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Prez set to face challenges

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Judy Mardigian knows the upcoming school year is an especially important one for Plymouth-Canton Schools as the district faces the possibility of funding cuts from the state, which would most likely result in millions of dollars in budget reductions.

As the newly elected president of the Board of Education, Mardigian lobbied for the challenge of leading the district as she begins her 10th year on the school board. Despite the financial struggles ahead, Mardigian doesn't perceive that as the top priority.

"The top priority is, and always will be, student achievement," said Mardigian, who lives in Plymouth Township. "I think despite our challenges, we'll continue to see improvement."

"The second, and very pressing, is replacing (Superintendent) Dr. (Jim) Ryan," she said. "In September, we'll begin narrowing down search firms and begin a full-blown superintendent search, which is a pretty big effort. I've been through four in the past, which is one of the reasons I wanted to be president this year, because I wanted to lead the effort."

In fact, Mardigian and Trustee Tom Wysocki are the only two of seven board members who have experience hiring a new superintendent. "It has to be a national search, we are the fourth-largest district in the state," Mardigian said. "I believe we need to hire a superintendent that understands the dynamics and complexities of a large district."

"We need to hire a search firm to assist us and empower a community group to help assist the board," she said. "It's really important to have an engagement in that process."

The board, in the past, has received criticism from parents because the budget process has generally been so late in the fiscal year they can't effect changes authorized by the board.

This year's budget process could begin as early as this fall, and Mardigian said she wants to include the public more in those discussions.

"There's no doubt in my mind that we're going to have to make additional reductions next year, but I think we need

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Scott Elsholz, the music director of St. John's Episcopal Church, hopes to develop programs that share the church with the community.

The Music Man

Newest minister hopes to take church to community

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

When Scott Elsholz was studying elementary education at Eastern Michigan University, a department director suggested he take organ lessons.

Elsholz, citing his dislike for the pipe organ, told the director such a move would be a mistake. But the department director told him, "Sometimes careers are made out of mistakes like that."

Elsholz capitulated and took the lessons. Now that he's the new minister of music at St. John's Episcopal Church in Plymouth Township, Elsholz knows one thing for sure.

The department director was right.

Elsholz, brought aboard at

the church earlier this year, knows how close he came to missing out on what he now says was "a calling."

"All I had left was to student teach," Elsholz said of how close he came to going into teaching. "I dropped out and switched to organ performance (major) senior year."

Elsholz, who finished up both bachelor's and master's degrees in organ performance at EMU, is close to his Ph.D. from Indiana University. He's finished the class work and now has exams to take and a dissertation to write.

In the process — switching majors, working as a graduate assistant, working toward his doctorate — Elsholz said he absolutely fell in love with the pipe organ and its music.

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"I see it as a calling," he said. "I just knew at that point public school wasn't where I was going to be."

He was studying in Indiana when he saw the posting online for the minister of music position at St. John's. Having grown up in southeast Michigan — he's originally from Dundee — and no stranger to the church — his father is a Lutheran minister at a church in Grosse Pointe Woods — Elsholz knew something of the area.

In fact, he'd even been to a concert at St. John's. The job looked like a good fit and he and his wife, Melissa, a band director certified to teach in Michigan, decided to take the shot.

Symphony hits the road again

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville Township is the new home for the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra. And, according to PSO Executive Director Jennifer Philpot-Munson, the third "home" in three years may be the best of all.

"We literally couldn't have asked for a better venue," Philpot-Munson said. "It has perfect acoustics, sound technicians and it can seat over 2,000 people."

Scheduling conflicts made it difficult to obtain specific dates at Northville High School, last year's PSO home. The previous year, the symphony played at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church in Plymouth Township.

Philpot-Munson said the symphony will continue to schedule several pops concerts at the Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth, including a Dec. 20 "Home for the Holidays" Christmas concert to replace the famous *Nutcracker* performance, which she said didn't pay for itself. A benefit concert, titled "Beatles Blast," with music from the Fab Five,

Simon & Garfunkel and Billy Joel, is scheduled for February.

"Because of state funding cutbacks, the musicians and (conductor) Nan (Washburn) decided to make the Beatles concert a benefit concert," Philpot-Munson said. "Tickets will be \$100 each, and the musicians are donating their services. We're hoping to raise \$30,000."

The loss of state money, the pullback of a \$10,000 donation from DTE Energy and other factors resulted in shortened PSO summer hours, a four-day work week for the upcoming season and the benefit concert.

"When the final figures are in, we'll have a modest shortfall," Plymouth Symphony Society President Don Soenen said of last year's final budget figures. "We're trying to make sure we don't encounter that situation next year, and we have programs and activities in place to make sure we have a surplus, like previous years."

The first concert will be Sept. 8, as Orchestra Canton performs at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, with Movie Music Magic. The PSO begins its subscription series Oct. 6.

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Mike and Gretchen Kafila of Plymouth won a trip to the Bob Bondurant School of High-Performance Driving in the DTE Energy Parade of Lights.

Couple wins driving school shot in Parade of Lights

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Mike Kafila of Plymouth is an avid boater, relaxing many weekends with friends on his 31-foot Silverton Express cabin cruiser.

However, he's also a big fan of motorsports, having had the thrill of racing eight laps around the famous Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway.

Kafila, 37, and his wife, Gretchen, will get a chance to

further improve their driving skills at The Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving in Chandler, Ariz. The trip is a first-place prize the couple won in the DTE Energy Parade of Lights during the Detroit International River Days June 23.

"I was absolutely shocked, I thought I was just going to get a trophy," said Mike Kafila, who competed with 37 other

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Coming Sunday in Health

American Cancer Society issues 'Eat Right Challenge' to lower risk



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 Walgreens (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.

Good Grief golf

New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts its ninth-annual "Good Grief" golf outing Saturday, Sept. 8, at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Proceeds from the outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children

throughout southeastern Michigan.

The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests and prizes, is \$125 per golfer. Dinner-only is \$35 per person.

For information about sponsorship opportunities or for registration information, visit New Hope's Web site at www.newhopecenter.net or call Pattie Bingham, (248) 348-0115.

YMCA camp

The Plymouth Family YMCA is still accepting registrations to its state-licensed summer day camp held at the First Baptist Church of Plymouth.

The day camp program, which offers swimming, field trips, character development, outdoor education and more, runs through Aug. 31. Each week has a unique theme, such as Justice League of the Y, Castaway Cove and Ancient Adventures.

Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with drop-off between 7-9 a.m. and

pick-up between 4-6 p.m., included in the price. Part-time and full-week options are still available. There is a camp for everyone between the ages of 5-12. Financial aid is available.

For more information, go on the Web to www.ymcadowetroit.org or call the YMCA office, (734) 453-2904.

Victorian festival

The Northville Chamber of Commerce hosts the 19th-annual Victorian Festival Sept. 14-16.

The event celebrates the art, history, and romance of the 1800's amid Northville's historic homes and tree-lined streets. It begins with a kick-off parade 6:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14. For the next two days, the streets will be closed to automobile traffic as townspeople, artists, and business owners turn back the clock and transform the community into a Victorian village complete with period costumes, free horse and carriage rides, storytellers, strolling musicians, street entertainment.

Visitors can enjoy a unique shopping experience in the

many fine establishments in Northville, old fashioned games, food booths, and a Fine Art Market. Activities and events take place 5-11 p.m. Sept. 14; 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sept. 15; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 16.

For further information, contact the Northville chamber at (248) 349-7640 or on the Web at www.northville.org

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.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.

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Weeklong sale highlights township businesses

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Businesses in Plymouth Township don't benefit from having a discernible downtown shopping area like they do in the City of Plymouth.

That's why, a few years ago, the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce came up with the idea of organizing an event that would bring more exposure to township businesses, the way the various events such as Sidewalk Sales do for city retailers.

The result will be on display starting Saturday, when the third annual weeklong Ann Arbor Road Days kicks off. The event, which features more

than two dozen township businesses, is designed to draw shoppers into participating stores.

"There are a great deal of businesses in the township, wonderful businesses that provide a variety of goods and services," said Fran Toney, executive director of the chamber. "Ann Arbor Road days gives those retailers a chance to show off and draw new shoppers and return visitors."

The event, which runs through Aug. 5, features 25 businesses: Steak & Ale, Bennigan's, Comfort Inn Plymouth, LaSalle Bank, Plaza Lanes, Wireless Giant, Prism Solutions, Subway, Comerica Bank, Vanessa's Flowers, Sherwin Williams, Arby's, Midas Auto Service, New

Liberty Bank, Carlson Wagonlit Travel, CVS, American Laser Center, Joe's Deli & Catering, Chase, Cornwell Pool & Patio, Dick Scott Quick Lube, Boston Market, McDonald's, Keller Williams Realty and Red Roof Inn.

Those businesses each have coupon sheets that list all the special sales and give-aways for shoppers during the sale.

Shoppers who have their coupons validated by at least 10 participating businesses are then qualified to win one of the gift baskets being given away, which include items such as \$500 worth of services at American Laser Centers, \$30 gift certificate for Steak & Ale, a one-night stay at Comfort

Inn, a bowling party for 25 at Plaza Lanes, a Subway sandwich platter, a dozen golf balls from Comerica Bank, a dozen roses from Vanessa's Flowers, one year of free oil changes at Midas Auto Service, a \$50 savings bond from New Liberty Bank, a \$25 CVS gift card, a three-foot party sub from Joe's Deli & Catering, dinner for four at McDonald's and a one-night stay at the Red Roof Inn.

"It's a great opportunity for shoppers to get out to township businesses and see all the great things they have available," Toney said.

For more information, contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540.

MUSIC MAN

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BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

St. Johns Episcopal music director Scott Elsholz, who at first didn't like the pipe organ, now loves its music.

The Rev. Dorian McGlanna, the pastor at St. John's, consolidated a couple of part-time positions and created the job that eventually went to Elsholz. Now he works with the parish choir, the handbell choir, the SonShine contemporary music group and the youth choir.

"Working with all the groups, I felt this connection and a desire to grow," Elsholz said. "Everyone sensed this was a good fit and we could work well together."

McGlanna said Elsholz's strength is his adeptness in all genres of music, which means he can work well with any group. She said he was exactly what she sought when she went looking to fill the position: someone who could do equally well with a variety of genres and have a strong commitment to them.

"He's the best church musician I've ever worked with," McGlanna said of Elsholz. "That's the enthusiasm of youth. He is incredibly upbeat and he has a very good pastoral sense. I wanted someone who would see this as a minis-

try, and he actually does." Elsholz has hopes for the church's music programs, including some things they haven't done before: ecumenical services, a variety of concert series, a pilot program for the Royal School of Church Music Chorister Program. He also hopes to take the choirs outside the church walls, to places like nursing homes and festivals.

"I want to get beyond the walls of the church," Elsholz said. "They've done a lot of wonderful things here, but they haven't gotten out there. My focus is to share what we've got with other people. Hopefully, we'll enrich the community."

HITTING THE STAGE

Music in the Park

The "Music in the Park" concert series, presented by the Plymouth Community Arts Council, is sponsored by New Liberty Bank, McCully's Educational Resource Center and Huron Valley

Ambulance. The schedule (concerts are noon Wednesdays in Kellogg Park, unless otherwise noted):
 ■ Aug. 1 - Equinox
 ■ Aug. 8 - Candy Band
 ■ Aug. 15 - Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express and Phoenix

■ Aug. 22 - Laz and the Gemini Good Mischief Band

Music in the Air

The "Music in the Air" concert series is hosted by the Downtown Development Authority Friday nights

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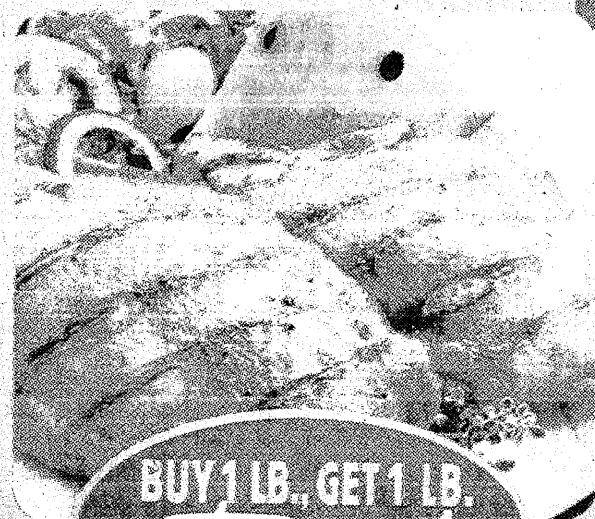
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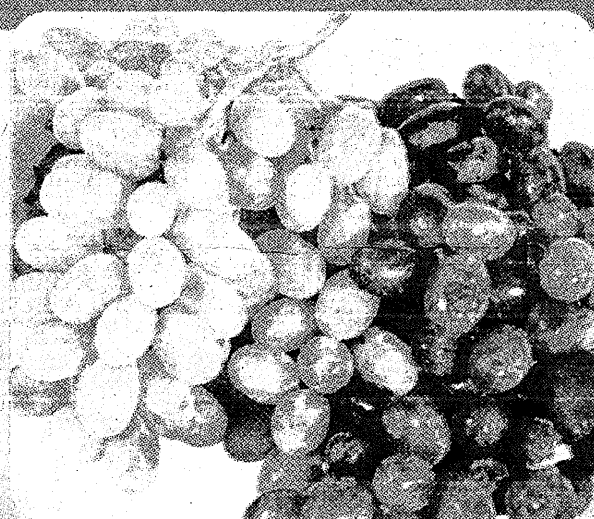
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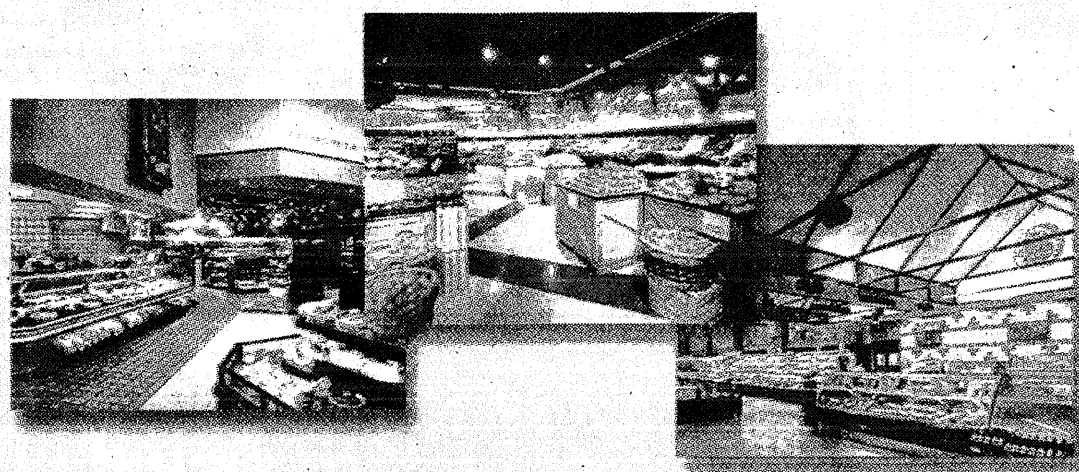
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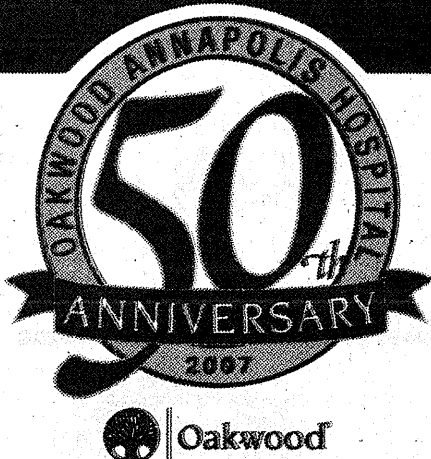
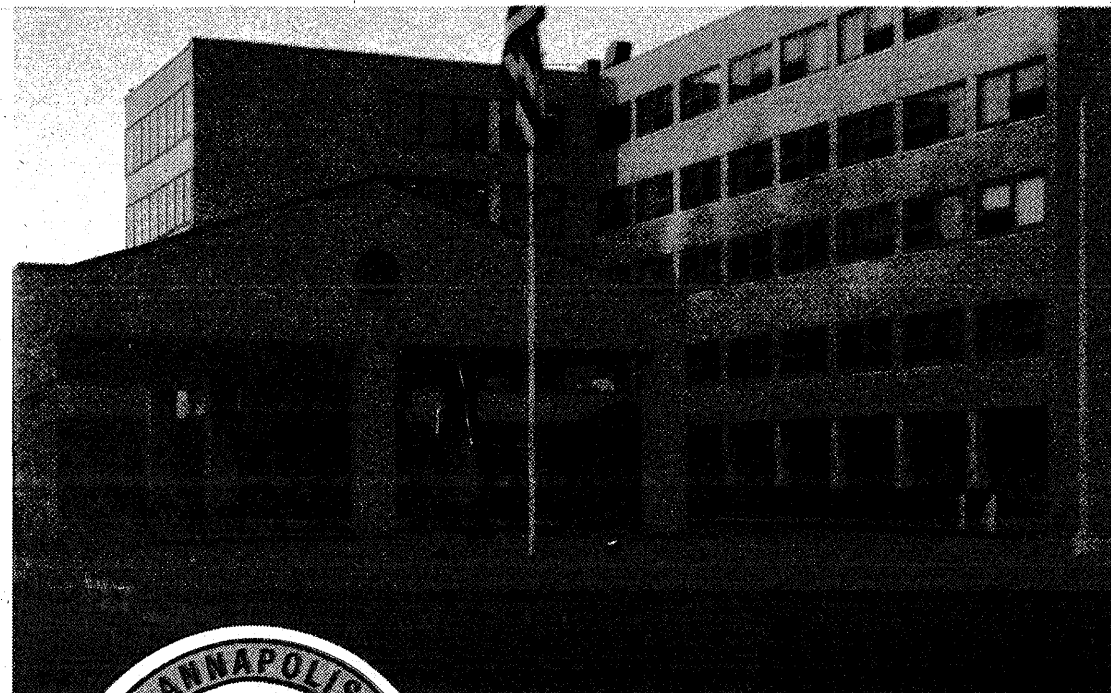
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to get out to the community to get their feedback on what they can, or can't, live without, because we're going to have to make some tough decisions," Mardigian said. "We need a budget process that is more rigorous, so we can explore cuts and fully understand what they will mean on student achievement and the community."

Over the past decade, Mardigian has been a stalwart in attempting to get the legislature to amend Proposal A and give Plymouth-Canton Schools

— which receives about \$1,000 less per pupil than neighboring districts — an equitable amount of funding. Despite seemingly hitting a brick wall in her efforts, Mardigian said she believes progress has been made.

"I think the legislature understands we have a problem, which is better than we were five years ago," Mardigian said. "We have an inherent funding inequity, we've been penalized for being frugal."

"We need to continue to work with Lansing, and we've worked well with Rep. (Phil) LaJoy and Rep. (Marc) Corriveau in taking our case to the legislature," she said. "I think they understand our

situation."

The old adage states the only thing constant in life is change, and Mardigian has seen plenty of it throughout her tenure as a Plymouth-Canton school board member.

"When I look back over my 10 years, this organization has changed a great deal," Mardigian said. "It's hard to imagine it's the same place as most of the administrators are different, we've had four superintendents, we have four new school buildings and the focus on instruction has changed by focus of state mandates."

"We've evolved over time," she said. "That's the natural part of any organization."

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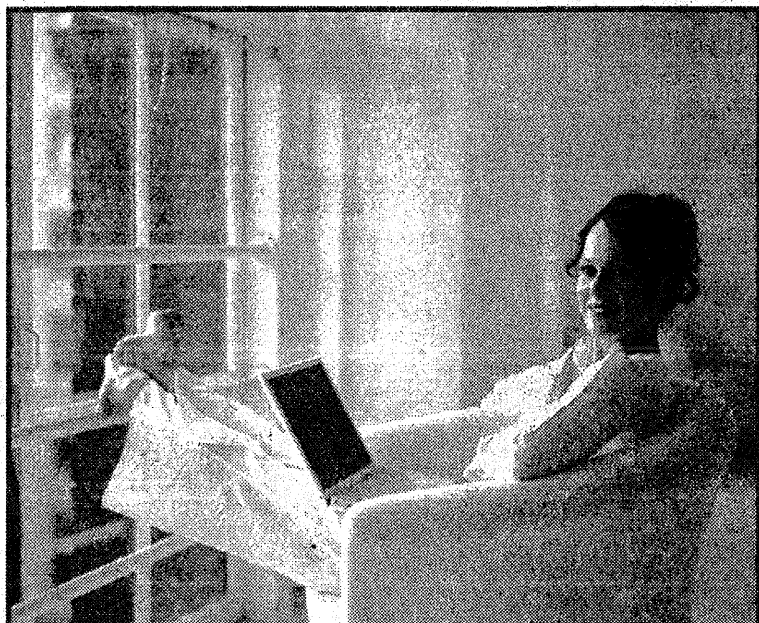
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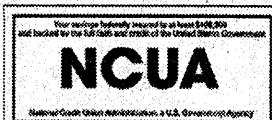
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Security agency lifts ban on lighters

In an effort to concentrate resources on detecting explosive threats, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced last week it will no longer enforce the ban on common lighters in carry-on luggage. Torch lighters will continue to be banned in carry-ons. The agency collects more than 22,000 lighters a day which represents a high percentage of all prohibited items surrendered at checkpoints nationwide. The measures will be implemented on Aug. 4.

"Explosives remain the most significant threat to aviation," said Kip Hawley TSA administrator. "By enabling our officers to focus on the greatest threats we are using our officers' time and energy more effectively and increasing security for passengers."

TSA is also modifying the procedures associated with carrying breast milk through security checkpoints. Mothers flying with or without their child will be permitted to bring breast milk in quantities greater than three ounces as long as it is declared for inspection at the security checkpoint.

The procedural adjustments were devel-

oped based on process and effectiveness studies, feedback from the workforce and regular consultation with airports, airlines and other security partners. This marks the third modification to security procedures within the last year. On Aug. 10, 2006, a complete ban on liquids, gels and aerosols was implemented immediately following the thwarted terror plot in the United Kingdom, and the update to those measures permitting travel-size amounts of liquids went into effect in September of 2006.

TSA has notified Congress of these changes and will soon begin training its workforce of 43,000 security officers. The United States previously had been the only nation in the world to prohibit lighters from carry-ons. Lifting this ban is another step in our efforts to harmonize security measures with international partners.

Since August 2006, 59 countries around the world have adopted the 3-1-1 standard for liquids, gels and aerosols: three ounce containers, in one clear, zip-top plastic bag and one bag per traveler at the checkpoint. For more information, visit the TSA Web site at www.tsa.gov.

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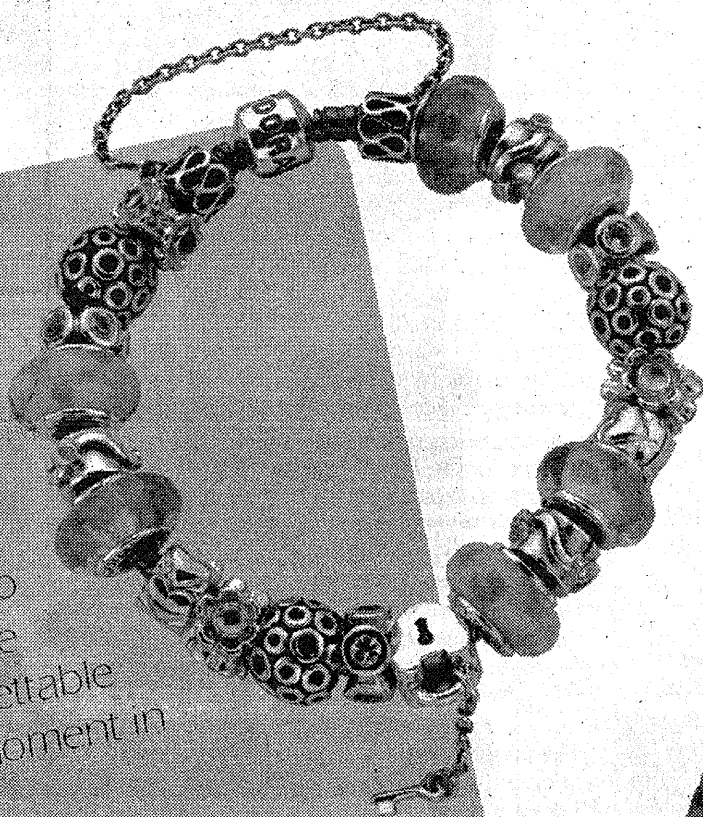
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Broderick named to head school group

The Michigan Association of Non-Public Schools, which advocates before the Legislature for the Catholic schools of the seven dioceses of Michigan, the Michigan region of Christian Schools International and the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Schools, has announced it has hired Brian Broderick of Plymouth Township as its new executive director.

