKs renter run

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

The Plymouth Election Commission voted Monday to allow the write-in campaign of Jason Vorva, who was earlier told he couldn't run for city commission because he didn't meet the residency requirements in the city charter, including being a property owner for two years.

"Our legal team did the work and saw from the line of cases the city charter was unconstitutional, that they had been struck down," Vorva, 32, who lives in an apartment, said after the decision. "I'm happy they've seen the light on this."

The Election Commission's vote allowed the city to override its own charter.

"The city attorney's review of a variety of case law led to today's decision," said City Manager Paul Sincock, who declined to make the review available, citing attorney-client privilege.

Vorva's attorney, Tracy Thomas of Plymouth Legal Group, said he and Vorva are considering legal action against the city.

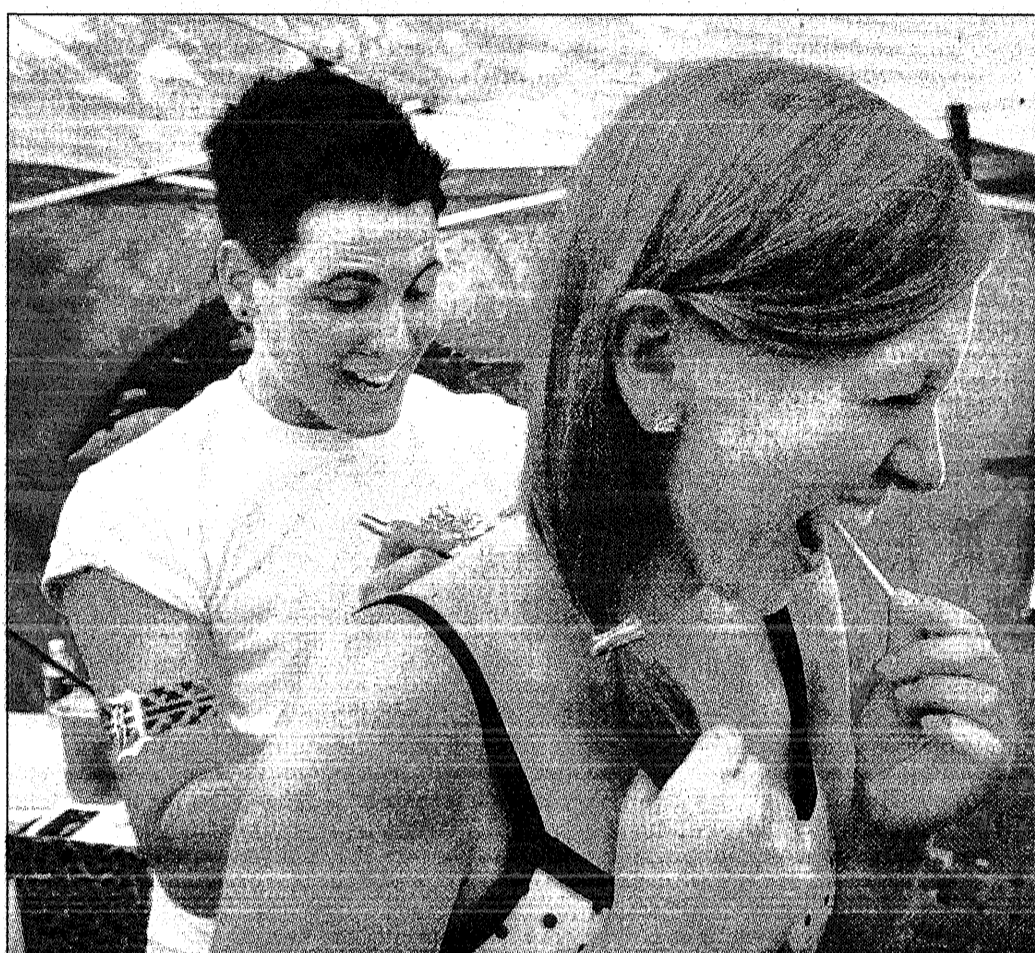
"In our eyes, (the city charter) is still very unconstitutional," Thomas said. "It would prevent someone who is similarly situated to Jason, who hasn't had the benefit of coming before the commission and have a special resolution to run. We think that's wrong and may do something about it, quite possibly some sort of litigation for declaratory judgement that the charter provision is unconstitutional."

The city's Charter Review Commission has recommended a number of changes to the charter, including changing the residency requirement to run for city commission. Voters will decide on the changes in November.

"It was one of the handful of changes we needed to update in recognition of Supreme Court decisions," said Jim Potter, a charter commission member. "The change is for a one-year residency within the city. We're not trying to exclude anybody, but as a taxpayer the last thing you want is someone who can carpetbag."

Vorva isn't the first non-property owner who has run for city commission.

In 1999, Sally Repeck ran without owning a residence, and Paul Schulz, who rented his home, had his name on the ballot three times from 1977 to 2001.



PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Artist Nick McFadden of Showoffs Body Art airbrushes a temporary tattoo on Chelsea Gale's back.

Art lovers' extravaganza

Weather, crowds combine for successful fair

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Roberta Martin goes every year to the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, but she'd never been to Art in the Park in Plymouth.

Until Saturday. Martin, a Livonia resident, made her first trip to the annual Plymouth art fair last weekend, invited by a friend who had a booth in the fair. She came away suitably impressed.

"It doesn't seem as crazy as (Ann Arbor)," Martin said. "There are things I see here that I don't see in Ann Arbor. I love it."

Martin was among the tens of thousands of visitors who walked the streets of downtown Plymouth for the 28th annual festival, which featured some 400 artisans who set up shop under awnings, tents or other temporary cover for the annual festival. The vendors hawk a little bit of everything, from photography to furniture, from clothing and jewelry to garden decor.

The festival was founded and is directed and managed by the mother-daughter team of Dianne Quinn and Raychel Rork. Quinn said this year's show went off with very few glitches.

"It was spectacular. The weather was fantastic, and the artists were doing way better



Great weather brings out great Friday afternoon crowds for the opening day of the three-day Art in the Park festival in downtown Plymouth.

than expected, they couldn't even believe it," Quinn said. "Everyone we talked to said sales were so good ... already on Friday we'd done better than we did after two days last year."

Each year, one item becomes more popular than most others, and this year was no different with the "Monster on a Stick," made by children on the Children's Arts and Scraps Bus, made from recycled materials.

"The kids could make them, and they all wanted one," said Quinn, who said the monsters were made from recycled foam rubber. "So it becomes a learning process, how you make something from nothing."

The only problem the whole weekend occurred sometime Friday night, when someone stole a 10-foot portion from one of the four metal archways Quinn had made — at a cost of some \$30,000 — a few years

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In the 'Money'

Magazine ranks township in top 100 places to live

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Julie Enszer of Plymouth Township watched as her children — Brandon, 9, Cameron, 7, and 3-year-old Dylan — enjoyed the various activities at Plymouth Township Park, and nodded in agreement when told the township had been named one of the top 100 places to live by *Money* Magazine.

Her family enjoys the spray-scape and the playscape in the park, as well as all the other family-oriented things there are to do in the area, she said.

"I there there's a lot for kids to do," said Enszer. "The kids know this as the 'spray' park, and they love it. When you add in the library and the downtown (Plymouth) area, it's very family-friendly."

Money Magazine ranked Plymouth Township 37th in its top 100, one of only three Michigan communities to make the list (Farmington was 55th, Saline 59th). The magazine focused on "smaller places that offered the best combination of economic opportunity, good schools, safe streets, things to do and a real sense of community."

Among other factors, the magazine considered population (28,200), median home price (\$294,112 in 2006) and average property taxes (\$1,982 in 2006). The establishing of the township park, Lake Pointe Soccer Park and the existence of a township-owned golf course (Hilltop) were also considered, as were business factors such as the Robert Bosch Corporation's decision to bring 400 jobs to a new township research facility.

"Plymouth Township is a quiet community with a firm commitment to providing outdoor recreational space, demonstrated through the opening of multiple parks and the upkeep of a township-owned golf course," the magazine read.

"The recent opening of a Bosch technical center in Plymouth has brought with it more than 400 jobs. The addition, while positive, does not add any diversity to the town's job market, which is very industrial. Residents, though, have a short commute to Detroit, and current roadwork promises to make it even easier."

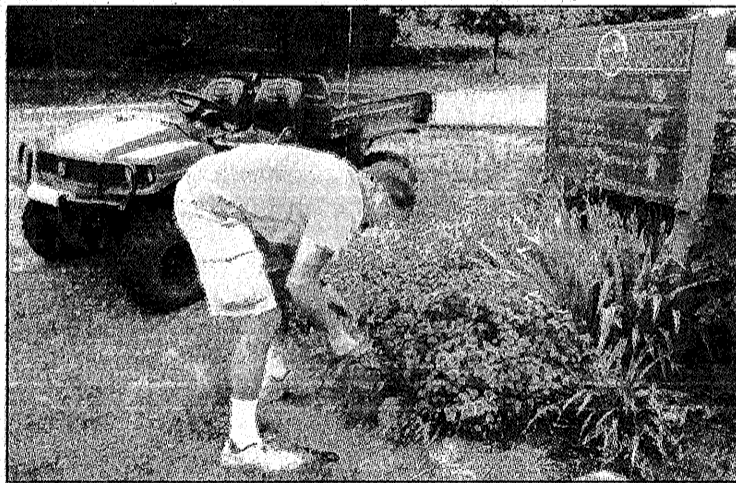
Township Treasurer Ron Edwards said the honor is due to a number of quality of life issues on which the township board has focused in the last several years.

"We have great parks, our taxes are low, property rates are high," Edwards said. "A national magazine looked at 'quality of life' issues and recognized us for the things we've always strived to provide. I think that's fantastic."

Sam Warren agrees, and she doesn't even live in Plymouth Township. Warren, a Canton Township resident, frequents Plymouth Township Park because it's the closest recreational facility to her home.

"I consider this my home park, because it's closest to me," said Warren, who was there Monday with sons Alex, 9, and Nicholas, 5, and her 3-year-old daughter, Tegan. "The spray-scape is worth its weight in gold."

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Township employee Tim Smith pulls weeds around a sign in Plymouth Township Park.

A deal's a deal: City and buyer reach final pact on Bathey sale

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Plymouth city commissioners re-negotiated the sale of the 16-acre Bathey site on Mill Street to get rid of what some call "an eyesore" on the city's

eastern border.

Commissioners agreed to drop the sale price of the Bathey site by \$830,000 — the city will now get \$2.27 million — in exchange for assurances by the developer, Connektiv Communities of Royal Oak,

that it will demolish the former manufacturing structure on the property by the end of the year. The agreement also sells the property "as is," according to City Manager Paul Sincock, which means Connektiv will be responsible

for cleaning any contamination found on the property.

"We've been subsidizing this property for nearly 30 years, and it will be nice to get it back on the tax rolls and off the backs of Plymouth taxpayers," said Mayor Pro Tem

Phil Pursell. "It takes a lot of our administrator's time and money to manage that piece of property."

"I think Connektiv, with their other developments, has proven it can get the job done, and I believe we'll soon have

more residents living in the city," he said.

Connektiv, which agreed to buy the parcel in March 2006 for \$3.1 million, plans to construct 180 condominiums.

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Coming Sunday in Health

Vagus nerve stimulation therapy reduces depression in treatment-resistant patients.



Potter unveiled

The final chapter of The Harry Potter saga will be unveiled at The Book Cellar & Cafe of Plymouth at midnight July 21 when Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, the final book in the best-selling series, goes on sale.

"We have received hundreds of pre-orders and expect this event to be memorable for all attendees," said Bashar Salame, one of the store's co-owners. "We've been preparing for this event since early 2007 and are encouraging shoppers to come dressed in character to commemorate the event. Best costume will walk away with a prize package."

The Book Cellar is offering 25-percent off for copies ordered before July 18 and 20-percent off at the door. The store will remain open on Friday, July 20, and begin selling the book at the stroke of midnight.

The Book Cellar & Cafe is located at 840 W. Ann Arbor

Trail. For more information, call (734) 455-2665.

Fife & Drum car wash

The Plymouth Fife & Drum Corps holds its annual car wash 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at the Walgreen's (corner of Ford and Sheldon roads) in Canton.

The corps is asking for a \$5 donation per wash. The money raised will go into the PFDC general budget to offset expenses such as new uniforms and repairs to the drum truck.

For any donations or car wash questions, call Brad Stabler, (313) 231-2432.

Graduations on demand

Comcast is again collaborating with local schools to record and broadcast select 2007 high school graduations for viewing anytime on Comcast ON DEMAND.

Graduation ceremonies for Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Taylor Truman and Taylor John F. Kennedy High Schools

can be viewed by pressing ON DEMAND on the Comcast remote, then "Get Local" and then "Local Events."

Senior Olympics

Canton Township is the host for the 2007 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, set for Aug. 20-24.

Registration forms are available at the Plymouth Community Council on Aging office, Friendship Station and township hall.

Deadline is July 31 for registration, most events are \$2 with the exception of golf (\$10) and bowling (\$5). Opening Day (Aug. 20) will feature a light breakfast with Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano, the opening ceremony, Fun Walk and much more.

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

Senior Fest

Tickets are now available for the Plymouth Senior Fest Picnic, sponsored by the Plymouth Community Council on Aging.

The picnic takes place 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, at Waterford Bend Park, Six Mile and Northville roads.

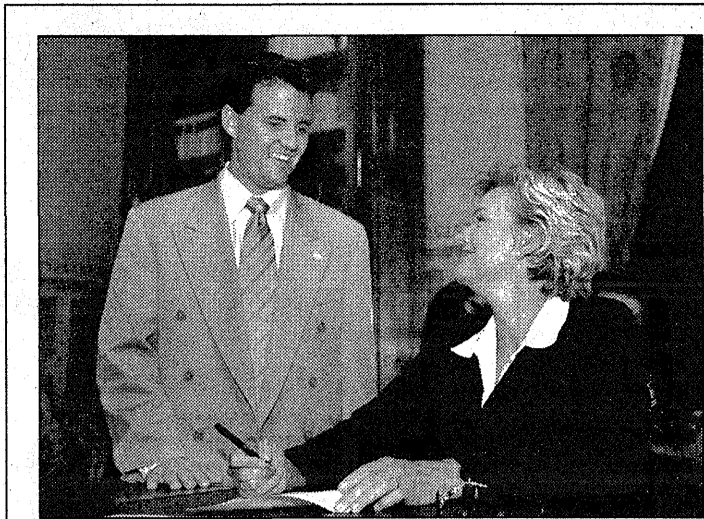
Tickets must be purchased by Sept. 6 at the PCCA office. Tickets cost \$6 for members, \$7 for guests. A box lunch, entertainment, prizes and vendors are included.

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

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.



Happy signing

State Rep. Marc Coriveau, D-Northville, stands at Gov. Jennifer M. Granholm's side as she signed the new Michigan Business Tax into law on Thursday. Coriveau's bill to slash the personal property tax was part of the overall package, and was his first bill signed into law. The MBT replaces Michigan's Single Business Tax, which expires at the end of the year. According to Coriveau, under the MBT, about 75 percent of businesses in Michigan will pay less in taxes. "This is a tremendous victory for our businesses and for the state of Michigan," Coriveau said. "The Michigan Business Tax rewards companies that create jobs for our workers and invest in our state; those are the kinds of companies that we want in our state. The MBT will help jumpstart our economy and get Michigan moving in the right direction."

net for more information on the show or about exhibiting crafts.

Senior social

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging hosts the Senior Social 3:30-6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

This free event, sponsored by Heartland Plymouth Court, features dinner, live entertainment by "Jackson French Quarter Band," door prizes and more.

Call (734) 453-1234, Ext. 236.

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 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.

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) 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/).

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 or by calling (734) 451-0115.

Webkinz raffle

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

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David Medley, ADA Coordinator
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Personal property described below in the matter of:
1045 - Earl Gibbons - Dryer, Washer, Refrigerator
1058 - Jonathan Rose - 50 Boxes, 5 File Cabinets, Misc Items
8004 - Joykrishna Mahato - 2 Boxes, 1 TV, Vacuum
8014 - James Smith - 3 Bikes, 1 Microwave, 5 Totes
8024 - James Smith - 10 Boxes, Chairs, Misc Items
8032 - Kimberly Barnet - 3 Boxes, Luggage, Misc Items

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4251 - Barbara Kamper - 11 totes, 1 box, misc items
4294 - Diane Jacobs - 10 totes, 5 boxes, misc items
5006 - Kirk Surface - Aquarium, Loveseat, Guitar
5202 - Nyesha Penn - 10 bags, 50 totes, toys
5208 - Tracy Causey - Mattress, sofa, misc items
5240 - Debra Charnoske - keyboard, tool box, 15 boxes
5268 - Mike Zehel - recliner, sofa, loveseat
5270 - Ronald Bonzack - Dresser, 4 Chairs, 5 Totes
6012 - Gaylyne Wall - Dresser, Sofa, Misc Items
6017 - Kenneth Armstead - Ladder, Bicycle, Dresser
6048 - Nadeem Ahmed - Grill, Ice Machine, 20 Chairs
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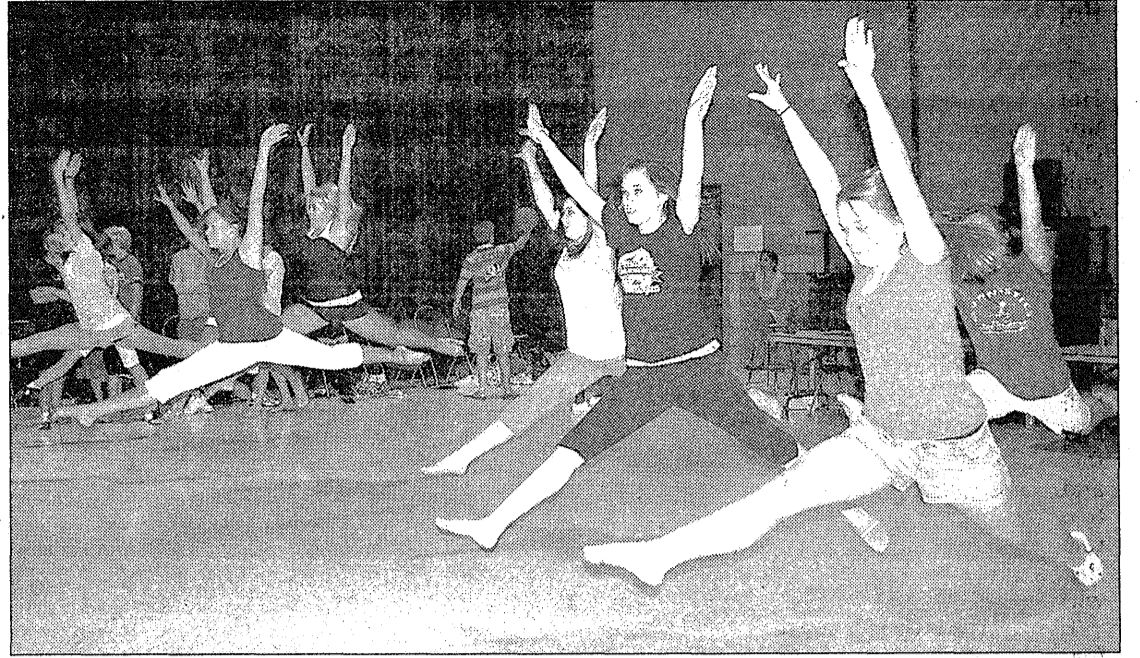
School may be out for summer, but Destination Theatre has been hitting the books all summer to bring Disney's smash hit *High School Musical* to the stage July 26-29 and Aug. 2-5. One of southeast Michigan's newest performing arts companies, Destination

Theatre, is one of the first community theater groups in southeast Michigan to present this stage version of the popular 2006 Disney Channel movie.

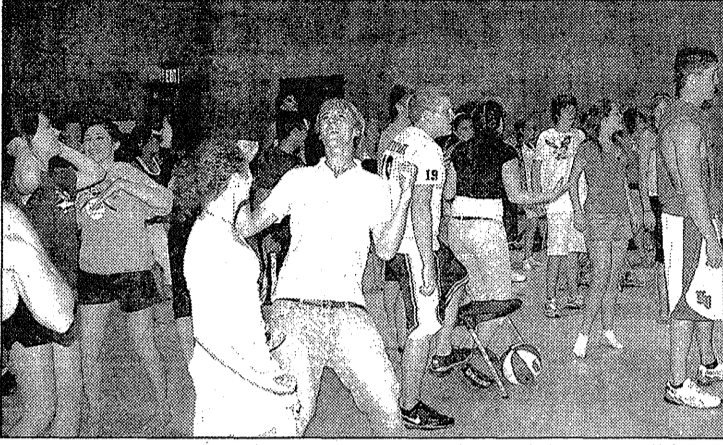
Destination Theatre's *High School Musical* takes place at the Village Theatre at Cherry

Hill in Canton. All tickets are \$15, with 8 p.m. showtimes Thursday-Saturday each weekend and 2 p.m. shows each Sunday.

David Cardenas stars as Troy Bolton, basketball star of East High, who meets Gabriella Montez (played by Jennifer Novak) at a karaoke contest over winter vacation before realizing that Gabriella has just transferred to East High. Back at school, Troy is faced with mounting pressure over his basketball commitment while Gabriella shies away from her math smarts to blend in with a new crowd. When Troy and Gabriella both decide to audition for the school musical, the results turn the school's social scene upside down. Mia Topalian and Andrew Buckshaw play the perennial drama club favorites Sharpay and Ryan Evans.



Actors go through their paces as Destination Theatre prepares to bring 'High School Musical' to the stage at the Village Theatre of Cherry Hill in Canton.



Destination Theatre brings 'High School Musical' to Canton July 26-29 and Aug. 2-5.

Pamela Dean and Sharon Belobraidich direct Destination Theatre's talented young cast of more than 50 performers, with music direction by local theater veteran Ken Pletzer and choreography by Kristen Quesada, who also directs the Park Players at the Plymouth-Canton high schools. The cast

hails from Plymouth, Canton, Wayne, Westland, Ann Arbor and Milan, ranging in age from eighth grade to college students.

For more information, visit www.destinationtheatre.org. Tickets are available online as well as at Canton's Summit on the Park box office, 46000

Summit Parkway, (734) 394-5460. Box office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday.

All performances are at the Village Theatre at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, at the corner of Ridge and Cherry Hill roads.

City and cops reach deal

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

A tentative contract agreement has been reached between the city of Plymouth and the four-member police command unit.

"The contract calls for a 3-percent pay increase for each of the four years of the contract," City Manager Paul Sincock said. "The union agreed to some changes in health care, with some higher deductibles."

The current contract ended June 30, with the new pact

retroactive to July 1. The agreement still needs the approval of the city commission.

Sincock said the city remains in negotiations with the union representing the eight employees of the Municipal Services Department.

The Plymouth Police Officers Association is in the second year of a multi-year agreement that gives members a 3-percent annual wage increase.

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Steve Marszalek of Beverly Hills found a birdhouse on Friday's first day of Art in the Park.

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ART

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ago. According to event manager Joe Rork, the archways — used to hold artwork belonging to artists in the show and hold the show's logos — were put out Friday night, but only two of the four actually got set up. When workers went back Saturday morning, a 10-foot piece was missing from one of them.

Rork believes the piece was stolen to be sold for scrap. If that's true, he said, thieves are probably out of luck.

"I called around to scrapyards to see if it had showed up, and I was told something like that would net the thief three or four dollars," Rork said. "It'll cost us several hundred dollars to replace. Someone stole it thinking they'd get some scrap money. It probably won't cover lunch, but it causes us a lot of heartache."

None of that stopped another mother-daughter team, Cheryl Munro and Michele Allen of Livonia, from enjoy-



Krista Arrasmith, 12, plays her sax to help raise funds for the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band. Her brother is a member of the band and Krista hopes to join him next year.



Leslie Berger of Garden City and Jean Suveg of Livonia are reflected in mosaic mirrors made by Julie Abad.

ing the 2007 show. Munro was impressed, and thought the booth that sold garden decorations made out of toilets was cool.

"I'm so glad I'm here today," she said Saturday. "They've really got some cool things." Allen not only enjoyed

the art fair, but downtown Plymouth had the added benefit of being home to a Starbucks.

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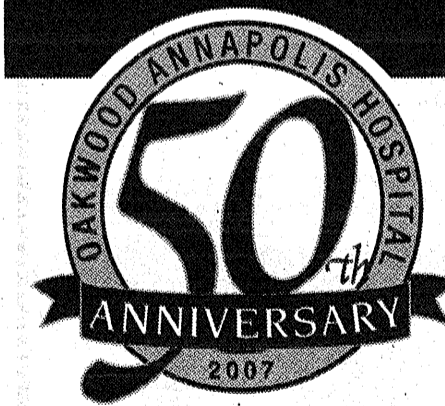
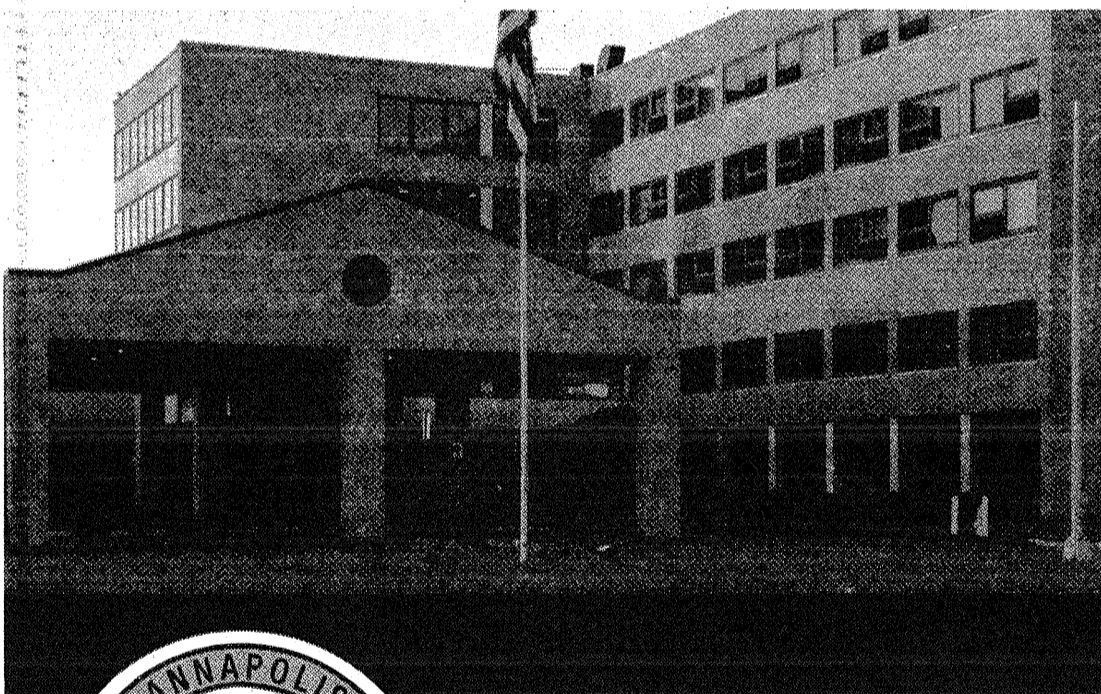
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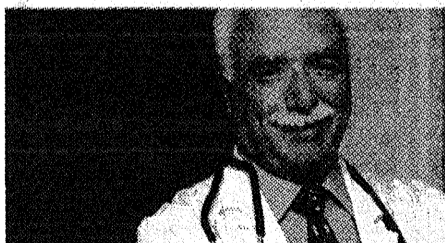
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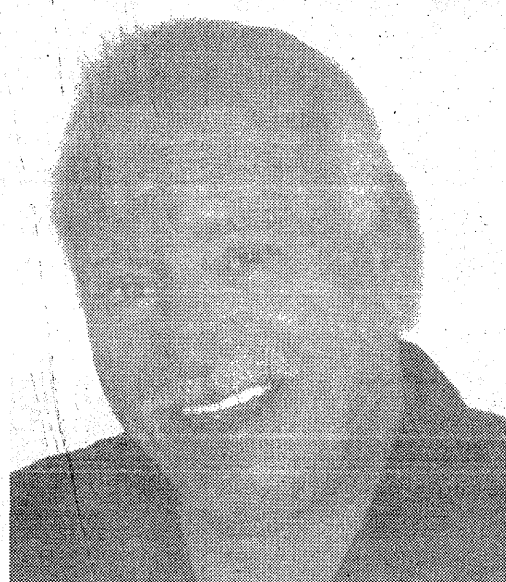
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Opening Day, Tuesday, Aug. 14, tickets are \$2. The price allows riders to ride all day!

The rest of the week fair-goers will pay \$12 per day.

There will be a lineup of entertainment every day at the fair. The Wayne County Fair offers free Parking; and with the Pay-One-Price-to-Ride wristband fair-goers have admission to the grandstand shows, rodeo, and the Figure 8 and Enduro Derbies, to name a few.

Fairgrounds are at the north I-94 Service Drive, Belleville Road Exit #190.

Claiming your elderly mom or dad as dependent

I recently met with a couple to discuss managing their portfolio. But before getting down to business the issue of an elderly parent was raised.

One parent's source of income is Social Security. They have very little in savings and no other retirement account. It's a situation that's happening more and more, where members of the baby-boom generation have to supplement their parents' income. People are living longer and the cost of living is going up.

Money Matters

Rick Bloom

In this particular situation, the three children decided they would each contribute a certain amount of money per month to help cover their mother's living expenses. My question was, "Who's claiming mom as a dependent?" The answer was they were told that since no one person is pay-

ing half of mom's support, they did not qualify to claim her as a dependent.

Since more and more baby boomers have to financially assist their parents, it's important to review some of the rules with regard to claiming a parent as a dependent.

Two tests must be met in order to claim someone as a dependent. The first is income. Typically, in order to claim someone as a dependent, they cannot have more than \$3,400 of income (not taking into consideration Social Security). Included, however, are distributions from a retirement account or a pension plan.

The second test is support. In order to claim someone as a dependent you must provide more than half of their support (includes housing, food and medical expenses). A parent does not have to live with you to claim them as a dependent. If the two tests are met, you are eligible to claim someone as a dependent on your tax return.

My clients believed that while mom met the income test, they did not provide half her support because her other children were contributing as well.

In order to claim someone as a dependent, you individually do not necessarily have to pay half the support. If multiple parties are involved, as long as those parties provide more than half the support, someone can claim the individual as a dependent.

In this situation, three adult children equally contributing were paying more than 10 percent of mom's support. In total they paid more than 50 percent so one of them is entitled to claim mom as a dependent.

In cases where multiple parties are supporting an individual and they are rotating who takes the dependency deduction, the IRS Form 2120 would be the form to be completed.

Is it worth filing an amended return? If you discover a mistake you made on your tax return which results in you

owing more money to the IRS, I recommend filing an amended return. The IRS is more forgiving on penalties when you voluntarily come forth.


On the other hand, if by filing an amended return the IRS is going to owe you money, my general rule is as long as you can document the change there should be no problem.

Many people are under the mistaken belief that when you file an amended return, it automatically means you will be audited. That's not the case. However, if you're only going to save \$100 to \$200, don't go through the hassle.

In the case of my clients, who would save more than \$1,000, it makes sense to file an amended return.

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

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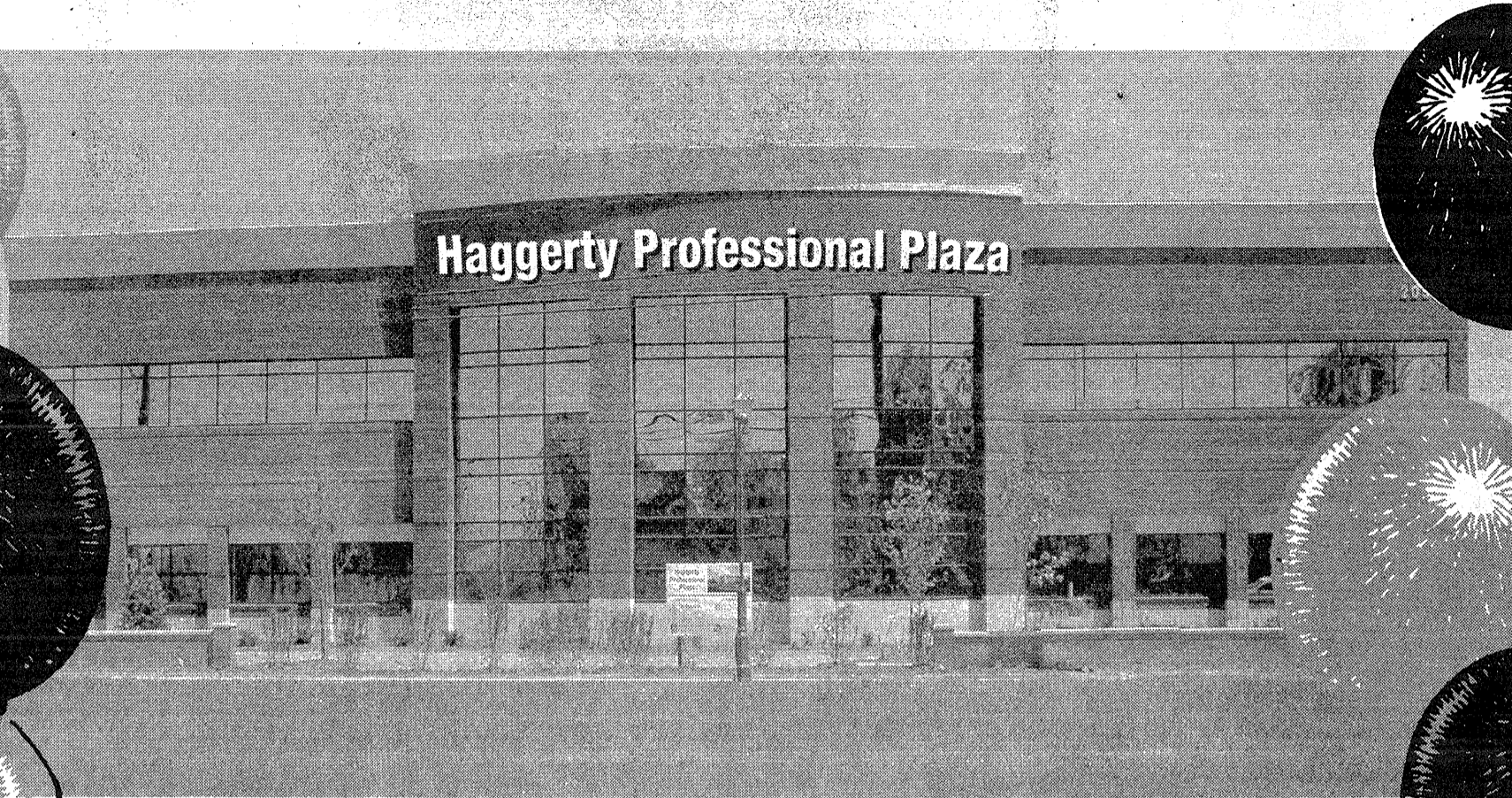
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Nordstrom plans to hire 300 workers

Nordstrom Inc., one of the nation's leading fashion specialty retailers, plans to hire 300 local employees for its Twelve Oaks store in Novi. Hiring sessions begin on Monday. The new store will open 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 28.

"As we start the hiring process, we'll be looking for fun people who have a passion for fashion and who want to give great service to our customers," said Todd Buntin, Twelve Oaks store manager. "We're looking for employees who hopefully want to grow with our company. At Nordstrom, we have a strong promote-from-within philosophy, which means that as we grow there is a lot of opportunity for employees."

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Madonna, All-Saints receive Carter Award

Madonna University and the All Saints Neighborhood Center, Neighborhood Centers Inc. - Partnership for Community Cohesion received the 2007 Carter Partnership Award.

The Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Partnership Award for Campus-Community Collaboration recognizes college/university and community groups that work together in exceptional ways to improve people's lives and help college students learn the value of community service in the process. The \$10,000 award will be divided equally by the partners to support their program.

In 1999, the All Saints Catholic Church assumed control of a recently-closed church building and turned it into a community center. Madonna University initially provided tables, chairs, desks, and soon followed with a host of service-learning activities such as literacy tutoring, health and wellness programming, summer program assistance, neighborhood surveys and asset-mapping, and a residential summer camp at Madonna for the Center's young people.

Partnership work outside of service-learning includes the provision of technical assistance by university representatives on the design of early



L-R: Sister Victoria Indyk, MU nursing assistant professor; Gov. Jennifer Granholm; Michael Turner, youth specialist, All Saints Neighborhood Center (ASNC); Dennis Nordmoe, ASNC executive director; Christine Bell, ASNC youth development director; Kevin West, MU director of service-learning; Amber Lee, MU student; Fonda Gnack, Michigan Campus Compact Americorps VISTA for MU; Don Tuski, Olivet College president; Mary Therese La Palm and Kristina Bilowus, MU students.

childhood and family-based programs which contributed in part to the renovation of the center to meet childcare codes, client tracking systems, and assistance in securing a grant for computer training.

"Each year Madonna has done more and more to support the children in one way

or another," said Dennis Nordmoe, executive director of All Saints Neighborhood Center. "The program gets better and better, thanks to all the students and the faculty who get involved." To prove his point, Nordmoe said there were two applicants for every opening for this year's Bridge Camp;

a residential summer camp at Madonna that provides children the experience of going to college, to help them see the possibilities for their futures.

"This award is recognition for nearly a decade of collaboration that has been mutually beneficial," said Kevin West, service learn-

ing director at Madonna University. "The All Saints Center has brought the neighborhood new life and hope, and our students and faculty have experienced the joy of helping others develop to their potential. It's that community service component of a Madonna education that sets our graduates apart."

The Partnership for Community Cohesion was among four finalists vying for this award. A selection panel composed of representatives from community, higher education, business and government organizations selected the four finalists based on the combined merits of each program, giving careful consideration to how closely the program applicants matched the award criteria. This campus-community partnership was recognized June 20, 2007, at the Fox Theatre in Detroit at the annual Governor's Service Awards.

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OUR VIEWS

Board gets pick right

Plymouth-Canton Board of Education members made the right move, pre-ordained as it may have been, in appointing Judy Mardigian the board's new president.



Mardigian

She replaces Barry Simescu, who did a fine job in his one year in the job, and her selection bypasses newer, younger members who would perhaps have brought a fresh perspective to the position, never a bad thing.

But this school district has tough challenges ahead, not the least difficult of which will be replacing Dr. James Ryan, the popular and effective superintendent of schools, when he departs in February.

The district also still faces a large projected budget deficit, and choices must be made about what to cut while doing the least harm possible to students.

In the face of such challenges, the board's choice of Mardigian as its new president seems like the best one. She's the only remaining board member who has gone through a superintendent search process, although that search ended in the failed administration of Kathleen Booher, who subsequently resigned.

And the district needs to get this one right. Ryan, a vociferous advocate for the district, understands two things necessary to success in Plymouth-Canton — the political landscape (and subsequent land mines) and how Michigan schools are funded.

His successor isn't likely to come from within the district, so local politics is something he or she will have to learn on the job. However, the board would be wise to choose a Michigan candidate who has a better chance of knowing how to deal with Lansing.

Mardigian seems the best pick to lead the board through this process. While Barry Simescu did a fine job in his only year as president, he doesn't have Mardigian's experience. Ditto for trustees Dianne Gonzalez and Steven Sneiderman, who just completed their first year on the board, and Nancy Eggenberger and John Jackson, both of whom are just starting.

With the magnitude of the challenges facing the district, getting the superintendent choice right is a must. Among this group of seven people, Mardigian gives them the best shot.

Don't take a vacation from giving this summer

Summer is a time to kick back and take a break from school, work and other commitments.

Folks on fast-track schedules the rest of the year finally have time to travel and visit with far-flung family members and friends.

When at home, they make the most of summer's long days and warm weather by enjoying outdoor activities.

But summer takes a toll on charities. Not only are people busy with other interests, but the need for donations goes up.

Demand for blood peaks in the summer because travel and outdoor activity-related accidents increase. And food pantries scramble to provide peanut butter and jelly and other staples to families whose children get free or reduced-cost lunches during the school year.

This summer is no different.

Blood donations at the Southeastern Michigan chapter of the American Red Cross have been critically low all summer. As of July 13, there were zero units of O negative and O positive blood types on the chapter's shelves when there should be a three-day supply of 369 units and 1,392 units respectively.

"For us to have none puts the whole community in jeopardy," said Bridget Tuohy, director of marketing, who added that all types of blood are needed.

At Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeastern Michigan, donors are responding to pleas to raise \$250,000 this summer to help feed the 300,000 children in southeastern Michigan who are income-eligible for government-funded lunches. "But are we keeping pace? No way, the need is way bigger," said Gerry Brisson, vice president for development.

The state's ailing economy is adding to the client load of charities that provide emergency assistance with food, rent, utilities and prescriptions. In North Oakland County, Lighthouse of Clarkston and Oxford Orion FISH are seeing big jumps in their numbers from last spring and summer. At Oxford Orion FISH, an average of 72 more families a month are turning to the charity for assistance.

Don't take a vacation from giving this summer. To schedule an appointment to give blood, call (800) GIVE-LIFE or visit www.givelife.org. To donate to Gleaners, make a cash donation at www.gcfb.org or call Lisa Walker at (866) GLEANER, Ext 241. Or contact the local charity of your choice.



Thanks to Edy's

The Plymouth Community Council on Aging would like to thank Edy's Ice Cream for making the generous donation of ice cream for the annual Ice Cream Social. Edy's recently moved into the community and we're all glad they're here.

Despite the sweltering temperature that day, we had a good turn and an informative demonstration from PAWS With A Cause.

Bobbie Pummill

Plymouth Community Council on Aging program coordinator

Generous community

Thank you to the citizens of Plymouth On the weekend of July 7-8 my partner Michelle and I stood in front of the Kroger store on Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth collecting donations for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The LLS funds research to find a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, Hodgkin's and Non-Hodgkin's diseases.

The generosity the people of Plymouth showed went far above and beyond what we could have ever anticipated. Despite the tough times in southeastern Michigan, you reached into your pockets and helped us raise almost \$1,400!

On behalf of the LLS, we want to thank both Fred Skillman for allowing us to do the fund-raiser and the people of Plymouth for your kindness and generosity! Again, thank you so much to everyone that helped!

Michelle Kron & Linus Parr
Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Board did its job

It is astounding to me that Kurt Heise continues to think he deserved the vacant position on the school board.

Kurt was not the communities' choice for the school board, Mark Slavens was and our school board did its job by appointing the candidate for the position who best represented the good qualities we have seen in Mark over the past many years.

It was a mistake for Kurt Heise and his supporters to jump to the conclusion that those who voted for Mark after he announced his judicial appointment were uninformed or to assume that all those who cast absentee ballots for Mark would have voted differently with the knowledge of his appointment.

I chose to vote for Mark because I wanted our school board members to look for his replacement in a candidate with an equal passion for our school district. I wanted the board to find Mark's replacement in someone who knows about the district because they have lived here and had children attend our schools for many years, have been involved in the activities of these schools and have had a track record of working for the betterment of our district.

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It appears that the board did listen to the voters and selected John Jackson, someone whose past involvement in the district proves he has a chance of filling Mark's shoes. If the school boards' number one job is looking after the interests of all the children attending Plymouth Canton Community Schools, they did their job well in selecting John Jackson as Mark Slavens' replacement.

Marti Chamberlain
Plymouth

Get out of town

On June 11, I received a ticket for parking two hours and 40 minutes on Forest Avenue. Based on current time-limit posting, I deserved it because I was parked in a two-hour parking zone.

That being said, I was embarrassed on behalf of the City of Plymouth for being so inhospitable.

I have lived in the Plymouth-Canton area for over 30 years. On June 11, I invited two ladies, new residents of Canton and first-time visitors to downtown Plymouth, to an afternoon of shopping. We ate lunch, shopped at four stores and made purchases at two.

I raved about what a wonderful town Plymouth is. I told my friends about Art in the Park, fall festival, the ice festival, band concerts and Kellogg Park.

At the end of a lovely afternoon in downtown Plymouth, we were slapped with a parking ticket. The message was received loud and clear. The city administrators do not want people to shop in Plymouth.

Apparently, visitors are supposed to "get out of town quick." Visitors can either shop or eat, but they cannot do both in a leisurely fashion.

With great regret, I will not be bringing a first-time guest to Plymouth again.

Diane Cuper
Canton

Parade helps patriotism

I enjoyed the article ("Plymouth parade brings out national pride," *Observer*, July 8). The Fourth of July is a wonderful time when families can get together and show their support of our nation.

Unfortunately, it is true that recently there has been a lack of patriotism in our country. I also believe that the bond that we feel in families is weakening and that the freedoms we enjoy in this country are being abused.

I feel that people don't appreciate what our soldiers have done for us and that there is a lack of respect for them. The thing that made our country so great and so powerful is our strong family and national ties. I think that because the family ties are weakening in America, so is our support of our nation.

I think that parades, and other Fourth of July festivities help the people of our nation see what is truly important.

Wes Smith
Plymouth

We are becoming a disgrace

I would ask that Mr. Tom Watkins ("Moore's 'Sicko' - is it just what patient ordered?") to please point out the section of our Constitution that is entitled "Universal Health-Care for All." For that matter, I would appreciate it if he would tell me where the rest of the federal entitlement programs are chartered. Oh, I also must have missed the section where our founders established the Federal Income Tax, too.

The Watkins/Michael Moore vision of America is certainly not what Adams, Franklin, Hamilton and the rest of the founders had in mind. I cannot imagine their outrage to see the bloated federal government we now have, employing in and of itself more people than the largest corporation in our country. But of course the liberals want more. They will not be satisfied until we can rightfully call ourselves the People's Republic of America. What a disgrace.

G. Gordie
Canton

Impeach Bush and Cheney

I call for the impeachment of both President George W. Bush and Vice President Richard Cheney now.

The Department of Justice's own guidelines specify that to apply for a commutation a convict MUST first have started to serve their sentence AND have abandoned all appeals. Scooter Libby has done neither. Instead, Bush has again abused his office to shield Cheney and himself from further exposure of their own impeachable offenses, as would happen were Libby finally compelled to testify truthfully, as was Judith Miller by her own incarceration.

The American public should not and must not stand by idle while these "leaders" make a mockery of the American justice system to meet their own personal needs.

Call and write your members of Congress and tell them you want these two criminals to face charges for their constitutional crimes, which are already a matter of public record, and more than sufficient evidence exists!

Patricia Linna
Westland

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"The top priority is, and always will be, student achievement ... I think we'll continue to see improvements. The second, and very pressing, is replacing (Superintendent) Dr. (Jim) Ryan. In September we'll begin narrowing down search firms and begin a full-blown superintendent search, which is a pretty big effort."

- Judy Mardigian, new school board president, on the challenges the board will face in the upcoming school year

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Bipartisan votes will help state get out of this crisis

Three steps forward, seven to go. Gov. Jennifer Granholm last week signed into law the new Michigan Business Tax. Getting that done marked a big and essential step for a state with a struggling economy. But at best it represents only a 30 percent solution.

So now for the hard part: The far bigger and more difficult step will be adopting a state budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

What we all need is a lot more statesmanship on the part of everyone in Lansing than we have seen so far — or we, our children and grandchildren will all be in big, big trouble.

We have reason to worry. The nicest way to describe the way in which these same lawmakers finally "balanced" the current 2007 budget back in May is "fraudulent." The patchwork deal included accounting gimmicks, the scandalous sale of future proceeds from the tobacco fund and outright cuts and so-called "delays" in appropriation payments to state universities. (University officials fear they'll never see the deferred dough.)

That means the present budget is not merely a "let's sweep it under the rug budget." In fact, it makes the problem for 2008 worse.

Best estimate for the shortfall for the coming fiscal year is \$1.8 billion.

So far, the governor and legislative leaders have "negotiated" in public via warring nasty press releases, while trying to hammer out an agreement behind closed doors.

But time is running short, and public patience with our elected leaders is running out as Michigan staggers closer to either outright government shutdown (as Pennsylvania has been going through) or budget cuts so hideous that they would tear the guts out of what used to be a pretty good place to live and grow a business.

What our politicians sometimes conveniently forget (to our peril) is that we've had years of budget and tax cuts. State General Fund spending has been cut by \$4.3 billion since 2002, and business conditions are no better than when budget-whacking started.

So now it's time to get serious. The stage is set for what might be called a "Grand Budget Bargain" — and it's already been sketched out in private amongst our leaders. All that's needed is the guts to take the final steps. To stanch the \$1.8 billion of red ink, they need:

■ \$300 million in expense cuts, mostly in spending for prisons. I understand most of these have been agreed to.

■ \$200 million-\$300 million in non-tax revenue. Some might come from a fee on water that companies bottle and sell out of state.

■ Reforms in the structure and cost of state and local government. Although the savings from most of these come over the long run, Republicans in the Senate are making structural changes a necessary quid pro quo in any budget deal.

■ Around \$1.5 billion in higher taxes. Democrats

insist that any budget deal include increased tax revenue, partly because there simply isn't another way. Most of the negotiation going on involves an increase in the state income tax from 3.9 percent to 4.1 percent, although there is some discussion about a sales tax on non-essential purchases like tickets to ball games.

All these things sound like a pretty obvious deal for adults to make. Trade big-time, much-needed government reforms for an equally necessary tax increase.

But it isn't going to be all that easy, not for anybody.

The problem for the governor and the Democrats who control the state House of Representatives is their friends in organized labor. Labor is fiercely resisting government reforms and cuts in pay and benefits for public employees. Republicans, who control the Senate, are demanding reforms and cuts as part of the price for a vote on taxes.

Frustratingly, Granholm has up to now been relatively quiet about what she's willing to fight for. But I now have been told by high-placed sources in her administration that she's now prepared to recommend a long laundry list. Those include:

Mandatory competitive bidding for health care services. Tightening up pension requirements for school employees, including eliminating the five-year vesting provision and ending the practice of retired employees returning to work for just a handful of days to get fully vested in health care coverage. End to pension double-dipping. Removing legal barriers to local government consolidation.

Perhaps the biggest reform of all: Switching public employee pensions to defined contribution plans (in effect, a 401K.) This will save many, many millions over the long run, although it may actually cost a bit more over the next several years.

That's a long list. And it's one that should give Republicans plenty of good reasons to justify voting for a tax increase.

Sure, there are risks for all sides. Democrats who vote for public employee reforms risk the wrath of their union allies. They also need to accept government reforms that are real, not Band-Aids or outright fakes. Republicans who vote for new taxes risk being recalled by the noisy anti-tax crowd, whose leaders are not living in this century. Still, it's high time for those GOP members demanding government reforms as the price of tax increases to put up or shut up.

Everyone we've elected to state office needs to realize that we didn't put them there just to make the easy votes. Our state is in crisis. It will take bipartisan votes to get us out of this jam.

Failure — meaning either a shutdown of state government, ruining higher education or trying to cobble together one more set of budgetary Band-Aids — would be absolutely unacceptable. Most legislators want to do the right thing. Now is the time to do it.

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Phil Power

St. Mary Mercy welcomes you to our tobacco-free campus

According to the American Lung Association, tobacco is the No. 1 source of preventable deaths in the United States, and second-hand smoke causes at least 38,000 deaths in adult non-smokers each year. It is our responsibility as a hospital to help safeguard the health of every person we serve. Therefore, effective July 7, St. Mary Mercy Hospital has become a tobacco- and smoke-free environment, indoors and out.

This initiative prohibits the use of tobacco products, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco and pipes within all of the St. Mary Mercy campus facilities, owned or leased property, and parking facilities.

Our new tobacco- and smoke-free policy is designed to promote good health among patients, visitors, neighbors and staff of St. Mary Mercy. The Michigan Health & Hospital Association has issued an advisory for hospitals to ban smoking by Jan. 1, 2008, so we join many area hospitals and health facilities in this initiative.

Because our new policy prohibits tobacco use and smoking anywhere on the hospital property, we want to take this opportunity to inform the community of this change. Over the past year, a team of employees — smokers, non-smokers, former smokers, nurses and physicians — has been meeting to create awareness of this tobacco- and smoke-free policy, and offering our employees who smoke options to help them quit smoking.

We understand that nicotine is addictive. No employee, patient or visitor is required to stop using tobacco products. However, similar to the regulations in the restaurant and travel industries, employees who smoke will be responsible for managing their nicotine dependence during their work hours in ways that do not violate the tobacco- and smoke-free policy.

We will also make every effort to notify patients and families about our tobacco-free campus initiative before they arrive. Patients who are scheduled to be admitted to St. Mary Mercy, or who are having outpatient surgery, will receive information about the policy. During their stay at the hospital, patients who smoke will be directed to speak to their physician about nicotine replacement therapy. Vendors, contractors and delivery companies will also be notified.

We announced our plan internally to go tobacco-free more than six months in advance to prepare our employees for this change. We have distributed information on resources at St. Mary Mercy and in the community to help those who want to quit.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital provides support and smoking cessation for those who wish to utilize these services. Smoking cessation counselors are available and offer classes to help our

patients, staff and community members as we make this transition.

Educating others about our policy is the responsibility of all St. Mary Mercy employees, physicians and volunteers. The intent of this policy is to educate and create a healthier environment.

Did you know? Tobacco use is the:

- No. 1 cause of drug addiction in adults and children in the U.S.

- Major cause of hospital admissions and readmissions

- No. 1 cause of both cancer and emphysema

- Leading cause of heart disease and strokes

- Effects on patients that smoke include:

- Twice the rate of wound infections, slows wound healing

- Longer stays in the hospital

- Most common form of pulmonary morbidity during surgery and anesthesia

- Gastrointestinal, prenatal and orthopedic complications

- Effects of second-hand smoke include:

- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has classified it as a "Group A" carcinogen, which are the most toxic substances known to cause cancer in humans, including benzene, radon and asbestos

- Increases non-smoker's risk for heart disease and worsens symptoms of adults already suffering from asthma, allergies or bronchitis

- Is associated with as many as 300,000 cases of bronchitis and pneumonia each year in infants to 18 months of age

- Employer costs related to tobacco use include:

- Increased direct medical costs per smoking employee per year

- Increased indirect medical costs to employee's family

- Lost productivity costs per employee per year

- Smokers have 6.5 more absent days per year

- Smokers have six more visits to health care facilities for themselves

- Smokers make four more visits to health care facilities for their dependents

- Cessation treatment is the most cost-effective form of medical intervention in the United States.

A list of resources for those who are thinking of quitting smoking can be found on our Web site at www.stmarymercy.org or call our Community Outreach Department for more information at (734) 655-8950.

You can be assured our policy will be implemented in as supportive a manner as possible and with sensitivity toward smokers, while also upholding our commitment to maintaining healthier communities.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the tobacco- and smoke-free policy, please contact our vice president, human resources, Ken Antczak at (734) 655-2931.

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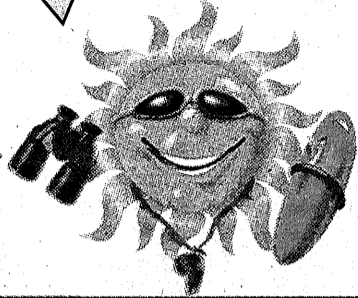
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These cute chicks pack a wallop

While you prepared for Fourth of July celebrations, three cute chicks, with awesome nails and feisty attitudes had their physicals. They passed. And then, with little fanfare and no paparazzi they were hustled off just over a week ago to a private air-conditioned "condominium" 20 feet above a lake nestled within the boundaries of Stony Creek Metropark.



Nature's Way

Jonathan Schechter

They will summer there under the watchful eyes of volunteer guardians and park rangers. And they will learn to kill. For that is nature's way.

The chicks are osprey, the physical was at the Detroit Zoo and the proper name for their condominium is a hack box, a platformed shelter where they stay until they fledge. Air conditioning is supplied by Mother Nature. And those awesome nails are more properly called claws, long curved claws, at that. Ornithologists, biologists and volunteers working with the birds consider the claws the business end of the osprey. Rightfully so. Each four-toed foot has four sharp claws and a spiny pad on the feet between the toes helps secure dinner. Dinner for osprey is live fish. Bullhead and carp are favorites.

This fish-eating specialist is sometimes known as the fish hawk.

And why not? It has the ability to hover above water and when the moment is right plunge into the water to dramatically snag dinner. Osprey were once common through much of the Midwest and Michigan. Then came DDT and habitat destruction - a one-two punch that led to



The osprey is a fish-eating specialist, sometimes known as the fish hawk.

The osprey population of Southeast Michigan is growing. Metroparks is celebrating. An osprey festival will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 21 and 22, from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Nature Center of Kensington.

their demise. But now we are in the fifth summer of the osprey project, an interagency effort to restore osprey to southeast Michigan. And if you checked off a contribution on your tax return for the Non-Game Wildlife Fund you are a key player in their return: You funded it. The project is a cooperative venture among the Huron Clinton Metroparks, the DNR and the Detroit Zoological Institute, with additional support from DTE Energy.

I've been an osprey fan ever since I fell in love with them

as one of those early volunteers tending to their needs during the first of five summers osprey were "hacked" at Kensington Metropark. Sitting up high near my charges, watching them tear at chopped bullhead, and later take flight - that was the good life!

I'll never forget the next summer, when an osprey loitered for three weeks at the West Bloomfield Nature Preserve, drawing binocular-toting bird lovers from afar. And then it was gone to seek fishier, wilder pastures.

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Expect games and crafts for kids, media presentations and displays and several vendors with birding and osprey-specific items for sale.

On Sunday at 2 p.m. the Howell Nature center staff will be on site with live birds

of prey. And a stunning documentary, An Osprey Homecoming will be on display in the nature center.

The special weekend event is co-hosted by Osprey Watch of Southeast Michigan.

There is no charge except for the required vehicle permit and the birds of prey program and crafts are also free. Visitors are also welcome to follow the Osprey Discovery Trail and use the park's spotting scopes.