"Brian epitomized the perfect candidate for whom our executive search committee was looking to effectively lead the state's non-public education community," said Sister Dorita Wotiska, chair of the association's board of trustees. "Brian's breadth of legislative experience, coupled with his passion for public policy issues related to education, will carry forth our organization's mission to establish and enhance quality faith-based schools that will nurture, challenge and support children and youth."

Broderick, a Schoolcraft College trustee, was selected following a search that began in August 2006 and was conducted by a committee comprised of members of the association's board of trustees and its executive committee. As executive director, Broderick will be responsible for three major duties in leading the 450-member schools:

- Hold and communicate the vision and mission of the association while supervising and coordinating all of its work;

- Provide leadership in the work of all board of trustees committees and activities involving administrators, teachers, and parents; and

- Work in all areas of public policy related to education.

Broderick served the Michigan Catholic Conference from 1998-2003 as the organization's education policy associate. Prior to accepting the new position, Broderick served The Economic Alliance of Michigan as its legislative director, lobbying on behalf of member organizations that included General Motors, Ford, DCX, Comerica Bank and numerous small business and major labor unions.



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District sends clear message with cell phone policy

Can you hear me now? That's the message Plymouth-Canton Schools officials sent to students this week when they increased the penalties for using cell phones and other electronic devices during school hours.

The message should be loud and clear: The district will no longer tolerate students who violate the district's electronic policy. The district increased the penalty for such violations from warnings and detention time to out-of-school suspensions.

In essence, if students are caught with using or carrying around (in plain view) cell phones or other communication devices during school hours, they will be suspended. No questions asked. First-time offenders will get a one-day suspension, and the length of the suspension goes up the more times the student violates the rule.

Students who have come to rely on cell phones probably aren't going to be happy about the new policy, but district officials say the use of electronic devices, especially cell phones, has become a huge problem.

According to district records, there were 583 cell phone/electronic device infractions during the 2005-06 academic year. Last year, however, the number of infractions more than doubled to 1,373.

It is clear that cell phones and other devices have become a general distraction to the educational process. In many cases students are using them to text message friends during class time while teachers are lecturing, and there have even been situations where students have used them to send test answers to other students. Administrators say some students have even used them to set up fights after school.

It was obvious the district's old policy wasn't enough of a deterrent. The new policy has some teeth to it. Suspensions will cause parents to take notice, and hopefully eliminate the problem.

The reason kids come to school is to learn, something that becomes increasingly more difficult when their attention is focused on text messaging friends. Teachers and administrators have a tough enough time educating students without competing against the newest electronic gizmos on the market.

Break the energy gridlock with creative opportunity

Where there are challenges, there are opportunities, and Michigan is poised to power up the search for alternative energy sources and technology.

The attention being paid to the energy grid is coming none too soon. In 2004, according to the federal Energy Information Administration, Michigan ranked 39th in energy consumption, but 34th in energy expenditures per person.

That may not sound too bad, but consider that coal-powered systems are responsible for three-fifths of the state's energy market, the EIA said on its Web site. Not only does that pose emission problems, it takes energy to import the coal from other states.

The state's three nuclear plants supply a quarter of the electricity used, while renewable source energy generators are minimal.

Renewable alternative energy is a catch-all phrase that also can be applied to natural gas, oil and gasoline consumption. Short supplies and skyrocketing prices present challenges and opportunities here as well.

So Gov. Jennifer Granholm's energy initiative — and the companies finding Michigan an opportune place to make strides in generating alternative energy — are indeed welcome news.

Consider that a Massachusetts company, Mascoma, may build a wood-based ethanol plant in Michigan. Michigan's forests are providing an opportunity as a renewable resource.

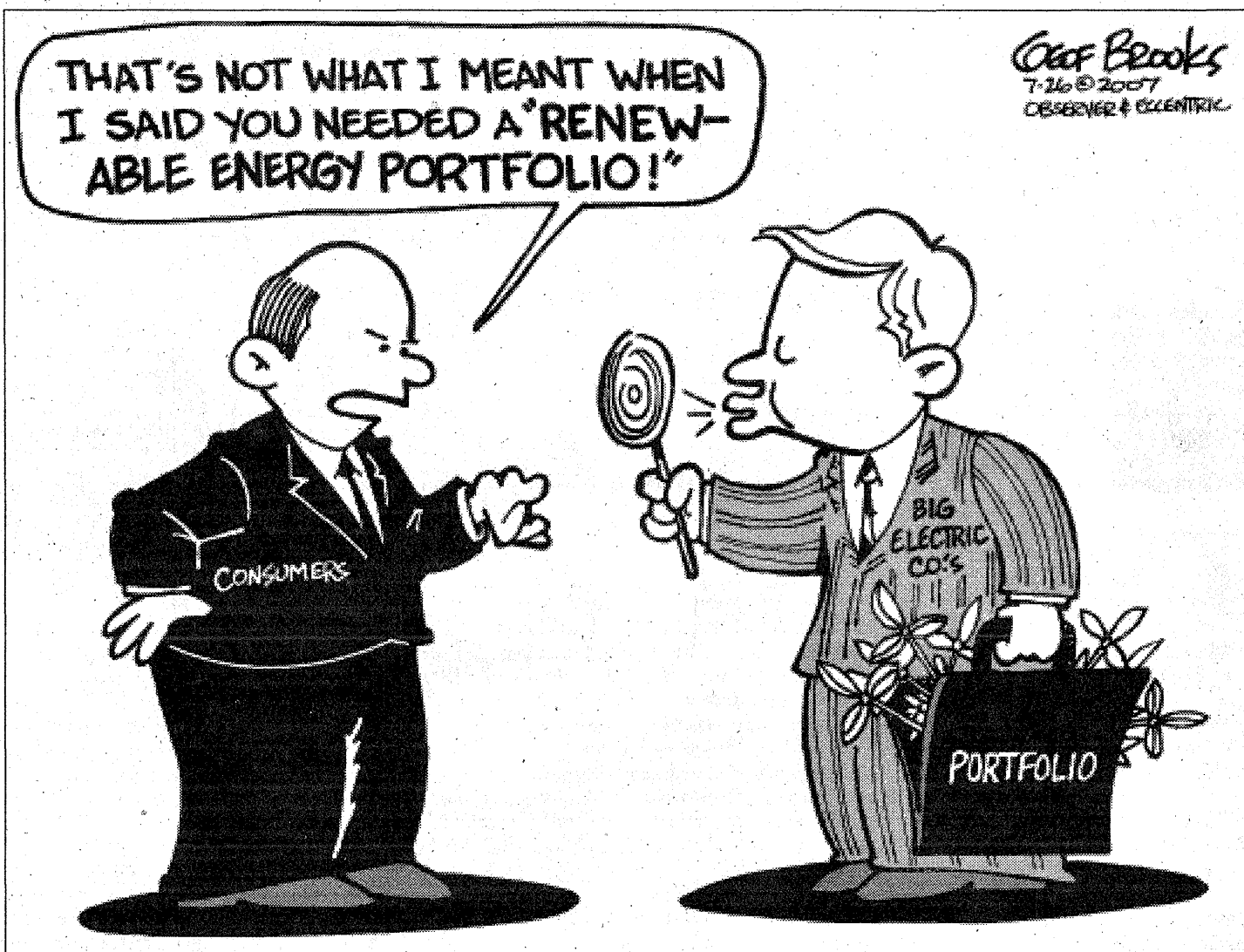
Jumping out in front is an East Lansing station, H&H Mobile, the state's first E85 ethanol plant.

Adding to the excitement was Hemlock Semiconductor, which several months ago announced it would expand a plant that makes materials for use in solar power equipment. It took some creative incentives on the state's part to make it happen here.

However, it will take a considerable amount of research and design to make us truly self-sufficient on renewable energy sources. Our universities are poised to do just that; Grand Valley State University has been involved in the Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center.

Helping make that happen will be Community Energy Project Grants that will be made available to nonprofit and public agencies in 2008.

Yet for these initiatives to ultimately be successful, the public must insist that state and federal elected officials develop policies that turn challenges into opportunities.



LETTERS

Senior party thanks

The 2007 Senior Party Committee would like to extend a big "thank you" to everyone who helped make this year's senior party a success. The 800-plus students who attended the party had a great time and will have some great memories of their graduation.

Many volunteers put in countless hours to make the party a success. We would like to acknowledge our committee chairs who worked so hard throughout the year in planning and preparing for the party: Jennifer Baker, Kathy DeGripp, Carolyn Powers, Kate Rosiu, Cindy Bartlett, Roberta Burdett, Valerie Lucco, Brenda Boyd, Terri Susterka, Marge Stacey, Julie Nyhus, Cindi Fry, Marianne Turner, Beverly Waite, Basma Fakri, Neva Nahan Werda, Lori Sasena, Kirk Carlson, Darlene Jardine, Cheryl Galante, Kathy Suchyta, Noreen Desilets, Ann Smith, and anyone else who we may have missed.

We would also like to thank the many volunteers who helped the night of the party — we could not have done it without your support.

The community also provided much support for the party and we thank them. Their generous donations added to the success of the party. Our thanks go out to our sponsors and donors: AAA; ABC Cab Livonia; Absopure Water; Arby's-Plymouth; Arby's-Canton; Ann Smith-Artist; Back Home Bakery; Bed, Bath & Beyond; Benito's Pizza; Big Boy-Canton; Blackwell Ford; Bob & Beverly Waite; Bob Evans-Canton; Boulders; Buffalo Wild Wings-Canton; Burger King-Plymouth; Burger King-Canton; Busch's Market; Caffè Italia; Canton Chamber of Commerce; Canton Tuxedo; Caribou Coffee; Catering by Kevin; Colleen Hynes; Compatible Group; Connie's Catering; Crow's Nest; DeMattia; DFCU Financial; Domino's Pizza-Canton; Don Pablo's Mexican Kitchen; Dr. Ross Anderson; Drs. Bookwalter, Fee & Wright; Drs. Pinkney & Greenbaum; Dunkin' Donuts-Plymouth; Fidelity Bank; Focal Point; Famous Dave's BBQ; Hines Park Lincoln Mercury; Holiday Market; Hungry Howie's-Canton; Hungry Howie's-Plymouth; Ikea-Canton; Jack Demmer Ford; Jack Demmer Lincoln Mercury; James Gobecki; Jet's Pizza-Plymouth; Jimmy John's-Canton; Jimmy John's-Plymouth; Joe's Italian Bakery; Jungle Java; Karcher Insurance Agency; Kroger-Plymouth; Lou LaRiche Chevrolet; Main Street Catering; Main Street Pizza; Maria's; Mayflower Party Shop; Mike's Marketplace; Mother's Pizzeria; Mr. Pita-Plymouth; National City Bank-Canton; Needles 'N' Pins; Neva & Bob Werda; Novi Bowl; Otis Spunkmeyer; Outdoor Fun Store; Packaging Corp of America; Palermo's Pizza; Papa Romano's; Picnic Basket; Pilgrim Party Shoppe; Pizza Hut-Canton; Plymouth Christian Academy; Plymouth Lions Club; Plymouth Rotary Foundation; Quiznos-Canton; Rawlinson Photography; Rio Wraps-Plymouth; Rose's Restaurant; Rusty Nail; Skatin' Station II; Sparr's Flowers; Subway-Ann Arbor Road Plymouth; Subway-Cherry Hill Canton; Subway-Ford Road Canton;

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We extend our gratitude to the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district for their support of the party. They opened the doors of Salem High School to host the party. The maintenance staff was wonderful in helping setup for and cleanup after the party. The security staff was supportive throughout the evening, helping to maintain a safe and fun environment for the students. The administrative staff helped us throughout the year in the planning and accommodating our needs.

Finally, we would like to thank the students who attended the party. Seeing you with your friends, having fun, made it worth all of the work. It was especially touching when so many of you took the time to say "thank you" as you exited the party. Moments like these help us to appreciate that Plymouth Canton is a great school district and a great community in which to live.

Debbie LaFontaine and Heide Leskun
2007 Senior Party co-chairs

Palm oil dangers

I have lived in Plymouth my whole life. I am Madison Vorva, a busy and soon to be seventh-grader, at Greenhills School. My best friend Rhiannon Tomtishen and I are very active Girl Scouts. We recently have been awarded our Bronze Award which is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can achieve.

For our Bronze Award, we have educated kids about orangutans, their habitat (the Indonesian rainforest) and the biggest reason orangutans are endangered, palm oil. In doing so we have created a PowerPoint, wrote a palm oil article and created a Web site.

I think the public has the right to know what palm oil is doing to their health (raising cholesterol levels and promoting heart disease), the rainforest (causing deforestation, to make room for palm oil plantations) and the closest animal to us, the orangutan (destroys their habitat, along with many other animals).

Although I am very proud to be a Girl Scout, Girl Scout Cookies have palm oil and I believe, along with many others, more people need to know the damage they are doing biting into a Thin Mint or Peanut Butter Pattie. To raise awareness about palm oil, Rhiannon and I also have started a petition stating we dislike the fact palm oil is in Girl Scout cookies and something needs to be done to stop it.

If you would like to learn more about palm oil and how you can help, e-mail me at saveorangutans137@hotmail.com or check out our Web site www.saveorangutan.bravehost.com.

Madison Vorva
Plymouth

Bury more than 'N' word

Chris Campbell wrote a wonderful article in your newspaper on Sunday, July 15, about the burial of the "N"

word. He made several observations about the meaning behind the "N" word, and even suggested the elimination of such words as "spic," "honky," "cracker" and "Hymie."

But in doing so, he may not have noticed the obvious differences in how he described these words. He justifiably referred to the "N" word as just that. The "N" word. But when it came to describing the other four words, he didn't refer to them as the "S" word of the "H" word or perhaps the "C" word or the other "H" word. I think he doesn't really take offense to those words, since they're never aimed at him, like the "N" word might be. No, he noticeably spelled them out.

Now, in no way am I suggesting the beginning of a massive censorship of all the many offensive words that are being slung around thoughtlessly and carelessly, for that would surely take away our First Amendment right to free speech. But do you know what really offends my ears and is spewed from the mouths of so many is the "MF" words. The words don't even refer to any particular ethnic or racial groups, but it really makes the hair on the back of my neck stand up when I hear them used with such frequency and viciousness that I think some people who use them so frequently couldn't even speak if they weren't calling someone an "MF."

While the best we could hope for is a voluntary censoring of our own language and recognition of what those hurtful words mean or imply, and if we are going to truly bury the "N" word, let's also bury the "MF" words along side of it.

It is time for a resurrection of some of the best self-behavior/self-control rules of conduct that existed in the 1940s, '50s and '60s. While racism was certainly prevalent in the past and needed to be eliminated, not everything from the past was bad.

Common courtesy and consideration for others, for example, lived in the hearts and minds of the people and was taught and lived by those of us who grew up in that era, and I think we turned out pretty good. If we are going to make any meaningful and lasting changes in the world for the better, let's don't go half way, let's go all the way and "Do it right."

William E. Tremper
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"It's not a new policy, we're just having stricter enforcement of the current policy and increasing the consequences. The previous consequences have not been adequate to create enough deterrence for their use, so we've gone from detention for the first offense to a one-day, out-of-school suspension. No questions asked." - Bob Hayes, director of student services for Plymouth-Canton Schools, on the district's decision to get tough on students who use cell phones and other electronic devices in school

Partisan divide does our state a great disservice

Frankly, I have no idea why I did it. But there I was on a slow news day, sitting in front of my computer, trolling for interesting ideas.

So I Googled both the Democrats and the Republicans to see what serious public policy issues they were talking about these days.

The Democrats announced they'd bought Michigan Chief Justice Clifford Taylor's car at public auction. The headline on the press release said: "Supreme Court Chief Justice admitted using taxpayer-funded car for personal reasons."

The chief justice, a Republican, voluntarily turned in his state-supplied Ford Five Hundred because of the state budget crisis. Other judges followed. But the Dems weren't about to give him any credit.

Their handout charged that Taylor "admitted" using the car for personal reasons.

Mark Brewer, the Michigan Democratic Party's longtime chair, quoted in a newspaper story: "Taylor, the highest paid judge in Michigan, abused the public's trust in state government when he used his taxpayer-funded car for dinners, trips to the grocery store and personal trips. During the state's budget crisis, Taylor should have led by example and not wasted taxpayer money." (Funny, but Brewer didn't mention that Democratic judges who got cars also used them to go to the store.)

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Speaking at a conference at the University of

Southern California, "Ceasefire! Bridging the Political Divide," Bloomberg pointed to climate change and stem-cell research as areas where cities and states had stepped in to fill the void caused by ideological and partisan bickering in Washington: "When people seek the presidency, hopefully they will address these issues rather than issues that are of importance to a small number of people."

There are some bright pockets. The *South Bend Tribune* ran a feature on Michigan Congressman Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, and his geographic neighbor on the other side of the political fence, Indiana Congressman Joe Donnelly, D-Granger. Both men were outraged at the inadequate treatment and the long delays in providing benefits for wounded soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.

After reading a *Newsweek* story on the subject, Upton sought out Donnelly, a new member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, which has jurisdiction over benefits for vets.

They then joined together to introduce a bill to shift the burden of proof in the complex and frustrating bureaucratic process of awarding a disabled veteran medical benefits. Their idea is to make the system serve the veteran, rather than the other way around.

"I've been fortunate to have a friend like Fred Upton," Donnelly says. "We work as a team. We don't care about the 'R' or the 'D' part of it."

For his part, Upton disavows his own National Republican Congressional Committee's targeting Donnelly for defeat. He instead praised "the very good job" his colleague is doing as a freshman congressman.

Lansing desperately needs some of that spirit today. Our government is paralyzed by partisan infighting over the 2008 state budget, reliably estimated by experts to be at least \$1.8 billion in deficit. Bipartisan votes will be required to erase the red ink.

Democrats need to vote for the kinds of structural reforms to government and cost cuts that Republicans want, while Republicans need to vote for the tax increase Democrats (and everyone else, for that matter) know has to happen to close the budget gap.

It's a grand bargain that most civilized, responsible adults could reach in moments. Yet when you see what kinds of partisan drivel both our political parties are churning out, you understand why it's so hard for our elected lawmakers to do the right thing.

The hard-working, set-upon citizens of Michigan deserve better — lots better. And it's high time we started to demand it!

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Fear is the defining legacy of the 1967 Detroit riot

This week marks the 40th anniversary of the Detroit riot. You can expect to read and see much about this painful anniversary with a great deal of analysis.

But rather than trying to dissect the social and economic underpinnings of the causes and effects of the riot, I think this sums up the whole experience:



Greg Kowalski

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As of that week in 1967 fear became the defining word for Detroit. It more than anything else has shaped the fate of Detroit.

Is it true, the population exodus from Detroit actually began in the early 1950s, long before the riot, as people, bolstered by the GI Bill and a booming economy, headed for the large lawns of the suburbs.

Detroit had built freeways to make their exit easier, and the city's water system was systematically extended to the farthest reaches of the suburbs. So people dribbled out of the city.

After the riot, the dribble turned to a rush. Ultimately, whole neighborhoods were abandoned and remain so today.

I do a lot of historical research that involves reading old newspapers. What has struck me was an amazing shift in the type of stories that were covered after 1967 and in particular I recall a series of stories done on the Van Dyke and Seven Mile Road shopping district on Detroit's east side. Soon after the riot, there were several robberies and a couple of murders of store owners in what had been a pleasant, peaceful little shopping district.

In the space of a few years, all the old stores were gone as the neighborhood was ravaged by crime. I am not a social scientist, but one can't keep but draw the conclusion that the riot helped spawn a generation of violence.

And that, as Detroit became known as "The Murder Capital of the World," cemented the perception that it was

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— and is — a dangerous place.

To this day, I routinely encounter people who will not go to Detroit under any circumstances.

They are afraid.

They are afraid they are going to be murdered. Three weeks ago I was talking to a store owner in Hamtramck, which is where I live, and which is completely surrounded by Detroit. She told me she got a call from a man coming into town from Lansing to shop at her specialty store. He wanted to know if he could park right in front of the store so he could run in, get what he wanted and get out. He literally asked her, "Am I going to get killed there?"

He was serious.

It was not the first time I have heard that type of comment. When I tell people that I live south of Eight Mile I often get the "you live there" look of incredulity. Sometimes I tell them that I do indeed live there and furthermore I don't own a gun and as yet I have not been murdered.

Detroit has done much in recent years to revitalize itself. There are signs that progress is being made. People are going back downtown for events and new construction in many areas is encouraging.

But there are still vast tracts of land that are as vacant as cow pastures. Whole blocks are empty.

And fear persists.

Until Detroit sheds its image as a deadly place it will not recover from the riot of 1967.

In fact, none of us will.

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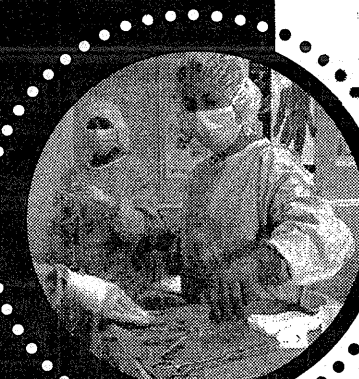

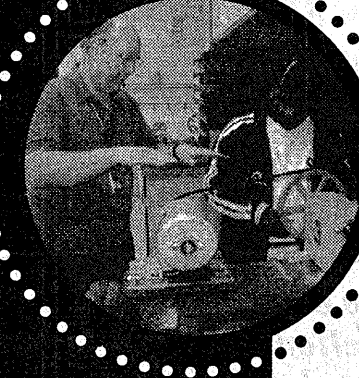
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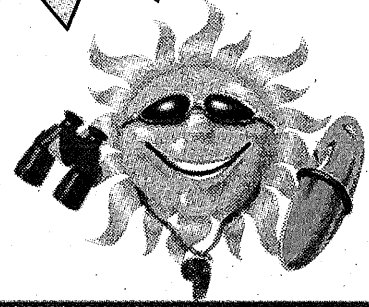
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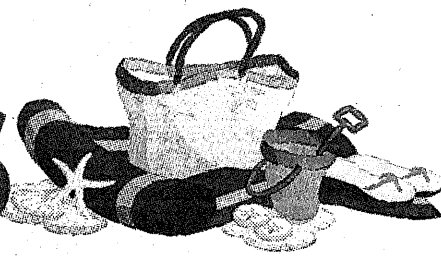


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Beware of 'get rich' schemes

Sometimes I think I must be one of the luckiest guys in the world. Just over the last year, I've had at least a half-dozen opportunities to make millions of dollars. For example, I received an unsolicited letter from a woman in Nigeria who heard that I was a reputable and honest individual and that she needed my assistance in recouping tens of millions of dollars from her husband's estate. She needed a bank account to transfer this money to and for providing my bank account information to her, I could keep a finder's fee of nearly \$20,000,000.

I also have recently received letters from other parts of the world, including South Africa, from individuals hoping that I can help them as well. In fact, my good luck obviously transcends helping people because recently I was notified that I'd won a European Lottery for more than 700,000 Euros and all I had to do was send in some financial information so they could transfer the money to me. I'm just one lucky guy. Obviously, my luck is not that I received these bogus opportunities, but my good luck is that I have the smarts enough to know when someone is trying to take advantage of me. Millions of Americans receive the aforementioned bogus solicitations and the great majority of us have the common sense to ignore them. However, thousands of Americans let their guard

down and get taken advantage of. These types of solicitations are used by identity thieves to obtain sensitive financial information from you and me. This information can be used in a variety of different manners, all resulting in problems. Therefore, when you receive these types of solicitations, don't try to figure them out; just throw them away and be done with it.

I recognize that some people like to think: what if this is true? Am I throwing away an opportunity? First, let's be reasonable. The chances of me winning a lottery in a country that I've never been to are virtually zero. That being said, just look at the letters that are sent. In the letters that I receive there are numerous typographical errors, spelling mistakes and outright things that don't make sense. It is only when we let our guard down and begin asking questions — like, is it possible? — that people begin to pursue these bogus deals to their detriment.

Sometimes, you receive unsolicited opportunities and it is difficult to figure what their scam is. For example, I recently had a client that received a letter with an opportunity, and accompanying the letter was a check made out to him from a well-known bank. The client asked me to look at the letter and wanted to know what would the harm be in cashing the check. When I looked at the documentation of the letter, on the surface I could not figure out where the scam was. However, as I told the client, this isn't a game that he should play. There is no reason to try to figure out what the scam is. The best course of action

is to take the offer and shred it. You and I both know that unsolicited offers to obtain great wealth are by their nature something that you and I should avoid.

One question whenever I talk about these types of issues is, if they are so bad, why doesn't the government do something? After all, you see many get-rich schemes offered on radio and television in addition to receiving unsolicited e-mail offers. The reality of the situation is the government doesn't have the resources to monitor all these activities. Furthermore, sometimes the opportunities offered are not per se illegal. The disclaimers used in many of these deals are enough to protect the promoters from legal liability.

I would love to tell you ways to 100 percent protect yourself from the scam artists — I can't. No matter how vigilant you are, there are still possibilities that bad things can happen. Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His Web site is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please e-mail Rick at rick@bloomassetmanagement.com. You can hear Rick live from noon to 3 p.m. Sundays on WDTK-AM (1400).

Corrections board seeks members

Wayne County is accepting applications from citizens who are interested in an appointment to the Wayne County Community Corrections board. The appointment will fill the board member slot designated for a representative of the business community.

The 13-member Community Corrections board is charged with developing a comprehensive plan that addresses the local criminal justice system and outlining how sound policy and community programs can more effectively utilize scarce jail and prison

space.

The board meets the third Tuesday of every month at the Temple Building, 640 Temple, in Detroit.

No compensation is provided to board members. Board members must reside in Wayne County. The term is for two years.

Those interested are asked to submit a resume and cover letter to Andrea Mercatante at the Wayne County Commission, 600 Randolph, Suite 406, Detroit, MI 48226, by July 31, 2007.

Bounty of Detroit gardens featured Aug. 1

On Wednesday, Aug. 1, Detroiters are invited to touch, taste and feel the roots of a healthy Detroit at the 10th Annual Urban Garden Tour, sponsored by the Detroit Agricultural Network (DAN).

This year's tour will provide a close-up view of the emerging fresh, organic food system in Detroit, which is providing hope and nutrition to many. The bus tours will cover east-side and west-side gardens, while the new biking tour will weave through gardens in the central city, including the Cass Corridor, Woodbridge and greater Corktown.

All tours will leave from The

Catherine Ferguson Academy located at 2750 Selden in Detroit. Registration begins at 5:30 and tours will leave at 6 sharp. A reception featuring local food and talent will follow the tours at 8 p.m. The fee for the tours is a sliding scale, \$1-\$20.

Early registration is strongly recommended. You can register by contacting Ashley Atkinson at (313) 237-8736 or via e-mail aatkinson@umich.edu. Contributions to grow Detroit's agricultural movement can be made to the

Detroit Agriculture Network and are tax-deductible.

Canton resident Tina Gerlach, who oversees the vegetable garden at Resurrection Parish in Canton, is interested in attending the Aug. 1 Detroit event. Those who would like to go with a local group can reach her via e-mail at tgerlach7339@wideopenwest.com.

Detroit Agriculture Network's mission is to promote and foster urban agriculture and the sustainable use and appreciation of urban natural resources.

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RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (734) 591-7279 or write: Religion Calendar, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

JULY

Fun days

Children's Summer Fun Days continue 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays throughout July and August at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Bring a bag lunch for you and your children. We will have playtime either inside or outside depending on the weather

and then lunch in the gym. After lunch, we will have Bible Story and Music Time. Parents will be responsible for supervising their children during this time. If you plan to attend, call the office to let us know how many children and adults will be coming (734) 427-1414. Everyone is welcome.

Media mania presentation

On Protecting Our Children who are overexposed to sex by way of television, music, magazines, and the Internet, often communicating the wrong message. As part of the presentation Dr. Kevin Barber will give tips on how parents can protect their children. Barber is a Neurological Psychologist who owns Psychological Evaluation and Consulting Services in Livonia, and has a specialty with children. A practicing Catholic who is married with two children in Catholic school, Barber also coaches high school football. Presentation (with Q & A) is 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 26, in Fellowship Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950. No charge.

Vacation Bible school

July 28 to Aug. 1, at Bethel Baptist, 29475 Six Mile, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 525-3664 or visit www.BethelOfLivonia.com.

Anniversary Mass

50th anniversary of Fr. Solanus Casey's death 5 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Sunday, July 29, at St. Bonaventure/Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mt. Elliott, Detroit. For information, call (313) 579-2100, Ext. 140 or Ext. 169.

Song ministry

The Rev. Bob Herriman, song evangelist, appears 10:45 a.m. Sunday, July 29, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are invited to witness this ministry through word and song.

Women of the word

Women of the Word Bible Studies offers a choice of 2 studies this summer at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Road, Canton. To register, call (734) 455-0022, Ext. 4 or download a registration form at www.vchurches.com/cbcwomen.

The first study is on 1 Samuel, a Precept Ministries study began 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 10. Video lectures by Kay Arthur will expand on the material covered in the discussion group. Cost for workbook is \$15. Second study is Loving Well, a four-week of heart-to-heart messages from Beth Moore 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Cost for workbook is \$8.

Carillon series

10:10 a.m. to 12:10 p.m. Sunday, July 29, Aug. 5 and 12, and Sept. 2, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake, Bloomfield Hills. No charge. Call (248) 626-2515.

Summer Bible studies

Continue 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sundays in the gym at Christ Our Savior Lutheran (14175 Farmington road, north of I-96, Livonia). The public is invited to the a presentation of Answers with Ken Ham, a 12-part DVD series on the authority of the Bible. Visit www.christoursavior.org for more information.

Summer camp

Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School, 9600 Laverne, Redford is accepting applications for their summer camp. Care is offered for infants through 8th grade from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (734) 646-4857 for information.

Summer camp

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

Sunday school classes

New adult Sunday School classes began July 1, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. Classes include 'The Joy of Signing (sign language), Inside the Middle East, and Keys to Spiritual Freedom.

Worship schedule

10 a.m. Sundays through Sept. 9, when the fall worship schedule resumes at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., at Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile, Novi. For more information, call (248) 349-2345.

UPCOMING

Women's retreat

St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all area Catholic moms to a Mom's Summer Retreat on Wednesday mornings this summer to enjoy prayer and adult discussion of topics relevant to their daily life. A Children's Ministry will be offered while moms enjoy Mass, a continental breakfast and conversation with other moms 8:30-11 a.m. Aug. 1, and Aug. 8, at the church located on southwest corner of Hubbard and Plymouth roads. Discussion topics are Teaching Your Children the Virtues, Aug. 1, and Living your Faith Every Day, Aug. 8. Moms may register for as few or as many sessions as schedules permit, each at \$5 per meeting. Children's Ministry activities are \$2 per child per session. Contact (734) 261-4555, Ext. 207 or e-mail swilliams@liviostmichael.org for information and registration details.

Summer camp meeting

With Evangelist Gordon Jensen Friday-Saturday, Aug. 3-4, at Living Water Pentecostal Church of God, 11663 Arcola, Livonia. For more information, call (734) 425-6360. Jensen grew up in Detroit and was a member of Brightmoor Tabernacle from a very young age. He has composed hundreds of songs and was nominated for Songwriter of the Year by the Gospel Music Association.

Choral concert

The Holman-Climax Male Voice Choir from Cornwall, England, as part of their second Michigan tour, performs 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church located on the corner of West Chicago and Hubbard, south of Plymouth road, between Farmington and Merriman, Livonia. Members of the church and community will be hosting the 70 people touring with the choir. A committee has been established to plan Detroit area activities as well as to house and feed the group. A Free Will offering will be taken that night. For more information call either Ken or Ruth Allen at (734) 427-6268 or send e-mail to Rallen7468@aol.com.

Special services

9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 5, with Rev. Ron Scott, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile, between Inkster and Middlebelt. Call (734) 421-1760.

Vacation Bible school

Galilee-by-the-Sea, 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-10, at North Congregational Church, 36520 W. 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, in conjunction with Antioch Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church of Farmington. An authentic recreation of a Bible times village. Costumes, daily drama, old-world crafts, and games. Let your child experience what it was really like to live when Jesus lived. Cost is \$15 per child prior to Aug. 1, \$30 after, grades K-5. For more information, contact Susanna Muzzin at susannamuz@mac.com or (248) 626-7906.

Vacation Bible school

6-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-10 (for ages 3-11 and an adult small group class, at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. The theme is Dreams and Schemes, learning to deal with family issues and getting along with family members. Crafts, dinner, music, small groups, music, lots of fun and prayer. For more information, call (734) 425-2800.

Reformed Protestant service

The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism will be preached 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 17, at the regular monthly worship service of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. All are welcome to attend the service with Rev. Sean Humby (of Ohio, originally of Australia) who will preach. For more information, call Margaret Waldecker at (313) 530-6170, Rev. Humby at (937) 252-1156, or visit www.westminsterconfession.org.

Vacation Bible school

Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God 6-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13-17, with a church picnic finale on Aug. 19, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All kids age 2 through fifth grade are invited. For more information, call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join in.

Church tour

Hosted by St. Aidan Catholic Church on Saturday, Aug. 18, tour features St. Anne de Detroit, Most Holy Trinity and the Solanus Casey Center. Includes history, culture and structural architecture of each location plus a glimpse into the pastoral lives of the three associated priests Rev. Gabriel Richard (St. Anne de Detroit), Monsignor Clement Kern (Most Holy Trinity) and Rev. Solanus Casey (Solanus Casey Center). The tour will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person and includes transportation via charter bus, tour and buffet lunch at Los Galanes Mexican Restaurant in Mexicantown and all gratuities. Individual donations to parishes at discretion of attendee. For information, call Debbie Dufour at (248) 719-2535. All are welcome and will be accommodated until busses are filled. Buses depart from south parking lot of St. Aidan at exactly 9:30 a.m., so please arrive 15 minutes early. Reservations can be made by contacting St. Aidan Church office at (734) 425-5950. St. Aidan Catholic Church is at 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia.

Rummage sale

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, Aug. 23-24, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt. For details, call (734) 421-7620.

Summer sings

Come sing in instant performances of the world's greatest choral music in Summer Sings 7:30-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29 (Saint Nicholas by Benjamin Britten), at First Presbyterian Church, 1669 W. Maples, Birmingham. No entrance fee or preparation necessary, no auditions required, no long-term commitment. For more information, call (248) 644-2040, Ext. 136.

Alpha - Questions of Life

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting over 10 thought-provoking weekly sessions beginning 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Includes a free dinner each week. Free child care available when attending class. To register, call (248) 374-5932 or send e-mail to

Margy.Burkhardt@wardchurch.org.

Church Women United

Next meeting for Suburban Detroit-West is 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 5, at Farmington First United Methodist Church (please bring 1 salad for every 3 persons attending), and Area 2 Meeting: Stepping Up to the Plate with Mind, Body and Soul Friday, Sept. 28, at Smith Chapel A.M.E. Church, 3505 Walnut Street at Beech, south of Michigan Ave., Inkster (cost is \$10, call (248) 646-9574). Deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 21.

Crafters needed

For Riverside Park Church of God's fall arts and crafts show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 19, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at the church, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth, Livonia. Rentals \$20 Saturday only, \$30 for both days, \$5 additional for table rentals. Applications now being accepted at (734) 464-0990.

Cruise

St. Aidan Travelers embark on an 11-day cruise of the Mediterranean on Nov. 3. Cruise departs Rome for Genoa, Monte Carlo, Valencia, Spain, LaValletta, Malta, Tunis, Tunisia, returns to Rome for two additional days. Cost is reasonable and includes airfare, many meals and all accommodations. For brochure and details, call (734) 425-5950 or stop at church office, 17500 Farmington road, Livonia. Space limited.

Uplifting church services

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

ONGOING

J.O.Y. meeting

The J.O.Y. Builders (Just Older Youth, ages 50 plus) meet 11:30 a.m. the third Thursday of the month for lunch, fellowship and fun, at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth roads, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990. All are welcome to join us. There is no charge, although we ask that you bring a luncheon dish to share.

Higher Rock Cafe

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

Worship service

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

Youth wanted

Twins and teens age 12 and up are invited to join in various youth activities held at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh Road (corner of Plymouth), Livonia. Come to one of our regular classes on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7 p.m. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

A healthy you

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

Summer worship

Summer schedule for worship to Sept. 2, is 10 a.m. Sunday services (with nursery), and 7 p.m. Wednesday Contemporary Service, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA) 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holycrosslivonia.org. Visitors welcome.

Sunday worship

10 a.m. at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 29425 Annapolis, Westland. For information, call (734) 728-3440.

Preschool registration

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

Sunday services

Pastor Dan Strength leads services at Living Water Church (Pentecostal Church of God), 11663 Arcola, one block west of Inkster road on Plymouth road. Sunday School is 10 a.m. followed by worship at 11 a.m. Bible study 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Call (734) 425-6360.

Worship services

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

Please see CALENDAR, A15

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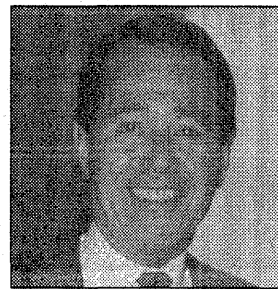
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BERNICE M. FULLER

July 20, 2007 age 87, of Bloomfield Hills. Beloved wife of Ernest for 65 yrs. Dear mother of Gayle F. Laffrey, Edward A. (Dulce) and Barbara F. Wallace (John). Loving grandmother of Bradley (Susan), Elizabeth (Drew), Amy (Joseph), Ted (Allison), Angela, Caroline (Kevin), Elizabeth (Eric) and William. Also five great-grandchildren. Sister of Raymond Irving (the late Bernice). Family services will be held privately. Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Sons. 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



ELIAS TORRE

July 20, 2007 Age 74. Loving husband of Martha for 53 years. Dear father of Thomas (Torey), Charles (Lisa), Elias, Martha Carter (Fred) and Nancy Dauphinais (Michael). Also survived by 11 grandchildren. Funeral Mass Thursday (today) 11am at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, 2215 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Visitation begins at church at 10:30am. Memorial tributes to St. Hugo of the Hills Endowment Fund or the Village Club Foundation, 190 E. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304 A.J. Desmond & Sons (248) 549-0500. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

EUGENE TERRANCE, JR.

July 24, 2007, age 68 of Jonesville, MI. Beloved husband of the late Kathryn. Dear father of Lea-Ann, Eugene III, the late Everett and Brian. Grandfather of Brian Terrance, Veronica and Erin McQueen, Jr. Brother of Carol Herne, James (Sandy), Gilbert (Karen-Ann), Agnes Schmitt, Elizabeth, Maggie, Linda and Maryann Terrance, the late Russell and Paul. Service Friday 1pm at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland. Family will receive friends Thursday 2-9pm. Memorials to Alzheimer Foundation or American Heart Association would be appreciated. Please visit and post a tribute at: www.uhtfh.com

HELEN V. MORCOM

Age 88, of Belleville, Michigan. Beloved wife of the late Earl. Dear mother of Gerrard (Carole) Morcom, John (Dona) Morcom, Kelli Shinn and Bill Morcom. Dearest grandmother of seven and great-grandmother of several. She is survived by her brother Raymond (Cathy) Gillem and Doris (Jack) Almendinger. She was preceded in death by her daughter Linda Morcom-Cooney, her brothers Clarence, Robert and Vernon Gillem, her sister Eileen Gillem and her parents. Funeral service is Wednesday, 10:00 AM, St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, Instate, 9:00 AM. Visitation is Tuesday, 1:00-9:00 PM at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park.

JAMES A. LOWING

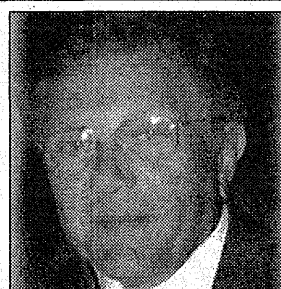
Age 92, died Sunday, July 22, 2007 at his home. A long-time Plymouth resident, he was a designer of railroad equipment at the former Evans Products Company in Plymouth for 30 years. He also loved golf and traveling. Mr. Lowing is survived by his wife of 63 years, Betty; his children, Robert (Sandy) Barry and Linda (Tom) Oswell; his grandchildren, Tracy (Jim Stephens), Robert (Mary), James and Jeffery and five great-grandchildren. Visitation will take place from 12 noon to 3pm on Friday, July 28th at the chapel in Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens, 44300 W. 12 Mile Road., Novi.

JOHN V. DUTCHAK

July 15, 2007 of Garden City. Husband of the late Doris. Dear friend of Helen Medeiros. Loving father of Michael (Janice) and Nancy (Dennis) Outlaw. Brother of Michael and Mary Kurtz and the late Paul and Joseph. Grandfather of Katie, Kristin, Jim, Henry, Simon and Chelsea. Visitation was at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne. Funeral service was Thursday at St. Richard Catholic Church, Westland.

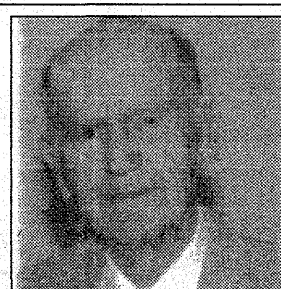
PAULA VARNER

Age 89, Lincoln, NE died Sunday (7-22-07). Born Waco, TX to R.C. and Laura E. (Curbo) Price. Graduated from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, 1939. Married Woody Varner in 1940. Taught school in Waco. Was a lifelong partner to Woody in all of his professional endeavors in Texas, Michigan, and Nebraska. Played a pivotal role in the creation of Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, the Lied Center for Performing Arts in Lincoln, and the Barth Syndrome Foundation. Avid fan of all Nebraska Cornhusker sports and the marching band. Paula was elegant, kind, gracious, humble, and had a wonderful sense of humor. Her loving influence on her family was always present and will be a part of them forever. Family members include son, daughter-in-law: Tom & Beth Varner, Metamora, MI, daughters, sons-in-law: Judy Varner & David Silchman, Omaha; Sue & Mike Wilkins, Lincoln; grandchildren: Matthew & Bridgette Kaiser, Andrew Seaman & Robyn Steely, Jessica & Mark Wiederspan, John Wilkins, Ben Varner; great-grandchildren: Owen & Zoë Kaiser. Preceded in death by husband, Woody, parents, and brother, Carl Price. Funeral Service: 2:00 p.m. Thursday (7-26-07) Saint Paul United Methodist Church, 1144 'M' Pastor David Lux and Pastor Carl Horton officiating. Memorials to the Paula and Woody Varner Science and Medicine Fund c/o the Barth Syndrome Foundation, P.O. Box 23173, Lincoln, NE 68542. No Visitation. Condolences or personal reflections may be sent online at: www.roperandsons.com



Remembrance
Merrill Martin Schemm
"Hon"
July 26, 2006

A tribute to my dearest husband. You were thoughtful, kind, and giving. The happiest moments were those I shared with you. You were my lover and my confidant and my friend. You inspired all who were privileged to know you. Your children are forever thankful for your wisdom, courage, strength, decency and faith. God has you in his keeping. We have you in our hearts...Wife Virginia; Children Linda, Marty, Mark and Lori--and all of your grandchildren. True love comes but once in a lifetime...my Hon gave me that...



ROBERT B. POKORNY

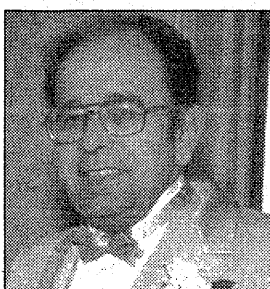
July 23, 2007 age 86 of Birmingham and Vero Beach, FL. Former owner of O.A. Pokorny Building Co. and proud veteran of the Army Air Corps WWII. Beloved husband of Betty B. for 67 years. Dearest father of Pamela A. Van Horn. Brother of the late Mary Katherine Gorham. Family will receive friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel), 32515 Woodward Ave. (btwn 13-14 Mile) Monday 3-8pm. Memorial Service Tuesday 11am at Kirk in the Hills, 1349 W. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to Michigan State University Alumni Association, 242 Spartan Way, East Lansing, MI 48824. View obituary and share memories at: www.DesmondFuneralHome.com

JOSHUA STEVE DITMORE

July 22, 2007, Age 19 of Wayne Uht Funeral Home, Westland, MI

SHEILA THIBODEAU

Age 58, July 23, 2007. Wife of Paul. Mother of Kelly Hamby (Joe Phillips) and Adrienne. Daughter of Bertha Neely. Sister of Harold E. (Sandy) Neely and Carolyn Neely. Dearest friend of Bill Thomas. Funeral service Friday 11am at the R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Visitation Thursday 3-9pm. The family suggests donations to Karmanos Cancer Center. Please sign Sheila's online guestbook at www.rgharris.com



WALTER RICHARD SAWICKI

Age 80, of Livonia, passed away on July 21, 2007, after a long illness. Born on February 28, 1927, to Anthony and Catherine (Denekan) Sawicki. He is survived by his beloved wife of 58 years Cecilia (Wiercioch) Sawicki; dearest father of Patricia (Gary) Seleski, Robert (Syndi Loussia), and Richard (Geraldyn); proud and loving grandfather of Michael (Jessica) Mistak, Christopher Mistak, Dana Sawicki (fiancée of Timothy Balogh), and Douglas Sawicki. Also survived by sister-in-law Frances Podwoiski, and brothers-in-law Joe (Connie) Wiercioch, Stan Wiercioch, and Larry (Pat) Wiercioch, many nieces and nephews, and friends who will miss his warmth and humor. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Tom and his wife Lillian and their dear grandson Tommy, sister Frances and her husband Dan Goldina, sister-in-law Mary Jane and husband Arthur Gutowski, brother-in-law Reverend Casimir Wiercioch, brother-in-law Anthony Podwoiski, and sister-in-law Gail Wiercioch. A veteran of World War II, Wally was drafted into the United States Army during his senior year of high school. He served as an MP and medic at the end of the European conflict. His military tour of duty took him to Casablanca, Paris and Nuremberg, where he attended the war trials. After leaving the service, he attended night classes and graduated from Cass Technical High School, then went on to trade school and served as an apprentice and journeyman. Walter and Cecilia were married on June 26, 1949, at St. Stephen Catholic Church in Detroit. Walter's family and his work were his life. He especially loved to travel the United States with Cecilia, his children and his grandchildren. He enjoyed a 40-year career in the tool and die industry as a tool maker, then in management and sales. After retirement, Walter drove the senior citizen bus at McNamara Towers in Livonia. Family and friends will gather for a funeral mass at St. Colette Catholic Church, 17600 Newburgh, at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 28. Private services and interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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CALENDAR
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Bible study

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

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

Sunday service

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

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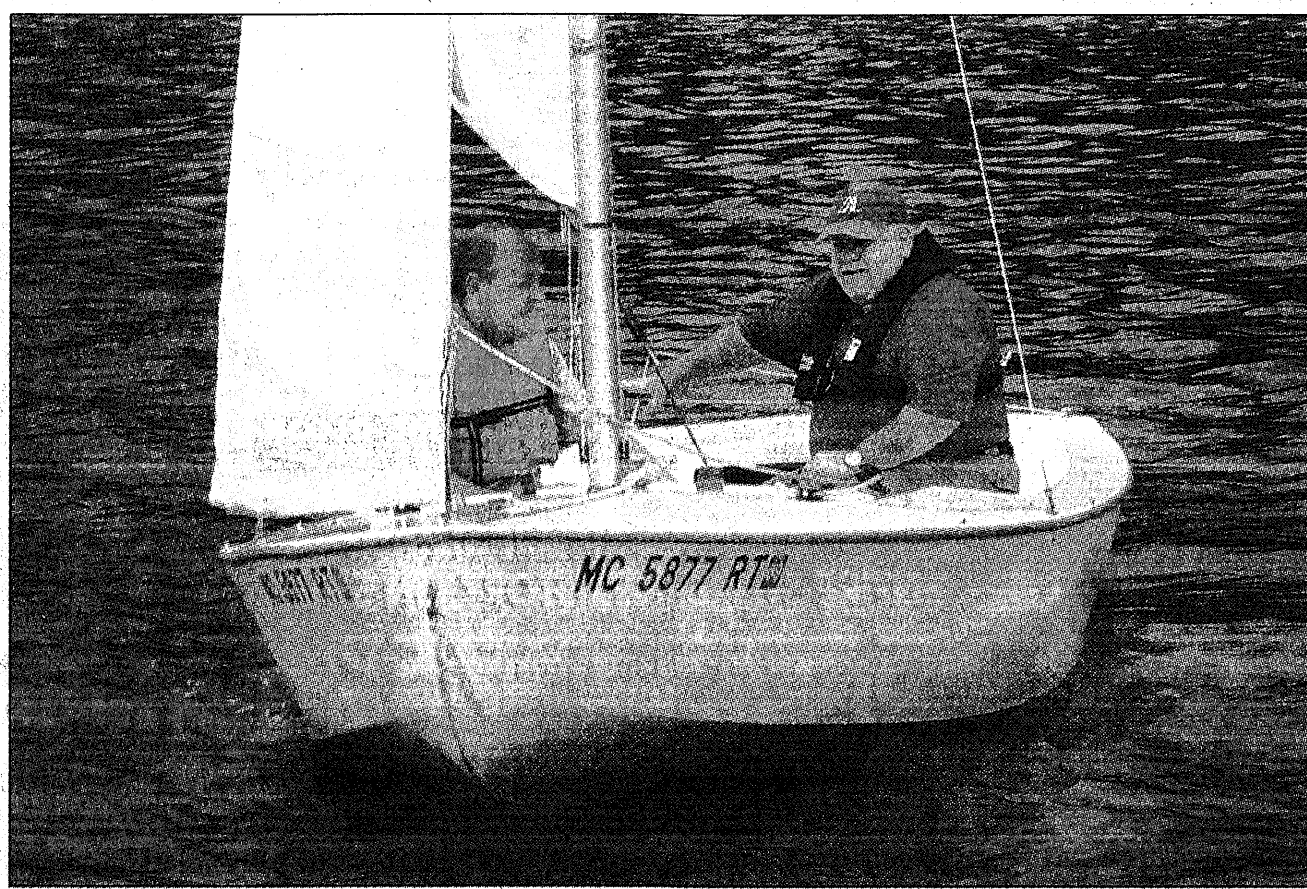
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Mark Hutchins (right) and Andrew Leszczynski sail on Kent Lake last week. Hutchins is a member of the American Sailing Institute, an organization that promotes the recreational activity with classes and a variety of other offerings.