For more information contact Kensington at 1-800-477-3178 or visit. www.metroparks.com.

Check these Web site first to add to your experience: www.AnOspreyHomecoming.com.

And www.owsem.org (updates on the chicks). Here's a tip: If you have a bike, bring it, a great paved bike trail loops about Kensington.

Jonathan Schechter writes on nature's way. E-mail: oaknature@aol.com.

Hemingway's Nick Adams stories are selected for state reading program

The Michigan Humanities Council has selected Ernest Hemingway's *The Nick Adams Stories* for its new statewide literature and literacy initiative, The Great American Read. For the next year, as hundreds of thousands of Michiganders open their copies of *The Nick Adams Stories* and attend hundreds of programs and events across the state, readers will be introduced or reacquainted with a classic piece of American literature.

The Nick Adams Stories chronicles a young man's coming of age in a series of short stories, most of which are set in Michigan.

"The Michigan Humanities Council is pleased to kick off its statewide program, The Great Michigan Read, by presenting Ernest Hemingway and *The Nick Adams Stories* to Michigan citizens," said Janice Fedewa, executive director of the Michigan Humanities Council. "It is an outstanding opportunity for people to become engaged in reading and community programs through a classic piece of literature, made in Michigan, from an American icon."

The Humanities Council is the first organization to implement a program for an entire state to read one of Hemingway's works. To date, more than 100 communities across the state will participate in The Great Michigan Read. Reader's guides, bookmarks, posters and other opportunities are available to participating cultural institutions. Additional activities include traveling exhibits, radio and television features, a web site resource, www.greatmichiganread.org and grant programs to help

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engage communities in literature.

The Great Michigan Read promotes literary reading to help create an educated and engaged society. According to a report recently released by the National Endowment for the Arts, literary reading is fading as a meaningful activity, especially among younger people. Less than half of the adult American population now reads literature. From 1982 to 2002, the percentage of American adults reading literature declined from 56.9 percent to 49.7 percent.

After reviewing many Michigan titles and authors, the Council's book selection committee selected *The Nick Adams Stories* based its broad appeal, its relevance to current life and its classic status. This title represents an accessible entry point for first-time literature readers, yet will challenge the most advanced readers. And it is authored by one of the foremost writers of the 20th century, Ernest Hemingway, who spent more of his first 22 summers in Northern Michigan.

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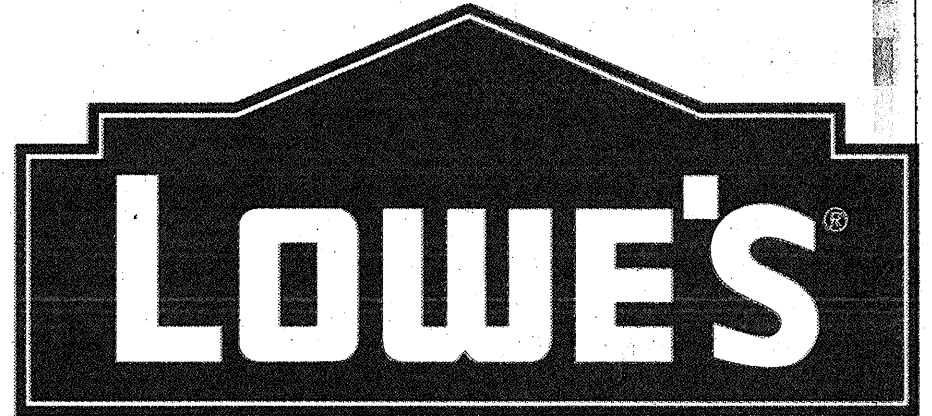
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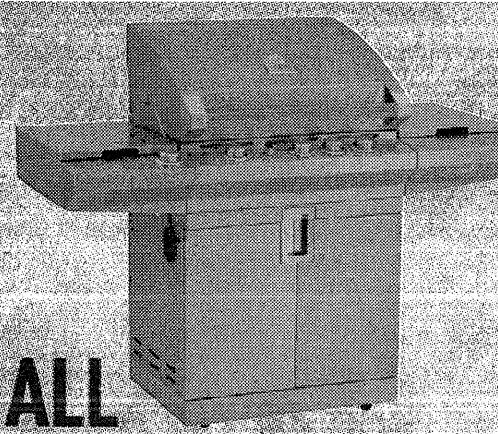
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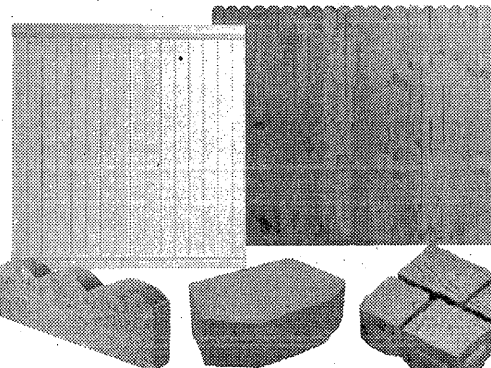
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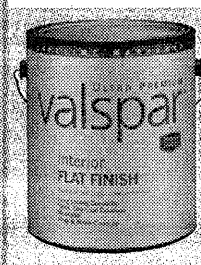


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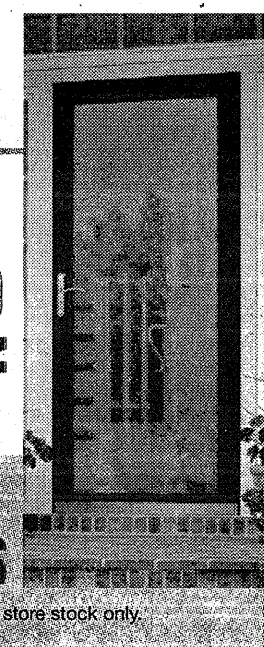
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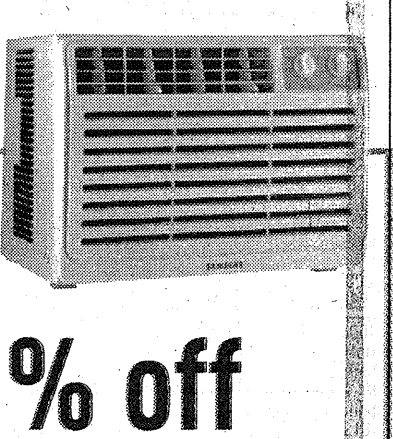
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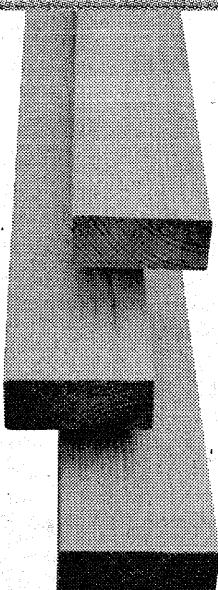
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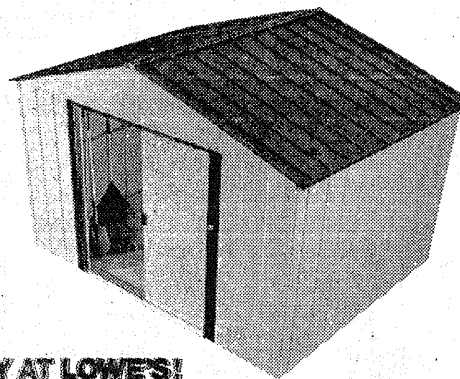
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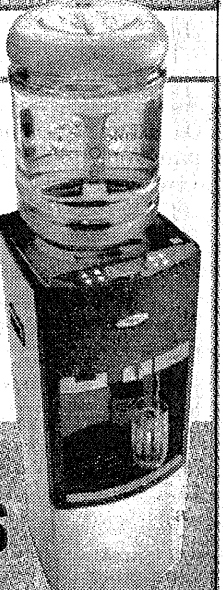
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2007 USSSA Boys World Series



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The Canton Cardinals 10U baseball team gather for a pre-game pep talk prior to their opening contest in Monday's USSSA Double-A World Series at the Canton Sports Center. Like all 58 teams that are participating in this week's elite tournament, the Cardinals had to qualify by winning a previous tournament.

The best of the best

Elite youth baseball teams converge on Canton

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

One-day pass to the USSSA 10U, 12U and 14U Double-A World Series this week at the Canton Sports Center: \$5.

Souvenir T-shirt: \$15.

Hot dog and pop: \$4.

An opportunity for the 870-plus players competing in the week-long event to claim a once-in-a-lifetime World Series title: priceless.

Fifty-eight teams from as far away as West Virginia and Ontario, Canada have converged on Canton this week in search of a national crown in their respective age divisions. The event kicked off on Sunday with an elaborate and fun-filled opening ceremony

and will conclude next Sunday with the championship games in each age group.

"The caliber of teams in this tournament is very high because they all had to qualify to make it this far," said Stephanie Pavlo, a sports recreation specialist for Canton Leisure Services. "We've had a lot of games go right down to the wire and one game (Monday) went 12 innings. "We've received a lot of positive feedback so far. A couple of parents have approached me and told me this is the best facility their kids have ever played in."

Sunday's opening ceremonies featured a demonstration by the Canton Police Department's Honor Guard,

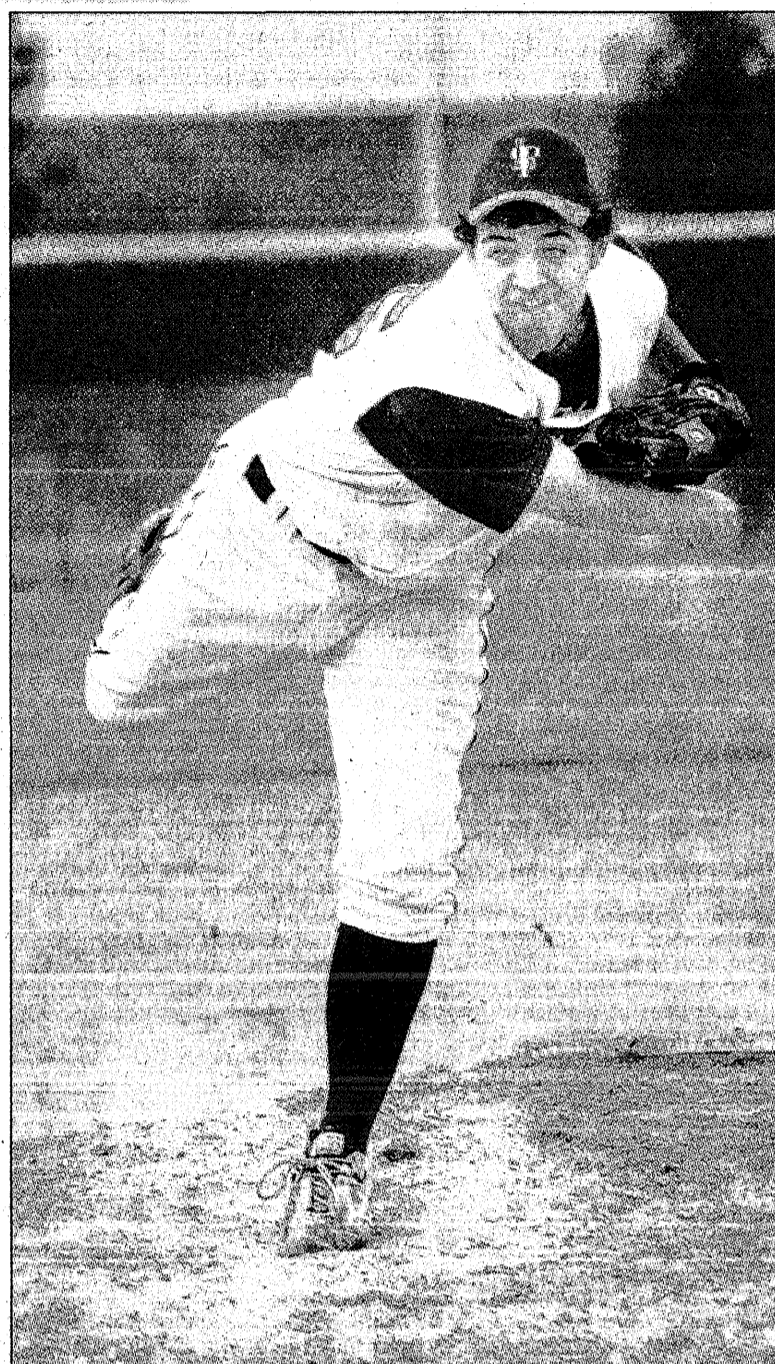
a parade of teams and the ceremonial first pitch thrown out by Canton native James Wisniewski, a member of the Chicago Blackhawks.

"I was very proud to be a Canton resident and trustee after attending the opening ceremonies Sunday," said Canton Township Trustee Todd Caccamo. "It was professionally done by our Leisure Services staff and drew people from all over the region and other states."

Two local teams — the 10U Canton Cardinals and Livonia Travel — are competing in the week-long tournament.

For results on the tournament, visit www.ussa.com.

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Livonia Travel's John Slater delivers a pitch during Monday's opener in the 14U USSSA World Series at the Canton Sports Center. Close to 60 teams from around the country are participating in the event in 10U, 12U and 14U divisions.

PLAY BALL!

What: USSSA 10U, 12U and 14U Double-A World Series baseball tournament;

Where: Canton Sports Center, 46555 W. Michigan Ave., Canton;

When: Through Sunday; games begin each day at 8 a.m. and run through 6 p.m.

Who: 58 teams and over 870 players from across the United States and Canada;

How they qualified: Each team had to win a qualifying tournament in their respective state or region.

Sidelines

Hole-in-one club

Andrew Myers of Westland recently scored a hole-in-one on the 17th at Pine View Highlands Golf Course in Houghton, Mich. Using a pitching wedge, Andrew accomplished the feat, which helped him score a two-under-par round for 18 holes.

Pridefully watching the second ace of Andrew's young golf career were his father, Mark Myers, and two other members of their group, Rick Rowley and Ed Zielinski. Andrew, 16, was in Houghton visiting his grandparents. "I'm just a very proud grandpa," said Doug Seal, of Garden City.

Baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the 9U, 10U and 11U Canton Cardinals baseball team will be held July 25-Aug. 5.

For more information on the 9U and 11U teams, contact Jim Hejka at (734) 658-2446. For more information on the 10U team, contact Dan Hejka at (734) 776-3918.

Haeger recalled

Plymouth Township resident and Detroit Catholic Central graduate Charlie Haeger was recalled by the Chicago White Sox Major League Baseball squad late last week. Prior to his promotion, Haeger, 23, had compiled a 4-11 record and 4.81 earned run average in 17 starts for the White Sox' AAA team in Charlotte, N.C. He was especially effective as of late, having registered a 1.82 E.R.A. over his past five starts to lower his overall E.R.A. from 6.19.

Haeger was called up twice during the 2006 season and recorded his first MLB win last September.

Urbana inks

RU grads

Redford Union graduates Ian Iler and Desmond Latham will take their football skills to Urbana University in Ohio this season. Both former Panthers recently signed on to play for the Blue Knights.

Tennis class

A three-week introduction to tennis class for children between the ages of 6 and 10 is being offered by the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation July 31, Aug. 2, 7, 9, 14 and 16. The classes will be held on the Shelden Park tennis courts, which are located on Plymouth Road, just east of Farmington Rd. (behind the Alfred Noble Library).

The fee for residents is \$75 per session; non-residents will be asked to pay \$85 per session.

For more information, call (734) 466-2410; or visit www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

Junior Olympics: Their day to shine

See Junior Olympics results, Page B3.

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Fun, sun and healthy competition summed up yet another Redford Junior Olympics, held July 11 at Hilbert Middle School.

The 49th annual event, despite a drop in numbers, proved successful yet again - giving kids from Redford and surrounding communities between ages 2-12 a day to shine.

"Everybody tried their hardest," said event coordinator Theresa Burgess of Redford Parks and Recreation. "I try not to focus as much on places as (on that) everybody participated. There's a lot of kids that have done things they've never done before. So, I'm just glad they came out and participated, whether or not they received first place or sixth place."

Although most Junior Olympians are from Redford, some live in Livonia, Farmington Hills and other nearby communities. Ages included Bantams (6-U), Squirts (7-8), Pee Wees (9-10) and Midgets (11-12) with the honor of youngest participant going to 2-year-old Cynthia Rothley, of Livonia.

Several youngsters nearly ran the table in their age divisions, demonstrating fledgling athletic versatility.

Redford's Michael Iacovacci, for example, won four of five events among 8-year-olds in the Squirt boys division.

Redford's Brayden Burgess and Carlos Welch placed first in nearly every Pee Wee boys event in their respective age brackets.

In age 11 of the Midget boys division, Livonia's Zack Bohn captured four events with the others being won by David Taylor of Redford. Redford resident Curtis Smith claimed all but one event in age 12 of the Midget boys division.

Similarly, Cynthia Rothley of Livonia, Daysha Williams and Nya Williams (both of Redford) won multiple events in the Bantam girls division; Mikaila Murphy (Livonia) took three Squirt girls division events with



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Michael Iacovacci of Redford competes in the long jump at the Redford Jr. Olympics. The 8-year-old won four events in the Squirt boys division.

Diesels clip Cards, 28-25

Whoever said time heals all wounds doesn't know the Detroit Diesels.

After a two-week layoff — two weeks to stew about a 53-7 blasting at the hands of the West Michigan Force — the Diesels got cranking again with a 28-25 victory over the Cleveland Cardinals on July 14 at Livonia Franklin High School. It was the first league competition of the year for both teams.

The Diesels scored first with 28 seconds left in the first half, when Randy Sinnott connected with John Craven on a 20-yard scoring toss.

In the second half, the Diesels got rolling again, as Bob Curtis busted a 20-yard scoring run. Cleveland answered with a score of its own. Another Cardinal scoring opportunity was thwarted with an Absalom Goodie interception return to the Cardinal red zone. Four plays later, Sinnott scampered in from six yards out. Then, a Cleveland fumble was converted into a 5-yard run by Lance Nichols to push the score to 28-10 in the fourth quarter. After a hard-fought battle, the Cardinals chipped the lead to 28-13 on a field goal, and then lofted a short scoring pass to close the gap to 28-19.

The Cards scored their final points with 33 seconds left, but it was too little, too late.

Sinnott went 7-of-15 for 160 yards, one touchdown and three interceptions, while also running for another. T.J. Dillard paced the ground attack with 71 yards, while Curtis contributed 63 yards.

Defensively, Ali Bazzi and Hassan Hazime paced the Diesel defense. Christian Young, Earl Blanchett, and Hazime had a sack a piece for the Diesels, while Absalom Goode had his interception.

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REDFORD JUNIOR OLYMPICS RESULTS

49TH REDFORD TOWNSHIP JR OLYMPICS (July 11 at Hilbert Junior High)

BOYS RESULTS

BANTAM DIVISION
Softball throw: (age 3) 1. Josh Otten (Grs Pt), 5-feet, 6-inches; (age 5) 1. Antonio Iuliano (Rdf), 28-8; (age 6) 1. Hunter Sepler (Rdf), 70-4; 2. Joey Iacovacci (Rdf), 67-0; 3. Jairen Caraballo (Sfid), 58-8; 4. Nicholas Snage (Rdf), 36-0; 5. Bryce Burgess (Rdf), 35-1; 6. Nicholas Murray (Brkly), 24-6.
Long jump: (age 3) 1. Josh Otten (Grs Pt), 9-8; (age 5) 1. Sean Rankin (Rdf), 5-11; 2. Antonio Iuliano (Rdf), 4-6; (age 6) 1. Nicholas Murray (Brkly), 9-8; 2. Nicholas Snage (Rdf), 9-2; 3. Jairen Caraballo (Sfid), 9-0; 4. Joey Iacovacci (Rdf), 8-9; 5. Hunter Sepler (Rdf), 8-1; 6. (tie) Stuart Didonato (Rdf), 6-0; 6. (tie) Bryce Burgess (Rdf), 6-0.
35-meter dash: (ages 3-5) 1. Sean Rankin (Rdf), 9.13 seconds; 2. Josh Otten (Grs Pt Wds), N/A; (age 6) 1. Jairen Caraballo (Sfid), 6.53; 2. Hunter Sepler (Rdf), N/A; 3. Joey Iacovacci (Rdf), N/A; 4. Nicholas Murray (Brkly), N/A; 5. Nicholas Snage (Rdf), N/A; 6. Bryce Burgess (Rdf), N/A.
50 dash: (ages 3-5) 1. Sean Rankin (Rdf), 12.2; 2. Josh Otten (Grs Pt Wds), N/A; (age 6) 1. Jairen Caraballo (Sfid), 8.25; 2. Joey Iacovacci (Rdf), N/A; 3. Hunter Sepler (Rdf), N/A; 4. Nicholas Murray (Brkly), N/A; 5. Nicholas Snage (Rdf), N/A; 6. Bryce Burgess (Rdf), N/A.

SENIOR DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 7) 1. Luke Hauver (Dbn), 71-4; 2. Kevin Reich (Rdf), 49-9; (age 8) 1. Brandon Smith (Rdf), 92-0; 2. Michael Iacovacci (Rdf), 74-0; 3. Joseph Choma (Liv), 47-4.
Long jump: (age 7) 1. Luke Hauver (Dbn), 7-9; 2. Kevin Reich (Rdf), 5-0; (age 8) 1. Michael Iacovacci (Rdf), 7-3; 2. Brandon Smith (Rdf), 6-8; 3. Joseph Choma (Liv), 5-5.
35 dash: (age 7) 1. Luke Hauver (Dbn), 7.19; 2. Kevin Reich (Rdf), N/A; (age 8) 1. Michael Iacovacci (Rdf), 7.29; 2. Brandon Smith (Rdf), N/A; 3. Joseph Choma (Liv), N/A.
50 dash: (age 7) 1. Luke Hauver (Dbn), 8.68; 2. Kevin Reich (Rdf), N/A; (age 8) 1. Michael Iacovacci (Rdf), 9.9; 2. Brandon Smith (Rdf), N/A; 3. Joseph Choma (Liv), N/A.
75 dash: (age 7) 1. Luke Hauver (Dbn), 14.52; 2. Kevin Reich (Rdf), N/A; (age 8) 1. Michael Iacovacci (Rdf), 15.46; 2. Brandon Smith (Rdf), N/A; 3. Joseph Choma (Liv), N/A.

PEE WEE DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 9) 1. Brayden Burgess (Rdf), 69-0; 2. (tie) Evan Hauver (Dbn), 68-0; 2. (tie) Jared Tate (Rdf), 68-0; 3. Justin Cates (Rdf), 52-0; (age 10) 1. Carlos Welch (Rdf), 94-0; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), 90-0; 3. Trevon Johnson (Rdf), 69-0; 4. Joe Caruso (Rdf), 60-0.
Long jump: (age 9) 1. (tie) Brayden Burgess (Rdf), 7-0; 1. (tie) Jared Tate (Rdf), 7-0; 2. Justin Cates (Rdf), 6-1; 3. Evan Hauver (Dbn), 5-4; (age 10) 1. (tie) Carlos Welch (Rdf), 8-7; 1. (tie) Trevon Johnson (Rdf), 8-7; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), 6-5; 3. Joe Caruso (Rdf), 4-8.
High jump: (age 9) 1. Evan Hauver (Dbn), 3-4; 2. Brayden Burgess (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jared Tate (Rdf), N/A; (age 10) 1. Carlos Welch (Rdf), 3-10; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), N/A; 3. Trevon Johnson (Rdf), N/A; 4. Joe Caruso (Rdf), N/A.
35 dash: (age 9) 1. Brayden Burgess (Rdf), 6.73; 2. Evan Hauver (Dbn), N/A; 3. Jared Tate (Rdf), N/A; 4. Justin Cates (Rdf), N/A; (age 10) 1. Carlos Welch (Rdf), 6.02; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), N/A; 3. Trevon Johnson (Rdf), N/A.
50 dash: (age 9) 1. Brayden Burgess (Rdf), 9.52; 2. Jared Tate (Rdf), N/A; 3. Evan Hauver (Dbn), N/A; 4. Justin Cates (Rdf), N/A; (age 10) 1. Carlos Welch (Rdf), 8.23; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), N/A; 3. Trevon Johnson (Rdf), N/A.
75 dash: (age 9) 1. Brayden Burgess (Rdf), 13.85; 2. Jared Tate (Rdf), N/A; 3. Justin Cates (Rdf), N/A; 4. Evan Hauver (Dbn), N/A; (age 10) 1. Carlos Welch (Rdf), 13.7; 2. Chris Skowronek (Rdf), N/A; 3. Trevon Johnson (Rdf), N/A.

MIDGE DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 11) 1. David Taylor (Rdf), 127-0; 2. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), 89-0; 3. Zack Bohn (Liv), 86-0; (age 12) 1. Curtis Smith (Rdf), 170-0; 2. Nathan Rothley (Liv), 146-0; 3. Colin Rankin (Rdf), 132-0; 4. Angelo Johnson (Rdf), 126-0; 5. John



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Redford's Chris Skowronek, 10, reacts after clearing the high jump bar to take second place at the Redford Junior Olympics.

Macafee (Rdf), 123-0; 6. Steven Peeples (Rdf), 87-0.
Long jump: (age 11) 1. Zack Bohn (Liv), 11-7; 2. David Taylor (Rdf), 8-7; 3. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), 8-3; (age 12) 1. Curtis Smith (Rdf), 14-0; 2. John Macafee (Rdf), 12-10; 3. Angelo Johnson (Rdf), 11-7; 4. Colin Rankin (Rdf), 11-1; 5. Nathan Rothley (Liv), 10-10; 6. Steven Peeples (Rdf), 6-10.
High jump: (age 11) 1. David Taylor (Rdf), 3-11; 2. Zack Bohn (Liv), N/A; 3. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), N/A; (age 12) 1. Curtis Smith (Rdf), 5-3; 2. Angelo Johnson (Rdf), N/A; 3. (tie) John Macafee (Rdf), N/A; 3. (tie) Nathan Rothley (Liv), N/A; 4. Colin Rankin (Rdf), N/A; 5. Steven Peeples (Rdf), N/A.
50 dash: (age 11) 1. Zack Bohn (Liv), 7.74; 2. David Taylor (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), N/A; (age 12) 1. (tie) Angelo Johnson (Rdf), 7.53; 1. (tie) Curtis Smith (Rdf), 7.53; 2. Colin Rankin (Rdf), N/A; 3. Nathan Rothley (Liv), N/A.
75 dash: (age 11) 1. Zack Bohn (Liv), 11.51; 2. David Taylor (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), N/A; (age 12) 1. Curtis Smith (Rdf), 10.59; 2. Angelo Johnson (Rdf), N/A; 3. Nathan Rothley (Liv), N/A.
100 dash: (age 11) 1. Zack Bohn (Liv), 15.67; 2. David Taylor (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), N/A; (age 12) 1. Angelo Johnson (Rdf), 14.39; 2. Curtis Smith (Rdf), N/A; 3. Colin Rankin (Rdf), N/A; 4. Nathan Rothley (Liv), N/A.

COMBINED AGES

800-meter run (Combined): 1. Colin Rankin (Rdf), 3:06; 2. Curtis Smith (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jando Rodriguez (Rdf), N/A; 4. Jared Tate (Rdf), N/A.

GIRLS RESULTS

BANTAM DIVISION
Softball throw: (age 2) 1. Cynthia Rothley (Liv), 5-feet, 8-inches; (age 3) 1. Daysha Williams (Rdf), 16-5; 2. Abby Meade (Rdf), 10-3; 3. Allie Meade (Rdf), 9-4; 4. Anna Meade (Rdf), 5-3; (age 4) 1. Destiny Williams (Rdf), 16-1; 2. Alyssa Murphy (Rdf), 12-1; (age 5) 1. Nya Williams (Rdf), 13-4; (age 6) 1. Faith Rothley (Hghld), 38-3; 2. Alexandria Snage (Rdf), 29-2; 3. Emma Murphy (Rdf), 26-4; 4. Melissa Rothley (Liv), 21-2; 5. Kaitlin Murray (Rdf), 16-6.
Long jump: (age 2) 1. Cynthia Rothley (Liv), 3-0; (age 3) 1. Anna Meade (Rdf), 5-10; 2. Daysha Williams (Rdf), 3-0; 3. Allie Meade (Rdf), 2-7; 4. Anna Meade (Rdf), 1-1; 5. Leah Baier (Com), N/A (age 4) 1. Destiny Williams (Rdf), 2-10; 2. Alyssa Murphy (Liv), 2-7; (age 5) 1. Faith Rothley (Hghld), 9-10; 2. Emma Murphy (Brkly), 8-8; 3. Nya Williams (Rdf), 4-3; 4. Jaycee Holder (Rdf), 3-11; (age 6) 1. Kaitlin Murray (Rdf), 7-0; 2. Alexandria Snage (Rdf), 6-1; 3. Melissa

Rothley (Liv), 5-9.
35 dash: (ages 2-3) 1. Daysha Williams (Rdf), 9.7 seconds; 2. Leah Baier (Com), N/A; 3. Anna Meade (Rdf), N/A; 4. Abby Meade (Rdf), N/A; 5. Allie Meade (Rdf), N/A; 6. Cynthia Rothley (Liv), N/A; (ages 4-5) 1. Alyssa Murphy (Liv), 11.97; 2. Destiny Williams (Rdf), N/A; (age 6) 1. Faith Rothley (Hghld), 6.7; 2. Melissa Rothley (Liv), N/A; 3. Emma Murphy (Brkly), N/A; 4. Alexandria Snage (Rdf), N/A; 5. Kaitlin Murray (Rdf), N/A.
50 dash: (ages 2-3) 1. Daysha Williams (Rdf), 16.0; 2. Leah Baier (Com), N/A; 3. Allie Meade (Rdf), N/A; 4. Anna Meade (Rdf), N/A; 5. Abby Meade (Rdf), N/A; 6. Cynthia Rothley (Liv), N/A; (ages 4-5) 1. Nya Williams (Rdf), 11.5; 2. Destiny Williams (Rdf), N/A; 3. Alyssa Murphy (Liv), N/A; (age 6) 1. Faith Rothley (Hghld), 9.06; 2. Emma Murphy (Brkly), N/A; 3. Melissa Rothley (Liv), N/A; 4. Alexandria Snage (Rdf), N/A; 5. Kaitlin Murray (Rdf), N/A.

SQUIRT DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 7) 1. Mikaila Murphy (Liv), 33-0; 2. (tie) Asia Williams (Rdf), 24-7; 2. (tie) Alaria Holder (Rdf), 24-7; 3. Sarah Sokolowski (Rdf), 20-6; 4. Dalanie Morgan (Rdf), 18-0; (age 8) 1. Tyler Washington (Rdf), 46-0; 2. Macie Iacovacci (Rdf), 44-0.
Long jump: (age 7) 1. Mikaila Murphy (Liv), 7-3; 2. Asia Williams (Rdf), 6-0; 3. Alaria Holder (Rdf), 4-0; 4. Dalanie Morgan (Rdf), 3-7; 5. Sarah Sokolowski (Rdf), 3-2; (age 8) 1. Suzanna Rothley (Liv), 6-10; 2. Tyler Washington (Rdf), 5-5; 3. Macie Iacovacci (Rdf), 5-2.
35 dash: (age 7) 1. Asia Williams (Rdf), 6.86; 2. Mikaila Murphy (Liv), N/A; 3. Sarah Sokolowski (Rdf), N/A; 4. Alaria Holder (Rdf), N/A; 5. Dalanie Morgan (Rdf), N/A; (age 8) 1. Macie Iacovacci (Rdf), 6.87; 2. Tyler Washington (Rdf), N/A; 3. Suzanna Rothley (Liv), N/A.
50 dash: (age 7) 1. Asia Williams (Rdf), 9.06; 2. Mikaila Murphy (Liv), N/A; 3. Sarah Sokolowski (Rdf), N/A; 4. Dalanie Morgan (Rdf), N/A; (age 8) 1. Macie Iacovacci (Rdf), 9.04; 2. Tyler Washington (Rdf), N/A; 3. Suzanna Rothley (Liv), N/A.
75 dash: (age 7) 1. Mikaila Murphy (Liv), 15.2; 2. Asia Williams (Rdf), N/A; 3. Dalanie Morgan (Rdf), N/A; (age 8) 1. Macie Iacovacci (Rdf), 13.96; 2. Suzanna Rothley (Liv), N/A; 3. Tyler Washington (Rdf), N/A.

PEE WEE DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 9) 1. Amy Kamin (Rdf), 54-0; 2. Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), 52-0; 3. Jessica Reich (Rdf), 42-0; 4. Erika Hilthorn (Rdf), 33-0; (age 10) 1. Brittany Washington (Rdf), 94-0; 2. Madeline Piontek (Rdf), 63-0; 3. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), 62-0; 4. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), 58-0.
Long jump: (age 9) 1. Erika Hilthorn (Rdf), 6-7; 2. Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), 6-4; 3. Amy Kamin (Rdf), 6-3; 4. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), 6-2; 5. Jessica Reich (Rdf), 3-9; (age 10) 1. Madeline Piontek (Rdf), 6-11; 2. Jacolyn Reynolds (Rdf), 6-8; 3. Brittany Washington (Rdf), 5-4.
High jump: (age 9) 1. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), 3-3; 2. (tie) Jessica Reich (Rdf), N/A; 2. (tie) Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; 2. (tie) Amy Kamin (Rdf), N/A; 2. (tie) Erika Hilthorn (Rdf), N/A; (age 10) 1. Madeline Piontek (Rdf), 3-10; 2. Brittany Washington (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), N/A.
35 dash: (age 9) 1. Jessica Reich (Rdf), 6.17; 2. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), N/A; 3. Amy Kamin (Rdf), N/A; 4. Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; (age 10) 1. Madeline Piontek (Rdf), 6.30; 2. Brittany Washington (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), N/A.
50 dash: (age 9) 1. Jessica Reich (Rdf), 9.20; 2. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), N/A; 3. Amy Kamin (Rdf), N/A; 4. Tiffany Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; (age 10) 1. Madeline Piontek (Rdf), 8.77; 2. Brittany Washington (Rdf), N/A; 3. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), N/A.
75 dash: (age 9) 1. Jessica Reich (Rdf), 13.45; 2. Nichol Sokolowski (Rdf), N/A; 3. Amy Kamin

MIDGE DIVISION

Softball throw: (age 11) 1. Raquel Urban (Rdf), 117-0; 2. Hunter Iuliano (Rdf), 61-0; 3. Lauren Tate (Rdf), 51-0; (age 12) 1. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), 101-0; 2. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), 97-0; 3. Nikki Iuliano (Rdf), 65-0.
Long jump: (age 11) 1. Raquel Urban (Rdf), 8-10; 2. Hunter Iuliano (Rdf), 5-5; 3. Lauren Tate (Rdf), 3-5; (age 12) 1. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), 9-7; 2. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), 9-3; 3. Nikki Iuliano (Rdf), 5-9.
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50 dash: (age 11) 1. Raquel Urban (Rdf), 8.9; 1. (tie) Lauren Tate (Rdf), 8.9; 2. Hunter Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; (age 12) 1. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), 7.53; 2. Michelle Penick (Rdf), N/A; 3. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), N/A; 4. Nikki Iuliano (Rdf), N/A.
75 dash: (age 11) 1. Lauren Tate (Rdf), 11.96; 2. Raquel Urban (Rdf), N/A; 3. Hunter Iuliano (Rdf), N/A; (age 12) 1. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), 11.09; 2. Michelle Penick (Rdf), N/A; 3. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), N/A.
100 dash: (age 11) 1. Lauren Tate (Rdf), 15.69; 2. Raquel Urban (Rdf), N/A; (age 12) 1. Rachel Reynolds (Frm Hills), 15.57; 2. Michelle Penick (Rdf), N/A; 3. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), N/A.

COMBINED AGES

800-meter run (Combined): 1. Raquel Urban (Rdf), 3:39; 2. Linzy Petrella (Frm Hills), N/A; 3. Jacolyn Reynolds (Frm Hills), N/A.

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Redford's Asia Williams taking the other two; Jessica Reich topped the field in the Pee Wee girls division in three categories, while Redford's Raquel Urban (three firsts) and Lauren Tate (two firsts) took care of matters in age 11 of the Midget girls division.

And in age 12 events in the Midget girls division, Rachel Reynolds of Farmington Hills took the first-place ribbon in all but one event.



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Pee-Wee participant Madeline Piontek, 10, of Redford leaps over the bar to take first place in her age group.

SPREADING THE WORD

"I'm not sure why the numbers are down," Burgess said. "It's gone great the last several years. I think because it's the middle of summer, it's trying to get people out to the event, too."

"But many years back they used to send out mailers to everybody that participated and I think that's a great resource that we need to tap back into."

Another reason she cited for lower numbers is a drop in township playground programs. Because of budget cuts, there now are just two of those

sites, down from five several years ago.

Those programs were excellent stations to get the word out about the Junior Olympics.

Burgess, meanwhile, added that is likely that the mailed reminders will make a comeback next year, to help spur registration for the 50th annual event - tentatively set for July 8, 2008.

"Next year is our 50th year," Burgess said. "So there will be a bunch of new activities and

special stuff going on for that."

And the Redford Junior Olympics continues to be a special place and time for young athletes and their families.

"It keeps them active during the summer," she emphasized. "Obviously, parks and recreation promotes youth fitness year-around. So, this is a great way for people to come out and have fun. ... A lot of families come out, eat lunch and cheer on their family members, their brothers and sisters."

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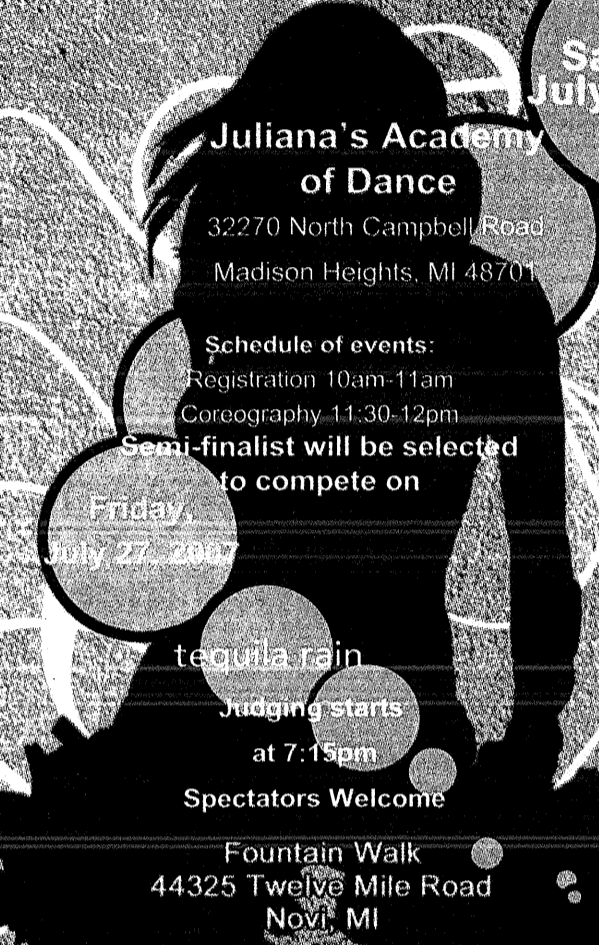
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No Love For The Ladies?

LESSON ON GOLF
By Jeff Lesson

I was watching the Jamie Farr Classic in Toledo this past weekend. I also was wondering why ladies golf has not become a bigger draw than it is. It does not receive anywhere near the same media attention the PGA Tour does. As a result, the crowds are usually a lot smaller. But why

is this?
I am not suggesting that people should watch the LPGA Tour over the PGA Tour. Everyone should make their own decision. For myself, nothing beats the PGA Tour. But the ladies offer a nice alternative.

The Jamie Farr Classic in Toledo did not receive anywhere near the same media attention that the Buick Open does. This is true despite the

fact that both venues are about the same distance from Metro Detroit.

And the Jamie Farr Classic had Se Ri Pak, Natalie Gulbis and many more stars on hand. In fact, the field was stronger than this years Buick Open.

Now I am not suggesting that you should ditch the PGA Tour. Those guys always have been and will be the greatest golfers on earth. I am

only suggesting that you consider broadening your horizons and give the ladies a chance. You may be surprised!

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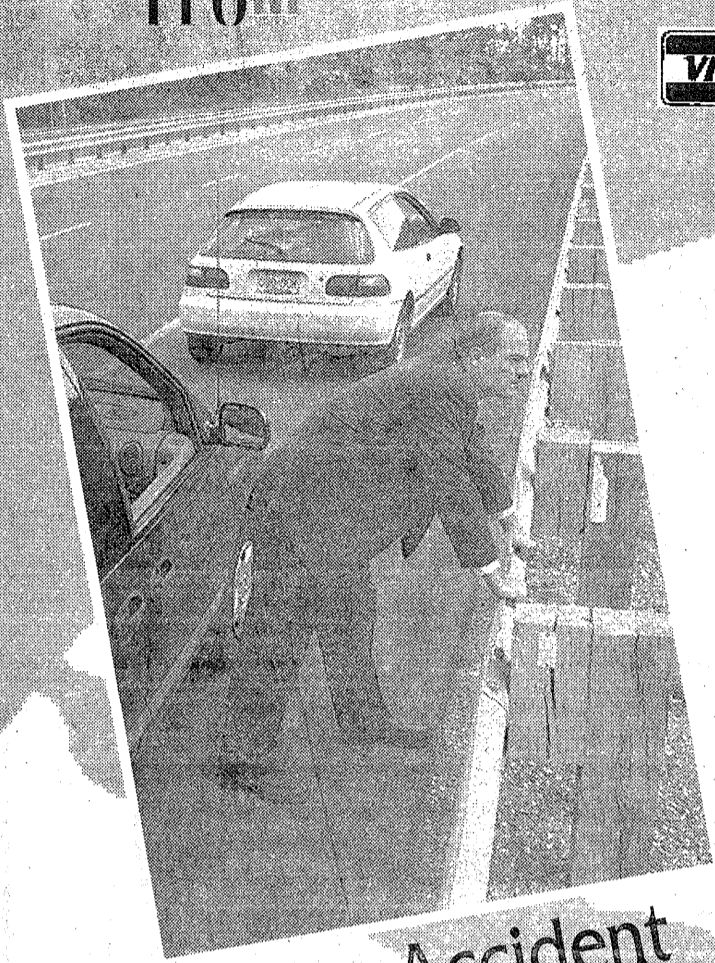
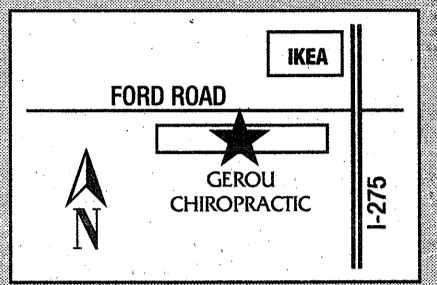
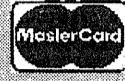
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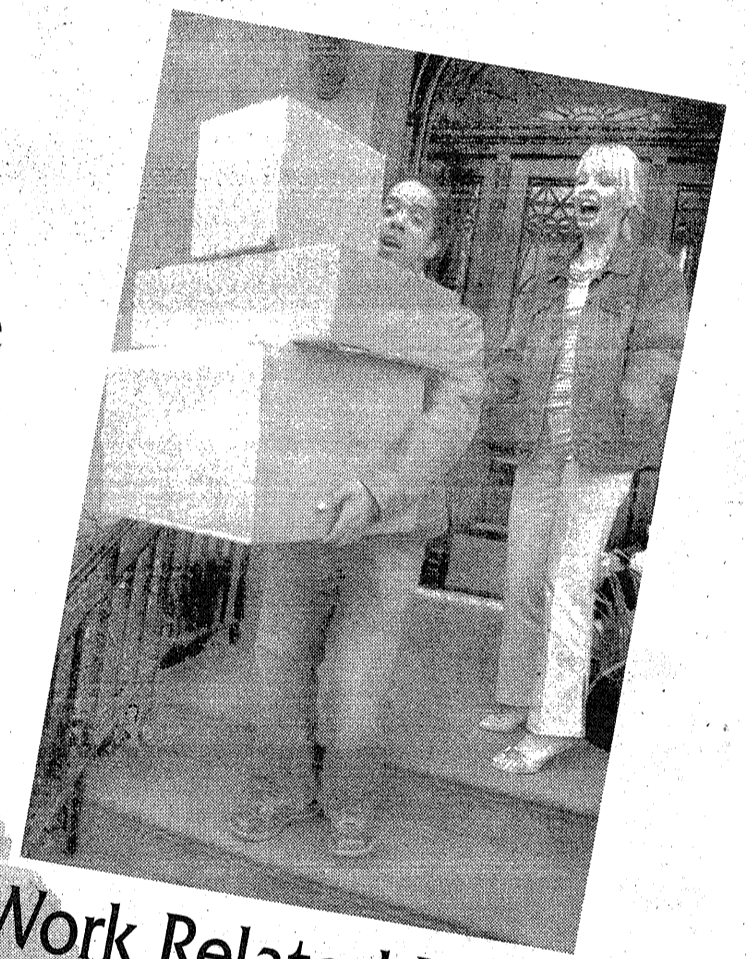
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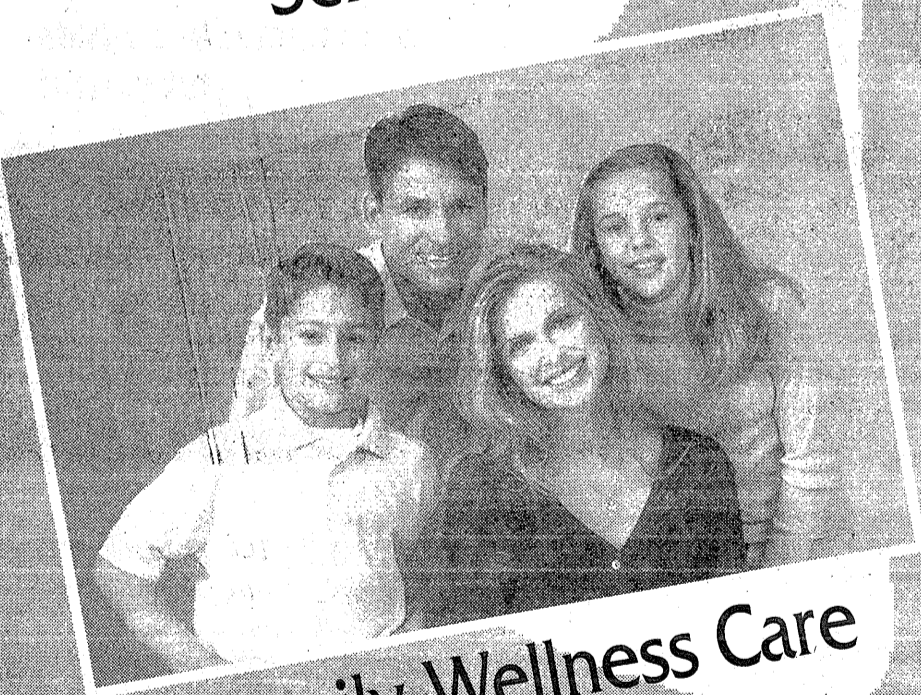
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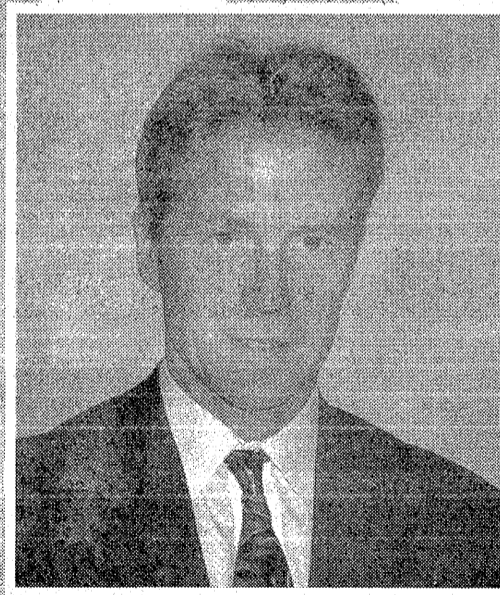
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15 "The Joy Luck Club" author
16 Oater bad guys
18 Absolute
20 Stash away
21 Say please
23 Reuben bread
24 Meat substitute
27 "Exodus" hero
29 Decide, as a lury

DOWN
1 In - (as found)
2 Latin I verb
3 Bronze coin
4 Grills a steak
5 PC maker
6 San Francisco hill
7 Eland cousin
8 More sore
9 Implored
10 Patrick's domain
11 Hairstyles

33 A Gershwin
34 Pants problem
35 Compost
36 "Fernando" band
38 Summer drink
39 Poker stake
40 Bacon feature
42 Parent's order
44 Depend

46 Veldt grazer
50 Is a member of (2 wds.)
54 Klutz
55 Great Wall locale
56 Weather outlook
57 Santa - winds
58 ASAP
59 Colosseum site
60 Isaac Newton's title

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

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You've seen them before: Those people who look like they're having animated conversations with themselves, until you finally see the small wireless headset clamped to their ear.



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

I've spent the last few weeks playing with some of these headsets, and let me tell you: It's the "crazy people" who are having the last laugh. These things rock.

The headsets rely on Bluetooth wireless technology to link to your phone, which must also have Bluetooth capabilities (most models do these days).

Once you "pair" the headset to your phone (a simple, one-time procedure), you can leave the latter in your pocket or purse, touching it only when you need to place a call (unless you have voice dialing, in which case you just push a button on the headset and say the name).

What's amazing is how small these gizmos have gotten. Witness the Motorola Mini H9 (motorola.com), which looks like it could be swallowed. OK, maybe not, but it's roughly half the size of your actual ear.

Its tiny speaker nestles inside your ear canal, which you may find weird at first, but the fit is snug enough to reduce outside noise, and the H9 is light enough (0.2 ounces!) that it doesn't need an earloop.

Granted, it looks a bit funny sticking out of your ear, and at \$150 it's on the pricey side. Plus, callers complained that they could hear a lot of ambient noise from my end, even though the callers themselves sounded great.

If you want a headset that's a lot more stylish and a little less money, check out the \$120 Aliph Jawbone (jawbone.com). It's the first headset I've seen that looks like a fashion accessory.

Even better, the Jawbone employs sophisticated noise-canceling technology so that callers hear only your voice. Go ahead and phone your boss

from Comerica Park; he'll never know you're playing hooky.

My favorite new headset, however, is the \$150 Jabra BT8010 (jabra.com). It features a small, bright screen that displays your phone's address book, the headset's settings, and so on.

But the real appeal is its corded, detachable second earpiece, which effectively turns the BT8010 into wireless headphones for listening to music. (Just make sure your phone supports stereo Bluetooth, also known as A2DP.)

Once you've experienced the freedom of wireless headphones, you'll find it hard to go back to the wired kind. (Take note, Apple: The next iPod better have built-in Bluetooth!)

If a call comes in while you're listening to your tunes, the press of a button is all it takes to stop playback and answer the call.

The BT8010 sounds great, though I did experience a bit of distracting background crackle with some phones. The earpieces are light enough to wear to the gym or on a run, so if you're carrying your phone anyway, now you can leave the iPod at home.

Finally, I must mention my favorite new

Please see **BROIDA, D2**

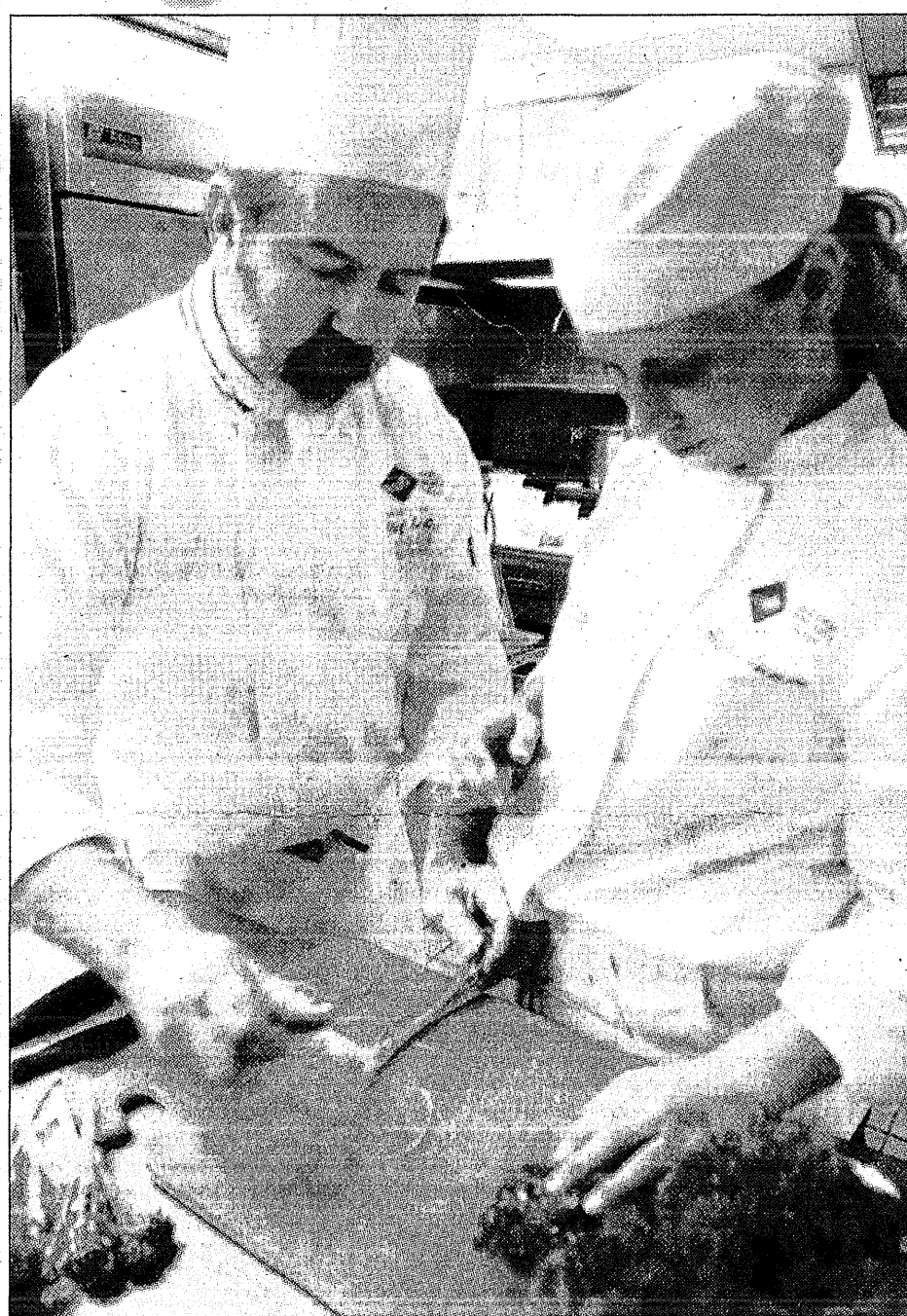


Norman Valenti, Oakland Community College culinary team member and Clawson resident, prepares green pea and potato croquettes as the team practices for the American Culinary Federation National Competition July 23-24 in Orlando.

OCC team heads to culinary championship

Team members are traveling to Florida to compete in the national American Culinary Federation championship on July 23-34.

They're cooking



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Oakland Community College's culinary team hopes to bring home some Orlando magic.

Team captain John Clements of Waterford; Bradley Ball, Novi; Elizabeth Kallio, Redford; Kathryn Szczerba, Troy and Norman Valenti, Clawson, along with team manager Kevin Enright and coach Tammy Gauthier, are travelling to Florida to compete in the national American Culinary Federation championship on July 23-34.

OCC won the ACF Midwest regional and a gold medal in March. That competition consisted of a cold buffet, a four-course dinner, dessert, and skills, such as butchering and vegetable cutting.

OCC last competed in the nationals in 1995.

This team ranks right along with OCC's best gold medal teams and "probably

Please see **OCC, D3**

OCC's menu

First Course

Cioppino
Shrimp Stuffed Lobster Tail,
Clams, Mussels, Fennel, Baby Artichokes,
Saffron Lobster Broth

Salad

Mission Salad
Crisp tender greens, Chevre cheese tart,
Heirloom Tomato Gâteau,
Grilled Port Glazed Flg,
Walnut Vinaigrette

Entree

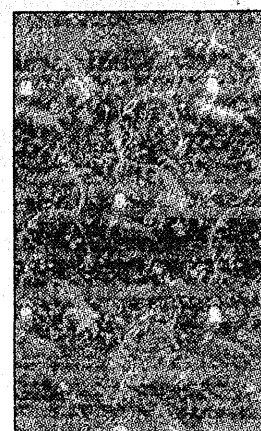
Roasted Rack of Lamb Soup
Lamb Crêpinette, Lamb Osso Buco,
Green Pea Croquette Potatoes,
Broccolini, Swiss Chard Medley

Dessert

Ensemble of Peaches and Nectarines

Kevin Enright, certified executive chef and instructor at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute, instructs culinary team member Kathryn Szczerba of Troy, as the team prepares for the American Culinary Federation national competition July 23-24 in Orlando.

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The 8-by-10-foot rug sells for \$3,399. The design also comes in spice and blue colorways.

Tap tip

"If you turn on a faucet and all you get is a trickle, or streams squirting left and right, the problem might not be in your faucet at all. It might be the small device on the end of the spout called an aerator," say James and Morris Carey, writing for the Associated Press.