Mast appeal

ASI benefits seasoned and beginning sailors

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

If there's a better stress-reliever than maneuvering a sail boat across Kent Lake on a sun-drenched summer afternoon, Mark Hutchins hasn't discovered it yet.

That feeling is shared by the close to 200 members of the American Sailing Institute, a southeastern Michigan-based association that caters to those who are hooked on the wind-aided hobby — and those who are ready to get hooked.

"My uncle taught me how to sail when I was 12, and I've loved it ever since," said Hutchins, a Canton resident and former member of the ASI's board of directors. "Sailing is very enjoyable after a busy day, especially

out at Kensington Park (the site of Kent Lake) because there are no boats with engines allowed out there.

"It's very relaxing. You just rely on the wind."

Welcome return

Hutchins sailed regularly into his 20s before a combination of factors — a career that consumed more of his time and the fact that his friends were drifting away from it, to name two — forced a nearly 15-year hiatus from the activity.

"Then I was talking to a guy I worked with about nine or 10 years ago who told me he sailed," recalled Hutchins. "When I told him I used to do it, he told me about the American Sailing

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OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN

What: Open house and annual picnic for the American Sailing Institute, a non-profit organization that offers inexpensive access to sailing through dues, volunteer work and boat donations;

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Diamond shines at tourney

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Capitol Park's first baseball tourney in five years turned out as smooth as the Redford Township facility's newly resurfaced infield, with more tourneys on the way.

"The tournament went great," said Capitol Park Senior Little League official Bill Sullivan, about the District 5 tourney for ages 15-16 earlier this month. "For the first time we hosted it in five years we did great. The field got plenty of use and it held up fantastic. They have a great ground crew out there."

Winning the seven-team, double-elimination tourney was a squad from Rosedale Park in Detroit, which defeated Taylor United for the championship. Redford's representative, the Nationals, went 2-2 in the tournament. Sullivan said the Nationals have players from Redford as well as Livonia, Plymouth and Westland on the roster.

Capitol Park, which is operated by Redford Township Parks and Recreation, shut down for a brief period this spring while work proceeded on the field. The work resulted in high school baseball teams from Redford Thurston and Redford Covenant needing to play home games at other locations for the rest of the season.

Meanwhile, there remains more work to be done, but early indications are that the improvements were well worth any wait.

"They took all the grass out of the infield and took it (the field) down until it was a flat angle," Sullivan explained. "Then they put in new sod and a red clay topping for the infield."

The facility is hosting yet another tourney this week, for Capitol Park Senior Little League teams in the ages 13-15 bracket. The championship contest is expected to begin about 6 p.m. Friday.

"I think next year we're going to be hosting tournaments here for younger kids," Sullivan said. "It (the District 5 tournament) worked out well, we've received nothing but raves."

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Sineclines

Softball sendoff

The Devon-Aire Softball League in Livonia is wrapping up Year 49 with an All-Star game and picnic this Saturday, at Devon-Aire Park (West Chicago and Henry Ruff in Livonia). The festivities begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m.

There are about 180 youngsters ages 7-to-18 in the league, which teaches them about softball fundamentals and good sportsmanship.

Meanwhile, the league is drumming up interest in the 50th year celebration to take place in 2008, and is looking to contact alumni. Contact Debbie Mead at eor1265@sbc-global.net.

Hole-in-one club

■ Robert Mohan of Canton aced the 152-yard fourth hole at Eagle Crest Golf Course in Ypsilanti on July 17.

Using a five iron, Mohan hit the green with his tee shot then looked on with his playing partners as the ball rolled in.

"There were eight guys on the tee with a couple more groups within earshot of the whooping and hollering," said Mohan, who was playing in a league at the time of his ace. "The fact that all the league members were there made it that much more exciting."

■ Also scoring hole-in-ones recently were Dave Wittrock and Bradley Hawthorne of Livonia.

Wittrock scored his first hole-in-one July 11 at Duck Lake Country Club in Albion, Mich., using a six iron on the 160-yard 10th hole.

Hawthorne scored his ace July 20 at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford. He used an eight iron on the 125-yard 13th hole. The first ace of the 21-year-old's golf career enabled him to score a nine-hole round of 45.

Storm's over

The Livonia Storm 16-U travel soccer team ended the year with a third-place showing at the College Exposure Tournament held July 20-22 in East Lansing.

The Storm went 4-2 over the weekend, losing only to the highly ranked Grand Rapids Blaze and 2006 champion Compuware. That gave the team a final mark of 21-9.

Members of the squad, coached by Tim Hollandsworth, include Alecia Geraghty, Annie Hollandsworth, Amanda Paison, Lauren Brueck, Jamie Johnson, Natalie Polakowski, Genny Kotyuk, Brianna Taylor, Kathleen Hoehn, Emily Hollandsworth, Laura Deacon and Brittany Taylor. Assistant coaches are Kevin Deacon and MoReno Taylor.

New Unified coach eager to build team

BY TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

PREP HOCKEY

During the day, Bob Murray teaches Taylor school district students about construction. Murray's new evening gig — as head coach of the Redford Unified hockey team — will give the Livonia resident opportunity to do a different kind of building.

But after just one week of voluntary conditioning and skating workouts, the 45-year-old Murray already is optimistic that the 2007-08 Unified squad will be a blue-collar unit to be reckoned with on the Redford Arena ice.

"They're absolutely dying to get better," Murray said. "They want to get there. Last night (Monday) they were skating until 11:30 p.m. and this morning they got there for the conditioning."

"They're motivated, ambitious and I'm more than ecstatic about the parents who are hockey nuts, in a good sense. It's an ideal situation, it really is."

There were 16 players, who attend either Redford Union or Redford Thurston, at the first dry-land session (including weightlifting, running and agility drills) and the numbers were up to 20 for Tuesday's workout.

"If we have as much talent as we have heart, we'll be in good shape," added Murray, former assistant coach at Taylor

Meanwhile, for any prospective players interested in skating with Redford Unified, Murray said the conditioning camp will continue from 8-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Redford Union and they can participate in the informal skating sessions 10-11 p.m. Mondays at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia (\$10 fee).

Kennedy before the team folded last season and former freshman baseball coach at Redford Catholic Central.

THE RIGHT PLACE

When Murray found out that the Redford Unified coaching position was open, following Larry Singer's decision to leave after three seasons, he didn't need to take long to realize it was a perfect fit for him.

"Proximity was one reason (to apply), certainly," Murray noted. "I teach in Taylor and live in Livonia, so it (Redford) is on the way home. With high school hockey, you have to be there on time."

"And Redford is very similar to Taylor, with regards to demographics, the makeup,

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Pictured (from left) are the three new P-CEP boys lacrosse coaches: Eric Bielecki (Salem), Mike Costello (Plymouth) and Kevin Riley (Canton). Costello coached the unified PCS Warriors since their inception in 2002.

PCEP names new lacrosse coaches

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Like a large tree reaching maturity, the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park's high school boys lacrosse program will be branching out significantly in 2008.

Following six years as a unified team, Plymouth, Canton and Salem will field their own varsity squads next spring, three years after the Michigan High School Athletic Association mandated the change.

"The MHSAA told us three years ago that we'd have to split up, so we've been preparing for the day it would come," said Mike Costello, who served as the PCS Warriors' head coach since the team's inception in 2002. "As a result of us splitting up,

next year will be like a rebuilding year for all three teams, but it's a good thing in that it will give more kids an opportunity to play at the varsity level."

Costello has been hired to coach the Wildcats while two of his former assistants have been retained to take over the other two units. Eric Bielecki will coach at Salem while Kevin Riley will serve as the Chiefs' new mentor.

"I'm definitely excited about the opportunity," said Bielecki, who served as the PCS junior varsity coach for the past three years. "Each of the three teams should have about 12 to 15 kids back who have varsity or junior varsity experience, so we should all have a good nucleus of kids who know the game. There won't be any junior-varsity teams

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Rams, Cubs split LCBL twinbill

After the Michigan Rams were thrashed 11-0 Friday by the Bulls, they came back to earn a split of Sunday's double-header against the Cubs in their regular-season finale at Ford Field in Livonia.

In the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League opener Sunday, the Rams earned a 3-1 triumph, paced by a complete game from starting pitcher Ryan Gunderson, who allowed just two hits and two walks while fanning six.

The Rams broke a 1-1 tie with two runs in the fifth, with Eric Vojtkofsky singling home Frank Persichino for the tie-breaking run. Also collecting RBI were Kyle Hurtt and Kyle Gendron (double).

James Teas went 2-for-3 with an RBI for the Cubs, while pitcher Kevin Sabol was the hard-luck loser (complete game, six hits, two walks).

The Cubs (24-7-2) managed a split with a 4-1 win in the nightcap, with Brian

Tellish giving up just one run and three hits (by Drew Churchward, Hurtt and Max Kelmigian).

Brent Lilly paced the winners with a 2-for-3 day, driving in two runs. Matt Nichols went 2-for-4.

Next up for the Rams (16-15-2) was an exhibition this week against the Metro Tigers of Pontiac, before embarking for the AAABA Regional Tournament (to begin Aug. 7 in Zanesville, Ohio).



The members of the Michigan Renegades team are (kneeling, left to right) Brad Hanter (Andover), Brett Burmeister (Lakeland), Jeremy Dunford (L'Anse Creuse North), Jimmy Tyler (Livonia Churchill), Josh Smith (Groves), David Kameran (Lakeland), Cory Manoogian (Andover), (standing, left to right) coach Bill Tyler, head coach Dan Smith (Andover varsity coach), Max Gordon (Andover), James Andrzejewski (Troy), Steve Barrett (Troy), Matt Pochmara (Farmington), Eli LeWitt (Country Day), Andy Buchanan (Walled Lake Western), Tyler Haggerson (Seaholm), coach Carl Manoogian and team owner Steve Hanter. Not pictured is Matt St. Clair (Cranbrook).

Renegades win MU tournament

The 16-and-under Michigan Renegades travel baseball team won the Madonna Invitational championship by defeating the defending champion Michigan Muskrats, 6-4.

The Renegades got to the championship game by defeating the OC Bandits and Detroit Eagles and earning

a 4-4 tie with the Muskrats. The Renegades' only loss in the tournament was to the Great Lakes Eagles. Renegades Manager Dan Smith praised the team's pitching, defense

and timely hitting, especially in the championship game. "We had very few walks in the championship and played

excellent defense," Smith said. Smith called the Madonna Invitational "one of the most competitive tournaments in which the team has played this year."

"This proves you do not need to travel out of town to play some of the best teams in the country."

Demolition to host Sirens in IWFL Western title game

The four-time Independent Women's Football League champion Detroit Demolition will host the Sacramento Sirens Saturday at 7 p.m. at Livonia Franklin High School in the IWFL's Western Conference championship game.

The 7-1 Demolition advanced to the conference final by virtue of a forfeit while the Sirens clipped previously unbeaten Seattle, 29-12, on July 14 in Seattle.

The two teams, who have seven national titles between them, met previously in the 2006 Western Conference

championship game with the Demolition outlasting the Sirens, 52-20. The winners rode an aggressive and attacking defense in the second half to register the 32-point triumph.

"We have a ton of respect for the Sirens, as they have won three IWFL championships," said Demolition head coach Tony Blankenship. "They are a good combination of skill and strength on both sides of the ball, and we do remember that they were able to score 20 points in one half on us before we made some effective adjustments and won the game last

year." In the Eastern Conference title game, 2006 IWFL champion Atlanta will take on New York in a repeat of their 2006 conference championship match-up.

Under the leadership of Blankenship, the Demolition has adopted the slogan, "The Drive for Five" this season. The franchise has registered an amazing 63-3 record since its inaugural season in 2002.

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Bucks get rid of Fever to enter the postseason on a high note

BY DAN STICKRAT
STAFF WRITER

One final tune-up. That's what the Fort Wayne Fever represented for the Michigan Bucks Sunday afternoon.

The Bucks, the defending U.S. Soccer-Premier Development League national champion, wrapped up the 2007 regular season as part of a double-header at the Crew Stadium in Columbus, Ohio, with a 3-1 triumph over the Fever.

The contest against the Fever was the last regular scheduled match of the Bucks' 12th regular season and helped steer the defending champs in the winning direction.

After Fever forward David Bauer stole the ball and placed an untouchable shot past Bucks goalkeeper Steve Clark in the 13th minute, Michigan turned the tables and started pressing the Fever.

It didn't take long before the Bucks' duo of Kenny Uzoigwe and Nate Jafta went on a tear to lead the Bucks as the highest scoring team in the 2007 PDL - 48 goals in regular the regular season.

Uzoigwe opened the Bucks scoring in the 16th minute on an assist from Nate Jafta (Lindsey Wilson College). Uzoigwe returned the favor in the second half when the Bucks' leading scorer (15 goals) fed Jafta with a breakaway goal.

The Bucks (13-4-3, 11-2-3 PDL, 36 points) finished out the scoring with a strike by Alex Morisset

off a Jafta pass in the 63rd minute to put the game away.

TORONTO 3, MICHIGAN 1: The Bucks rested most of its regulars and came up short Friday at Rochester High School with this loss to the Toronto Lynx.

With four of the Bucks superstars training all week with the Columbus Crew of Major League Soccer (Nate Jafta, Steve Clark, Mike Holody and Eric Brunner), second-year head coach Dan Fitzgerald emptied the bench to play all of the dedicated Bucks players this year that have not played the minutes they probably deserved. Mauro Fusetti (Michigan) headed a Doug DeMartin (Michigan State) cross into the goal from 16 yards out to give the Bucks a 1-0 lead.

The Bucks jumped out early when Steve Bonnell (Detroit Country Day/Michigan) earned a penalty kick in the eighth minute when he was pulled down running by his defender. Nic Djokic took the PK and slammed it off the crossbar. Lynx goal keeper Chris Baker made his first great save of the evening when he pushed the rebound shot over the bar for a Bucks corner kick. Michigan continued to press the first half, out shooting the Lynx 7-2 and finally put a ball past Baker when Mauro Fusetti (Michigan) headed a Doug DeMartin cross (Michigan State) into the goal from 16 yards out to give the Bucks a 1-0 lead.

Toronto would carry the play into the second half and scored two goals in 14 minutes when midfielder Murphy Wiredu put a pair of goals past Bucks reserve keeper Mitch Hildenbrandt (Livonia Stevenson/Oakland).

Toronto Stephen Phillips put the game away with a second-half goal.



CYO champions

The St. Raphael School varsity girls softball team captured the 2007 CYO Softball Championship last month with a 2-1 victory over St. Germaine at St. Lawrence in Utica. Garden City-based St. Raphael previously defeated All Saints of Canton and St. Alfred of Dearborn Heights in the districts, and then downed Livonia's St. Michael, 5-2, in the west side semifinal. Members of St. Raphael's softball team are as follows: (front row, from left) Katie Murphy, Jillian Kleismit, Teresa Wojnarowski, Kelsey Sussalla, Kelsey McHugh, Carley Shattleroe, Samantha Bellovary, Valerie Bertani; (back row, from left) coach Al Bellovary, Ashley Lynn, Heather Chiti, coach Jennifer Shattleroe, Samantha Zalewski, Jillian Kuclo, coach Kevin McHugh.

MICHIGAN BUCKS NOTEBOOK

■ The defending North American-Premier Development League (PDL) national champion Michigan Bucks begin their title defense with their opening playoff match this Friday night at Lake Orion High School. The Great Lakes Division champion Bucks (11-2-3) will take on the second place finisher in the Heartland Division, the St. Louis Lions (10-6), in the late game Friday at 8 p.m. The Chicago Fire Premier (8-4-4, second place Great Lakes Division) will take on the Thunder Bay Chill (10-3-3, Heartland Division champion) at 5:30 p.m. in the early game.

The PDL Central Conference champion will be determined when Friday night's winners clash at Lake Orion on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for Friday or Saturday's matches are \$10. Adult (16 and over) and \$5 Youths (under 5 are free). For a limited time only, the Bucks are offering a Central Conference

Playoff pass that you can purchase for \$11 Adults and \$6 Youth and will allow you seating at all three of the PDL playoff games held on the weekend of July 27-28.

Tickets can be purchased on-line until Friday at 12 noon. Visit www.bucksoccer.org for all ticket information.

■ The Bucks won their first PDL title last year in their eleventh season and have qualified for the PDL playoffs in 11 of 12 campaigns. The Bucks hold several PDL records, including most overall wins, most playoff wins and most playoff appearances in the 63 team league that covers the entire US and Canada.

The Bucks are led by leading scorer Kenny Uzoigwe (15 goals, five assists) and Nate Jafta (seven goals, nine assists). Both players are candidates for PDL player of the year. Goalkeeper Steve Clark finished the season 11-0-3 and only conceded 10 goals in 14 games, including six shutouts.

Hawks set for playoffs

Playoff action is heating up in the United Soccer Leagues, with the Livonia-based Michigan Hawks gearing up for a Friday afternoon tilt with big implications.

The Hawks (8-3-1) are slated to face the Atlanta Silverbacks (9-2-1) at 5 p.m. Friday in a USL semifinal at Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota. Later Friday, the Minnesota Lightning (10-1-1) and Richmond Kickers Destiny (9-2-1) will take the field for the second semifinal match.

Michigan lost a tough match to Minnesota on July 21, 1-0, to fall to second-seed status. In the 75th minute of the match at

Detroit Country Day, forward Caroline Smith scored the lone tally of the contest. After a ball deflected off the left post, Smith was there to chip in the rebound.

Lightning goalkeeper Ann Gleason earned the shutout, needing to make just three saves. Taking the tough loss was Michigan's Kathryn Cummings (three saves).

On Sunday, the Hawks fell 2-1 to host London (4-8-0), with forward Kristi Swaving scoring the lone Michigan goal.

Scoring for the Gryphons were forward Kimberly Dimitroff and midfielder Fabiana Costi.

SAILING

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Institute and how appealing it was to become a member because you didn't have to own a boat. He told me if you joined the association and did some volunteer work for them, you could use their boats at Kent Lake and Stony Creek Lake for free. I've been a member ever since."

Under the 'Big Mac'

Hutchins' most memorable sailing experience unfolded a few years ago when he and three other ASI members guided a 30-foot sail boat from the southwestern shores of the Upper Peninsula to a dock hundreds of miles away near Detroit. The trip included an unforgettable voyage under the Mackinaw Bridge.

"The American Sailing Institute kept one of its boats in the Georgian Bay in Canada for its members to use," Hutchins explained. "Myself and two other ASI members volunteered to go up to near Escanaba and sail it back to Detroit. With perfect weather, it would have taken us about a week, but we encountered

some rough weather, including 10-foot seas and gale-force winds, so it ended up taking us about 12 days.

"It was a very memorable trip despite the weather because I was with three good friends and we all loved to sail. Sailing under the Mackinaw Bridge was something I'll never forget."

Giving of his time

The bulk of Hutchins' mandatory volunteering time for the ASI is spent teaching want-to-be sailors the essential skills it takes to guide a boat safely and effectively.

"Once a member passes our Level 1 tests, they can take our boats out as the skipper as often as they like," said Hutchins. "That's the nice thing about association — you don't have to be married to a boat."

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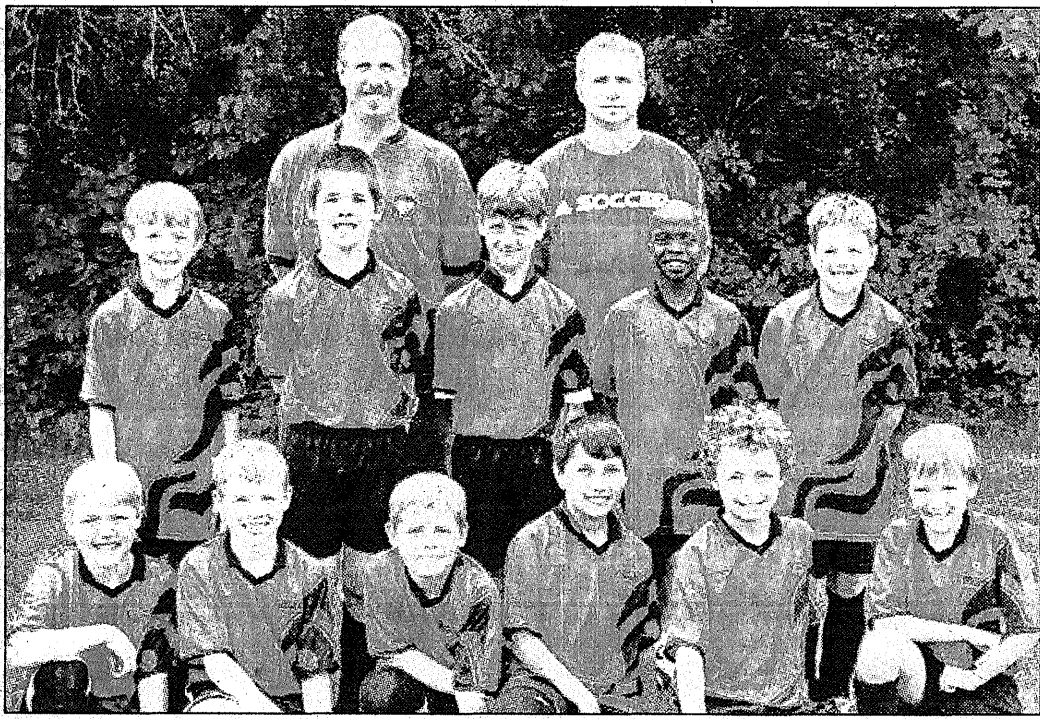


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U-9 Eagles soar

Outstanding team defense propelled the Livonia YMCA Boys U-9 Eagles to a very successful season, in which they went 7-0-1 to capture the Western Suburban Soccer League Division 2 championship. The team scored 39 goals and gave up just five. Members of the U-9 Eagles include (front row, from left): Nate Leach, Wynston Werden, Josh Karwowski, Danny Ismail, Brandon Navarro-Sutliff and Ryan Bohr; (middle row, from left): Keith Yermak, Diego Martinez, Jacob Karwowski, Jordan Whitt and Trevor Furkas. Standing behind the players are (from left) assistant coach Kevin Yermak and head coach Matt Warner. "The boys did a tremendous job this past spring," said Warner. "They had one focus and they accomplished it." The champs will now face their next challenge, moving up to the U-10 league in the fall.