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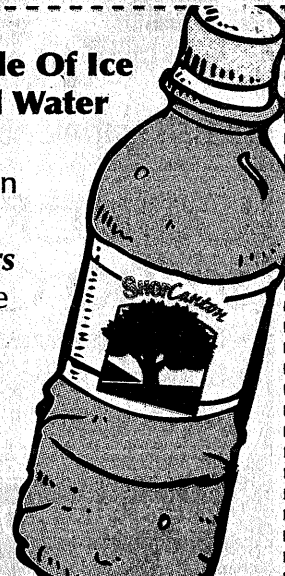
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GARDEN CALENDAR

Attracting butterflies

English Gardens will host a free seminar, Attracting Butterflies to Your Garden, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 25. The seminar will take place at all six English Gardens stores, including locations in West Bloomfield, (248) 851-7506; Royal Oak/Troy, (248) 280-9500; Dearborn Heights, (313) 278-4433; and Ann Arbor, (734) 332-7900. Learn how to make a friendly environment for butterflies. A list of plants butterflies are sure to enjoy will be provided. For more information, call the stores or visit www.englishgardens.com.

Rain gardens

Rain Garden Design and Maintenance: A Forum for Home Gardeners, a free program, will take place 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at the Auburn Hills Community Center, 1827 N. Squirrel Road. Seating is limited. Advance registration is requested. To register, call Karen Bever at (248) 288-5150 or e-mail LFDean@aol.com.

The program is sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA).

The speaker will be civil engineer Donald Carpenter, Ph.D., of Lawrence Technological University. SOCWA native landscape volunteers will also be featured. Presentation topics will be benefits of compost for water retention and water quality, rain garden plant selection, maintenance tips from SOCWA gardeners, rain garden benefits for the Rouge River, and research results of water infiltration and soil mixes.

Pathways

Learn how to highlight the pathway in your landscape design with perennials, garden accents and focal points that will arouse interest to look beyond the garden path in Pathways, a class scheduled 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 26, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Cost is \$19, plus a \$5 materials fee payable to the instructor in class. For registration and other information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. The instructor will be certified master gardener Michael Saint, who owns Good Earth Landscape Institute in Clarkston.

School of Gardening

The Michigan School of Gardening presents a variety of classes for different levels. For registration and other information, call (248) 4-GARDEN or visit www.michigangardening.com. Offerings include Practical Gardening Tips, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in Rochester (cost is \$29); the three-session Garden Photography Workshop, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, July 24 and 31, in Livonia and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 28, at Hidden Lake Gardens (\$145, plus \$3 entry fee payable at Hidden Lake Gardens); and an Expert Perspective garden walk, A Saunter Through the Stars of Summer, 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Detroit Zoo (\$42). For the workshop, you must use E-6 process slide film such as Ektachrome or Fujichrome for a 35mm camera; for digital, you must put your workshop images on a CD to bring to the third meeting. Bring your lunch to Hidden Lake Gardens, dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes.

Drought Tolerant Plants

Learn about drought-tolerant plants,

and receive guidelines and tips for getting your garden through drought conditions, in Drought Tolerant Plants, a class offered 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1, at The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. Cost is \$29. For registration and other information, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com. The instructor will be master gardener Sue Grubba, who has been designing residential and commercial landscapes since 1985.

Herb Fest

The Evening Herb Study Group will host Herb Fest 2007, noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, at the Matthei Botanical Gardens Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Fee is \$10 for members, \$15 for guests. Register by calling (734) 998-7061. Jean Riggs of Sunshine Farm and Garden will speak on heirloom plants and herbs and what makes them "heirloom." The gardens and hiking trails will be open to the public. Enjoy educational displays while sampling herbal treats and beverages.

Master gardener

The Michigan State University Extension-Oakland County Master Gardener Training Program will begin Aug. 16 and run through Nov. 15. This 13-week class will meet 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursdays in Building 49 West in the Oakland County Service Center, 1200 N. Telegraph in Pontiac. Seats will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. The application fee is \$25 and the class fee is \$300. To request an application, call MSU Extension-Oakland County at (248) 858-0887, or visit the MSUE Web site, www.msue.msu.edu/oakland and look under horticulture and gardening. Each session will focus on a different horticultural topic that will prepare you to fulfill a 40-hour community service commitment to earn master gardener certification.

Lavender festivals

■ The third annual Yule Love It Lavender Festival will take place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21, rain or shine, at the Yule Love It Lavender Farm, 960 Yule in Leonard. Admission is \$7 for two days, which includes parking, shuttle, speaker symposium and demonstrations. Admission free for ages 12 and under. Wear walking shoes. No smoking or pets.

The farm is north of 32 Mile Road, one mile east of Rochester Road. Call (248) 628-7814, e-mail iris@irislee.org, visit www.yuleloveitlavender.com. The festival will include artisans, baking demonstration and bake-off, sweets, tea, poetry reading, book signing, a craft tent and crafts for children. The festival brochure will full itinerary is available at the Web site (\$1 off festival admission with brochure).

■ The fifth annual Michigan Lavender Festival will take place 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 20 and 21, at Gabriel's Garden, 14000 34 Mile Road, 1/4 miles east of Van Dyke in Romeo. Admission is \$3, free for under age 12. No smoking or pets. Call (586) 336-0418, visit www.MichLavenderFestival.com. Features will include harp and dulcimer music, hands-on workshops, demonstrations, cooking classes, garden strolls, food, sweets, refreshments and more than 40 booths of Michigan artisans and craftspeople and area farms.

Save energy while you keep your cool

In last month's column about ant control, I asked for ideas on non-lethal pest control. Kimberly T. sent me an e-mail about an ant problem near her cat's food bowl.



Ask Dad

Harry Jachym

She sprinkled baby powder on the ants and they were gone by morning. To keep them away, she puts bay leaves behind the molding near the food bowls.

Ruth from Farmington Hills concurs with the bay leaves solution. Ruth says she sprinkles a few bay leaves in food cupboards and shelves. She has been doing this for 18 years and has never had a pest in her cupboards.

Thanks so much, Kimberly and Ruth. We will try this in the Jachym home. It was so kind of you to share this information.

After our recent hot spell I thought it might be a good time to look into economical ways to keep your house cool before the next one hits. Hey, it's Michigan and you know that there will be a next one.

I spoke with my friend Fred Wright, president of National Heating and Cooling. National has been in business for nearly 50 years.

Fred referred me to National's Web site, www.nationalheating.com. The site has many tips about saving energy.

One of the first things is obvious. Set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible. When you have less difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, your cooling bill will be lower.

Furthermore, setting the thermostat to a colder temperature when starting the air conditioner won't cool your house any faster. This could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense. Ceiling fans spread the

cooled air effectively through your home. This keeps you feeling cooler, using less energy than air conditioning alone.

Also, keeping lamps, TV sets or other heat-producing appliances near your air conditioning thermostat can fool the thermostat into thinking the room is warmer than it is.

If you have a whole house fan, use it at night. Evening air is generally cooler than indoor air. Whole house fans use less energy than air conditioning.

Planting trees or shrubs or providing shade to outside air-conditioning units will help them use as much as 10 percent less electricity than the same type operating in the sun.

Be sure not to block the airflow. Have about 3 to 4 feet of free air space. It's also a good idea to clean dirt, leaves and other debris from the unit.

When it comes to using room air conditioners, buying a bigger room air-conditioning unit won't necessarily make you feel more comfortable. A room air conditioner that's

too big for the area it is supposed to cool will perform less efficiently and less effectively than a smaller, properly sized unit.

Room units work better if they run for relatively long periods of time than if they are continually switched off and on.

Longer run times allow air conditioners to maintain a more constant room temperature and to remove a larger amount of humidity from the air. This makes you feel more comfortable.

For more information on energy savings, see the Web site or call the good people at National, (313) 538-7100.

Harry Jachym writes Ask Dad, a column on home issues ranging from repairs and maintenance to building and remodeling projects. He is a Plymouth resident. Send any questions or comments to Jachym at askdad@comcast.net or in care of Mary Klemic, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

Put the 'bite' on mosquitoes

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Tiny, but powerful – mosquitoes can wreak havoc, from spoiling a summertime event to making someone sick.

"Some people are more attractive to mosquitoes than others ... Everybody reacts differently to a mosquito bite," said Mark "Shep" Sheperdigian, vice president of technical services for Troy-based Rose Pest Solutions.

"Different mosquitoes bite at different times. There's always one to bite you."

The biggest misconception about mosquitoes?

"That mosquitoes are merely an annoyance," said Sheperdigian, a board-certified entomologist.

"Mosquitoes have killed more people than people have killed people."

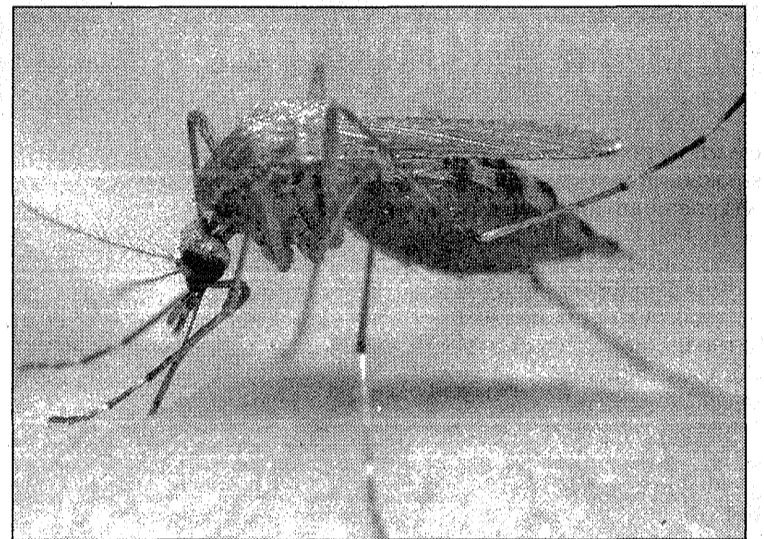
That's because mosquitoes can transmit diseases and viruses, including encephalitis, West Nile virus, malaria and Equine virus.

Mosquitoes detect humans by body heat and carbon dioxide. But you can do things to keep mosquitoes from taking over your yard.

The main thing is not to let your surroundings be appealing to mosquitoes.

Mosquitoes like pooled water that is still long enough for their larvae to finish developing. Species that bite people can begin to grow in any puddle of standing water that lasts for more than four days.

Mosquitoes feed on organisms that grow close to the surface of water (mosquitoes are



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light enough not to break the surface).

So don't let water accumulate around your house. Empty water from containers – including rain barrels, outdoor tubs, unused swimming pools, flower pots, vases and roof gutters – and old tires.

Change the water in your bird bath weekly, Sheperdigian said.

"Once a week is fine," he said. Put an aerator in your pond or water garden to keep the water in motion, or apply an insect growth regulator product, such as Bti, Sheperdigian said.

Bti (Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis) is a bacterial toxin that infects and kills mosquito larvae but is harmless to wildlife. Bti products come in granules and in donut-shaped forms called dunks.

If you are especially attrac-

tive to mosquitoes, wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when you are outdoors.

Mosquito repellents containing DEET are safe and effective.

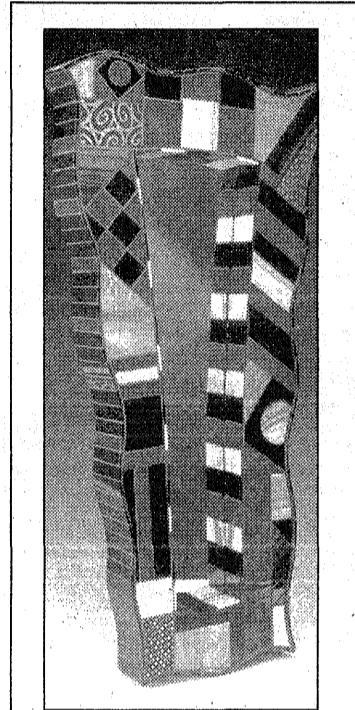
"It works very well and lasts a long time," Sheperdigian said. Some items considered to repel mosquitoes really aren't effective.

For example, "anti-mosquito" plants would be successful only if mosquitoes would be fed with them. Bug zappers actually attract more mosquitoes than they kill, and kill such beneficial insects as moths.

Citronella candles need perfect conditions in order to work, Sheperdigian said. The citronella blows away easily.

"There has to be a dead calm, only a slight breeze," Sheperdigian said.

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Art for home

This glass mosaic mirror by Mark Lewanski of Portland, Mich., is an example of the objects featured at the Ann Arbor Art Fairs, continuing to Saturday, July 21. The Ann Arbor Art Fairs consist of four fairs. Lewanski's work will be in Ann Arbor's South University Art Fair. The other fairs are the Ann Arbor Street Art Fair, the State Street Area Art Fair and the Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday. Entertainment, food, artist demonstrations and children's activities are included. Shuttle and commuter buses are available. Call (800) 888-9487, visit www.annarbor.org.

BROIDA

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Bluetooth gizmo: the BlueQ (bqwireless.com). It's a rubberized wristband that vibrates when you receive a call, thereby solving the problem of not being able to

hear or feel your phone when it rings.

Priced at \$40, it's due in stores this summer.

IPHONE MADNESS

Are you the proud owner of an iPhone? If so, I want to hear from you! Tell me

what you like about it, what you don't like about it, and whether you think it deserves all the hype. I'll share readers' experiences (and some of my own) in an upcoming column.

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puters and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, is the co-author of numerous books, including How to Do Everything with Your Palm Powered Device, Sixth Edition. He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute will be sending its competition team to Orlando for the American Culinary Federation national championship July 23-24. Team members are Elizabeth Kallio of Redford (front row, left); Kathryn Szczerba, Troy; Tammy Gauthier, team coach; Kevin Enright, team manager (second row); Bradley Ball, Novi; John Clements, Waterford, and Norman Valenti, Clawson.

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in the top three" since 1996, Enright said.

"We've had gold medals and didn't win because we placed second by one-tenth of one point," Enright said.

The team was created in November. Team members practiced for about 16 hours a week through the regional competition in March.

At that competition, OCC created a pork platter with smoked sausages, prosciutto-wrapped ham and spring pork terrine for the cold food plate competition.

"It was tedious but it turned out well," Valenti, sous chef at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, said about the pork platter.

"Terrines and pates are kind of a lost art. That's one of the great things about the competition."

As the team's manager, Enright helps write the menu, then students cook items from it and Enright critiques the team's performance. The culinary chores are divided up among the members, and duties are spelled out.

Communication, interaction and teamwork are critical to the team's success.

"One of them would work on a first course, then the assignment changes (for that chef) to work with the main course," Enright said.

"The person working on the second course will go work on the dessert."

Szczerba is responsible for the salad course, and Kallio is responsible for the dessert. Valenti will prepare cioppino and the fish on the first course, then he will help Clements with the entree.

Ball is the alternate, and a key team member because he



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Tomato towers, part of the salad course, get prepared as the OCC culinary team practices for the American Culinary Federation National Competition.

assists the other four and is responsible for coordinating the entire meal including the plating timing. Ball also makes the final check of the courses, Enright said.

Each team member will assist each other as "it is a team and not five individuals," Enright said.

MORE OF A CHALLENGE

The national competition is more of a challenge this year.

"We are now doing a four-course meal with 24 portions," Enright said. "The total time is four hours. You're serving 'guests' (judges) who will pick four portions and decide which ones to serve."

"It's realistic and it has to be, for those who are working in a restaurant."

Previously, the chefs plated just four meals of their choice, so the new requirement means chefs must be consistent with preparation and plating.

Enright manages the team and prepares them for competition as he would for the real world.

"It has to be applicable to be a chef in a restaurant and not in a 'chef's game,'" Enright said, referring to competitions and television shows that some-

times emphasize speed over substance.

"You have to show skills and there should be new challenges on the menu," Enright said. "As a coach you see what their talents are, and see if they can do these things."

The team spent the final days practicing.

"The menu is done, they're just working on timing," Enright said in late June. "We don't want to change anything at this point."

Valenti called the whole experience "an amazing opportunity to go through."

"It's been tough, juggling work and testing our endurance," Valenti said. "You go in there (for practice), and you work clean and you work organized. The class and practices teach you a lot."

"I've learned quite a bit. I'm more organized and learned new techniques. (Enright) teaches you efficiency and how to maximize it in a kitchen."

Enright said: "They have to grow through this whole program. They are better at cooking, better at organizing and better as a group."

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Enter your chili, salsa in cookoff

The 12th Annual Great Lakes Regional Chili Cook-off and Motorcycle Bike Show return to downtown Plymouth, Sunday, Sept. 30.

The Chili Cook-off will feature a traditional Red Chili, a Green Chili and a Salsa competition. This portion of the cook-off is recognized by the International Chili Society and will follow all ICS rules. The winners in each category will advance to the 2008 World Championship Chili cook-off in 2008. A fee is charged to participants who want to create a winning pot of chili. Top winners receive trophies and prizes. Chili samples will be available at 1 p.m. for a \$1 donation per sample.

The GLR Chili Bike Show is a ride-in show with 17 different bike categories including Harley and non Harley classes. There is a \$10 fee to enter a

bike and all first place winners will receive a trophy. The Bike Show takes place noon-4 p.m. on Main Street at Kellogg Park.

The Chili Ride begins at MotorCity Harley Davidson in Farmington Hills and ends up at the Chili Cook-off. A fee of \$10 will get participants V.I.P. parking at the event on Ann Arbor Trail plus \$5 in 50/50 raffle tickets. Another ride is planned to begin at the BMW dealership on Ford Road for all BMW bikers.

The Restaurant Chili Challenge will be taking place 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Penniman Avenue in Kellogg Park. More than 15 restaurants will be vying for the prize of "Best Chili in Plymouth" award. Bowls of chili will be a \$4 donation or you can sample them all for \$1 donation per 2-ounce sample.

Other activities scheduled noon-5 p.m. include live entertainment, dance team performances and children's activity area. The Hottest Dog in the Coolest City costume contest will be judged at 2 p.m. in the park.

Anyone interested in cooking in the Red/Green/Salsa or Restaurant Chili Challenge should contact Annette Horn at (734) 776-9669 or GLR chili@sbeglobal.net.

Bike Show & Chili Ride inquiries should be directed to MotorCity Harley Davidson (248) 473-7433 www.motorcityharley.com. Sponsorships and Vendor spaces are still available.

All of these activities are done for the purpose of donating all proceeds to local charities. This year's recipient is Western Wayne Habitat for Humanity.

FOOD CALENDAR

The Community House

Several classes will be offered this summer at The Community House in Birmingham. For information and to register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates at (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com.

Classes include: Quick and Easy Summer Appetizers with Pam Gustairs, 6:30-9 p.m. July 25, \$29 with \$6 material fee; Grilling with Chris Jones, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Aug. 1, \$34 with \$6 material fee; Summer Lunch on the Patio with

Jennifer DeMay (lunch will be served at this class), 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 8, \$39; Tasty Tempting Thai Cooking with Lawan Chandraung, 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13, \$29 plus \$4 materials fee; Tomatoes with chef Gunnell Freeman, 7-9 p.m. Aug. 20, \$34.

American Regional Grill

Class with chef Rebecca Miller at Busch's with recipes for Spicy-Brined Shrimp, Grilled Napa Valley Pizza, Onion-Stuffed Burgers with Go-Blue Cheese Sauce, Grilled Honeyed-

Southern Nectarines, \$10 for ticket, class at 6 p.m. July 19, 15185 N Sheldon Rd., Plymouth (734) 414-5200; and July 24, 24445 Drake Rd. (at Grand River), Farmington Hills, (248) 427-7400.

If you have an item for the food calendar, please submit it at least two weeks prior to your event to Ken Abramczyk, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, e-mail kabramcz@hometownlife.com, or fax (734) 591-7279.

'Joy of Cooking' starts Web site

America's cookbook classic, the Joy of Cooking, now has a home on the Web at <http://www.thejoykitchen.com>.

Created by the authors and editors of the Joy of Cooking, The JOY Kitchen promises to be a favorite bookmark for cooks. With ongoing contributions from the people who use the Joy of Cooking, this site will grow with information on ingredients, collecting cookbooks, family stories from the kitchen, and of course, cooking.

Visitors can find recipes both new and classic. The JOY Kitchen features an extensive searchable collection of cooking tips and techniques to which visitors are encouraged to contribute. A wealth of historical information about JOY follows the revered cookbook from its first edition in 1931 to its current well-received 75th anniversary edition.

Membership in The JOY Kitchen is free. Participate in contests, and contribute to

online discussion forums where visitors share their favorite recipes, stories, and much more.

There's also a marketplace of items and books.

To celebrate the launch of the Web site anyone who registers, on the site, before July 31 is automatically signed up to win an autographed copy of the 75th Anniversary Edition of the Joy of Cooking, a facsimile edition of the 1931 Joy of Cooking, and an assortment of Joy of Cooking kitchen utensils.

CHEVRE CHEESECAKE

Goat Cheese Cheesecake

2 ounces cream cheese
1/2 ounces goat (chevre) cheese
1/2 ounces feta cheese
1 tablespoon sour cream
1/2 teaspoon cornstarch
1/2 egg

Walnut Crust

1/2 ounces walnuts
Pinch nutmeg
1 teaspoon butter
Pinch flour

Mint Pesto

4 tablespoons mint leaves, chopped
1 tablespoon walnuts
Pinch garlic
3 ounces olive oil
1 teaspoon Parmesan cheese

To make chevre cheesecake, in small food processor, blend cream cheese until smooth. Add the chevre cheese, feta cheese, and cornstarch. Blend. Add sour cream and egg. Season to taste with salt and white pepper.

To make walnut crust, blend walnuts, butter, nutmeg and flour in a processor until it reaches a fine consistency.

Coat a 4-inch flan pan with butter then flour. Add the crust mixture evenly, covering the bottom of the pan. Fill mold with cheese mixture. Place in a small shallow pan with water. Bake at 350°F for 10 minutes.

To make mint pesto, in a food processor, grind the walnuts and mint leaves to fine crumbs. Add garlic and cheese. Puree to smooth. Serve at room tempera-

ture, with the pesto drizzled on part of the cheese cake.

MISSION SALAD

Walnut Vinaigrette

2 tablespoons walnut oil
3 1/2 ounces extra virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon honey
1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon sherry vinegar
1 teaspoon shallots, minced
1 teaspoon parsley
1 teaspoon tarragon

Parmesan Herb Cracker

1/2 tablespoons vegetable shortening
1/2 ounces boiling water
1/2 cup flour
Pinch salt
1 teaspoon egg yolk
2 ounces Parmesan cheese, grated
2 teaspoons parsley and chives, minced

Port Reduction

2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
2 tablespoons ruby port wine
1 teaspoon serrano chili, seed and mince fine

2 Black Mission figs, cut into four pieces each

2 heirloom tomatoes, peeled and sliced thin

4 teaspoons fresh sweet basil, cut into fine strips

Salad Greens (1/2 head of each lettuce: Red Oak, Frisee, Arugula, Bibb Lettuce)

Note: Wash the salad in cold water. Dry in a Salad Spinner and place on paper towel to dry. Keep cold until serving.

1/2 English cucumber, peeled and diced fine

To make walnut vinaigrette, combine honey, Dijon mustard, herbs, shallots, and sherry vinegar in a bowl. Allow to sit at least 10 minutes.

Slowly add walnut oil while whisking. Season to taste. Slowly add olive oil until it reaches a smooth consistency.

To make the Parmesan herb cracker, melt shortening and combine with boiling water. Pour over flour, salt, herbs and cheese. Mix well with fork. Add egg yolk. Form into ball and knead over lightly floured board.

Roll thin on a pasta roller, cut into triangle shape. Bake on a sheet pan with parchment or sil-plat. for 6-7 minutes at 350°F.

Keep at room temperature. Season the fig wedges with salt and black pepper, drizzle with oil, then brown on a grill or in a medium hot sauté pan.

To make port reduction, combine the ingredients in a stainless steel pan, then cook over medium heat until thick and syrupy.

Serving the salad

Shape and arrange greens into small attractive bundles. Drizzle with the dressing and sprinkle with the cucumbers.

Place a wedge of cheesecake on the greens, and top with the mint pesto. Arrange the fig wedges next to the cheesecake. Drizzle with the port reduction. Arrange the tomato slices with basil and season with salt and black pepper.

Serves four.

Recipes courtesy of Kevin Enright, chef and instructor at Oakland Community College's Culinary Studies Institute.

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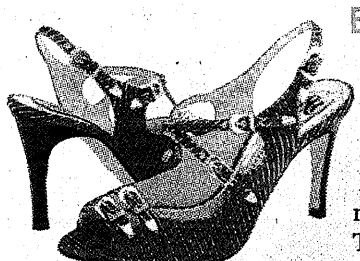
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Bodymorph offers a Hollywood approach

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Walking into the light and airy fitness center that serves as Bodymorph headquarters in Ferndale feels nothing like your average gym. Sure, it's filled with state-of-the-art equipment to enhance cardio and strength training, sports performance, even speed. But it's evident from the start that Bodymorph's philosophy centers around personal attention and what owner Rossano Rea likes to call "top notch service."

The professional fitness trainer and model built up his own clientele for a year before opening the gym in 2004. He's in the process of revamping his two buildings into a full-service fitness, physical therapy and wellness center, to highlight his own Hollywood-style approach to health.

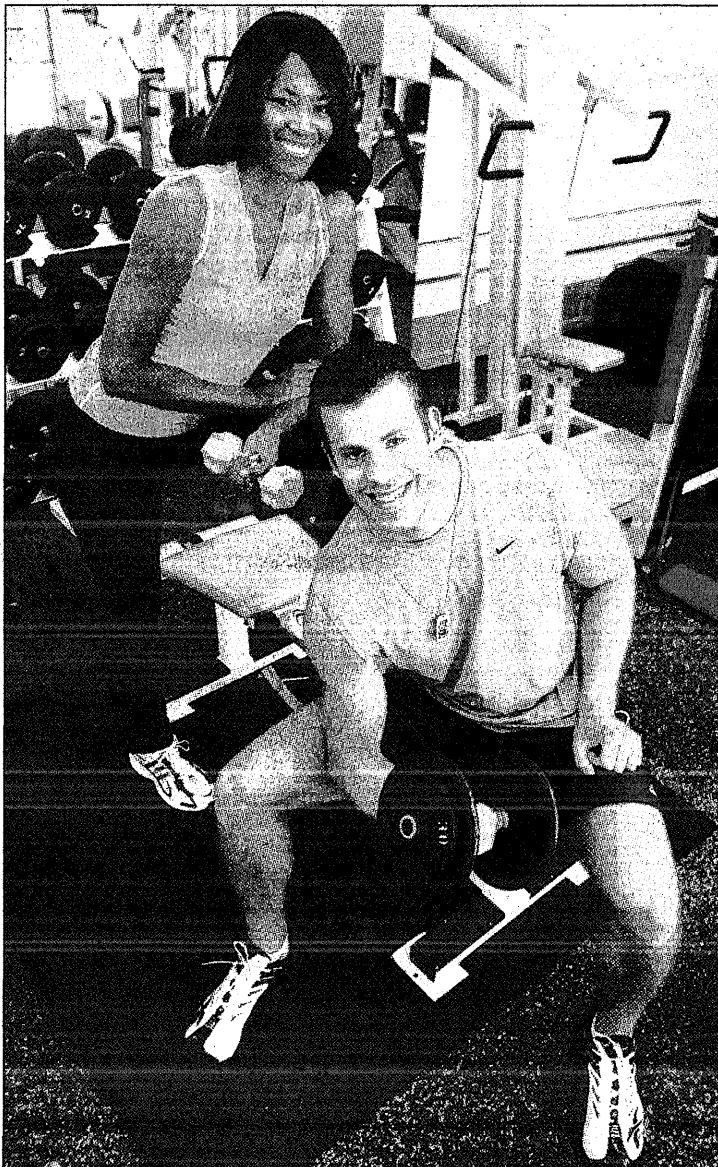
"We like to go above and beyond," said Rea, "do something a little different."

To achieve that "cut above the rest" quality, his clients will soon experience cooling mist sprayers in the gym and on the outer deck. Post-workout stretching sessions will have an even more comforting feel with the addition of hot towel therapy. Protein smoothies are already available for an after-workout boost.

And all of Bodymorph's services - from the 45-minute training sessions to high-energy men's or women's boot camps - are amplified by Rea's upbeat personality and long history in theater. "I get wild," he admits, adding it wouldn't be unusual to see him sporting neon spandex one day and a military suit the next. His primary concern is hardly his workout wardrobe. "Being a motivator is number one in my business," he said.

Rea said if clients commit, if they want to be there and are engaged in the workout, results will follow. Sessions begin with a warm-up on cardio equipment, often a bicycle or elliptical. A resistance workout follows, tailored to the clients' needs. And a stretching session wraps it all up.

Bodymorph packages start at \$850 including everything from workouts to boot camp sessions, fitness assessments, workshops and group activities. Each package includes an educational trip to the grocery store.



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Personal Trainer Reené Ferguson and owner Rossano Rea promise a motivational approach at Bodymorph personal gym in Ferndale.

Trainers like Reené Ferguson, who's been with Bodymorph for more than a year, said personal attention sets the gym apart from other area fitness centers.

Rea developed an interest early on in the fitness field. A Birmingham native, he began working as a swimming instructor at age 16. He is a graduate of Seaholm High School and has studied Kinesiology at Wayne State University, where he continues to keep current with new fitness trends. He earned certification as a personal trainer in 2001 and steers clear of promoting body building techniques. Attaining 2 percent body fat is neither healthy nor sustainable, Rea said. His focus is developing a rapport with his clients, and meeting their needs.

His plan seems to be working. Rea draws clients from Detroit

throughout Oakland County, making Ferndale a logical location. By November he plans to open the doors on the expanded building. The new wellness center is being designed by his father Ron Rea, known for such high-profile projects as Coach Insignia in Detroit, Via Nove in Ferndale and Birmingham's Shain Park.

Construction is slated to start this month. When it's finished, Bodymorph will expand its services, and offer amenities like a dry sauna and massage. The gym carries a line of whole food vitamins, a clothing line, and will soon open a sports shop. Once the renovation is complete, the 2,400 square foot facility will include everything from plasma TVs to music of your choice, a Zen garden and patio, yoga and a Pilates studio. "We bring a high level of

services to our clients," said Rea, who currently employs four trainers. When he's not at Bodymorph, which is open daily, Rea also works as a fitness model. He'll be featured in the September issues of both *Cosmopolitan* and *Seventeen* magazines, as well as in a fitness ad set to run during the MTV Video Music Awards, airing Sept. 9 on MTV.

He balances it all in the name of health and fitness. His motto, borrowed from crooner Frank Sinatra, is simply "do it your way - keep fit."

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Ragtime Festival gets history lovers swingin'

There are so many festivals this week: The Jazzfest and Lebanese festivals in Birmingham, Italian Festival in Sterling Heights and one in Dearborn aimed at ragtime lovers.

The Ragtime Street Fair runs 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, July 21, and 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, July 22, at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. There, the sounds of Ragtime will echo through Main Street, capturing the era of the early 20th century. Through live performances, dance and historic food, the entire village will portray the African-American musical form that defined American culture, and opened the door to the "jazz age."

"Ragtime Street Fair is a great fit for Greenfield Village because it already captures the essence of the early 20th century," said Jim Johnson, senior manager of creative programs at The Henry Ford. "Ragtime music broke the traditional ballroom bust and merged diverse cultures into a united celebration of what the twentieth century music should be."

Ragtime, deemed America's original popular music, can be described as having an uneven rhythm. Musicians such as Scott Joplin and Charles L. Johnson integrated European music with syncopated African and Latin American rhythms to create a unique sound that became popular in the 1890s, and also paved the way for the Swing era of the 1930s and '40s, and Rock 'n' Roll of the 1950s and '60s.

Through performance and narrative the band depicts the cultural and social influence Ragtime had on America around the year 1910. Times are 7-8:45 p.m. Saturday, and 3-5 p.m. Sunday.

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Def Leppard

Band's pyromania still burns bright for fans

BY JIM TOTH
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Utter the word pyromania, and you're almost assured of churning up a response different than that described in Webster's.

One is more likely to hear something like "awesome, man" or "just couldn't get enough" or maybe "it rocks!"

You didn't have to go very far, or go very long, in the decade of the 1980s without jamming to one of the most electrifying sounds found on what remains as one of arena rock's greatest albums of all time — *Pyromania*.

That was the effect that Def Leppard's release of the legendary disc back in 1983 had on rock 'n' roll, vaulting the England-born band into the American spotlight.

"*Pyromania* was the most exciting period of the whole period," confirmed guitarist Phil Collen, who along with band members Joe Elliot (vocals), Rick "Sav" Savage (bass), Rick Allen (drums) and Vivian Campbell (guitar), will rock the DTE Energy Music Center July 24 for their only show in Michigan. "It was just more than anyone can imagine. More than any of us could imagine."

Pyromania was the third album released by the band and is often credited with paving the way for a fresh generation of rock bands in the '80s. Selling 10 million copies world-



Def Leppard performs at the DTE Energy Music Theatre July 24.

wide, the release set the standard for albums of the genre by combining hard-hitting guitar riffs with multi-layered vocal harmonies.

With the release of their single *Rock of Ages*, Def Leppard became one of MTV's early mega stars.

Now some 20-plus years later and a little more conscious of the world around them, the band is again engaging on a summer tour that has packed a powerful punch and sported rave reviews in the process.

"We know the Midwest is a rockin' place," said Collen, maybe one of the more fortunate rockers around as it was he who replaced guitarist Pete Willis just prior to the release of *Pyromania*. "Whenever we play the Midwest there's always

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Ben Kweller dives deep into power pop

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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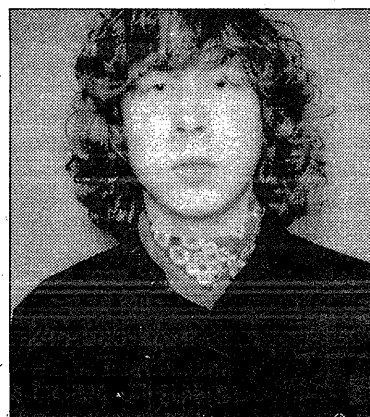
Ben Kweller stood in five inches of water, calling from a cell phone.

"You'll never believe it, Stephanie," he said in that southern drawl. "I'm in Texas at my parents' lake house and the water is over everybody's dock. Boats are floating away.

"I'm really bummed. All my fire-works are gone."

Even though flooding rains threatened to drown the singer-songwriter's Fourth of July with family, he sounded as upbeat as any BK fan might imagine. Kweller was spending the week in his hometown, Greenville, Texas. He returns every year to celebrate Lake Fest - a gathering on the water held in early July. In its fourth year, his dad has renamed it "Flood Fest" a title that sent Kweller into frenzied laughter just by repeating it.

But his giddiness is warranted. For the first time in eight years, he'd just reunited to perform with his first



Ben Kweller

band, Radish, during Lake Fest. It was unannounced and went rather well, according to Kweller. "Our parents were all emotional."

He's about to leave the comforts of his rainsoaked childhood home behind to head back out on the road in support of his third, self-titled album on ATO Records. This time Kweller upped the ante offering slickly-produced pop perfection. The

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songs gleam, thanks in part to a collaboration with producer Gil Norton. He credits an affinity for *Full Moon Fever*-era Tom Petty and Electric Light Orchestra as the inspiration for a more perfected sound.

"Perfect is exactly the word," said Kweller. "Every detail is taken into account."

"Contrary to popular belief, I am a perfectionist. The most important thing to me is heart and soul. If you

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don't feel it, you don't have anything."

And this record's got plenty of heart and soul. At the time he was writing some of the material - at his parent's lake house last summer - his wife Liz was pregnant with their first baby and he was feeling the effects of getting caught up in the New York rock scene.

"There is good stuff and bad stuff balanced together," he said.

Kweller played every last instrument on the album this time around. "The

songs were pretty personal," he said. "I wanted to see what it was like to be in the studio by myself."

He said it was among the most liberating and the most isolating things he's ever experienced.

But the solo studio venture paid off in music and lyrics that show a reminiscent quality, a throwback to his past. Kweller revisits old friends who are all grown up now in *Penny On The Track*; reveals an infectious pop restlessness in *I Gotta Move*; and delves into dark, sweet denial on *Nothing Happening*. It comes together as a collection of 11 songs that allow him to drift back and move forward. The song *Thirteen*, Kweller said, "retains

its BK style." It's chorus-free and completely engaging.

"I'm proud of the album," he said. "I don't know if I'd do it that way again. But I'm happy I did it."

Now he's eager to reunite as a band with his Trio on the Tracks, including Chris Morrissey on bass and Mark Stepro on drums.

Kweller kicks off his tour in Detroit this week, as a supporting artist for Guster. "I love Detroit Rock City," he said. "I've always had great shows there - really good, memorable shows."

It's the first time he'll start a tour in the city, though he's wrapped up plenty of road-weary stints here. He calls

Detroit expats and Racontuers bandmates Jack White and Brendan Benson his friends, and is a fan of Jacoby's bar.

For the Detroit show, fans can expect to hear a mix of Kweller's music. But by the time the tour takes him back home to Brooklyn, he'll spend three consecutive nights at Southpaw. Each night he'll play one record in its entirety. The first two shows, featuring *Sha Sha* and then *On My Way* consecutively, have already sold out.

"My fans are pretty hardcore," he said.

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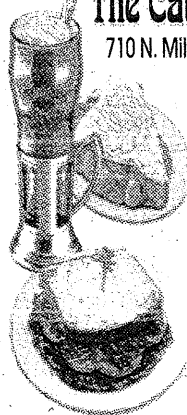
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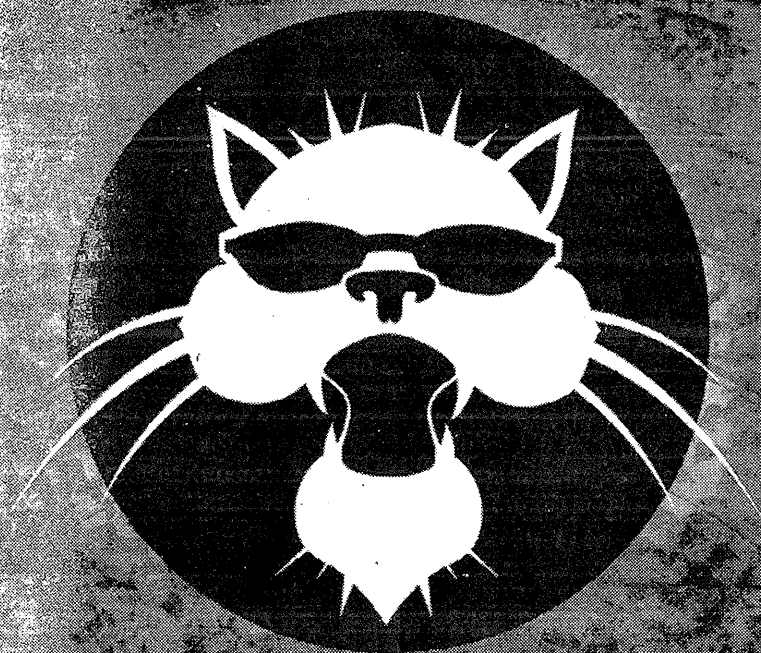
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Steal this record: Robbers on High Street set to release 'Grand Animals'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Don't assume based on the band's name that Scratchie Record's favorite sons Robbers on High Street are a British import. Far from it.

Core members Ben Trokan and Steve Mercado met in Poughkeepsie, New York at the age of about 12.

"We started playing guitar at the same time," said Trokan, sitting in the Majestic Cafe prior to the band's June 28 Detroit show.

The two shared an appreciation for Led Zeppelin and The Ramones. And back then Mercado's mom considered Trokan "a bad influence."

By 2001 Trokan had graduated from City College in Harlem, and was officially back to living in New York City. He convinced Mercado to ditch the suburbs too. Soon enough they began writing songs together.

"We just started recording," Trokan recalled. There was no grand plan at the onset. But that didn't matter. Within a year Robbers on High Street was signed to New Line/Scratchie, a label run by James Iha, formerly of the Smashing Pumpkins, and Adam Schlesinger of Fountains of Wayne.

It happened fast by Trokan's calculations. The band's debut, *Tree City* was released in 2005. Thanks to the support of entities like NPR and *Rolling Stone*, the record secured the Robbers' position as one to watch.

The years that have followed have seen the band develop musically. Still tied to its indie rock roots, Robbers on High Street's second album won't earn the same comparisons to The Strokes that the band's initial effort did. It's more polished

and more representative of where the band stands now. *Grand Animals* is due in stores July 24.

A lot has changed since the days of *Tree City*. Original drummer Tomer Danan and bassist Jeremy Philips are gone.

In their place is bass player and multi-instrumentalist Morgan King. "He can play anything," said Trokan.

And that influence is felt on *Grand Animals* - a record that includes everything from piano to strings to horns. There are no boundaries. "He brought a lot of life back," said Trokan of his newest bandmate. "Originally

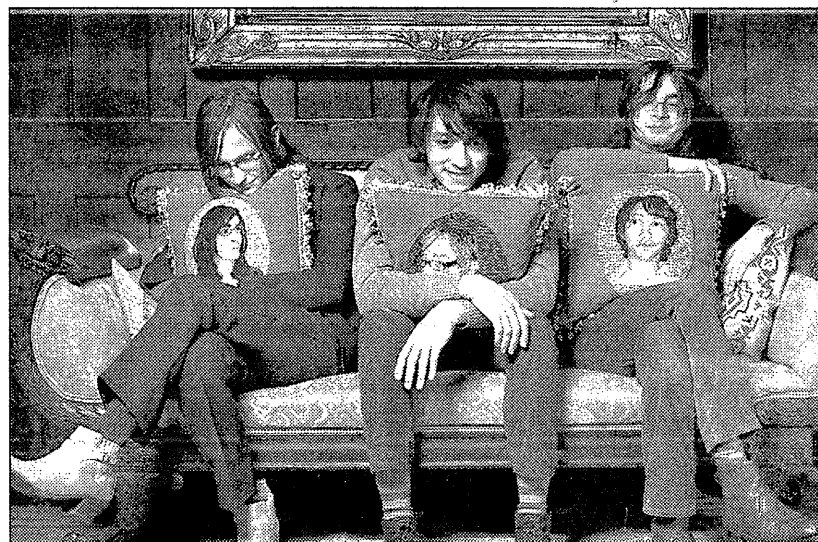
we knew we wanted to take it even further."

That in mind, the record was produced by Daniele Luppi, the Italian composer credited with string arrangements on Gnarl's Barkley's *St. Elsewhere* and John Legend's *Once Again*. He had never produced a rock record before, said Trokan. With his influence, *Grand Animals* found its signature in a well-orchestrated, clean sound rooted in '60s and '70s AM radio rock.

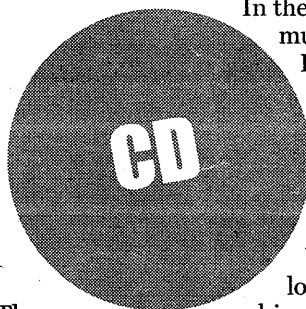
Trokan calls it "easier to listen to" than the previous effort. Melodies are front and center, proving his worth as a singer and a songwriter. Lyrically, Trokan leans toward engaging stories. He said he's most inspired by people he knows, pieces of conversation, and circumstances he's experienced. But he tends to create distance, pulling himself out of the equation and building characters. "Even if I write it in first person," Trokan said. "It's a better way to write, about something else."

Grand Animals evolved out of about 26 songs the band demoed between 2005 and 2006. There was never had a short-

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Shrimp and Green Bean Stir Fry with XO Sauce is just one of the fresh and snappy dishes at Ginger Restaurant in Canton.

Ginger

Pan-Asian cuisine is fresh and flavorful at Canton restaurant

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

When you think of restaurants in Canton, you might envision one of the eateries located on Ford Road tucked in the mile after mile repetition of strip malls.

Ginger isn't on a main drag (it's on Lilley, south of Joy Road, across the street from Mettetal Airport) sharing a parking lot with a small strip mall.

Ginger opened about 10 months ago. It makes its mark with freshness and spices, without breaking the bank in terms of cost.

"The location isn't ideal," said William Yee, manager. "It's not on a busy street, but there is an advantage because it is in and out of the parking lot easily with the traffic."

Food is pan-Asian cuisine featuring some Chinese favorites, like General Tao's Chicken.

"What we try to do is not give you traditional American Chinese food," Yee said. "We wanted to give

it more of an Asian feel to the food, and branch out with new Asian foods."

There's Curry Madness, sweet pepper and basil in coconut curry sauce. Kimchi Stir is a stir-fry of Korean Kimchi, onions and mushroom.

Singapore Rice Vermicelli has thin rice noodles with chicken, shrimp, bell peppers and bean sprouts in curry sauce. Pad Thai is Thai rice noodles topped with roasted peanut, bean sprouts and green onions.

But the most popular dishes are General Tao's Chicken; Kung Pao Chicken; salmon, seafood and tofu dishes; soybean cake; and dishes with XO sauce. The XO sauce is made with dried seafood, such as scallops. "The sauce ingredients are very rich," Yee said.

"Chinese cooking is healthier than other kinds of cooking," Yee said. "We don't overcook vegetables." And they don't either. The vegetables have a snap to them.

The restaurant will be upgrading the menu, dropping items that aren't popular and adding new ones

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GINGER RESTAURANT

65 N. Lilley Road (inside Golden Gate Shopping Center), Canton
 (734) 414-1818
 www.gingerpac.com

Cuisine: Pan-Asian, seafood, stir-frys, appetizers, desserts, lunch menu available.
Cost: \$8.95-\$14.95, lunch specials \$5.25-.95.

Hours: 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday
 Non-smoking, vegetarian-friendly
 Restaurant seats about 60, 40 more in banquet room

GINGER

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"New flavors for customers. Yee said the menu was developed with cost to the customer in mind. We try to keep it under \$10, but you can't do that with seafood," Yee said. The dishes are priced around \$8-\$11, with smaller portions available on the lunch menu. Eleven different beers and 10 different wines or drinks are available. The restaurant caters birthdays, graduation parties, bridal and baby showers.

SOS raises funds to fight famine

Some of the country's most celebrated chefs will gather at **Tribute** restaurant, 31425 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, again on Monday, July 30, to cook a one-of-a-kind dinner to benefit childhood hunger in Michigan, as part of Share Our Strength.

Chefs participating in this special event will include Don Yamauchi and Eric Voigt, of Tribute; Luciano Del Signore of Bacco Ristorante in Southfield; Celina Tio of The American Restaurant in Kansas City, Mo.; Zach Bell of Café Bouloud in Palm Beach, Fla.; and Kirk Avondoglio of Perona Farms in Andover, N.J.

Dinner tickets are \$250 per person, which are all-inclusive and are tax deductible. For reservations, call Tribute at (248) 848-9393. Limited seating is available.

FORTE'S 'LUNCH BOX' RETURNS

Forté introduced a Lunch Box Menu during Birmingham Restaurant Week.

It was so popular that the restaurant has reintroduced it, offering four select two-course meals for \$9.95.

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Guests can choose from Caesar Salad, Forté Greens Salad or Soup du Jour for the first course; and Lake Superior Whitefish, Forté Burger, Downtown Turkey Club or Chicken Piccata, as the main lunch entrée.

Forté Restaurant and Bar is located at 201 S. Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham. Call (248) 594-7300 for reservations, which are recommended. Forté is open for lunch and dinner, six days a week, and for dinner only, on Sundays.

DARIO'S CELEBRATES

Dario's Italian Restaurant in Garden City will be celebrating a two-year anniversary for the restaurant at its new location with a special of mostaccioli or spaghetti for \$5.99 with purchase of a beverage July

23-26. Dario's is located at 32293 Ford Rd. The phone number is (734) 422-9320.

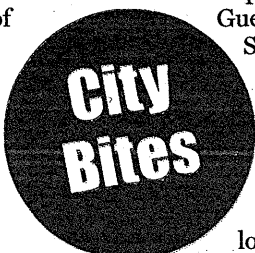
WIN A WIN COLLECTION

Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar is offering a wine connoisseur the opportunity to win a 100-bottle collection of wine from the 2007-08 Fleming's 100 wine-by-the-glass set.

The wine lover will win 60 bottles from the national selections of the Fleming's 100, including vintages from around the world, 40 bottles hand-selected by Fleming's director of wine Marian Jansen op de Haar and a wine refrigerator. Runners-up (100 of them, of course) will receive one bottle from the Fleming's 100.

Win the Fleming's 100 runs through July 31. Winners will be announced on Aug. 13.

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ART EXHIBITS

Chelsea Center for the Arts: Center Gallery exhibit runs through Sept. 28. An artist's reception will be 5-7 p.m. Aug. 18, 400 Congdon Street, Chelsea, (734) 433-2787.

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 north lawn Wednesday-Sunday through Sept. 2; 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. Kearley (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, 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.

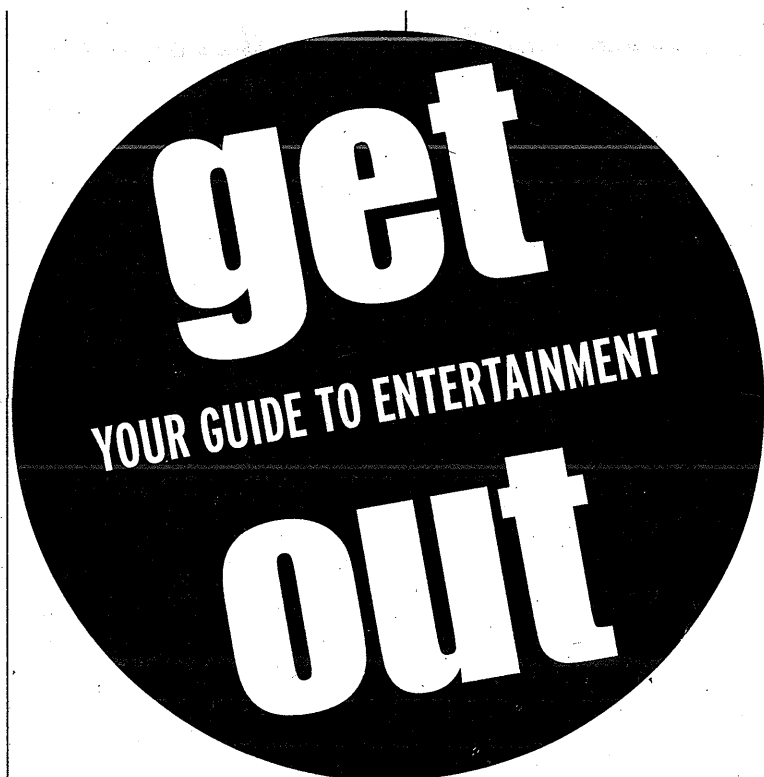
ART GALLERIES

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

Bagley Housing Art Gallery: Paintings by Deborah Friedman, July 21-Sept. 1, opening reception 5-8 p.m. July 28, 2715 Bagley, Detroit, (313) 964-5942, www.bagleyhousing.com

Biddle Gallery: Climate Controlled Art Fair with pottery, glass, furniture, home accessories and fine art, through Aug. 31, 2840 Biddle Ave., Wyandotte, (734) 281-4779, www.biddlegallery.co

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

Ellen Kayrod Gallery: 4th Annual Intergenerational Community Exhibition, through Aug. 10, 4750 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-1300.

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.

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.

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery: Frank Jonas: The Geostructure Series, Aug. 23-Oct. 4, opening reception 7-9 p.m. Aug. 23, located in the Jewish Community Center on Orchard Lake Road and Maple in West Bloomfield.

Lawrence Street Gallery: Ceramic and Fiber Art, Suk Jin Choi and Jung Yeon Choi, 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, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberg-gallery.com

Livonia Civic Center Fine Arts Gallery: Exhibit of Recent Work of Suzanne Bauman, through July 30, 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, through Aug. 12, 215 W. Cady St., (248) 344-0497.

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Israel Davis (ceramic works), through Aug. 4; Jan van der Marck, through Aug. 4, 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

The Print Gallery: Automotive Fine Art by Tom Hale, through Aug. 31, 29173 Northwestern Hwy. (Franklin Plaza at 12 Mile Road), Southfield (248) 356-5454, www.MonaLisaMania.com and www.EverythingArt.com

River's Edge Gallery: 3024 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 246-9880, e-mail riversedgegallery@wyandotte.org, or Web site www.artat-theedge.com

The Starkweather Society: Reflecting, Acrylic paintings depicting traveling abroad, by Dick Scullin, through July 28, 219 N. Main, Romeo, (586) 752-5700, www.starkweatherarts.org

ART, ETC.

Art on the Grand 2007: Fine Art Section of the Farmington Founder's Festival, paintings, jewelry, pottery, glass, metal sculpture, photography, including free Detroit Institute of Arts workshops for children and live entertainment, July 20-22, Grand River at Farmington Road, (248) 473-1848, www.foundersfestival.com.

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: Recycle/Reuse, July 30, and other classes, 4301 Orchard Lake Rd. No. 120, West Bloomfield, www.orchardlakeart.com, (248) 538-9021.

Lily's Seafood Grill and Brewery: Doug LaFerle's acrylic paintings displayed starting at 7 p.m. July 19 through August, 410 S. Washington, Royal Oak, 248-591-LILY. For more information on Doug La Ferle's artwork visit www.douglas.laferle.com.

Michigan Water Color Society: 60th Annual Exhibition Travel Show, July 30-Aug. 28, The Art Center, 720 S. Elmwood, Traverse City, (231) 941-9488, 1-866-242-0120 mwc-sart.com

Oakland Community College: Call for entries for From Our Perspective, 17th annual nationwide juried women's art exhibit, works must be original and recent, all media accepted except video and performance, and up to three works may be submitted, due by Wednesday, Aug. 1, (248) 522-3642, or visit www.oaklandcc.edu/womencenters/artshow.htm.

BOOKS

Barnes & Noble: Nancy Botkin reads from collection of poems, Parts That Were Once Whole, 2-4 p.m. July 27, at Telegraph and Maple roads.

CAR SHOWS

Heritage Car Cruise: Antique and classic car owners invited, registration 11 a.m., cruise, 3 p.m. Aug. 26, Howell High School freshman campus (corner of Grand River and Highlander Way), \$15, proceeds go to Heritage Hope Foundation to help Livingston County charities, (517) 546-6440, www.heritagecarrcruise.com

CLASSICAL

Seven Mondays at 7 Carillon Series: Anne Kroeze, 7 p.m. July 9; Tin-Shi Tam, 5 and 7 p.m. July 16; Toru Takao, July 23; Jim Fackenthal, July 30; Charles Dairay, Aug. 6; Richard Giszczak, Aug. 13; Steven Ball, Aug. 20; Baird Carillon, Burton Memorial Tower, 881 N. University, Ann Arbor, (734) 764-4414.

Meadow Brook Music Festival: Detroit Symphony Orchestra concert series featuring All Beethoven, July 28; The Hills Are Alive with the Von Trapp Children, July 29; Classical Hits, Aug. 3; Carmina Burana, Aug. 4; Tchaikovsky Spectacular, Aug. 5; on campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills, Palacenet.com, Ticketmaster, (248) 377-0100.

COMEDY

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club: Connie Ettinger, July 20-21; Al April July 27-28, \$10, 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

JD's House of Comedy: Stand-up shows, 8 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday; Apollo amateur night, 8 p.m. Wednesday; 25333 W. 12 Mile, inside Star Theatre complex, Southfield, (248) 348-2420 or www.ticketmaster.com.

Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle: Dave Landau, July 19-21; J.R. Remick, July 26-28; 269 E. Fourth, Royal Oak (248) 542-9900.

The Second City: Michigan Impossible: All Laid Off & No Place to Go, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

The Comedy Room @ Portofino: Sal Demilio, July 20-21, Cal Verducci, July 27-28, 3455 Biddle, Wyandotte, (734) 624-5561.

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Opie & Anthony's Traveling Virus with Bob Kelly, Bob Saget, Carlos Mencia, Jim Norton, Louis C.K., Otto & George, Rich Vos and Stephen Lynch, Aug. 4; palacenet.com or call (248) 377-0100.

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase: Lynne Koplitz, Aug. 3-4; Jim Colliton, Aug. 10-11; Comedy Jamm, Aug. 16, 23 and 30; Steve Bills, Aug. 17-18; Dwight York, Aug. 24-25; Mark Sweeney, Aug. 31-Sept. 1; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080.

CONCERTS-THIS WEEK

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Def Leppard and Styx, July 24; Family Values Tour 2007 with Korn and Evanescence, July 25; Incubus with Simon Dawes, July 26; visit palacenet.com or call (248) 377-0100.

Meadowbrook Music Theater: Blues Traveler, July 24; Hi-5 LIVE! July 25; Palacenet.com, Ticketmaster, (248) 377-0100.

The Fox: Diana Krall with Chris Botti, July 21, (248) 433-1515 for tickets,

OlympiaEntertainment.com.

CONCERTS-FUTURE

Comerica Park: Vans Warped Tour in GP parking lots with indie talent, July 27; (248) 645-6666 or (313) 471-6611.

DTE Energy Music Theatre: Deep Purple, July 27; Randy Travis with Cole Deggs & The Lonesome, July 28; B.B. King Blues Festival featuring King, Al Green and Etta James and her Roots Band, July 29; Poison with Ratt and Vains of Jenna, July 31; Blood, Sweat & Tears with Chuck Negron, Aug. 2; Pat Benatar with Lennon, Aug. 3; Opie & Anthony's Traveling Virus, Aug. 4; Bryan-Adams with George Thorogood & The Destroyers, Aug. 8; 311 with Matisyahu and the English Beat, Aug. 9; John Michael Montgomery, Aug. 10; Marilyn Manson and Slayer, Aug. 11; Aretha Franklin, Aug. 12; Great White/Dokken with Jani Lane and LA Guns, Aug. 16; The Temptations/The Four Tops, Aug. 17; Michael W. Smith/Third Day with Sanctus Real, Aug. 19; Velvet Revolver with Alice in Chains and Kill Hannah, Aug. 27; Rush, Aug. 28, call (248) 645-6666 or visit palacenet.com.

Fox Theatre: Michael Buble, July 27; Alison Krauss with Union Station featuring Jerry Douglas, July 31, The Smashing Pumpkins, Oct. 7, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, (248) 433-1515.