The perfect Storm

The Livonia Storm Black 12U girls fastpitch softball team finished first at the Grand Blanc Tournament held July 20-22. Pictured (front row from left) are Peggy Phelan, Katelynn Devers, Frances Balluff, Maggie Leins, Tiffany Lamble, Afton Dewyse, (second row from left) Kelsey King, Jackie Tolles, Kristen Baumgardner, (third row from left) Assistant Coach Jeff Tolles, Alex Ferguson, Bailee Keese, Coach Tom Lamble, Kaitlyn Glowacki, Joanne Kraska and Coach Bill Keese. Not pictured is Assistant Coach Monica Lamble.

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LACROSSE

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for at least the first year, so we're hoping to get about 30 kids on each team." Bielecki, who resides in Canton with his wife, Nicole, and his 20-month-old daughter Allison, got his first taste of lacrosse at Detroit Catholic Central High School (Class of '93). "I loved the sport the first time I played it," said Bielecki, whose competitive playing days were ended when he tore knee ligaments while playing in college. "My coaching philosophy is to get the kids to play hard and never let up," he said. "It's a great sport and one of the fastest-growing sports in the United States." Riley, a Redford Township police officer, was introduced to lacrosse while growing up in Canada in the late-70s. He has served as Costello's lead

assistant for the past six years. Among the experienced players who will suit up for the Chiefs next spring is senior Justin Scott, who earned second team All-State recognition following his junior campaign. "Most of our top returning players are defenders, so defense should be our strength," he said. "With our goalie and three or four long poles coming back, we should be strong back there." Riley lives in Canton with his wife, Brenda, and two daughters: Victoria, a 10th-grader-to-be at Canton, and Alexandra, who attends East Middle School. Costello, who lives in Plymouth with his wife Gail and 5-year-old daughter Rachel, said the explosion of popularity in lacrosse in the Plymouth-Canton community necessitated the expansion to three teams. "Every year, there are more and more kids getting intro-

duced to the sport — at camps, in middle school, everywhere," he said. "It was getting to a point where we would have had to start cutting kids if we would have continued to have just one team for all three schools. "For the first year at least, our schedules probably won't be as tough as they have been in the past, just because we're rebuilding." The expansion from one to three teams will force the PCEP athletic administrators to look into a variety of facilities to use for games and practices. "The athletic directors are going to have to get creative," Costello said. "We may have to have one team play at the junior varsity stadium at 6 p.m. and another team play at the varsity turf field at 8 p.m., things like that," he said. "Both athletic directors (Sue Heinzman and Tom Willette) are aware of the situation and I know they'll figure everything out."

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HOCKEY

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the type of athletes you get. I think there's a working class mentality, where people want to do their best." There is another area of construction that Murray is interested in pursuing in his new job. That is to help shore up the hockey profile itself as an exciting avenue for Redford youngsters. He expressed surprise that there are only two youth teams skating out of Redford Arena, with more than a few of those players hailing from Livonia. Getting more kids playing hockey, to help eventually funnel athletes to the high school team, is an area that Murray

isn't unfamiliar with. While in Taylor, the issue of low participation in youth hockey also was one he had to deal with. "There's just not a feeder program down there," Murray said. "When I came to Redford, I assumed they'd have one better than Taylor." Murray won't rest until that situation straightens itself out. Meanwhile, for any prospective players interested in skating with Redford Unified, Murray said the conditioning camp will continue from 8-10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Redford Union and they can participate in the informal skating sessions 10-11 p.m. Mondays at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia (\$10 fee).

GOLF FOR HOCKEY
The Redford Unified hockey team is hosting its annual Golf Outing Fund-raiser, slated for 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 25 at Brae Burn Golf Course in Plymouth. "The annual golf outing is our largest fund-raiser every year," said Mark Scicluna, event organizer. "The players from both Redford Union and Thurston benefit greatly throughout the season because they can focus on their game, not the ice bill." The team is looking for teams of four to play at the golf outing, as well as seeking sponsors. The fee is \$100 per player (\$90 for current and alum hockey players). Each package includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, steak dinner and golfer gift bag. Dinner tickets also are available, at \$25 each. Sponsorship levels vary leading up to the Board of Education Sponsorship (\$300). All sponsors will be recognized at the event; hole sponsorships also are available, but are limited. For more information, to register or for sponsorship opportunities, contact Scicluna at (313) 492-8232.

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Horrible Coverage of the British Open

LESSON ON GOLF
By Jeff Lesson

set does not show the contours of the green or give you a proper idea of exactly how far away the ball is from the hole, we depend on our announcers for that. That is where ABC dropped the ball. Play by play voice Mike Trico, a well decorated broadcaster who lives in Ann Arbor, apparently never thought it was important enough for the viewers to know if the putt that could win the British Open was either four feet or ten feet. He never told us, despite the fact that ABC had reporters all over the course within feet of the golfers themselves. Surely, they had the capability to relay that information. On a television screen, there is no way of knowing exactly how far they are because of camera angles and other factors. ABC and Mike Trico are not alone in this. They are only the most recent. This is my biggest pet peeve with golf on television. It is a mistake made by many golf announcers. As a golfer, I want to know how far the putt is and how much it is supposed to break so I can relate to how difficult or easy an upcoming part is. I also want to know where it is going to break so the instant they hit the putt you can see whether or not the putt is on target or off.

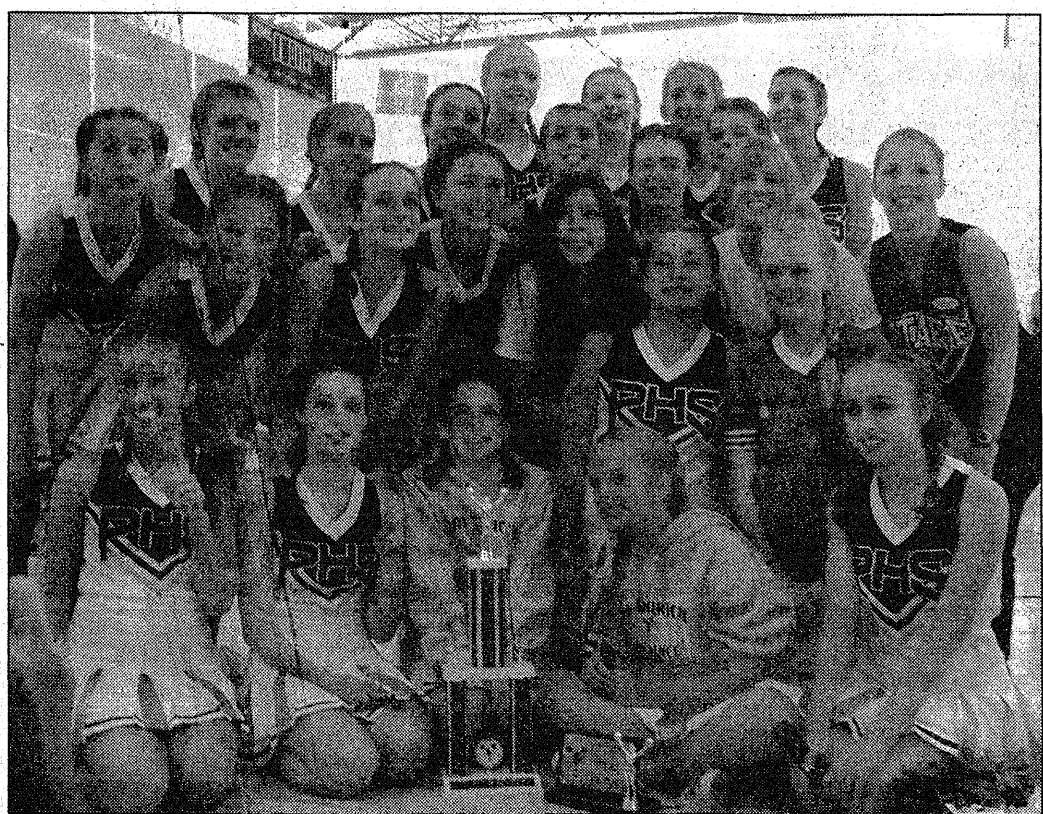
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Saberettes shine

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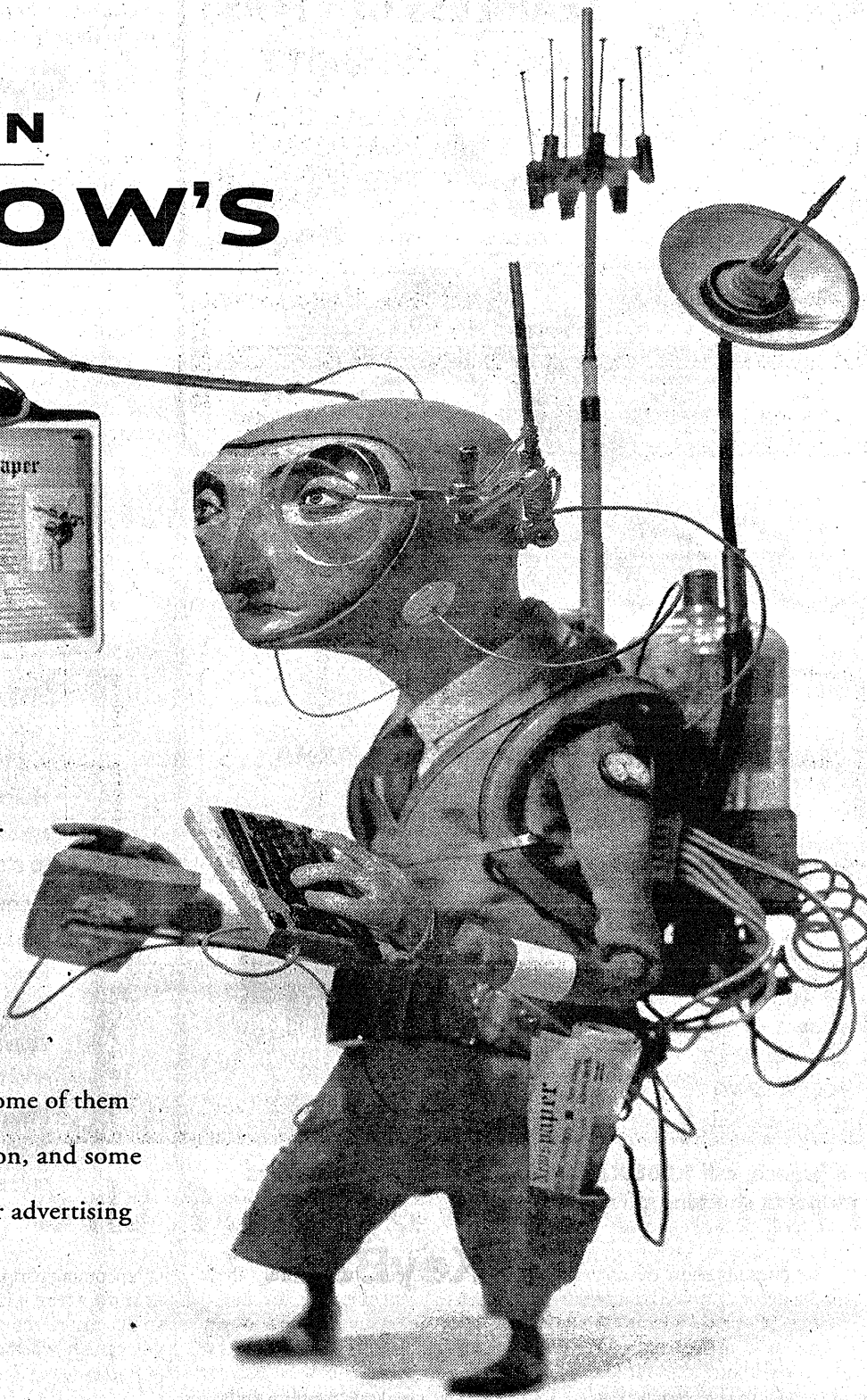
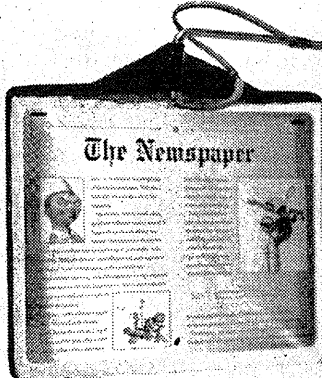
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Materials for the course will include a manual and an official USA Weightlifting Sports Performance Coach polo shirt.

The cost of the course is \$300 per coach for USAW members and \$335 for non-members. Interested parties should contact Velocity Sports Performance at (734) 485-2561 or register on-line at <http://www.msnb.tv/usavision/>.

Velocity Sports Performance is located inside the Arctic Edge Ice Arena on Michigan Ave., just west of Canton Center Rd.



Making a state ment

Canton Sports placed third in the Baseball Players Association state tournament July 13-15 in Lake Orion. Pictured (top row from left) are Tyler McCurry, Matt Vreeland, Derek Mully, Justin Blair, Brent Ochodnicki, Tom Briggs, (front row from left) Derek Ince, Ben Novak, Will Martin, Brett Felsenfeld, Ryan Nelson and Greg McCurry. The team is coached by Dale Ochodnicki, Doug McCurry, Dave Mully and Tom Blair.



Yankees are perfect

The 11U Yankees captured the title in the 2007 Greater Canton Baseball & Softball Association this past season as they compiled a perfect 11-0 record. Pictured (front row from left) are Kevin Spialek, Josh Kramer, Adam Powlus, Evan Thomas, Andy Carr, Rodrigo Lopez, Coach Martin, (middle row from left) Coach Sydlowski, Alec Winfrey, Billy Adams, Justin Sydlowski, Curtis Martin, Joe Zylka, Danny Kitz, K.J. Wooley, Mitchell Langell and (back row) Coach Matt Adams.

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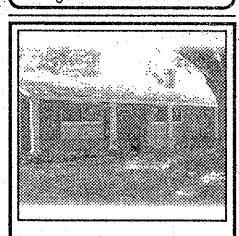
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Full-time, Wayne apt. complex. Must be dependable, hard worker & team player. Competitive salary, paid vacation & benefits avail. Fax resume 248-683-2552

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Looking to hire qualified experienced operators. Mazak CNC Lathe, CNC Mill, Die Assembly & Die Repair Finishers.
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ROLES BLUR IN FLUID WORKPLACE



WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

Your title may remain the same, but you probably work outside of your job description. Recent research pinpoints a problem from the manager's standpoint. Let's look at it from that of the employee.

LONG HOURS
Harris Interactive, on behalf of global HR consulting firm Randstad USA, L.P., obtained 3,139 online interviews from 1,888 employees and 1,251 employers for Randstad's 2007 World of Work research report. It spots a trend among employers -- "tak(ing) on tasks that their employees aren't willing or able to do (leading to) rubbing shoulders with employees around the copy machine." This blurring of work roles is cited by 64 percent of employees and 67 percent of employers. Randstad attributes the phenomenon to excessive time at the office -- a median of 42 hours per week for employees and 50 for employers.

GAPS
Workers, perhaps unwittingly, often initiate on-the-job cross-training by filling gaps. Jim Stroup, management consultant at San Diego's Bosphorus Business Consulting, maintains that "inadvertent cross-training in a team environment is usually a problem. In fact, in such cases it actually isn't being 'done.' It is just 'happening' as a result of a systemic shortcoming." These stop-gap measures offer a short-term solution that may contribute to role-blurring.

Executive consultant Stefanie Smith of Stratex Corp. in New York City maintains that the increased "speed with which leaders are delegating tasks" also contributes to the blurring. "Ten years ago," she says, "a president

has an idea, calls two to three direct reports, discusses the task and decides time frames. This is done formally or not. Today, the same guy at the airport, waiting for the plane to board, uses a BlackBerry to fire to off someone, "Look into this." The person responds immediately by working on the task or delegating it. Stroup contends that this manager is "abrogating duties," not truly delegating. It's "firefighting... a potential morale-buster."

DEMOCRATIZATION
If long hours and high productivity demands fuel role-blurring, another contributor is the democratization of the workplace. There are at least four factors driving democratization: employee attitude, technology, insufficient grasp of the nature of lifelong learning and organizational inattention.

Many employees think that they can do just about anything, and many employers believe the same (or at least act as if they do). Democratization breaks down the walls that defined roles represent. Willing employees may be undercutting themselves -- losing focus -- by adding new, unfamiliar "accomplishments" to their list of tasks. "People want their boss and their colleagues to know what they do, and they want to succeed in their responsibilities, and be recognized for these achievements," Smith observes. Their zeal in promoting the new tasks muddies the water.

Technology, the great leveler, has contributed to the feeling that anyone can write, design, sell, document, whatever. We need to return technology to its rightful spot, as a tool.

The emphasis upon lifelong learning, much acquired on the job, also contributes to the problem. Employees know that to protect their jobs and careers, and to keep work rewarding, they may have to stretch

themselves. Experience gained on the job through training, while necessary, becomes a substitute for true education. It may devolve into learning by the seat of your pants.

Organizational inattention also contributes to declining formality "in job and task identity, which is essential for job fulfillment and pride," Smith adds. "This decline is evident when job descriptions aren't updated to reflect current realities, compensation and title." She maintains that high performers are at greatest risk here, because they're turned to most frequently to get something done. She recommends that "diffused job identities" be addressed in quarterly conversations.

So do you jump in to save the day or your job? Do you hang back and risk all? Don't let "It's not in my job description" become your mantra. Get formal cross-training and formal education. If your employer won't help you, show him the door.

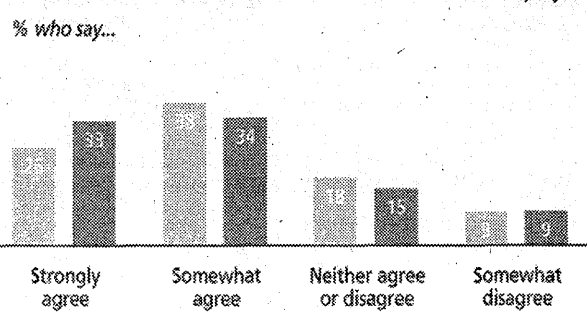
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PHOTO: Stephanie Smith (far right), president, Stratex Corp., discusses role blurring with (l to r) Nick Rossetto, CFO, Egenix Inc.; Rafael Pabon and Arsen Royzman, consultants, Stratex Corp.; and Jane Deuser, managing partner, Deuser Clarkson.

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Managerial roles becoming blurred with introduction of other tasks



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Male or female. Degree required. Neat appearance, with superb written & oral communication skills, and knowledge of basic computer. Fax resume to: 248-553-5840

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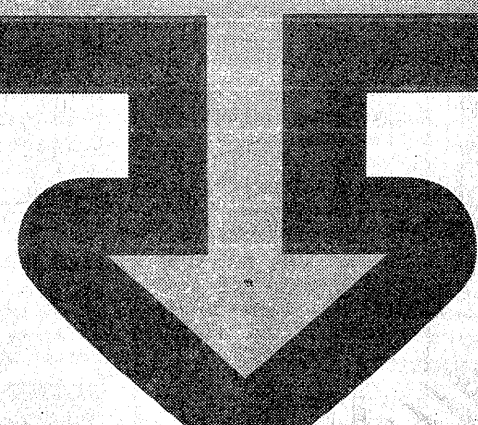
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| <p>Garage Sales 7110 BEVERLY HILLS 17310 Beechwood Ave., btwn 13/14 Mile, off Southfield. July 26-28, 8-4. Baby, purses, furniture, housewares, new items.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 CANTON Multi-family. July 26-28 9-4pm. Toys, kids & adult clothes, household items, furniture, misc. 41644 Pheasant Creek, E/Lilley, S/Cherry Hill, off Haggerty. Fri-Sat, 9-3pm.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 FARMINGTON HILLS July 26-27-28, 9:30-4:00 pm. 24216 El Marco, N. of 10 mile, W. of Middlebelt. Tools, & misc.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 LIVONIA Multi family block sale. W. Chicago btwn Merriman & Sunset, July 26-28, 8-4. Large selection.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 LIVONIA - Help! Our husbands want their garages back sale! 2 family sale. Everything must go. Household, toys, furniture, clothes and much more. July 25-27, 9-5pm. 33925 Fairfax, N of 7 btwn Farmington and Gill. Enter on Norwich.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 PLYMOUTH - NO ORDINARY GARAGE SALE Brand new designer purses, teen/young adult designer clothing, antiques, books, big assortment of jewelry, Christmas ornaments & many hand painted crafts. Fri-Sun. 10-4pm. 7505 N. Territorial Rd., just W. of Curtis, on N. side of N. Territorial Rd.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 ROYAL OAK Huge sale! Antiques, Hoosier cupboard, furniture, kids' clothes, misc. Linwood St., off Normandy & Crooks. Thurs-Fri. 9-5.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 WEST BLOOMFIELD Multi family moving & garage sale. July 27-28, 9-5. 2150 Wycliffe, S. of Quarton, W. off Inkster. Furniture, baby, toys, TV's, household & much more.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 LIVONIA - 17442 Brookview Dr. W. of Middlebelt, N/6 mile. Thurs-Fri-Sat., 9am-6pm. Queen bedroom set, tv's, Oak entertainment unit, dining room table w/chairs, furniture, household items, ping pong table & tools.</p> |
| <p>Garage Sales 7110 BIRMINGHAM 1071 N. Old Woodward, N. of Oak. One day sale! Fri., July 27th, 8:30-7. Great stuff! Furniture, antiques, clothes, etc...</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 CANTON Multi-family. July 27 & 28, 8am - 5pm. 4812 Sashabaw Rd. Tools, Toys, Clothing, Housewares.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 FARMINGTON HILLS Huge sale! July 26-28, 9-5. Household, sporting goods, clothes, tools & more! 2715 Arden Park Ct. 11 Mile/Inkster.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 LIVONIA - July 26-28, 9-5pm. Tupperware, Star Wars, Barbies, Cabbage Patch Kids, Fenton art glass & misc. 18351 Whitby, Curtis & Farmington.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 MILFORD HUGE Multi-Family Sale Thurs. & Fri., 8am to 4pm. 720 Manorale Court.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 PLYMOUTH 9024 Marlowe, S/ Ann Arbor Rd, btwn Sheldon/ Main. Fri-Sat, July 27-28, 9-4pm. 2 neighbors-Furniture, household items and misc.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 ROYAL OAK July 28-29, 9-5pm. 4519 Sedgemore, S/14 Mi, W/Crooks. Furniture, household, books, kids toys & bikes.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 WESTLAND Fri. July 27th, 10-3pm. 32564 Hazelwood, S/Cherryhill, E/Venoy. Odds & Ends.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 NOVI-HUGE SALE! Fri. ONLY, 7/27 from 9-5. 40420 Heatherbrook, W of Haggerty & N of 9 mile. Furniture, clothes, books, lots of stuff!</p> |
| <p>Garage Sales 7110 BIRMINGHAM Moving. July 27-28, 10-7, 1179 N. Glenhurst, btwn Maple & 16 Mi. Antiques, Woodard table & chairs, oriental carpets, transfer ware, baseball cards, TV's, collectibles & much more.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 DETROIT HUMONGOUS ESTATE SALE Furniture, household, antiques, Vintage BARBIE's & Dolls. 12733 Appleton/ Detroit 7/27-29, 9am-4pm.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 FRANKLIN Estate Sale 26291 Evelyn Ct. 1 blk. S. of 14 Mile. July 27-28, 9-4. Entire contents of home. Everything must go!</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 LIVONIA - July 27-28, 9-5. 37690 Kingsbury, N. of 5 Mi., W. off Newburgh. Clothes, coats, household, linens, books, music & much more.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 NOVI 7/27 & 7/28, 9am-4pm. 22521 Moorgate St., E of Beck, N of 9 Mile.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 REDFORD LARGE GARAGE SALE 15765 Lenore, 7/25 to 7/28, 10am to 5:30pm. Household items, Antiques, Collectibles, much more!</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 SOUTH LYON 206 Harvard, N of 9 Mile, W of Pontiac Trail. Thurs-Sat., 9am-4pm. Children clothing, crib & many other misc. items.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 WESTLAND - MULTI-FAMILY Sat-Sun., 9am-4pm. 1435 Westchester N. off Palmer, E. of Merriman. Nice variety of items!</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 PLYMOUTH - July 26-28th. 9-5pm. Furniture, youth bdrm set (like new), No. junk, Yamaha drum set, 14688 Garland, S. of 5 Mile, E. off Northville Rd.</p> |
| <p>Garage Sales 7110 BLOOMFIELD Inside Estate Sale is Back! 2 MUST SEE! LIST! THIS IS A MUST SEE! Antiques, Women's Designer Clothes 12-16, pics, frames, furniture, bedding, dresses, hutch, divan, collectibles, art. 146 W. Hickory Grove, Bloomfield. Thurs-Sun, 26-29, 9am-6pm.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 DETROIT - HUGE INDOOR GARAGE SALE! More added! 3rd time is a charm. 50% off marked prices. Sat. & Sun. July 28-29, 10-5pm. 7843 Rutherford, 4 blks. W. of Greenfield, 4 houses S. of Tiresman.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 GARDEN CITY - BRIDES DREAM! \$10,000 Wedding Supplies Liquidation! Silks flower, craft supplies! Built in Oven, Stair Master. Thursday to Sunday, 12 noon to 5pm. 28663 SHERIDAN. Charge Cards WELCOME!</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 LIVONIA - 3 FAMILY SALE Thurs-Sat., July 26-28, 9-5pm. 38559 Grandon, btwn Ann Arbor Rd. & Joy Rd., W. of Hix. Asian decor & much misc.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 NOVI Multi family sale. Furniture, and household items. 7/27, 9-5pm & 7/28, 9-3pm. 1229 East Lk Dr., 48377.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 REDFORD LOTS! Household, Baby, Kids. 15084 Fox Redford (W of Inkster, S off 5 Mile). Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 10am-4pm.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 ROYAL OAK Moving Sale! LOTS of perfect condition baby/kids clothing, toys, strollers, outdoor play toys, furniture, designer bags, luggage, decor items. 3432 Chester Rd. East of Woodward, south of Normandy. Saturday, July 28th, 9am-3pm.</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 WESTLAND YARD SALE Fri. July 27th, 10-3pm. Westhaven Manor, 34601 Elmwood. Furniture, clothes, odds & ends. (734) 729-3690</p> | <p>Garage Sales 7110 ROYAL OAK Oak Moving Sale! LOTS of perfect condition baby/kids clothing, toys, strollers, outdoor play toys, furniture, designer bags, luggage, decor items. 3432 Chester Rd. East of Woodward, south of Normandy. Saturday, July 28th, 9am-3pm.</p> |
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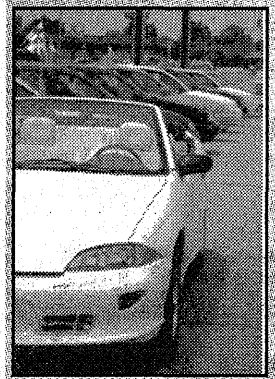
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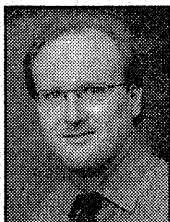
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By Dale Buss

Improved manufacturing by all automakers has made it much easier to avoid getting stuck with a claptrap automobile. But if you're a consumer who really wants to hone in on vehicle quality, there's lots of help available - both in terms of how to think about your purchase, and tools to execute it.