Meadowbrook Music Theater: Zappa Plays Zappa, July 27; Wynonna, Aug. 1; Iggy & The Stooges, Aug. 7; Rick Springfield, Aug. 10; Nickel Creek with Fiona Apple, Aug. 11; Joe Walsh, Aug. 15; David Sanborn with Tower of Power, Aug. 17. Get Back! Cast of Beatlemania, Aug. 26; The Bangles, Aug. 29; Palacenet.com, Ticketmaster, (248) 377-0100.

The Palace of Auburn Hills: Kelly Clarkson, Aug. 10; American Idols Live!, Aug. 12; The Wiggles Live! Racing to the Rainbow!, Aug. 15; Beyonce, Aug. 17; Dave Matthews Band, Aug. 23, Gordon Lightfoot, Sept. 15; Genesis, Sept. 30; visit palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666 for tickets.

Joe Louis Arena: Screamfest '07 with T.I. Ciara, T Pain, Lloyd and Young Joc, Aug. 16 (248) 645-6666, OlympiaEntertainment.com

CLUBS

The Ark: Closed during the Ann Arbor Art Fair, opens July 23 with Little Feat; Grievous Angel, July 24; Kris Delmhurst and Jeffrey Foucault, July 25; RFD Boys, July 27; Goldmine Pickers, July 29; Judith Owen, July 30; Gin Blossoms, July 31; Sonny Landreth, Aug. 1; Gaelic Storm, Aug. 2; A Musical Party in the Round with Michael Cooney, Anne Hills, Shelley Posen and Barry O'Neill, Aug. 3-4; Michael Fracasso, Aug. 6; Global Jazz Trio, Aug. 7; Oilabelle, Aug. 8; Ruthie Foster, Aug. 9; Finvarra's Wren, Aug. 10; Mustard's Retreat, Aug. 11; Mindy Smith, Aug. 12; Robinella, Aug. 13; The Guggenheim Grotto, Aug. 14; Forge Mountain Diggers, Aug. 15; Duke Robillard, Aug. 16; David Jones, Aug. 17; Ralph Stanley & His Clinch Mountain Boys, Aug. 18; Trinidad Tripoli Steel Band, Aug. 19; The Avett Brothers, Aug. 21; Beoga, Aug. 22; Raul Malo, Aug. 23-24; Jan Krist with Curtis Armstrong, Aug. 25; Zebula Avenue, Aug. 26; Mark Olson, Aug. 27; Alan Rhody, Aug. 28; Ditty Bops, Aug. 29; information hotline (734) 761-1451, www.theark.org.

The Belmont: The Slow Prisoner, July 19, 10215 Jos Campau, Hamtramck, (313) 871-1966.

Big Rock Chophouse: Outdoor patio now open 7:30 p.m. Thursday nights with Brian Macias, Eric Rowland and Eric Stoddard, Aug. 16; 245 S. Eton, Birmingham, (248) 647-7774 or visit www.bigrockchophouse.com.

Bosco: Enjoy noWax nights at 7 p.m. every Wednesday, no cover, 21 and over only, 22930 Woodward in Ferndale, www.thebosco.com, (248) 541-8818.

Community House Jazzfest returns for its 15th Year

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Hot Club of Detroit is a modern interpretation of Django Reinhardt, a young band that quickly rose through of ranks of Detroit's intense pool of jazz talent. Swinging style gypsy jazz. Then there's Joyce Cooling. She's known by San Francisco Bay area jazz fans as a dynamic and popular contemporary jazz guitarist with a Brazilian flair. Cooling earned awards for best smooth jazz guitarist nationwide.

Then there's blues - the real stuff - by legend Johnnie Bassett and the Blues Insurgents who has earned several W.C.

Handy Awards for his jazzy blues sounds. And of course on the opposite end of the spectrum is flautist Alexander Zonjic, who plays smooth jazz and is also the artistic director of the 15th Annual Community House Jazzfest scheduled for Thursday through Saturday, July 19, 20 and 21 at Shain Park, located on South Bates Street in the heart of downtown Birmingham. Every year, at least 25,000 attend the event.

Unlike other jazz festivals with multiple stages, this event has just one. A handful of prestigious musicians are chosen to perform. "The Community House Jazzfest 2007 delivers three days of World Class Music in an intimate outdoor setting," Zonjic said. "Whether you like your jazz straight ahead, smooth, funky or bluesy, this year's festival has it all."

Headlining the festival is trumpeter Terence Blanchard, who was born in New Orleans, and is a mainstream musician

15TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY HOUSE JAZZFEST

When: Thursday through Saturday, July 19-21

Where: Shain Park, located on South Bates St. between Martin and Merrill in downtown Birmingham.

Admission: Free

Details: (248) 433-FEST or www.community-house.com

Schedule

Thursday, July 19

Alexander Zonjic & Friends with special guests The Motor City Horns, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, July 20

Detroit Symphony Orchestra Civic Jazz Ensemble, 6:30 p.m.
Hot Club of Detroit, 8 p.m.
Joyce Cooling, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 21

Gary Schunk Trio, 1 p.m.
Johnnie Bassett & The Blues Insurgents featuring vocalists
Lady Sunshine & Leonardo, 2:30 p.m.
Ken Navarro, 4 p.m.
Dave McMurray, 5:45 p.m.
Terence Blanchard, 7:30 p.m.

and composer. He performs African-fusion and is artistic director at the Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz. His music can be heard in films including Spike Lee's Hurricane Katrina documen-

tary, When the Levees Broke.

Proceeds from Jazzfest benefit The Community House outreach programs. Zonjic and The Motor City Horns kick off the event.

Lebanon visits Birmingham

Festival includes food, music and dance

The ancient sounds of Lebanese drumming, the scents of fried falafel, an ethnic bazaar and the modern voices of some of Lebanon's best singers are coming together for the first time to Birmingham.

LebFest '07, a Lebanese Festival, will be held 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday, July 25, at Shain Park in downtown Birmingham.

It's part of the 25th annual "In the Park" summer concert series in Birmingham.

Activities include a male folkdancing troupe, which will perform sword and traditional debke dance, while artisans sell Lebanese crafts and bellydancers perform the world's oldest dance, originating in the Middle East.

And there's some American aspects to

the festival, too. Former Detroit Piston Vinnie Johnson will cut the ribbon to launch the event.

"The festival is a vibrant world-class celebration of heritage, culture and art," said John Akouri, organizer of the event.

The live music and dancing begins in the evening, as Detroit singer Karen Newman kicks off the evening by singing the U.S. national anthem.

The Community House Outdoor Cafe will offer fine wine and dining.

Headlining the night are Lebanese superstar Amalia Kaddo and her Mediterranean Music Ensemble. Kaddo is well-known for her feminine and strong voice.

Prior to her show, Lebanese crooner Usama Baalbaki will do a medley of Lebanese patriotic songs.

And in a different twist, teen sensations Lance Attalla and Ashley Peters will sing modern songs. Attalla is known as a



Layalina International Folkdance Troupe is a crowd-pleaser with debke and other traditional dance.

younger Ricky Martin, Lebanese style.

"We hope this will be the first of many more Lebanese festivals in downtown Birmingham," Akouri said. "It's going to be a very friendly, upbeat event."

At all prestigious Middle Eastern events, drummers and dancers begin the festivities. Drummers Zeffa Inc., will do so at this festival.

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LEBFEST '07

When: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday, July 25
Where: Downtown Birmingham at Shain Park, near Bates, south of Maple Road and west of Woodward.

What is it: Everything Lebanese and more. Specialty food booths; artisans, crafters and Lebanese merchandise tents; a children's play area; Middle Eastern music, ethnic dancing; a bazaar and market.

Admission: Free

Tips: Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on.

Schedule: Beginning at 5:30 p.m. is Karen Newman; Jimmy A. & his Rat Pack Rollers; Layalina International Folkdance Troupe; Detroit bellydancers; Zeffa, Inc. drummers; teen singers Lance Attalla & Ashley Peters; singer Usama Baalbaki; and headlining performer Amalia Kaddo & her Mediterranean Music Ensemble

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Hollywood to the show is Lebanese singer Jimmy A., who will bring in his Rat Pack Rollers.

DEF LEPPARD

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more of an 'A' type reception and we feed off that."

With influences from such groups as Queen, The Police and Deep Purple, Def Leppard has always taken pleasure in its ability to remain creative with its production in the studio and its raucous perfor-

mances on stage.

"In a band what's always cool is being creative and expressing yourself," said Collen, who has developed into one of the main songwriters of the group. "You have to keep things flowing. We have continuously made an effort to make our records sound great. We have stuck together through some difficult times and managed to put records out."

According to Collen, the group some-

how in the midst of touring the past three summers has found time to work on a new release (due out in 2008) that he describes as a "true rock album with zero ballads."

"We're thrilled about it," Collen said. "But we're also happy to be touring and we're just going to take it year by year. No way we're going to quit doing what we love."

Another band that left a niche on the '70s and '80s rock world is Styx, which

opens the 7:30 p.m. show with current bandmates James "JY" Young (guitar/vocals), Tommy Shaw (guitar/vocals), Lawrence Gowan (keyboards/vocals), Todd Sucherman (drums) and Ricky Phillips (bass/vocals).

Tickets are priced at \$75 and \$55 for pavilion, and \$28 lawn.

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Festa Italiana returns to Freedom Hill

A little pizza, some cannoli, a cute bambino contest, Dean Martin tribute show, a soccer tournament and some lemon ice - it's all part of Festa Italiana, an annual event at Freedom Hill in Sterling Heights.

Thousands attend the festival annually where the focus is on food. This year the festival is Friday, Saturday and Sunday July 20-22.

For teens, there's an area, located away from the parents yet still on the grounds, that features live music and food.

Here's some of the festival highlights:
FRIDAY, JULY 20

Parade of Italian Clubs, 5:45 p.m.; Opening Ceremonies - Dino Valle & Coro Italiano performing traditional music, 6 p.m.; Columbus Queen and Court, 6:30 p.m.; Pino Marelli, singer, 7 p.m.; DINO, a tribute to Dean Martin starring his son, Ricci Martin, 8:45 p.m.; Pino Marelli, 10:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

Ray Battani, singer, 2:30 p.m.; meatball-eating contest, 3 p.m.; Mike Carluccio, singer, 6 p.m.; The Reflections, hit band, 7 p.m.; DINO, 8:45 p.m.; Sono Mo Italian Dance Music, 10 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Sunday Mass followed by music; national anthems with Coro Mondine DiNovi, founded in Italy by WWII Women, 11 a.m.;

Cute Baby Contest, 2 p.m.; Dino Valle, Eva Evola, Lisa Agazzi with pianist Martin Mandelbaum, 6 p.m.; The Reflections, 8:30 p.m. For soccer tournament details visit www.iacsonline.net/SoccerFreedomHill.htm Festival hours are 6-11 p.m. Friday, noon-11 p.m. Saturday, and noon-11 p.m. Sunday, with a traditional Mass at 11 a.m. Admission is free, parking is \$7. Visit www.freedomhillcountypark.com.

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Current bandmates include guitarist Todd Morse, guitarist Kemble Walters, bassist Jason Womack and drummer Ed Davis. The band has toured with the likes of Courtney Love, Turbonegro and Social Distortion.

On July 24, the band will unleash its full-length *Four on the Floor*.

Meanwhile, Juliette and the Licks remains on the road touring with Chris Cornell, the voice of such iconic rock bands as Soundgarden and Audioslave. Along the way, Todd Morse shared the Lick's Top Five records of the moment:

1. *Era Vulgaris* - Queens Of The Stone Age. "These guys make rock sound cool again, kinda like how Bowie did the same."

2. *Greatest Hits* - Tom Petty And The Heartbreakers. "Only Tom knows the heartache girls put me through in high school. We sing all these songs to warm up before a show."

3. *Greatest Hits* - Journey. "Just like pizza. Men, women and children of all ages love *Don't Stop Believing*."

4. *Sam's Town* - The Killers. "Shy guys from Las Vegas? Now that's why *Read My Mind* pulls so hard on our heart strings."

5. *The Colour and the Shape* - Foo Fighters. "Before Dave (Grohl) came and rocked out on our record, we were already addicted to this one."

Feel the noise when Juliette and the Licks open for Chris Cornell, doors 6:30 p.m. July 22, The Fillmore, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Tickets \$32.50-\$45, call (248) 645-6666.

ROBBERS

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age of possibilities for this follow-up. The songs chosen have made it stellar. From the eerie vibe of *The Fatalist* to the carnivalesque overtones of *Guard at Your Heel* to the unexpected turns of *The Ramp* and *Married Young*, it's easy to get swallowed up by the sound of *Grand Animals*.

Trokan, though, thinks it might take some time to sink in. "I feel like it's a slow burn," he said.

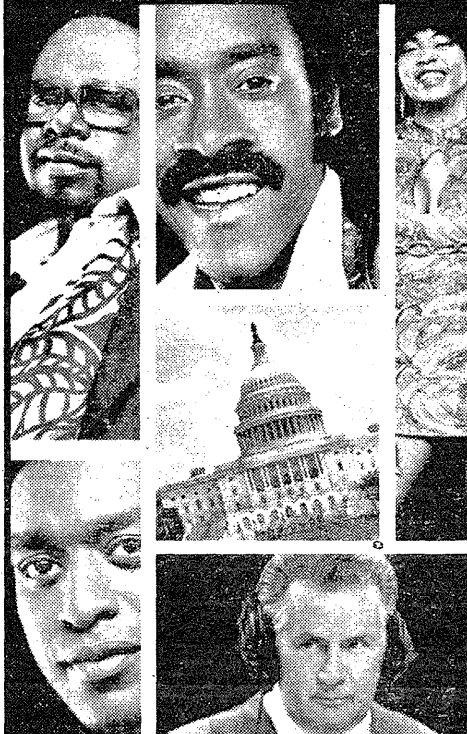
Live, the band is joined on stage by two additional musicians - Mikey Post on drums and Dave Sherman on keys.

Trokan - a singer who's well versed in drums, guitar and keyboards - said it works out well, frees him up to be a frontman.

Robbers on High Street just wrapped up a quick Midwestern tour, prior to this album's release. While in Detroit, Trokan said he was surprised when audiences managed to sing along to new material. Though he admitted it was hard to tell what the response to the album will be, the band is about to find out. Another mini tour is likely to follow, one that takes the Robbers out West for the final days of summer.

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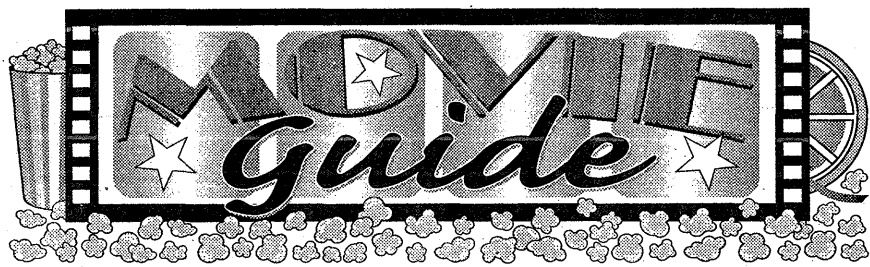
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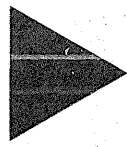
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CUTE BUNGALOW Well maintained home on quiet street. Large treed yard, 3 bd, 2 baths, part finished bsmt, updated windows, roof, A/C, & bathrooms.
\$109,000 (P-076BR)



VACANT LAND LINCOLN SCHOOLS 10 acres & can split lots. Close to 94 x-way, Ann Arbor, Eastern, & Eagle Crest golf course. Lots are surrounded by new subdivisions. Ready for your builder to build your dream home! Call today for more info.
\$599,000 (P-000CA)



VACANT LAND BUILDERS DREAM! Multiple lots w/access to all sports Horseshoe Lake. 13 lots available, survey available.
\$159,900 (P-000ID)



CHECK THIS OUT! Updated 2 bd (can be converted back to 3) home w/2 baths, spacious Living Room, open floor plan, updated Kitchen, heated Sunroom, finished bsmt w/ office & full bath, att 2 car Garage, appl stay, & large lot.
\$85,000 (P-301PE)



INVESTORS DREAM! 2 family home currently rented. 2 bds in lower unit, 1 bd in upper. Sale includes vacant lot next door. Motivated seller can help w/ closing costs. Call for details.
\$30,000 (P-345CH)



STEPS FROM DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Wonderful 1400 sq ft condo w/3 bd, 2 baths, quiet nature setting, spacious Living Room w/frpl, Dining Rm w/doorwall to Deck, Master w/ bath, 1 car Garage, 2 large storage areas & more.
\$154,900 (C-857SY)



DETACHED CAPE COD A rare find on this detached condo in Plymouth. Offers 1st floor Master w/jetted tub, finished walkout w/4th bd & 2nd kitchen, gorgeous oversized lot on the pond, deep in sub w/ great privacy.
\$375,000 (P-113NO)



END UNIT CONDO Nice 2 bd, 1 bath end unit for under \$140,000! Large rooms, 1st floor laundry, full bsmt, attached Garage, private Patio, lots of storage space, & Ply-Canton schools. Don't miss out on this one!
\$129,900 (C-540SA)



STUNNING COLONIAL Gorgeous home offering 2200 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, 2 story Foyer, island Kitchen w/ raised oak cabinets, hwd floors, Family Room w/frpl, Master w/vaulted ceiling & bath, formal LR & DR, 1st fl laundry, & great location.
\$330,000 (P-448SP)



WELCOME HOME! Wonderful Pulte Princeton model w/4 bd, large Master w/soaking tub & WIC, 2 story Foyer w/hwd, Family Room w/frpl, Formal LR & DR, & a gorgeous yard w/Trex Deck.
\$271,900 (P-990TI)



LOVELY CONDO 2 bd, 1.5 bath Canton condo. Remodeled Kitchen & bath, extremely clean, updated carpet, full bsmt, & attached garage.
\$136,895 (C-686BE)



SPECTACULAR VIEW Northville condo featuring a 2 story Foyer, spacious floor plan, new tiered Deck w/view of protected woods, tastefully decorated, 1st floor Master, prof finished walkout bsmt, & so much more.
\$389,900 (P-778AR)



GREAT HOUSE Beautiful colonial shows like a model. 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated Kitchen, newer carpet, vinyl windows, beautiful finished bsmt w/glass block, & fenced yard close to schools & parks.
\$199,900 (C-569AY)



UNBEATABLE PRICE Come see this beautifully decorated home w/a breathtaking view of the pond. Beautifully updated t/o, Farmington Hills schools, & so much more.
\$245,000 (C-754BU)



STUNNING COLONIAL Immaculate 4 bd colonial featuring 2.5 baths, hwd floors, ceramic baths, Master w/jetted tub & large WIC, finished bsmt, open floor plan, & 1st floor laundry.
\$315,000 (P-755SH)



CHEF'S DREAM Exquisite brick colonial w/peaceful setting. Gourmet Kitchen w/ granite, Maple, built-ins, & desk area. Formal Liv & Din Rm, Family Room, Library, Master w/bath, & more.
\$388,900 (P-006EC)



HISTORIC VICTORIAN Must see 4 bd home nestled on almost 2 acres. Privacy in every direction, Formal Parlor, 2 full baths, large Kitchen, separate living space on 2nd floor w/kitchenette, Pole Barn, & many updates.
\$239,900 (P-325HA)



FANTASTIC BUY IN PLYMOUTH Quiet court setting on this 4 bd, 2 bath cape cod. Many updates in 2006 including furnace, C/A, fresh paint, carpet, new driveway, & close to downtown shopping & events.
\$239,900 (P-955HA)



STATELY COLONIAL Two story Foyer featuring hwd floors & circular staircase greet you as you enter. Entertained sized Kitchen, Hearth Room, 2 story Great Rm w/bridge, Master w/trey ceiling & spa bath, & finished lower level.
\$389,900 (P-684KI)



RANCH CONDO Wonderful 2 bed condo tucked neatly in complex. Large Master w/WIC, neutral décor, updated bath, newer windows & doorwall, & area pool.
\$79,500 (P-547MA)



GREAT CONDO One look is all it will take to sell this awesome condo. Upgrades t/o, 3 floors of living space, open floor plan, cathedral ceilings, finished bsmt, 2 car tandem Garage, & superbly decorated.
\$156,500 (C-515PO)



ROOM TO ROAM Neat & clean 3 bd colonial w/2.5 baths, open floor plan, finished bsmt, extra large Deck, beautiful landscaping, huge back yard, good schools, & much more.
\$181,895 (C-074RE)



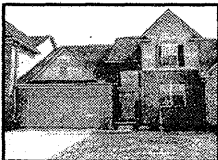
SUPERB PLYMOUTH RANCH Welcome home! Spacious floor plan w/2000 sq ft, Great Rm w/frpl, formal Dining, Master Suite w/his & hers closets, finished bsmt, cedar closet, & 3 tier Deck.
\$312,500 (P-127RE)



NICE & CLEAN Move in at closing! Clean 2 bed condo in Westland. Low association dues, carport, & appliances stay. Better than renting!
\$84,900 (C-164SH)



SCENIC WOODED AREA Beautiful upper end unit 2 bd condo featuring 2 baths, Wallside windows, neutral décor, private entry, carport, & close to downtown Northville shopping.
\$132,000 (P-732TA)



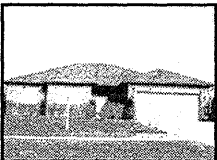
CONDO LIVING AT IT'S BEST Stunning view of nature preserve from the Great Room & Dining Room. 1st floor Master w/bath, guest bedroom w/bath, 2 way fireplace, 1st fl laundry, hwd floors, & move in ready!
\$254,900 (C-355AM)



BEST IN THE SUBDIVISION Totally updated colonial featuring 4 bds, 2.5 baths, & Family Room w/frpl. Updates include oak Kitchen, berber carpet, newer roof, hwd floors, & much more.
\$226,900 (P-630AV)



CORNER LOT Nice 3 bd brick ranch w/full bsmt, 2 car Garage, Dining Room off Kitchen, covered Patio, & more.
\$119,900 (C-208BA)



A MUST SEE! Fantastic like new ranch, 3 bd, 2.5 bath, ceramic Foyer, berber carpet, hwd floors, LR w/frpl, large Master Suite w/bath, bsmt w/ glass block, 2 car Garage, & nice landscaping.
\$249,900 (C-662BE)



BETTER THAN NEW Built in 2004, this home features Bruce Hardwood flooring, 9 ft ceilings, corian counters, oak cabinets, 6 panel doors t/o, Master w/bath & WIC, & a acre lot.
\$228,900 (P-60BI)



MOVE IN AND ENJOY Curb appeal abounds w/this picture perfect Garden City gem. Great location, spacious double lot, many updates including siding, oak Kitchen, carpet, glass block, 2.5 car Garage, & room for an RV.
\$129,900 (C-543BI)

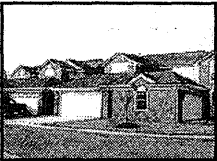


LARGE WESTLAND RANCH Move your family into this 3 bd home w/a large newer Garage, Family Room, completely remodeled in 2006, & more. Also for lease.
\$129,900 (C-900CA)

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The program will begin at 6pm and cover topics such as starting your real estate career & what it takes to become successful. The seminar will be held at **The Michigan Institute of Real Estate** located at 17177 N. Laurel Park Drive, Suite 101, in Livonia.
Call Lillian Sanderson for reservations or private interview at 734-416-1693 or Alissa Nead at 734-416-1228.

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FANTASTIC CONDO This great condo could be yours! Open floor plan, Master w/sitting room, gorgeous oak Kitchen, full bsmt, Great Room w/cath ceiling, Plymouth Canton schools, & more.
\$207,400 (P-767CO)
8767 Columbia Circle



PHEASANT VIEW - CAPE Outstanding home on a corner lot. Great floor plan offering dramatic ceilings, gourmet Kitchen w/Jenn-air appliances, 1st fl Master w/ jetted tub & crown moldings, & a 3 car garage.
\$349,900 (P-215CR)



DESIRABLE LOCATION Chase Farms proudly presents this spacious colonial w/traditional layout. Foyer w/hwd, Fam Rm w/cath ceiling & frpl, Master w/ bath, 1st fl laund, crown molding, & finished walkout. Too much more to list!
\$449,900 (P-053DU)



JUST REDUCED!!! Awesome Livonia condo w/all the features you want! New carpet & hwd floors, & appliances inc. Priced to sell, nearly 20k under SEV. Motivated sellers say bring offers.
\$124,900 (C-860FI)

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SUPER BRICK RANCH
 Charming home w/updated Anderson windows, Kitchen, bath, furnace, roof, insulated 2.5 car Garage, FR w/frpl, great yard w/Deck, patio, & BBQ. Finished bsmt w/drybar & hwd floors.
\$190,000 (P-061GA)



OPPORTUNITY AWAITS
 This 4 bd home is located in highly sought after Lakepointe Village. Updated Kitchen, large Fam Rm w/frpl, 1.5 baths, newer furnace & C/A, appliances stay, & Home Warranty included.
\$199,800 (P-218GR)



COUNTRY RANCH
 Move right into this 5 bd ranch situated on 5 acres w/ creek winding thru it. Great Canton location, 2 natural fireplaces, game room, & too much more to list.
\$459,900 (C-150HA)



NEW COLONIAL
 Transfer forces sale of this recently built home w/over 65k in upgrades. Cherry Kitchen w/granite, plasma tv, new sod & sprinklers. You cannot build a new home here for less than this price, let's make a deal!
\$393,000 (C-488LA)



PLYMOUTH CONDO
 Fantastic 3 bd, 3.5 bath condo w/an easy walk to downtown. 2 car attached Garage, lots of updates done in the last 2 years, too many to list.
\$229,500 (P-405PI)



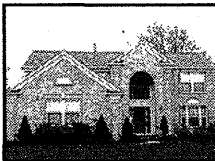
CUL DE SAC LOCATION
 Check out this home featuring volume ceilings, open floor plan, neutral décor, maple Kitchen, Master w/huge WIC & bath w/6 ft tub! Northville Schools. Must See!
\$389,900 (P-468RI)



READY TO MOVE IN!
 Updated Windsor Park colonial highlighting a brand new Kitchen w/granite & maple, formal Liv & Din room, Fam Rm w/brick frpl, Master w/ceramic bath & frpl, & finished lower level.
\$209,900 (C-015RY)



INVESTORS DREAM!
 Well maintained 2 bd brick condo w/long term tenants. Separate bsmt's & fenced yards, front & side door entrances, newer roof, C/A, elec, & seller can help w/ closing costs.
\$110,000 (C-233SC)



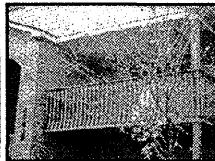
GREAT LOCATION
 Beautiful 4 bd, 2.5 bath home in popular Canton sub. Open Kitchen w/hwd, all appl, formal LR & DR, luxury Master w/jetted tub, 2nd floor laundry, & more.
\$299,900 (C-904ST)



FORGET ABOUT BUILDING!
 Cape Cod w/premium lot backing to protected woods. Walkout bsmt w/rec room, 5th bd, bath, & storage areas. Great potential for in-laws quarters, 2 story GR w/frpl, gourmet Kitchen, & so much more.
\$374,900 (C-143SU)



HARD TO FIND!
 Contemporary cape w/ finished walkout bsmt, sun filled Kitchen w/nook & views of pond, large Great Rm w/ volume ceiling & frpl, Master w/trey ceiling, WIC, & spa bath. Hurry on this one!
\$374,900 (C-832WA)



AWESOME OPPORTUNITY
 2 bd condo w/over 1100 sq ft, Master w/WIC, fresh neutral paint & carpet, Great Room w/cath ceiling, formal DR, open floor plan, & all appliances stay.
\$105,500 (C-839WI)



LIVONIA SCHOOLS
 Very cute & clean condo offering updates t/o. Neutral décor, new carpet, windows, appliances included, association pays water, great view of pond, & convenient location.
\$66,000 (C-335WO)



LIVONIA RANCH
 Beautiful, spacious ranch featuring 3 bd, 3 baths, Family Room w/frpl, Master w/bath, finished bsmt w/wetbar, 2nd Kitchen, & full bath. Lots of storage, great landscaping, & great location.
\$209,000 (C-446YA)



GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD
 Wonderful 3 bd ranch close to schools, shopping, & rec center. Remodeled Kitchen & bath, hwd floors, formal Din Rm, newer windows & roof, nicely landscaped, & private backyard.
\$114,900 (C-258CU)



LIVONIA SCHOOLS
 New on the market! 3 bd, 2.5 bath brick colonial offering a large Kitchen, ceramic floors, crown molding, Library, new neutral carpet & paint, & a very scenic private lot.
\$272,900 (C-195FO)



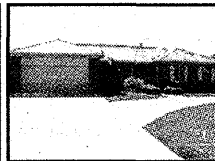
NORTHVILLE-ON THE LAKE!
 Live on Crystal Lake in this pristine condo that is beautifully updated & maintained. 2 bd, 1.5 baths, area pool, tennis, & Northville Schools.
\$134,000 (C-830IR)