Here are some things to consider:
Decide How Important Quality Is
By "quality" in an automobile, you might mean different things than the next person. And to some people, quality per se - no matter how they define it - doesn't matter all that much.

Consumers who are totally focused on forging an emotional connection with their machines are one such cohort. Of course, they can feel free to pursue this path in part because most makes and models today are pretty well built and cluster relatively close together in terms of measured manufacturing quality.

This helps explain why several vehicles that have succeeded largely through their emotional positioning with consumers - including Hummers, Land Rovers, the Cadillac Escalade and the Chrysler 300 - have created and converted strong passions in certain motorists despite the fact that they aren't necessarily manufacturing-quality standouts.

"The more that actual quality is a non-differentiator," said Matt May, a management consultant and author of a new book on Toyota's management elegance, "the more you have to focus on the emotional side."

Dig For Data
If you want to go to the mat on quality, lots of information is available about the relative soundness of vehicle models these days. It basically comes in two forms: objectified data, and opinions. Both can serve valuable roles.

Automotive research for consumers has been revolutionized over the last several years by the appearance and easy availability of several new sources of survey-based information about product quality. J.D. Power's authoritative surveys of initial vehicle quality have become a bible to consumers. And Edmunds.com offers First Drive, Full Tests and Comparison Tests that



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attest to a vehicle's initial quality. The site also offers information above vehicle recalls and "technical service bulletins" that automakers and dealers use to identify and fix problems in new vehicles.

But understand what you're seeing. For example, GM and Chrysler tumbled down the list in the most recent installment of a widely watched survey of initial vehicle quality; but both brands have improved their manufacturing quality dramatically over the last several years. By the same token, Toyota didn't do as well in this survey in the most recent go-round, perhaps realistically reflecting new struggles the automaker is having with recalls. And while Ford came on strong in the last quarter, the company is still having to overcome a recent legacy of relatively poor manufacturing quality.

And remember that "initial quality" probably shouldn't be the sole criterion for judgment in any case. "Compared with 'things gone wrong' in the first 12 months, a better indication of quality may be 'things gone wrong' in the first five years," said Clifton Lambreth, a Ford retail-zone manager.

Talk with Others
Beyond what the experts say, you can tap into the vast flow of subjective opinions about vehicle models by going online and seeing what individual consumers have to say. At Edmunds.com Forums, for example, you can browse consumer discussions and ratings by vehicle.

In some ways, these opinions can be as valuable as those rendered by the objective studies. "I think the

best source of information about quality is current and former owners - the micro side of things," said Karl Brauer, editor-in-chief of Edmunds.com. "These are people who've actually owned the cars."

Make Your Own Decision
Some people bring other preferences and even prejudices into play. For example, a substantial number of Americans continue to believe that it's a bad idea to purchase a new model in its first year because the auto maker hasn't worked out all the bugs yet - even though all manufacturers have made gigantic leaps in production quality. That caution still may be applicable for the first few months, however.

Some older consumers also may refuse to consider foreign makes because they believe that repair costs are considerably higher than for domestic makes. And, in fact, Japanese makes do average from 7% to 15% higher repair costs in the United States, depending on the vehicle segment, according to CNW Marketing Research data. That's something, but not nearly as significant a disparity as many consumers would believe.

But in the end, deciding on your own vehicle is a highly personal decision no matter what the data says or what others believe - or even if a particular vehicle has demonstrated certain generic problems. "If you really like a given model, unless it's got atrociously bad scores across the board, you shouldn't let lower ratings dissuade you," Brauer said. "And there are no guarantees, anyway. You can have the most reputed car in the world and it can strand you somewhere."

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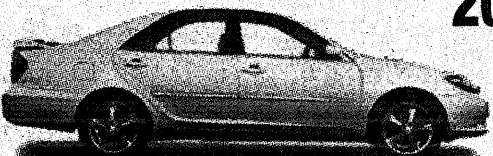
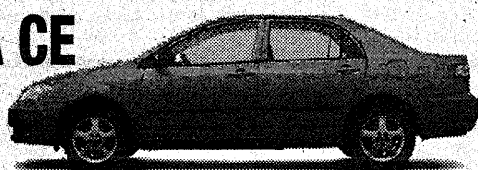


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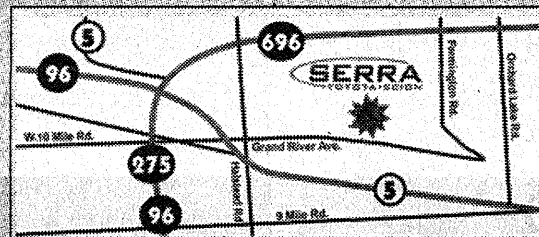
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A compact camera that won't break the bank

The last digital camera I bought was the Casio Exilim EX-S500, which my wife and I prized for its super-slim design, gorgeous burnt-orange color, and varied selection of scene modes (which automatically adjust the camera's settings based on the shooting conditions).



Tech Savvy

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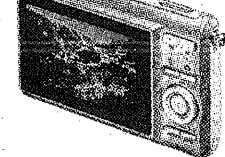
Unfortunately, the Exilim died an unceremonious death a few weeks ago, its retractable zoom lens getting stuck in the extended position. Mechanical failure happens — but it was still a bummer.

The even bigger bummer came after I returned the camera to Casio for repair. To the company's credit, it took only a week to get a reply by mail after I shipped the camera to New Jersey.

But my choices were rather surprising: I could spend \$125 to get the camera repaired, or I could spend \$135 on a reconditioned newer model.

In other words, they really didn't want to fix my camera.

This reminds me of VCRs: Eventually they got so cheap that it no longer made sense to repair them.

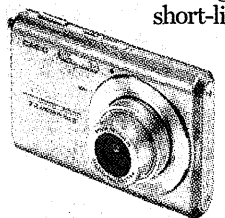


The Casio Exilim EX-Z75 features a large color screen for framing and reviewing your photos. However, it lacks a viewfinder, which some photographers might miss.

If yours broke, you'd just buy a new one.

I actually didn't mind Casio's solution.

The Exilim was two years old and had been bounced around quite a bit, often finding itself in the hands of my kids. In fact, I was pleased it lasted as long as it did. (For better or worse, my generation accepts short-lived, disposable electronics as the nature of things.)



The \$199 Z75 is slim and light enough to ride in a shirt pocket, yet it includes a 3X zoom lens and 7.2-megapixel image sensor.

Now, for a fairly reasonable price, I could upgrade my old, banged-up camera for a newer model with a bigger screen, higher megapixel count and more features.

The only downside: these reconditioned replacements come with a meager 90-day

warranty. A new model, on the other hand, would give me a year.

I hadn't perused Casio's Exilim line in a while, so I went shopping (on the Web, of course).

SELECTION

The Exilim Zoom series currently includes three models: the EX-Z1200, EX-Z1050 and EX-Z75. They're capable of capturing 12, 10 and 7 megapixels, respectively.

Because I was more than satisfied with my EX-S500's 5 megapixels, I opted for a fetching light-blue EX-Z75.

The specs include a glorious 2.6-inch color LCD, a 3x optical zoom, and 34 of

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BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

+ iLove iPhone

Apple's latest device earns high marks from gadget fan

I didn't camp out, or wait in line with a sleeping bag. I didn't tell anyone I was going to buy one. It even came as something of a surprise to me when two weeks ago I walked out of the Apple Store at Troy's Somerset Collection with little box containing a big purchase.

Don't get me wrong - I really, really wanted an iPhone. I fell victim to all the hype. I embraced it. I checked online periodically for months before it was available, watched the 20-minute instructional video online, and checked with AT&T to make sure I was eligible to buy a new phone. But I kept telling myself to wait, let Apple work out any kinks. Get the second generation phone. After all, my Motorola Razr had been so good to me.

Turns out, I'm far too impatient to be so practical.

But Apple never let me down. Like the two iPods, my coveted iPod and the workout-friendly Shuffle that came before it, my iPhone has assumed the role of my favorite new toy.

By now you know this little hand-held device has it all. It's a cell phone with a crisp 2.0 megapixel camera, an iPod that plays music, movies, TV shows and podcasts; and calendar that's become my personal organizer. It gives me full access to



Staff Writer Stephanie Angelyn Casola made the call, and gives rave reviews to Apple's new iPhone.

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ACCENTS

AVOID OVERCHARGING

"With many cordless tools and various appliances, overcharging leads to premature battery failure when a high (or 'fast') charge rate is used," say James and Morris Carey, writing for AP Weekly Features.

"It's essential to stop the charge when the battery is full, or the temperature will quickly rise, causing extreme internal pressure as the excess current is dissipated as heat. (Don't worry; there is no danger of explosion.)

"Internal built-in vents do open up to relieve pressure and allow some sealed oxygen to escape. However, what is lost cannot be replaced, and lost oxygen means less power and capacity. Also, vents can and do corrode over time, and it's advisable not to depend on them.

"The remedy: You can avoid overcharging by plugging cordless batteries needing power into a common household timer set for the prescribed amount of charge time."

GOING CITRIC

The Carey Brothers, writing for AP, were asked:

"We put marble in our shower and counter tops, and the manufacturer told us we could get damage from using products that contain citric acid.

"But I read in an old column of yours that you can use half a lemon sprinkled with salt to clean marble. Which is true?"

Their reply: "Both statements are true. Citric acid can damage marble — but it is a good marble cleaner as well.

"A good comparison would be the kitchen stove. Heat can either cook or burn food. So, just as you must be careful when cooking, you must also be careful when cleaning. Abrasive cleansers are very efficient, but they can scratch or dull a soft surface.

"The key to the citric acid problem is time. If you wash marble with citric acid you must quickly rinse it with fresh water. Leaving a citric acid spill on marble will definitely result in an etched surface.

"We recommend that citric acid and salt be used only occasionally and for serious cleanings. Again, don't forget to wash it away with fresh water and dry it immediately."

How her garden does glow!

BY MARY KLEMIC
STAFF WRITER

Eileen Droste of Redford has a bright thumb when it comes to gardening.

In the Droste back yard, she has arranged 33 solar lights along fences and elsewhere in her garden. The result is a de-light-ful garden that glows as it grows.

"People say (of our house), 'It's the small house with a big glow,'"

Droste said.

"I tell people it's a cross between the MGM Grand and Disneyland."

The light isn't as bright as that, of course. Instead, it's a soft shine coming from a variety of items, including whimsical or romantic figures. Some of the lights change color.

There are stately lanterns. There are fairies, angels and cherubs.

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Eileen Droste sits alongside the glowing garden at her Redford home as the garden begins to light up.

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Grow melons in a valley but grapes on a mountain

Apparently, Jess Jackson (of Kendall-Jackson wine fame), who over the last 25 years has had the foresight to acquire some of the best vineyard land in California, has more than half of the 14,000 acres he owns located on benchland, hillsides, ridges and mountains.

Via helicopter a few years ago, Jackson flew us over some of these vineyards in Sonoma and Napa counties, but he has more in Mendocino, Monterey and Santa Barbara counties.

Jackson likes a quote attributed to an anonymous Italian farmer: "Valleys are for growing melons, mountains are for grapes."

To understand how special California higher-elevation sites with a coastal climate are for grape growing, consider a few facts: Less than 15 percent of California's wine grapes are growing in cool coastal regions. Less than 3 percent of all the grapes in California have benchland, ridge, hillside or mountain pedigrees.

Yet, 100 percent of all Kendall Jackson Highland Estates Wines have both. Highland Estates is a new series of wines, introduced by the Jackson family to underscore another fact: Vines grown at higher elevations produce small berries on smaller clusters. Small berries yield more intense flavors. The aim of Highland Estates winemaking is to capture this for your glass.

These wines are higher priced because higher-elevation grape growing is expensive. Mechanization is often totally impossible on the sites and hand labor is the norm.

CHARDONNAY

In the Highland Estates line-up, two chardonnays are available: 2005 Camelot Chardonnay \$25, a filet mignon of the varietal, grown on a Jackson benchland estate in Santa Barbara. Creamy and rich, it sings tropical fruit with

WINE PICKS

According to a Nielsen Co. recent report, in the past year purchase of rosé wines has jumped 45 percent, making it one of the hottest growth categories among all table wines. Served well chilled, the following are delicious "beat-the-heat" summer pours:

- 2006 Jindalee Rosé Australia \$8
- 2006 El Coto de Rioja Rosado \$10
- 2006 Bodegas Julian Chivite Gran Feudo Rosado \$12
- 2006 Jaboulet Cotes du Rhone Parallele 45 Rosé \$12
- 2006 Louis Jadot Rosé \$13
- 2006 Kenwood Russian River Valley Pinot Noir Rosé \$13
- 2006 Valley of the Moon Rosato di Sangiovese \$14
- 2006 Langlois-Chateau Cabernet de Saumur "La Bretonniere" \$15
- 2006 Wild Rock Vin Gris Pinot Noir Rosé New Zealand \$16
- 2006 St. Francis Ros Sonoma \$17
- 2006 Chateau d'Acqueria Tavel Rosé \$17
- 2006 Beckmen-Purissima Mountain Grenache Rosé \$18

When only bubbles will do:

- 2002 J Vintage Russian River Valley Brut \$32
- 2004 Schramsberg Blanc de Noirs \$37
- 2004 Schramsberg Brut Rosé \$40
- 1997 Gloria Ferrer Carneros Cuvée \$50 -- impressive with eight years on the yeast. Pair it with cracked crab or lobster.

If a retailer does not stock a specific wine we recommend, ask that it be ordered from the distributor, or if it's a domestic wine, order it direct from the winery.

French oak nuances. Seco Chardonnay 2005 \$30 from the Arroyo Seco region of Monterey, illustrates the tangerine and honeysuckle nuances from a blend of Rued and Dijon clones. It's available via direct sales only (www.kj.com). For those looking for what to have delivered to your doorstep, don't

overlook this wine.

PINOT NOIR

Today's "hot" red variety is stellar as 2005 Seco Highlands Estate Pinot Noir \$35, highlighted by bright cherry and raspberry fruit. Absolutely lovely at this price.

MERLOT

From Sonoma County's Bennett Valley at vineyard elevations between 1,200 and 1,400 feet, comes 2004 Taylor Peak Estate Merlot \$40 with violet floral scents and blueberry flavors, complemented by vanilla notes from aging in 53 percent new French oak. Mellow and really delicious.

CABERNET SAUVIGNON

Three offerings in this category will help you to understand the meaning of the French term terroir, which we like to call site personality. These wines, from different higher-elevation growing sites in three different California appellations are decidedly different.

Trace Ridge Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 \$55 is grown at 450 to 1,000 feet elevations in Sonoma County's Knights Valley. Aged 21 months in 88 percent new French oak, it's big and powerful with an outstanding dark fruit finish.

Hawkeye Mountain Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 \$50 hails from Alexander Valley in Sonoma County on steep hillsides at 900 to 2,200 feet elevation and showcases the intensity of dark fruit from smaller berry and cluster size. For its quality, it's reasonably priced.

Napa Mountain Estate Cabernet Sauvignon 2004 \$60 originates from Veeder Peak on Napa Valley's Mt. Veeder at elevations of 1,250 to 1,850 feet. Although its rich and generous now, this is a blockbuster cabernet that will benefit from five to 10 years of cellar aging.

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GLOW

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Some of the figures hold flowers or globes. There's a chipmunk directing a light on a nearby elf.

One angel holds a globe that contains a fiber-optic display.

"That's the one my sister loves," Droste said. There are spheres, star shapes, and lights that turn in the breeze.

The crackle glass on some pieces adds a colorful pattern to the fence or wall behind them.

Droste started putting the lights in the garden about five years ago, when her friend Norma gave her a rock-shaped "welcome" sign that glowed in the dark.

"She created a monster," Droste said. "I just kept adding to it."

Droste has found the solar lights at Township Hardware in Redford, the Farmington Founders Festival, Big Lots and Frank's, among other places.

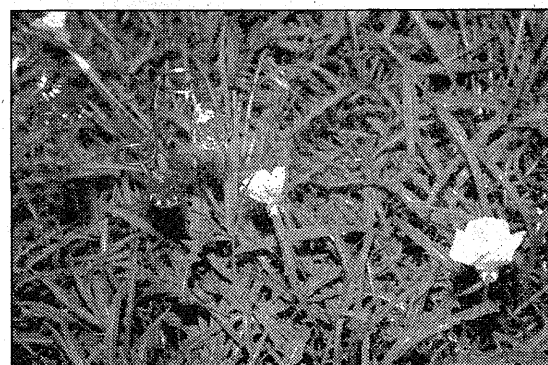
She also features non-solar decor, including elf figures from her mother's yard.

Among the actual flowers in the garden is a small patch of twilight primrose.

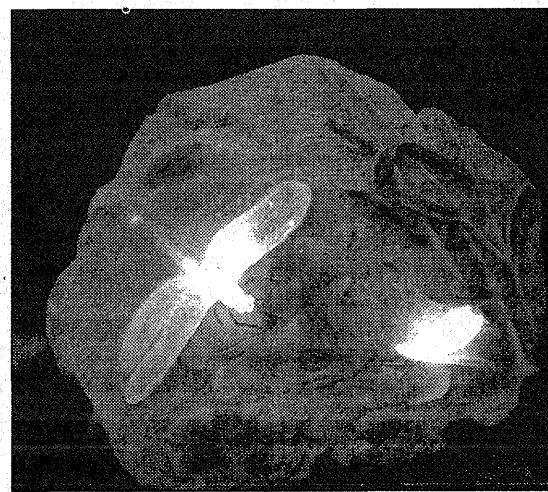
During the day, these flowers are closed and resemble pods. They unfurl their petals after dusk, and the petals remain open until around 10 a.m. the next day.

"I have fun with it," Droste said of the garden. "It's relaxing to sit back here."

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Primrose flowers begin to open as dusk falls on the Droste garden.



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Glowing dragonflies light up the garden at the Redford home of Eileen Droste.

IPHONE

FROM PAGE D1

of uses, it's the way Apple has managed to make this device so very simple. The Internet, all of my e-mail accounts, text messaging, and clever tools with widgets for the weather, stocks, easy YouTube access, maps, and a photo library.

I sprung for the 8 GB model, at a hefty \$599, because - as a rule - if I'm going for broke where tech toys are concerned, I feel it's best to get more space for my money.

After more than a week of using it - as my only personal phone - I'm still gushing.

This might have been the most painless set-up for a new cell phone I've ever experienced. There's no SIM card to replace, no need to manually input any contacts. Just be sure your computer address book is up to date.

While you're at it, it's best to upgrade your software. Mac users will need OS X v10.4.10 or later, while PC users can use Windows Vista Home Premium, Business, Enterprise, or Ultimate Edition; or Windows XP Home or Professional with Service Pack 2 or later.

Either way it requires iTunes 7.3 or later. And anyone like me, who hasn't downloaded video or added album cover art to their iTunes library might want to do so now. I needed to update Quicktime to make the most of iPhone's features. Trust me, you'll want to fly through those album covers with a flick of the finger, just because you can.

From there, I just plugged the device into the USB 2.0 port on my iBook and within minutes, iPhone synced with my address book, e-mail contacts, calendar appointments and more. I chose which records I wanted to slide into its iPod and even downloaded some TV shows for the first time. My old iPod wasn't video-capable so this was an exciting endeavor. I transferred photos from iPhoto right to my phone. I can slide through them or easily assign pictures to my contacts. Then, when someone calls, I can see instantly who it is - even without a personal ringtone. That might not be new, but the ease with which this is accomplished makes it easy to see why iPhone is so revolutionary. It's not just the combination

of uses, it's the way Apple has managed to make this device so very simple.

Cindy was the first friend to text me on my new iPhone. I was absolutely giddy as I typed back on its touch-screen QWERTY keyboard "Can you call me?" I could hardly wait to hear it ring the spacey Sci Fi ringtone I chose.

The calls come in clear and the service - which I've loyally kept for eight years - remains quite reliable. Sure, I've dropped a call here or there, but it hasn't been much of a problem. I am even able to save \$10 a month after switching to a new iPhone service plan.

The true test of my iPhone came July 12 as I boarded my flight for a long weekend in Los Angeles. Instead of loading my digital camera, iPod and cell (and all of their respective chargers) into my carry-on as usual, I popped iPhone into my purse and was ready to fly.

With plenty of space for my music, TV shows and more, my 4½-hour flight passed in no time. After lift-off, I listened to a podcast of NPR's *Fresh Air*, watched the cheesy pilot episode of that new reality show *Scott Baio is 45 and Single* and listened to Spoon's latest *Ga Ga Ga Ga* and Votrot's eponymous debut.

By switching the device into Airplane Mode, my phone and Internet connections were disabled, so I wasn't breaking any laws. While in L.A., my iPhone proved to be well worth the high expense. Wherever I went, I had the Internet at my fingertips. I could obsessively check my e-mail anytime I pleased, and the day's weather was just a peek away. Thankfully, I was visiting my friend Susie, a new L.A. resident who knows her way from Silver Lake to Venice Beach, Malibu to the Sunset Strip. But if I had to navigate those crowded streets on my own, the map feature would have come in handy. If only it could have pointed out a parking spot, the phone would be truly magical.

On my first afternoon in L.A. we managed to reserve seats online at an Upright Citizens Brigade comedy show all while standing at the corner

of Hollywood and Vine staring at stars on the sidewalk. We clicked on the Web site, reserved two seats and confirmed them by checking my e-mail seconds later. Talk about convenience. It left us plenty of time for snapping a picture of the stack-o-albums-shaped Capitol Records headquarters, and shopping at Amoeba Records before heading across town to the show.

So far the battery life seems to be just fine. It's not as long as my Razr, that's for sure. And as of now it's not replaceable. I've been charging it every night, skipping one night here or there. The Internet, video use and e-mail use seem to drain the battery most quickly. Otherwise, Apple claims it has a talk time of up to eight hours and audio playback of up to 24 hours.

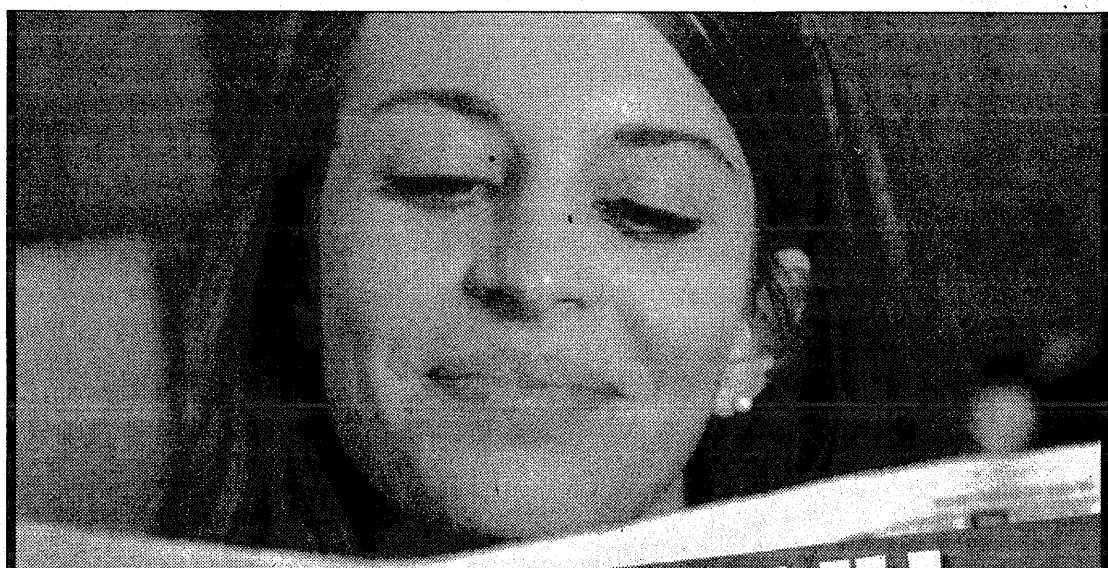
While I've managed to justify this major purchase (that I really couldn't afford), due to its pure utility, I have to say it's a joy to use.

I smile when it rings, or when the screen flashes a text message. I wonder at the way I can connect to speedy Wi-Fi connections almost anywhere, even though I don't really need one to read the news online. I'm proficient in all these new skills - pinching, tapping and sliding the screens up and down or right to left. And I relish the Visual Voicemail feature that lets me choose which message I want to listen to first.

I love that I can still use my little pink bluetooth when I'm driving.

It was a cinch to sync to iPhone and is still the only way I opt to chat while on the road. It's not easy, or even recommended, to use iPhone while driving. And yes, I still use my old iPod all the time. I connect it in my car and love that it holds such a vast amount of music. I still take my old Shuffle along when I go running. But iPhone is my favorite pet. I bought a case and screen protector for it and it never leaves my sight.

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Wait until you're ready before you get a new pet

Taking quick action saves refrigerator and money

A few years ago, two of our cats died on the same night.

One of the cats, Bob, wasn't a surprise. His kidneys were failing, and after a long battle with the disease, my wife and I finally threw in the towel, and performed a euthanasia.

He was elderly, and life had become awful for him. It was the right thing to do, without a doubt. He had a wonderful, long life, especially compared to his start, being one of a stray litter of kittens found in

Detroit, with a tail that had to be amputated.

We went to bed very sad about our kitten. In the morning, that sadness was compounded, when we found Madeline, our Persian cat, dead in the basement.

Madeline notoriously hid, and was also quite old. There would be days when we wouldn't see her at all. This day, though, she was all too visible.

Suddenly we had two pets to grieve for.

We also had experienced the two ways people lose their pets: by long-term problems leading to the choice of euthanasia, and by sudden death.

You could argue which is worse. I'm sure some would say it's better to have time to say goodbye, others would agree with Tom Petty that the waiting is the hardest part.

Either way, the sadness is very real. The pain and depression many feel when they lose their pet is devastating.

Those who don't own pets often can't understand this grief.

So often I hear clients say they have friends who heard that their pet died and say they should just get another one.

Most pet owners feel that this belittles the bond they had with their old pet, and hurts them to think about it.

What I tell people about getting a new pet is to wait until you are ready. The new pet will never ever replace your old pet, but the new one will find a new place in your

heart, and will help to fill the void.

That can only happen when you are ready.

STAGES

Most people have to go through the stages of grief in order to come to grips with what happened.

The first stage is denial, when the whole thing seems impossible. For many people their pet is like their child, and losing the pet is beyond comprehension. The mind tries to make it seem unreal to protect us from the pain.

The second stage is anger. Often people become angry with the vet, or the world, or even just angry with themselves.

Sometimes people call me saying they can't forgive themselves for making the decision. I usually point out they would have a harder time forgiving themselves for not making the decision, and letting the animal live in agony.

The third stage is bargaining, which means you try to think of ways to make things work out for the best. There are a lot of "ifs" in this stage.

The fourth stage is depression, which varies with the person. This often is linked to how closely the person and the pet were bonded, but not always. Many times not being close to the animal makes the individual sad that they missed out on time with their friend.

The final stage is acceptance. This is the time when people come to understand that what happened was awful, but that they were lucky for the time they did have with their pet.

When you reach this point, and you can accept the loss, you can become ready to move forward to try looking for a new pet.

Only you know when you reach this point. Others will try to help. Some even get a pup or kitten for you, which is rarely, if ever, a good idea.

Take your time. You'll know when you're ready.

When it comes to dealing with the grief, you should try to remember that you aren't alone. There are several people at any given time going through a facsimile of what you are feeling.

Many of these people form groups that allow you to work through your grief with them. These support groups are

similar to what people go to for other losses.

Your vet will likely have phone numbers of some pet loss support groups.

Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine has a pet loss support line staffed by volunteer veterinary students, who try to help you get through the grief.

A Web site many of my clients have loved is the Rainbow Bridge (some sites refer to it as the Rainbows Bridge). This refers to a poem that describes where people meet their pets again in the afterlife, and they both can be happy again.

At Rainbowsbridge.com, you can create a "virtual memorial home" for your pet. While some argue this is fantasy and meaningless, clearly it means a lot for those who participate, and allows a cathartic outpouring of emotion, which certainly helps healing.

I always feel for people who lose their pet, and decide it just hurts too much to ever have another. That shell may protect you for a while, but you're forgetting the reason it hurts so much.

It only hurts so much because they mean so much.

When you lose a pet, it's OK to hurt. You should hurt. But also pat yourself on the back, for giving your pet a loving home, and for making the hard decisions, especially if you had to decide to euthanize.

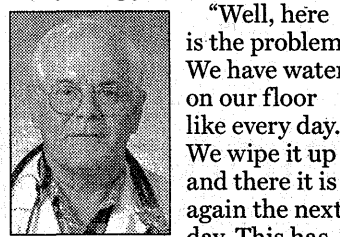
Sure it will hurt when you look at your couch and your tailless cat with renal failure isn't lounging there, wondering why you're taking so long to start petting. Sure you'll have a feeling of loss and emptiness. You're supposed to.

It's only because you were blessed with the opportunity to love them for as long as you did. Someday, you'll allow yourself to be blessed again.

Just wait until you're ready.

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Gail and Dave wrote: "We have a GE side-by-side refrigerator (19.7 cubic feet, no-frost refrigerator-freezer), Model No. TFX20Z. The fridge is set at 7 (coldest setting is 9) and the freezer is set at D (coldest setting is E). The fridge is nice and cold, and the freezer seems to be freezing everything just fine.



Appliance Doctor
Joe Gagnon

"Well, here is the problem: We have water on our floor like every day. We wipe it up and there it is again the next day. This has been going on for some time now. We changed the settings thinking it would help, but no, there is the water again.

"In fact, Joe, the inside of the freezer, bottom shelf, just below the drawer, looks like it is starting to rust and maybe mold. There is no smell so we weren't too concerned, but then thought perhaps you could answer our question.

"The outside of the doors is cold to the touch. We don't have the ice cube maker hooked up. HELP PLEASE. We are hoping we don't have to get a new fridge.

"Thank you, Joe, for any help

you can give us. We enjoy your column and your radio program."

There you have it, folks, one of many typical e-mail asking a question that I am always so pleased in answering.

But something in this one just jumped out at me and caused me to move fast. The statement they made about hoping not to have to buy a new refrigerator was it.

I had been away all week and I hoped I was in time to prevent them from spending a lot of money because of a problem that is so easy to solve.

On my Saturday morning radio show my producer called these folks to put them on the air, and Dave was good enough to come on and explain his problem. My explanation of the problem and solution to it were made easy by this person's attitude. He told me that the freezer floor was just a sheet of ice, which immediately told me that the drain line was plugged.

On a side-by-side refrigerator, behind the inside freezer back wall is the cooling coil, which accumulates a frost covering. Every six hours or so a heater comes on and melts the snow, and the resulting water runs down the back wall into a drain trough. The water in the drain trough goes down a hole and flows into the drain pan located underneath the refrig-

erator. The drain hole was plugged. I told Dave:

"Use a hair dryer to defrost all of the ice on the bottom floor of the freezer section. Place a bath towel on the floor of the freezer to prevent a mass of water going onto the kitchen floor. Make sure the ice is all melted in the drain trough and then take a plastic turkey baster, fill it with hot water, place it in the drain hole and squeeze the bulb. Do this three or four times and the drain is then clear.

I told Dave not to throw away the baster because this will happen again. This is one of the most common service calls performed by the appliance service industry.

I trust that the quick action saved these consumers from buying a new refrigerator; I hope that you reading this column can do the same for you in the future. Stay tuned.

Joe Gagnon can be heard on Talk Radio WAAM 1600 at 8 a.m. Saturdays and on WDTW-AM 1310 at 6 a.m. Sundays. He is a board member of Spectrum Human Services and the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals (SOCAP). His phone number is (734) 971-1600, Ext. 28. Do you have a question about an appliance or a problem you have with an appliance? E-mail your question to mklemic@hometownlife.com and it will be forwarded to Joe Gagnon.

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those aforementioned scene modes (which is almost too many; it takes too long to find the one you're looking for).

I particularly like the eBay mode, which captures shots at an optimal resolution for uploading to your auction pages.

The Z75 can record movies with sound and lets you add up to 30 seconds of "voice notes" to your snapshots. The controls are quite simple, though a few of the buttons are too small for my tastes. Casio's menu system remains one of the easiest I've used. All this in a camera that measures 0.75 inch thick and weighs a mere 4.3 ounces.

I'm not a photography expert, but to my eyes photos looked sharp and colorful, with no noticeable aberrations. My wife and I have both been very pleased with the snapshots we've taken — but we're pleased when both children smile at the same time, so we're not the harshest critics.

What really impressed me was the price: \$199. I think I paid \$399 for my less-capable EX-S500 two years ago. Even better, I found the Z75 selling for around \$167 (shipped!) at a number of online stores.

If you're in the market for a pocket camera that's inexpensive and easy to use, I can easily recommend the Casio Exilim EX-Z75.

But I also recommend checking out similar models from Canon, Nikon, Sony and other makers. You may find something even better.

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Detroit aims for fashion capital status

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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If Dana Keaton has her way, Detroit is about to become the next American fashion capital.

Keaton, a fashion designer and artist, currently stands at the helm of Motor City Fashion Week, seven days of fashionable events set to kick off on July 30 in Detroit. Though she's produced such events before, this is the first year she and MCFW partner Sharryl Cross joined forces to make their vision a reality.

"I want this to be on the level of New York City's Fashion Week," she said. "And I'm not gonna stop until it is. The talent is here."

Dottie Popp is just one designer preparing to show her collection at the event. As owner of Peggendott Design Studio in Berkley, she's been sewing "forever," she said.

Her forte is clearly formal wear. When she's not adding the final touches to a gorgeous wedding gown, she's sewing into the wee morning hours to complete at least 15 pieces for the MCFW show.

Popp's plan is to follow a "color story." She'll start with bright yellows, smoldering reds and oranges, work her way through to a whimsical black and white dress and finish in pure white. Rough sketches in early July showed plenty of drama, plunging neck lines, a billowy "pick-up" effect on long gowns, even a playful pink babydoll dress. She'll go from sweet cotton cut-outs to swinging chiffon, beaded bodices to sharp red sashes.

It's a clean look, Popp noted. "I like it to be a little edgy and crisp."

Until now, Keaton said, talented designers have found few venues in which to promote the fashion that's coming out of metro Detroit.

"We all love our fashion," said Keaton, owner of DivaGroove. "We don't showcase it as much as we should. There are so many talented designers who do not get recognized. We're starving artists too."

So she sent out a call for artists and chose a total of 16 independent designers who represent a broad spectrum of fashion.

"I don't think there's a specific trend (right now)," said Keaton. "Everyone has a different style. We want to stay innovative and creative."

Popp is looking forward to the "adventure" of MCFW. "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to show what I can do," she said.

Keaton worked with the International Academy of Design Technology in Troy to find nine professional designers, and seven top design students who will show their work on the runway during MCFW.

"These students are very serious and very passionate about what they're doing," she said. And Keaton should know. She also runs a mentoring program to guide aspiring young designers and give them real-world experience.

Education is a cornerstone of the event. It will include three days of workshops covering every facet of fashion - from modeling to sewing. Motor City

MOTOR CITY FASHION WEEK'S 7 DAYS OF FABULOUS

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Fashion Workshops: Learn the tricks of the fashion industry including classes in: Makeup Application, Basic Sewing, Advanced Sewing Techniques, Modeling 101, Pattern Drafting, Model & Designer Portfolio Workshops and Image Consulting & Wardrobe. All two-hour classes will be held at the 4731 Arts Incubator, Detroit. Cost, \$50. Workshops offered July 31-Aug. 2.

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The Main Event: The Motor City Fashion Show is set for 8 p.m. Aug. 4, also at the Model T-Plex. It will feature nine of the Detroit area's hottest designers, including MCFW organizers Dana Keaton of DivaGroove and Sharryl Cross. Tickets, \$25.

Designer Trunk Show: Patrons, boutique owners and fashion buyers can purchase items spotted on the runway during this event, set for noon-5 p.m. Aug. 5. For more information: Visit www.motorcityfashionweek.com for details on parties, to reserve tickets, volunteer, or register for a workshop.

Fashion Week kicks off with party and a focus on the fine art of fashion at the 4731 Gallery in Detroit.

Money raised during the MCFW fashion shows will be donated to two charitable causes: The Children's Center in Detroit and Keaton's own DivaGroove Fashion Mentoring Program.

"We gotta give back," she said.

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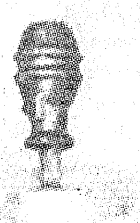
"People don't realize how popular fashion is," said Keaton. She hopes to draw more than 1,000 of Detroit's fashionistas and fashion-curious to see it for themselves.

Popp, who once tried out for a spot on Bravo's designer hit *Project Runway*, is equally as eager for a good turnout. "Anything that can empower Detroit and bring people in is a good thing," she said.

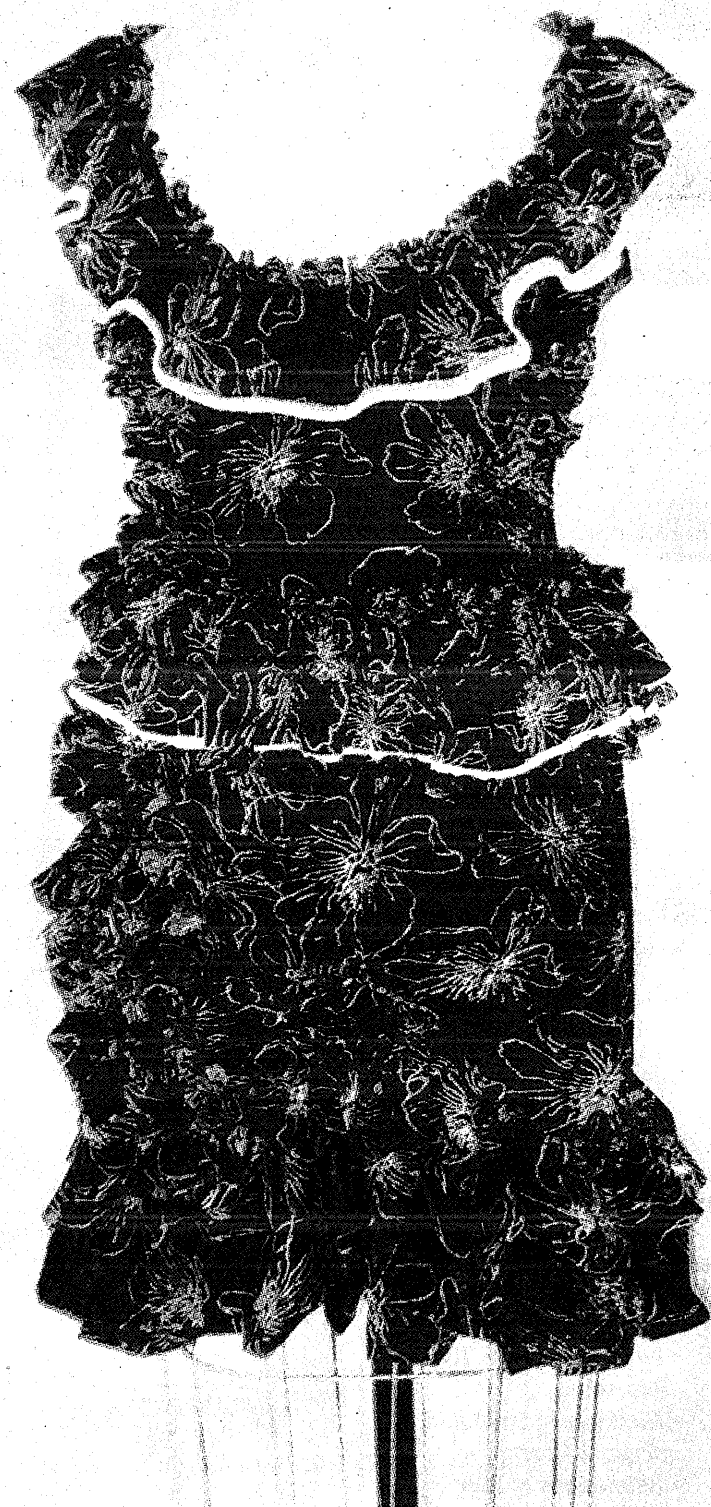
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Sharryl Cross



Dana Keaton



This design by Sharryl Cross will be featured in the Motor City Fashion Show, at 8 p.m. Aug. 4. The show, part of Motor City Fashion Week, includes nine of the area's hottest designers along with emerging student designers.

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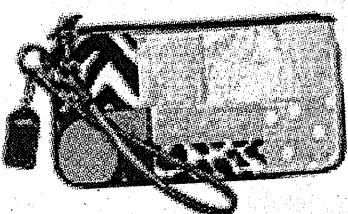
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Cactus back in Detroit

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
STAFF WRITER

In 1969 guitarist Jim McCarty was living in San Francisco and recording with the Buddy Miles Express when one day he got a phone call from Rusty Day.

Day and McCarty knew each other from Detroit (Day sang with the Amboy Dukes, while McCarty played guitar with Mitch Ryder & the Detroit Wheels).

Day was in a new band with his former bandmates from Vanilla Fudge - drummer Carmine Appice and bassist Tim Bogert. Guitarist Jeff

Beck was to round out the foursome, but he was injured in an auto accident, and the band needed a guitarist.

McCarty signed on and soon the band Cactus recorded in a

studio on Long Island with cramped quarters.

"It was a small, small studio, and here I am, walking in with these double stacks of Marshalls,"

McCarty remembers with a laugh.

The band recorded three albums (*Cactus, One Way...Or Another* and *Restrictions*), before McCarty left in 1971, and then Appice and Bogert recorded a fourth with a new lineup. Despite the band's talent and impressive musical resumes, the foursome enjoyed a cult following, but never reaped popular success.

And they all went separate ways: McCarty and former Detroit Wheels bandmate Johnny "Bee" Badanjek formed The Rockets, while Appice and Bogert joined Jeff Beck and formed Beck, Bogert and Appice.

Appice later joined the Rod Stewart Band in 1976, writing the hit *Do Ya Think I'm Sexy?*

Day was murdered in 1982.

On Friday, the three surviving members of Cactus (joined by vocalist Jimmy Kunes) will make a Detroit-area appearance together for the first time in 35 years, one year after the band recorded *Cactus V*.

The concept for Cactus was first created in the late 1960s when Vanilla Fudge had the ignominious experience of performing after a warm-up band, that would, in McCarty's words, "blow them off the stage." The Vanilla Fudge was blues-influenced, (the band was best known for its slower, bluesier version of *You Keep Me Hanging On*), but it was the mix of metal and blues of the newly formed Led Zeppelin, eventually forging its nameplate into heavy metal history, hooking that evening's audience and, later on, rocking fans around the world.

"That seed was planted in Carmine," McCarty said.

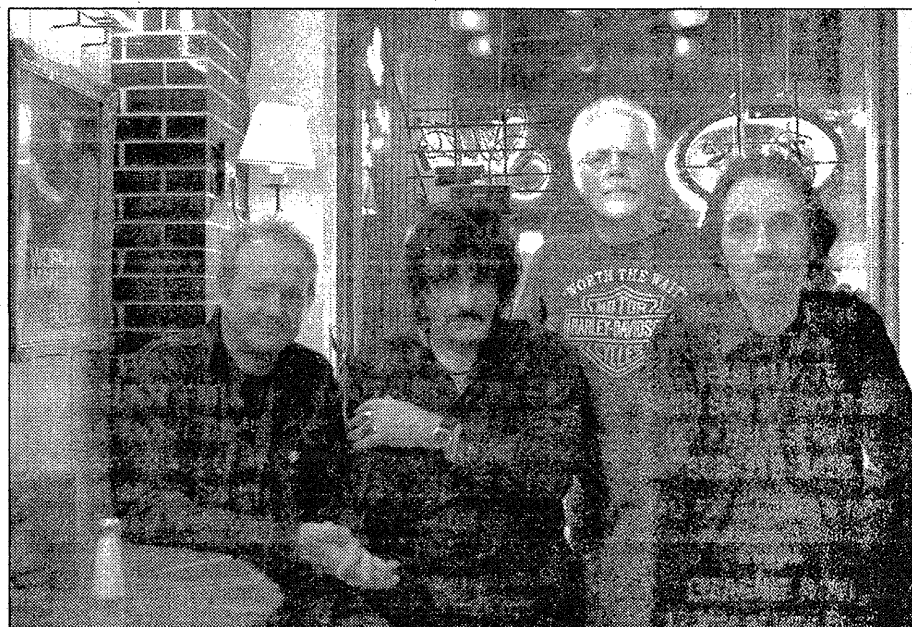
The original trio reunited about three years ago through the efforts of Randy Pratt, a wealthy Long Island resident, who was a huge Cactus fan, McCarty said. (Pratt also plays a pretty mean harmonica on some of the tracks on *Cactus V*.)

"Randy would call me and tell me that Tim and Carmine were playing there. He had a studio in his mansion on Long Island. I put him off for couple of years," said McCarty, who was doing his own musical thing, playing blues with Mystery Train.

But McCarty later had a change of heart, deciding to rip a few chords and go in a different musical direction with his former bandmates.

"(Pratt) made me an offer, and it also got my curiosity going, wondering what would happen (in the studio) after 35 years."

The band knocked out *Muscle and Soul* (one of McCarty's



Cactus is Jimmy Kunes, Carmine Appice, Tim Bogert and Jim McCarty.

favorite tracks) in about 30 or 40 minutes. "It was really fun and it felt really great," McCarty said. "It was a change of pace from Mystery Train."