MAINTENANCE FREE BUNGALOW
 Check out this 3 bd, 2 bath home featuring large bedroom w/2 WIC's, finished bsmt w/fireplace & bar, 2 car Garage, private backyard, updated furnace, shingles, & windows.
\$127,900 (C-665NO)



STUNNING CAPE COD
 Very desirable floor plan w/ many features: 1st fl Master w/bath & 2 WIC's, island Kitchen, finished bsmt, bonus storage room above Garage, & more.
\$239,900 (C-758NO)
 1758 Norton Creek



BRICK RANCH W/WALKOUT
 Huge 4 bd brick ranch w/3.5 baths, finished walkout bsmt, Great Room w/frpl, 2.5 car att Garage, backs to commons & great location.
\$289,999 (C-281PA)



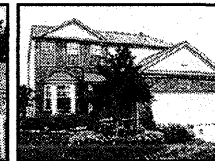
METICULOUS RANCH
 3 bd Livonia ranch that looks like new! Well maintained w/ great features such as finished bsmt, new furnace, vinyl windows, sprinklers, C/A, fireplace, Livonia Schools, & great location.
\$165,900 (C-057BA)



GREAT HOME W/POOL!
 1300 sq ft ranch offering a Fam Rm w/frpl, great Kitchen, privacy fence, new roof on garage, brand new furnace, updated C/A, & inground pool - just in time for summer!
\$138,500 (C-046CA)



CONTEMPORARY CONDO
 Nice Arbor Village condo w/ open floor plan, skylights, fireplace, appliances stay, part finished bsmt, private Deck, carport, & pets allowed.
\$129,900 (C-538AR)



STUNNING COLONIAL
 Gorgeous 4 bd colonial w/ hwd flooring, ceramic bath, Master w/vaulted ceiling, incredible landscaping, community pool, & so much more.
\$229,900 (P-971AV)



A LOT TO OFFER
 2 bd, 1 bath home offering a new furnace, C/A, hwh, immediate occupancy, & convenient location.
\$59,900 (C-518BA)



AMAZING HOME
 Gorgeous 3 bd home w/ European touches t/o. Fam Rm w/frpl & wetbar, updated Kitchen, updated Bath w/Jacuzzi tub, newer windows, furnace, hwh, lots of storage.
\$175,000 (P-756CI)
 33756 Cindy



LUXURY CONDO
 Located in a private wooded setting to be enjoyed from the Deck or paver patio. Sensational finished walkout, polished oak floors, Anderson Windows, 1st fl Master, & custom, window treatments.
\$443,900 (P-765EA)



AWESOME RANCH
 3 bd, 2 bath home w/Livonia Schools. Good sized Kitchen w/eating area, finished bsmt w/4th bed, great yard w/extra large Garage & shed, & nice landscaping.
\$159,900 (C-400GI)



PLYMOUTH RANCH
 Within walking distance of downtown! Well maintained 3 bd, 1.5 bath home w/many updates including tear off roof, C/A, furnace, Kitchen, & plumbing. Low maintenance landscaping w/perennials.
\$225,000 (P-505GO)



WESTLAND RANCH
 3 bd, 1 bath home w/Livonia Schools, great curb appeal, clean & well maintained, new bathroom, 2 car Garage, great landscaping, & more.
\$139,000 (P-350HE)



STATELY PRESENCE
 Beautifully situated on a corner lot backing to golf course. Open floor plan, dream Kitchen, Master w/spa bath, intercom system, maintenance free Deck, 3 car Garage, & too much more to list.
\$435,000 (P-333IV)



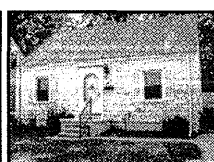
DEARBORN'S FAIRLANE WOODS
 "Up north" views from every vantage point yet very private. Free standing condo featuring 3-4 bds, 3.5 baths, vaulted ceilings, finished lower level, & water frontage on private lake.
\$340,000 (P-8PE)



FABULOUS LOCATION
 Parklike .68 acre lot in farm Hills. 3000+ sq ft, 4 bd, 3.5 baths, entertainers Deck w/ gazebo, Kitchen w/granite & corian, Fam Rm w/cath ceiling, finished bsmt w/sauna, 3 car Garage, & lush landscaping.
\$550,000 (P-811RA)



GORGEOUS INSIDE & OUT
 Come in & be impressed w/ this beautiful bungalow featuring a large Master w/WIC, large oak Kitchen, mechanic's dream garage w/ heat & electric, & so much more.
\$144,900 (C-642RU)



JUST LISTED
 Lovely, well cared for home on large lot. Priced right & updated t/o. Newer furnace, C/A, updated Kitchen, full bsmt, appliances stay, & across the street from a park.
\$105,000 (P-424SE)



PRIVATE WOODED LOT
 Curb appeal + contemporary updates makes this a real gem! 4 bd, 2.5 baths, new Kitchen, windows, roof, flooring, fresh paint, Fam Rm w/frpl, 1st fl laund & Den, full bsmt, & great views. Must see!
\$339,800 (P-100WH)

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Disabled members can make reasonable modifications

Q. Can you give us some information concerning the obligation of a board to make reasonable modifications when co-owners request them?

A. Association boards must allow disabled members to make reasonable modifications that are necessary to the members' full enjoyment of the premises. A refusal to permit a reasonable modification amounts to discrimination on the basis of a disability in violation of Fair Housing laws and perhaps the Condo Act of the state in which you may be involved. Basically, the law says that community associations must permit "reasonable modifications of existing premises" if such modifications are necessary for a disabled person's full enjoyment of the premises. Modifications affecting the structural integrity of the building might not be considered reasonable; it depends on the circumstances and



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you are best advised to consult with your community association attorney who, hopefully, has knowledge of the law in this area.

Q. Do you have any suggestions or guidelines that will help reduce our association's chances of facing a discrimination complaint regarding requested modifications?

A. Adopt a clear policy on modifications. If a disabled member wants to make a modification to a common element or to her unit that is necessary to afford such person full enjoyment of the premises or, as the case in Michigan, someone who regularly visits the unit who may be disabled, they must permit that modification, if it is reasonable. That should be your policy, although you should also state that each modification request must be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

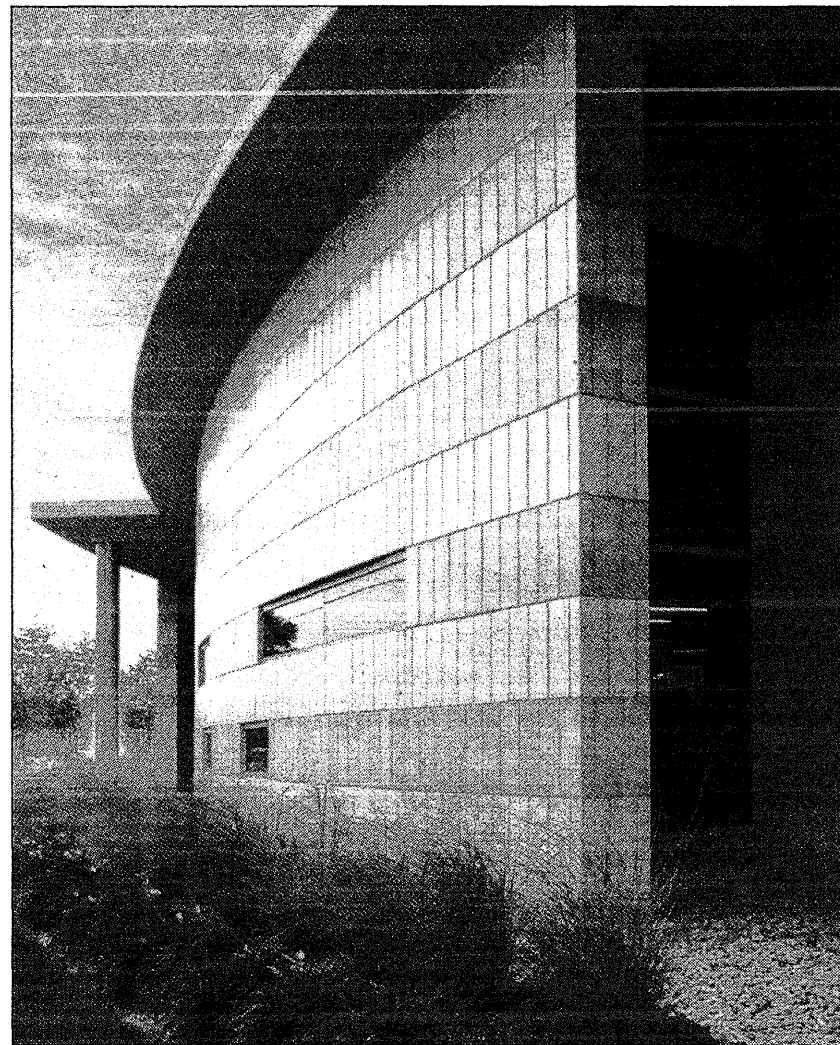
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Golf outing

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will host its 2007 golf outing, "North Oakland County Golf Classic" 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at Beacon Hills Golf Course, 601 Majestic Oaks Drive in Commerce Township.

The event will begin with registration and continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. and a steak dinner at 4 p.m. Door prizes will be offered, as well as a 50/50 raffle.

Registration fees, including 18 holes of golf cart, lunch, dinner, four drink tickets and golf competitions are \$130 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and non-members; \$60 for dinner only, \$200 for a hole sponsorship and \$250 for a hole sponsorship with dinner. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.



The work of Fanning/Howey Associates Inc. on the John F. Kennedy Jr. Public Library in Dearborn Heights was among the winners. The jury commented 'Composition and proportions of materials is excellent. Very eloquent while providing strength.'



Masonry design honored at banquet

The 32nd annual Masonry Honor Award Banquet, which encourages and recognizes excellence in masonry design, was held May 10 at the Laurel Manor Special Event Center in Livonia. The event was sponsored by the Masonry Institute of Michigan in cooperation with AIA Michigan, a society of the American Institute of Architects. The 2007 'Award for Excellence in Masonry Design' was presented to select Michigan architectural firms. The work of Cornerstone Architects Inc. on the Hagerty Classic Insurance Agency facility in Traverse City, a three-level, 30,000-square-foot building designed as a flexible office and conference space, was among the winners. The jury commented: 'Graceful proportion, addresses the corner. Masonry corner detail provides honest expression. A great celebration of every modern use of masonry detail.'



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NOVI \$374,900
Perfect location! Great Open Fir Plan, 9 ft & Cathedral ceilings, Hrdwd Flring, Lrg Island Kitchen, prof. Fin Bsmt w/1/2 bath & Recessed Lighting
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GREEN OAK \$339,901
Custom built 2700 sq ft home w/ Unique Architectural Details, Gourmet Kitchen, South Lyon Schools.
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MILFORD \$329,500
Located On Priv. Drive backing to woods HW Flrs, Great Rm W/fp, Formal DR, Kit w/ All Appls Incl, 1st Fl Lndry, Mstr Ste W/ His/hers Sinks & Closets.
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NOVI \$315,000
2 Stry foyer, Fml Living rm w/gas frpl, Gourmet kit, 42" cherry cabs, Vaulted ceilings, Hdwd Flrs, 1st Fir Mstr, Glamour Bth, Trex Deck & Att 2+ Garage.
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NOVI \$310,000
Priced To Move You! 2-Sty Living Rm w/frplc, Gourmet Kitchen, Library, Vaulted Ceilings, Hrdwd Flrs, FF Laundry w/Washer & Dryer, Finished Bsmt & deck
MLS# 27119397 248-347-3050



LIVONIA \$307,900
4 br 2.5 Bth Brick Colonial Lrg Kit W/custom Cabs, Fam Rm W/fp & Wetbar. Fin Bsmt W/Kit. Newer Roof, Siding, Windows, 1st Fir Lndry & 2+ Car.
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NOVI \$299,900
Multi-tier dck, 1st fir Indry, hwd flrs, sprnkrs, nat. fp, mstr w/bth & 2 WIC. Considering lease w/opt. to buy. Offers \$1000 bnus 2 sell. agnt! All m/d approx.
MLS# 27113773 248-347-3050



NOVI \$275,000
Priced To Move! 1st Fir Mstr, Vited Ceiling In Mstr, Gr W/fp, Cherry Cabs In Kit W/corian Cnter & Hw Flr, 2 Stry Foyer, Hw Fis t/o. Deck, & 1st fir Lndry
MLS# 27081925 248-347-3050



LIVONIA \$259,900
Lovely Colonial Over 2400 Sq Ft. Many Updates- Roof, Vinyl Windows, Deck, Kit, C/a. Newly Painted T/o. New Carpeting T/o. Lrg 16x12 Shed Family Rm.
MLS# 27120648 248-347-3050



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.
MLS# 27104482 248-347-3050



NOVI \$250,000
Updated Kit W/corian Cnters & Ceramic Fir, New Roof Tear-off, Vinyl Windows T/o, fenced Bckyrd, Newer Trex Deck, full Bsmt w/2nd Gr Or Possible 5th BR.
MLS# 27099576 248-347-3050



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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LIVONIA \$239,900
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WIXOM \$222,900
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NOVI \$220,000
Spectacular Custom ranch w/updates Galore! 4 Bdrm, Gourmet Kitchen w/appls, Dining Rm w/frpic, Hdwd Flrs, Stunning 18x16 Mstr Ste and Sub Lake & Pool!
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Exceptional 3 BR Ranch w/ Att 2 car Garage. Great Location in sub. Many updates-Windows, Ext. Trim, Carpet. Totally updated Kitchen. Mint Condition!
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LIVONIA \$189,600
3 BR, 2 Bth Home Is Totally Updated Maple Kit W/all Appls. Dining Area Overlooking Fenced Yard. Huge Mstr Suite W/ Doorwall W/deck 2 Car Attached Gar
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WESTLAND \$184,900
Newer Brick Ranch Detached 4 Car Gar Fresh Paint. Mstr W/full Bath & Wic. Lrg Kit W/New Slate Flrs & All Appls. HW Flrs, Bsmt Plumbed For Bth. Stone Patio
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LIVONIA \$179,000
3 BR, 1 bath, large lot, spacious floor plan, hwd floors, updated kit open to family rm w/ cathedral ceiling, skylights & FP, too many updates to list!
MLS# 27078529 248-347-3050



LIVONIA \$165,000
Lots Of Updates! Fresh Pnt'd Int, New Carpet, Ca, Furn, Roof Tear-off, Updated Bths & kit, Updated Elect. Service, 2 Car Detached Gar P. Fin Bsmt & Deck
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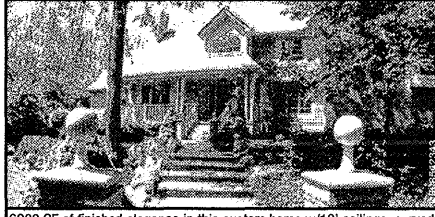


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Auction July 25

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

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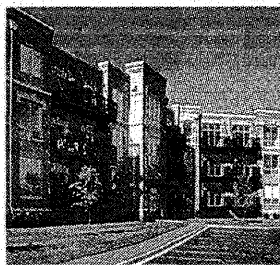


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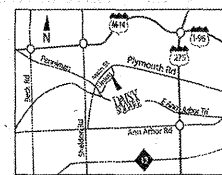
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954 Abingdon Way	\$150,000
988 Abingdon Way	\$150,000
4651 Artley St	\$167,000
264 Brittany Dr	\$164,000
1599 Brookview Dr	\$192,000
2001 Cobra Ct	\$275,000
2048 Cobra Ct	\$285,000
44816 Crestmont Dr	\$197,000
1630 Delancy Cir	\$468,000
1341 Dundee Dr	\$277,000
8290 Elmhurst St	\$258,000
6964 Foxthorn Dr	\$102,000
7026 Foxthorn Dr	\$104,000
1402 Glengarry Blvd	\$311,000

4462 Hunters Cir W	\$147,000
49274 Ivybridge Way	\$150,000
2275 Lexington Cir S	\$248,000
47561 Lindenhurst Blvd	\$360,000
1819 Maple Park Dr E	\$250,000
1852 Maple Park Dr E	\$196,000
1839 Maple Park Dr W	\$252,000
244 Merion Dr	\$345,000
41071 N Maplewood Dr	\$217,000
41151 N Maplewood Dr	\$227,000
45425 N Stonewood Rd	\$179,000
4033 Ravensfield Dr	\$181,000
3685 Riverside Dr	\$215,000
7311 Stonebrook Dr	\$382,000
Farmington	
36522 Lansbury Ln	\$270,000
33030 Slocum St	\$145,000
Farmington Hills	
30224 Barwell Rd	\$240,000
21066 Colwell St	\$125,000
36315 Fort Sumter Ct	\$266,000
29374 Laurel Dr	\$140,000

30085 Minglewood Ln	\$216,000
24400 Ridgeview Dr	\$311,000
35590 River Pines Ct	\$171,000
28610 Rollcrest Rd	\$170,000
30212 Shiawassee Rd	\$123,000
30464 Sunderland Dr	\$242,000
29979 Valley Side Dr	\$277,000
29023 W 11 Mile Rd	\$165,000
23630 W Newell Cir	\$170,000
37458 Worchester Ave	\$336,000
Garden City	
29181 Alvin St	\$185,000
31543 Alvin St	\$208,000
31938 Cherry Hill Rd	\$185,000
1204 Deering St	\$210,000
29434 Florence St	\$135,000
29453 Florence St	\$97,000
28409 Hennepin St	\$165,000
33477 John Hawk St	\$155,000
30011 Rush St	\$135,000
6908 Whitby St	\$160,000
Livonia	
33753 Eight Mile Rd	\$93,000
19459 Antago St	\$120,000
19377 Brentwood St	\$127,000
15344 Deering St	\$146,000
17170 Deering St	\$178,000
11152 Edington St	\$166,000
29615 Edward Pl	\$264,000
15039 Ellen Dr	\$250,000
19208 Fitzgerald St	\$285,000
11241 Haller St	\$158,000
14558 Harrison St	\$85,000
20440 Hickory Ln	\$497,000
14100 Hix St	\$185,000
14308 Knolston St	\$185,000
29748 Mark Ln	\$193,000
29970 Munger St	\$217,000
28554 N Clements Cir	\$149,000
15144 Nola St	\$185,000
38458 Northfield Ave	\$212,000
20389 Oporto Ave	\$305,000
9161 Pere Ave	\$169,000
17502 Rexwood St	\$215,000
29812 Robert Dr	\$78,000
31016 Roycroft St	\$174,000
31547 Saint Martins St	\$200,000

18234 University Park Dr	\$66,000
14039 Westmore St	\$241,000
16706 Whitby St	\$200,000
Millford	
332 East St	\$242,000
2982 Morrow Ln	\$365,000
913 Pearson Dr	\$109,000
2905 Trilogy Rd	\$338,000
Northville	
48303 Binghampton Dr	\$999,000
19260 Clement Rd	\$820,000
39402 Danielle Dr	\$478,000
48134 Four Seasons Blvd	\$150,000
18938 Heather Ridge Dr	\$625,000
44444 Larchwood Dr	\$639,000
19500 Northridge Dr	\$120,000
589 Randolph St	\$325,000
17297 Victor Ct	\$390,000
206 W Dunlap St	\$540,000
Novi	
26541 Anchorage Ct	\$515,000
42864 Ashbury Dr	\$424,000
28255 Carlton Way Dr	\$195,000
44837 Lafayette Dr	\$378,000
30842 Palmer Dr	\$218,000
41643 Sleepy Hollow Dr	\$157,000
23821 W Le Bost	\$164,000
42674 Whitman Way	\$240,000
Plymouth	
1179 Ann Arbor Rd W	\$150,000
41215 Bruce Ave	\$165,000
9007 Corinne St	\$160,000
46184 Green Valley Ct	\$282,000
169 Hamilton Ave	\$333,000
13745 Hidden Pond Dr	\$395,000
600 Irvin St	\$140,000
1542 Nantucket Rd	\$157,000
8891 Northern Ave	\$333,000
14951 Robinwood Dr	\$242,000
356 Sunset St	\$340,000
700 Sunset St	\$494,000
245 W Ann Arbor Trl	\$160,000
Redford	
18614 Beech Daly Rd	\$90,000

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		30 Yr.	Pts.	15 Yr.	Pts.	Other
1st Choice Mortgage Lending	(734) 459-0782	6.5	0	6.125	0	J/A
A Perfect Mortgage Co.	(248) 203-7726	6.5	0	6.25	0	J/A
Ameriplus Mortgage Corp.	(248) 740-2323	6.375	0.25	6.125	0.25	J/A
Benchmark Lending	(586) 463-2255	6.5	0	6.25	0	J/A
Brink's Goldstar Mortgage	(800) 785-4755	6.5	0	6.25	0	J/A/V/F
Client Services by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	6.125	1.875	5.625	2.375	J/A/V/F
Co-op Services Credit Union	(734) 466-6113	6.875	0	6.5	0	J
Countrywide Home Loans	(800) 641-2384	6.125	3	5.75	3	J/A/V/F
Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	(313) 565-3100	6.5	0	6.125	0	A
DFCU Financial	(800) 739-2770	6.375	2	6	2	J/A
Earth Mortgage	(877) 327-8450	6.375	1	6	1	J/A/V/F
Fifth Third Bank	(800) 792-8830	6.625	0.5	6.5	0	J/V/F
First International Mortgage	(248) 540-1065	6.5	0	6.25	0	J/A
Gold Star Mortgage	(800) 203-1546	6.5	0	6.25	0	J/A/V/F
Golden Rule Mortgage	(800) 991-9922	6.125	1.875	5.625	2.375	J/A/V/F
Group One Mortgage	(248) 282-1602	6.625	0	6.5	0	J/A/V/F
LaSalle Bank Midwest	(800) 466-3800	6.375	2	6.125	2	J/A/V/F
Mainstreet Mortgage	(800) 900-1313	6.625	0	6.25	0	J/A/V/F
Manufacturers	(586) 777-1000	6.375	1	6.125	1	J/A
Michigan Schools & Gov. C/U	(586) 263-8800	6.875	0	6.625	0	J/A
Mortgages by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	6.375	0.375	6.125	0	J/A/V/F
Michigan United Mortgage	(810) 844-2222	6.375	1	5.875	1.375	J/A
National City Bank	(586) 825-0825	6.375	1.5	5.875	2.125	J/A
Northlawn Financial	(248) 988-8488	6.5	0	6.25	0	J/A/V/F
Pathway Financial LLC	(800) 726-2274	6.5	0	6.25	0	J/A/F
Shore Mortgage	(800) 678-6663	6	3	5.625	3	J/A/V/F
United Mortgage Group	(586) 286-9500	6.5	0	6.25	0	J/A
York Financial Inc.	(888) 839-9675	6.5	0	6.25	0	J/A


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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

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Career Seminars

Career seminars will be held for those interested in the real estate industry at Real Estate One, Novi, 43155 Main St., Suite 2300, Novi. Dates are July 24 and 31 and the times are noon and 6 p.m. each day. For information, contact Kathy Solan at (248) 348-6430.

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Real Estate One is looking for people. There will be a Career Seminar 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 24. Register by calling (800) 889-9001. Discount prelicensing coupon given to all attendees.

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1375 Easley Dr \$149,000
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35055 Fairchild St \$130,000
37581 Garden Ct \$103,000
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33201 Joy Rd \$133,000
30119 Julius Blvd \$164,000
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FARMINGTON HILLS - Charming 3 bedrm colonial in great area! Cathedral ceilings in great rm, fmly rm w/ brick frplc, hardwood flrs, doorwall off nook to patio & beautiful yard. Updated roof, siding & wndws! A must see! \$189,900 (L98Dun)
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BELLEVILLE - Stunning 4 bedrm, 3 full & 2 half bath cape cod w/ 1st flr master ste, gourmet granite ktchn, professionally fin'd bsmt w/ home theater, ktchn, fmly rm & 1/2 bath. Exceptional community on Belleville Lake! \$450,000 (L86Vis)
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LIVONIA - Lovely 2 bedrm, 2.5 bath condo overlooking treed commons offers bright ktchn w/ lg nook, 1st flr laundry, gas frplc in spacious liv rm, master ste w/ 2 walk-in-closets, jet tub & lg shower, + guest ste w/ full bath. \$199,900 (L74Wes)
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LIVONIA - Fabulous 1694 sq ft 3 bedrm, 2 bath ranch offering att'd 2.5 car garage + add'l mechanics dream heated garage, newer wndws, oak ktchn, new dimensional roof, huge liv rm w/ frplc, hardwd flrs, 13x13 breezeway. \$194,900 (L75Gra)
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LIVONIA - Great location for this 3 bedrm 2.5 bath condo offering open floor plan w/ high ceilings, lovely maple ktchn, hardwd flooring in ktchn, liv rm & 3 bedrms, master w/ 2 walk-in-closets, lg att'd 2 car garage, etc! \$164,900 (L92Far)
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NOVI - Immaculate 2 story end unit offering 2 bedrms, 2.5 baths, neutral décor, gorgeous frplc in liv rm, updated oak ktchn, dining area & charming breakfast nook w/ door wall to lg private deck, fin'd area in bsmt, etc. \$125,900 (L27Gla)
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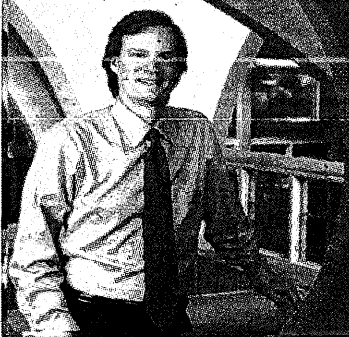
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 <p>Canton Twp 734-455-7000 LOADED WITH GOODIES! Granite kitchen counter tops w/ceram backplash, added kit cabs. 3-way FP (GR/nook/kitchen). Lots of crown molding. High ceilings in GR. Fin bsmt. Custom deck.</p> <p>(27105787) \$179,900</p>	 <p>Dearborn Heights 734-591-9200 WELL-CARED FOR BRICK RANCH IN N. DBN HTS 3 Bdrms, Fin Bsmt W/ Full Bath, 2.5 Car Det. Gar, Vinyl Windows, New Roof In 04, Updated Electrical, Central Air. Home Is Ready For New Owners. Appls Are Neg.</p> <p>(27115446) \$136,800</p>	 <p>Detroit 734-591-9200 AFFORDABLE 3 BDRM IN ROSEDALE PARK 3 bdrms, formal dinrm, 1.5 Bths, natl fp, full fin bsmt w/fr & 2 car gar. Land contract terms available. Home sold as-is.</p> <p>(27001288) \$159,900</p>	 <p>Detroit 734-591-9200 BEST BUY IN THE AREA! This 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath ranch, new carpet t-o, new linoleum in the kitch & full bath, wrk bench in bsmt, 2 car att gar w/ direct access, sits on dbl lot.</p> <p>(27042235) \$69,900</p>	 <p>Farmington Hills 248-851-1900 LOVELY HOME IN GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD Spacious rooms, oak flrs. Newer carpet, roof, dishwasher & H2O heater. 4 BR, 2.5 baths, finished bsmt w/wet bar. Neighborhood has 5 commons parks. Close to everything!</p> <p>(27113637) \$259,900</p>	 <p>Garden City 734-326-2000 GLEAMING BUNGALOW ready for a new family is this 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home on a large 82 ft lot with a full finished basement, central air and a 2 1/2 car garage.</p> <p>(27098097) \$144,900</p>
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 <p>Livonia 734-591-9200 DONT MISS THIS GREAT ALL BRICK RANCH Home is move-in condition, 3 bdrm, 2 1/2 bath, w/ vlted ceilings & hrwd flrs. Fin bsmt w/ an addtnl bdrm/office, & full bath. All appls inc. 2 car gar.</p> <p>(27091423) \$169,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-348-6430 INSTANT EQUITY FOR FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS Transfer forces sale. 4 BR, 2 full bath, brick ranch, newer furnace, A/C, roof and finished basement.</p> <p>(27043163) \$129,875</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Open flr plan. Cathedral ceils in GR & mstr br. 3 WIC's, 2 doorwalls to deck. Kit has ceramic flrs. New gar door. Plenty of storage. Close to village.</p> <p>(27055667) \$150,000</p>	 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 CHARMING RANCH IN BROOKLAND FIELDS Updated ranch in prestigious Brookland Farms sub. Home features hrwd flrs, custom crown molding, new windows, new bathroom. Updated kitchen has 42" cabinets.</p> <p>(27084142) \$269,000</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 CHASE FARMS-BEAUTIFUL HOME/PREMIUM LOT Largest home for sale in sub. Dramatic marble foyer w/curved staircase. Huge rooms throughout home. Upgrades galore. Nearly half acre. Seller highly motivated.</p> <p>(27047169) \$600,000</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 ELEGANT NOVI COLONIAL IN CHASE FARMS Maple kitchen w/granite, island & all hi-end appliances. Hrdwd flrs, Butlers pantry w/wine fridge. Foyer/GR w/ 2-stry ceilings. Crown molding t/o. Open</p> <p>(27065714) \$550,000</p>
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