The band laid down bed tracks (no vocals), as Appice wanted to recruit guest vocalists who were influenced by Cactus, namely David Lee Roth, Paul Rogers and David Coverdale. But the new tracks sat on the shelf, McCarty said.

McCarty convinced Appice that Jimmy Kunes, onetime Savoy Brown vocalist, could sing the songs. "He had the lyrics and vocals down in 10 days," McCarty said. The band recorded the CD on a Swedish label.

The CD received critical acclaim from reviewers, but the complaint sounds the same as it did for the former Cactus in the early 1970s.

"It's been really cool, but it's been frustrating without that hit record," McCarty said. "Cactus has more of a cult following, but without that hit record, it's been difficult with the band in L.A., New York and Detroit."

Cactus concert fans can expect about a 90-minute show. "They're an extremely unique rhythm section," McCarty said of Bogert and Appice. "Carmine is a physical phenomenon, he really attacks the drums. He's one of the guys, along with John Bonham, who invented heavy drumming."

The band also has matured. When asked about his departure in 1971, McCarty said: "That was many years ago. It was like an experiment for me and it didn't work out. I felt I needed a steadier bass on the bottom, and Tim was more free-form. It was frustrating for me. But these tracks, I enjoy that old sound, and there's more control and more rhythm."

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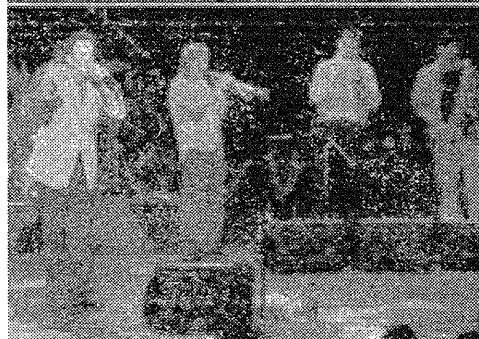
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Get yellow for 'The Simpsons Movie'

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Simpsons fans nationwide are asked to wear yellow on Friday to celebrate the kooky animated family.

They've been on television for 18 seasons and now finally they're coming to the big screen. A lot has changed in their world, Arnold Schwarzenegger is president, yet a lot remains the same - Bart is still precocious and Lisa is still determined.

The Simpsons Movie opens Friday, July 27. You can be a fan without donning an elaborate costume (like Harry Potter or Star Wars loyalists) - just wear a yellow T-shirt, or bikini, or baseball hat. Wear anything yellow to match the yellow-skinned fivesome.

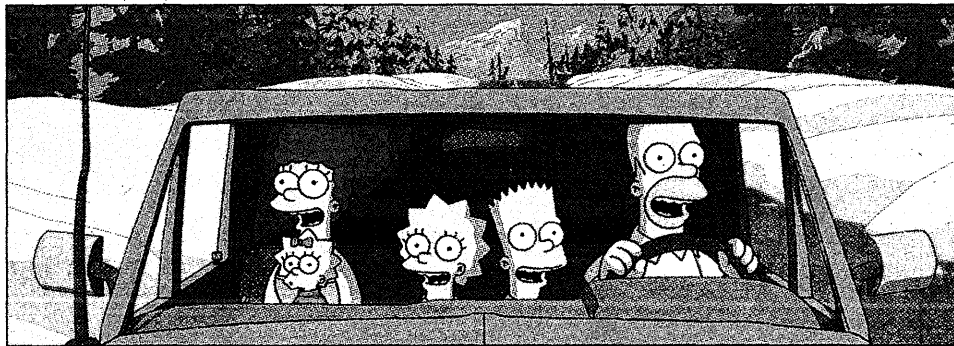
Why did it take so long to take them to the movies?

For starters, the television show didn't have the manpower to concurrently write and animate a series and a motion picture.

"We didn't have a team of writers or animators sitting around looking for something to do," creator Matt Groening points out.

"Unlike most series, 'The Simpsons' never goes on hiatus. We were devoting all our energies to the show, and never wanted to hurt it to do a movie."

"We asked ourselves the critical questions," recalls writer Mike Scully. "Did we think we could come up with a story that warranted a



The Simpsons enjoy a family outing far from their Springfield home in 'The Simpsons Movie.'

'THE SIMPSONS MOVIE'

When: Opens Friday, July 27

Starring: Dan Castellaneta, Julie Kavner, Nancy Cartwright, Yeardley Smith, Hank Azaria, Harry Shearer, Pamela Hayden, Tress MacNeille, Albert Brooks.

Running time: One hour, 25 minutes

MPAA Rating: PG-13 for irreverent humor throughout

motion picture? How would making a movie affect the production of the series?"

In *The Simpsons Movie*, Homer must save the world from a catastrophe that he created. It stars all the Simpsons originals such

as Dan Castellaneta, Julie Kavner, Nancy Cartwright, Yeardley Smith, Hank Azaria, Harry Shearer, Pamela Hayden, Tress MacNeille, and Albert Brooks.

The script is written by Groening, Brooks, Al Jean, Scully, Ian Maxtone-Graham, George Meyer, David Mirkin, Mike Reiss, Matt Selman, John Swartzwelder, and Jon Vitti - all series veterans.

"In the making of this movie, and despite all the pressures we've felt, and the critical filters I've been looking through, every once in a while I'd look up and see Homer doing something on the screen," said producer James L. Brooks. "And I'd be awed that after all these years, I'd still feel a rush of affection for him. Seeing Homer like that transcends the experience of working."

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Get warped

Tour brings music and awareness to Comerica Park

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

While many of us will be at work on Friday, July 27, the hippest kids will be hanging out on the concrete of the parking lot at Comerica Park.

If it rains, they will use it to their advantage to cool off in the mosh pit. If it's hot and humid, they will hit the pit even harder. If this year is anything like the past 13, the hardcore punk, musically-knowledgeable, hard-rocking, eco-conscious kids will be at The Van's Warped Tour.

It's an all-day festival for a low \$26.

This year's lineup leans toward diversity.

Warped has traditionally headlined hardcore and punk bands - especially straight-edge bands like MXPX. (Musicians who are vegan and anti-drugs, but who can tear up a mosh pit harder than any other genre.) This year, there's metal by headliners Kill Switch Engage, a hardcore band that's crossing rock boundaries playing both Ozzfest and Warped.

There's also hip-hop artist kos who mixes old school reggae, trip hop, electronica and rock.

Hardcore screamo band Static Lullaby is on the bill, too. Bad Religion also will perform, keeping the festival close to its roots.

Warped isn't just music. It's also about taking action.

Like Lollapalooza, this is a festival where youths and young adults are encouraged not just to listen to music, but also change what they don't like in the world.

This year, Warped features the following organizations:

■ Feed Our Children Now,

aimed to eliminate hunger in the United States, one community at a time.

■ Unite the United Foundation, founded by the producers of Warped, encourages fans, artists and music industry leaders to join volunteer efforts.

■ Action For Animals, operates under the principle that animals do not exist for humans to eat, wear, experiment on, or use for entertainment. Promotes a vegan lifestyle and strives to end animal suffering through education.

■ Warped Eco Initiative, as Warped expands its eco initiatives on location, the group asks fans to participate. Fans can also win an eco-trip with a Warped van if they recycle during the show

■ Amnesty International, whose mission is to undertake research and action focused on human rights.

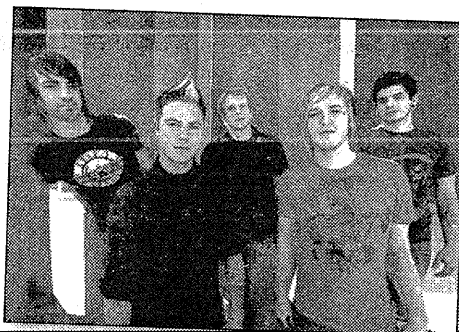
■ Boarding For Breast Cancer, whose mission is to increase awareness about breast cancer, the importance of early detection and the value of an active lifestyle.

■ Invisible Children, dedicated to providing financial resources to children by documenting their untold stories in a creative and relevant way. Focuses on empowering the youth of America to become involved with the war in Northern Uganda and social issues within their own communities.

■ Save Darfur, a movement raising awareness for the victims of genocide in the Sudan.

■ Goodsearch, a charitable search engine which donates money to the charitable organization of your choice every time you use them to search the net.

A Static Lullaby has performed for the metal Ozzfest crowd and now crossed musical borders with an appearance on the hardcore Warped Tour.



Valencia is a power-pop punk band, adding a lighter tone to the typically hardcore tour.

Cover story



Detroit band brings its alt metal sound

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

One of the most refreshingly original bands to come out of Detroit lately is Fall Prey. The band has risen so fast it already has a spot on the Warped Tour this Friday, for the second year in a row.

Fall Prey is fronted by Tasha Valdez of Ferndale, an exotic, long-haired brunette whose crooning vocals are strong, ethereal and womanly (not like some of the baby-girl bands out there), who is backed by a four-piece male

band that's all muscle and power.

Their sound is alternative metal.

What can you expect from their Warped performance?

"Our shows have always

110 percent energy," Valdez said. "We never leave anyone disappointed and they're always wanting more. I have training in several styles of dance, so there is a certain flow and sensuality as well as a combustive, raw unpredictability."

Valdez knows the band is good - otherwise, why bother playing? She herself has been a performer since she was 10 years old coming from a family of musicians.

A tinge of Evanscence minus the pretense and faux goth gloom, Fall Prey is filled with energy, soaring guitars, great bass riffs and heavy percussions.



Fall Prey

Valdez played with the rock band Jiva for seven years before joining up with Fall Prey, which has been playing the Detroit scene for four years, earlier this year.

The band is Valdez, lead vocalist; Eric Dejules of Lansing, lead and rhythm guitar and backup vocals; Jose Martinez, of Southgate, rhythm guitar; George Kalamas, of Wyandotte, drummer and percussionist; and Sean Soroka, of Woodhaven, bass player.

As soaring as Valdez' voice can be, what sets her style apart isn't just that she's a woman. Rather they are unique partly because she produces a beautiful sound, yet with an ugly, ripping aggression.

If you like Chris Cornell, you might like Fall Prey. And if you miss their show, you might catch them in the audience cheering on bands like Coheed and Cambria, Killswitch Engage, Paramore and a few other locals sharing the stage.

Moms rock at The Henry Ford

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Sure, a lot of women know how to rock. But how many women can say they raise their kids, tend the house, and have jobs that involve writing, recording, and touring - making music that kids can rock to and dads can tolerate?

Any parent will confess that sometimes the fluffy music made for children can become irritating.

Enter: The Candy Band, from Royal Oak. The group of moms, all lovers of punk and hard rock, have created music heavy enough for adult appetites and with lyrics fun enough for children.

The band is performing at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 at The Henry Ford. Their songs have a feel of The Clash, Stooges, and Ramones. Founder Paula "Almond Joy" Messner was a guitarist in the Detroit '80s band The Vertical Pillows, so there's a lot of respect nationally for Candy Band.

After the Henry Ford show, Candy Band will go on to perform again at Lollapalooza in Chicago. They've even played the respectable hardcore Warped Tour.

The band is Daniela "Skittles" Burckhardt, lead vocals; Messner, lead guitar; Anita "Kit Kat" Kell, bass; and Tammy "Starburst" Ristau, drums; all of Oakland County.

There aren't teenagers angrily pumping their fists to the beat at this punk rock show.



JIM JAGDFELD | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Candy Band front line musicians, from left and including their stage names...Paula Messner "Almond Joy", Daniela Burckhardt "Skittles" and Anita Kelly "KitKat".

Instead, children barely 8 years old are raising little fists happily to imitate the shape of rocks.

Hands in the air, they lay their palms flat to make the form of paper. Then scissors. They're rocking to the beat of the hard rock song *Rock, Paper, Scissors*.

Kids music, punk style. An oxymoron for sure, yet the music has muscle.

Candy Band's performance is free with museum admission or membership. For more information call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.TheHenryFord.org. Entry to "Rock Stars' Cars & Guitars" also is included with admission. Tickets are \$14 adults, \$14 seniors, \$10 youth; children under five and members are free. Henry Ford Museum, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard at Village Road, Dearborn. Hear them at myspace.com/candyband or www.candyband.com.

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Golden Gate Indian Cuisine piques the palate

BY ELAINE PERLIN CROSSLEY
SPECIAL TO FILTER

"If you've never had Indian cuisine, this is the place to try it," suggests Rochester resident Christina Lopez, when describing one of her favorite dining spots in the heart of downtown Rochester — Golden Gate Indian Cuisine. Enamored by the restaurant's piquant exotic tastes, Lopez adds, "Both the cuisine and hospitality are excellent."

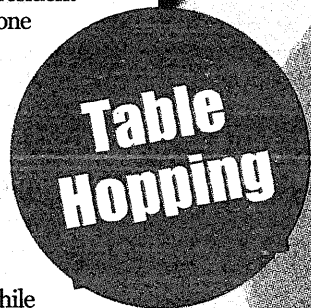
Owner Qureshi Hussain and his business partner Hasib Khan acquired the flair for fine dining while working at Detroit's Opus One, and have infused it into the pleasant Indian eatery they opened last December.

Hussain, who oversees the Golden Gate's daily operations, immigrated to the U.S. in 1982. Besides Opus One, his upscale culinary experience includes Manhattan's Mont Blanc and Morton's, The Steakhouse.

He also owned a restaurant in England, where Indian food is widely adored.

And, though many of his current patrons are U.K. transplants, all guests receive equal royal treatment in the refined yet comfortable atmosphere he and Khan provide.

After settling in metro Detroit in 2000, Hussain enjoys being a restaurateur in the U.S.



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Chicken Tikka Masala which is cooked in a tomato based cream sauce with saffron and mild spices.

"I love America," he said, "and never feel as though I am living outside of my homeland because ethnic variety is welcome here."

NORTH MEETS SOUTH

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Hours: Lunch Buffet: 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday; Dinner: 5-9:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 5-10 p.m. Friday & Saturday; 5-9 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday.

Food Style: A potpourri of North and South Indian dishes, as well as special breads, appetizers, soups, sides and teas all enhanced by aromatic spices, flavors and ingredients. Delectable desserts beckon.

Cost: \$8 to \$16

Special Attractions: Carry-outs available, including box lunches with a variety of choices. Golden Gate "Inspirations" include special combinations for two or four.

and herbs.

"We're a restaurant for everyone, and though we're based on North Indian cuisine, we also serve many South Indian recipes which contain such ingredients as cream, coconut milk and cashew nuts," Hussain said. Both savory and sweet essences are found in all Indian cookery, and wholesome dishes are complemented by

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such enticing spices as curry, chilies, coriander, cardamom, bay leaves, cinnamon, garlic and cloves.

Dispelling a stereotypical notion, Hussain said, "Some people think Indian food is very spicy, but recipes can be prepared mildly depending on personal taste."

FROM SOUP TO NAAN

Appetizers, soups, salads and piping hot Naan (traditional Indian white bread) lure the taste buds. For starters, try Onion Bhaji, mildly spiced fried spring onion dumplings; Mulligatawny soup, delicately seasoned with lentils; or Shrimp Poori, cooked in a classic Indian sauce and served with Poori, a deep fried fluffy bread.

Baked in the tandoor, or clay oven, other varieties of Naan include Keema, stuffed with ground lamb, or Peshwari, with coconut,

raisins and almonds. Enjoy whole wheat Roti, Onion Kulcha, filled with crushed onion, or Aloo Paratha, a flaky and buttery bread stuffed with potatoes.

TANDOORI, TIKKA AND TEMPTATIONS

The tandoor also cooks Tandoori chicken, lamb, shrimp or combinations – all marinated in yogurt, herbs and spices. Tikka dishes are prepared similarly, but the meat selections are boned and cubed.

Golden Gate signatures consist of succulent lamb, chicken and seafood specials, and vegetarians delight in an array of fresh choices. Biryani dishes appeal, cooked with basmati rice, saffron and other mild spices. The menu changes every few months to keep the choices lively.

Although there is not yet a liquor license, thirst quenchers include Mango Lassi (a smoothie), a house brew of hot tea infused with bay leaves, cinnamon and cardamom, other hot tea selections, sodas, lemonade, iced tea and coffee.

CITY BITES

After 79 years Fox and Hounds, 39560 Woodward Ave., in Bloomfield Hills will close its doors with a New Year's Eve style dinner on Aug. 31.

In an e-mail sent out last week, general manager Dave Duey wrote: "While it was a very difficult decision for the owners, Kevin & Jackie Downey, it comes after their 35-year personal commitment to serving the community. The property will be redeveloped in a beautiful, multi-use facility that will continue to be a jewel on Woodward Avenue."

The restaurant also has charity events planned for Dream Cruise week, which can be visited at www.foxandhoundsonline.com.

For more information, call (248) 644-4800.

10 YEARS IN WEST BLOOMFIELD

Panera Bread of West Bloomfield will salute 10 years of fresh baked bread on Monday, July 30. Beginning at 6 a.m., the first 300 customers to stop into the West Bloomfield location will receive a complimentary mini sourdough baguette to commemorate this milestone.

The West Bloomfield bakery-cafe opened its doors on July 30, 1997, as the second Panera Bread location in Michigan. Today, the bakery-cafe attracts customers from who crave the origin of all things Panera – fresh breads, signature soups, salads and sandwiches.

During the past 10 years, Panera has seen

development in southeast Michigan, growing from just one bakery-cafe to 39 metro Detroit locations.

Panera offers customers a variety of artisan breads and other specialty breads, along with bagels, pastries, baked goods and hot and cold espresso beverages. The bakery-cafe is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Hours of operation for the Panera Bread located at 6399 Orchard Lake Rd., West Bloomfield, are Mon.-Sat., 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sun. from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information, call the West Bloomfield bakery-cafe at (248) 855-9209.

REVA AT THE RITZ

Reva Constantine was promoted in June to chef de cuisine at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn in June.

Constantine (formerly Reva Bell) has made a name for herself from her days at Schoolcraft College when she was part of that school's team that won a gold medal at the American Culinary Federation in 2001. At that time, she was a first cook at the Ritz Carlton.

Constantine left the Ritz Carlton, and worked as the executive chef at Villa Maria in West Bloomfield, and later Gravity Bar and Grill in Milford. She returned to the Ritz Carlton in August 2006 as chef garde manger.

Constantine is overseeing the food for the Motown in the Courtyard party, which takes place 4-7 p.m. Thursdays through Aug. 23.

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ART EXHIBITS

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. Kearsley (off I-475 in the Cultural Center Park between University of Michigan-Flint and Mott Community College), Flint, (810) 234-1695, www.flintarts.org.
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.

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Fine Art at the Village of Rochester Hills: Village of Rochester Hills shopping center transformed into outdoor art gallery with more than 100 artists, northeast corner of Walton and Adams, Aug. 4-5, (248) 689-8734, www.FineArtsAtTheVillage.com for information.
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.
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/womencenter/artshow.htm.

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.
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CLASSICAL

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.

CONCERTS-THIS WEEK

Comerica Park: Vans Warped Tour in CP parking lots with indie talent, July 27; (248) 645-6666 or (313) 471-6611.
DTE Energy Music Theater: 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; visit palacenet.com or call (248) 377-0100.
The Fillmore: Interpol with Calla, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28, 2115 Woodward, Detroit, \$25-\$35, call (248) 645-6666 or visit ticket-



master.com.

Meadowbrook Music Theater: Zappa Plays Zappa, July 27; Wynonna, Aug. 1, Palacenet.com, Ticketmaster, (248) 377-0100.
The Fox: Michael Buble, July 27; Alison Krauss with Union Station featuring Jerry Douglas, July 31, (248) 433-1515 for tickets, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

FAMILY

The Palace of Auburn Hills: The Wiggles Live! Racing to the Rainbow!, 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. Aug. 15; Disney On Ice Presents: High School Musical The Ice Tour, Feb. 29-March 2, Palacenet.com, The Palace Box Office and all Ticketmaster centers, (248) 377-0100.

FILM

Redford Theatre: Shall We Dance? Aug. 3-5; On The Town, Aug. 17-18, at 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit.
Landmark Main Art Theatre: Midnight movies: Army of Darkness, July 27-28; Suspiria, Aug. 3-4; In 3-D, Creature from the Black Lagoon, Aug. 10-11; A Clockwork Orange, Aug. 17-18; Serenity, Aug. 24-25; and Brazil, Aug. 31-Sept. 1.
The Magic Bag's Brew n' View: Grindhouse, July 26, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale.

FOLK

Flint Folk Music Festival: John McCutcheon, Kris Delmhorst, Jeffrey Foucault, Madcat and Kane, Matter and Ghost, 1-9 p.m. July 28, Kearsley Park, Flint, free, bring own chair, (810) 653-7985, www.flintfolkmusic.org.

FOOD AND WINE EVENTS

Detroit Uncorked: 100s of wines from around the world, light hors d'oeuvres, entertainment, silent auction, created by Detroit Wine Organization, presented by Ford Motor Co., benefit for The Children's Center, 6:30-9 p.m., Sept. 28, Ford Field, Detroit, \$80 a ticket, DetroitUncorked.com, (313) 262-1112.
Meadow Brook Music Festival: Mercedes-Benz Wine and Food Festival, Aug. 25-26, \$25, ticket price includes eight wine samples, on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills, Palacenet.com, Ticketmaster, (248) 377-0100.

FUND-RAISERS

Benefit on the Bay: supports Capuchin Kitchen of Detroit, dinner dancing and entertainment, 5:30 p.m. Aug. 17, \$50, Mac & Ray's Harbor on Lake St. Clair, 30675 N. River Rd., Harrison Township, (313) 579-2100, Ext. 201 for ticket information.

For the Arts: Golf outing fund-raiser for Flint Institute of Arts, the Flint Institute of Music and the Flint Cultural Center's Corporation, Aug. 27, Flint Golf Club, (810) 234-1695 for information.
Golf for the Arts: 9 a.m. registration, July 29, White Lake Oaks Resort, 991 Williams Lake Road (at Pontiac Lake Road), White Lake, (248) 706-3304, www.theartexperience.org

JAZZ

Bob-Lo Island Jazz Fest: Featuring Chuck Mangione, Alexander Zonjic and the Motor City Horns and more., July 28. Tickets are \$40 for VIP seating with a chair and \$30 for lawn seats, transportation included. Call (877) 222-2126 or visit www.boblojazz.ca. For tickets, (248) 645-6666.
Flint Jazz Festival: Yellowjackets, 8 p.m. Aug. 3, Riverbank Park, (810) 238-6875.
Jazz and dinner: "Kind of Blue Tuesdays," at Lola's, Harmonie Park. Led by the Gerard Evans Quartet, the shows help musicians play with the core group at 9 p.m. every Tuesday, 1427 Randolph St. in Detroit's Harmonie Park, (313) 962-0483.
Jazz on the Patio at Pi Restaurant: Johnnie Bassett Due, July 26; Herbie Russ Aug. 2, 16; Sheila Landis, Aug. 9, 23, at 28875 Franklin Rd. (southwest corner of 12 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway, Southfield, (248) 208-7500, www.piosouthfield.com
Lansing Old Town JazzFest: Aug. 3-4, Mose Allison, Too Smooth for Notes, Lanswingers, Lansing All Stars, Jim Cooper, Koke McKesson and Sunkwa, three-stage event, also Jazz Brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 4, corner of Turner and Grand River in Old Town's historical commercial district, visit www.jazzlansing.com, (517) 371-4600.

MUSEUMS

Cranbrook Science Museum: Featured exhibit is It's a Nano World. Permanent exhibits include planetarium, nature center and Bat Zone Conservatory, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, general admission \$5-\$7, planetarium, \$1-\$3, (248) 645-3200 or www.cranbrook.edu.
Detroit Historical Museum: Detroit: The Reel Story summer film series on weekends, 'Encore on Woodward: Detroit's Fox Theatre, 1 p.m. every Saturday; Preservation: Neighborhood Theatres, 2 p.m. every Saturday; Cinerama Adventure, 1 p.m. every Sunday; free with regular museum admission, 5401 Woodward (northwest corner of Kirby), Detroit (313) 833-1805 or visit www.detroithistorical.org.
Detroit Institute of Arts: DIA is closed; will reopen Nov. 23 after the completion of its renovation,



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Poison returns Tuesday, July 31, with Ratt and White Lion. Tickets are \$42 and \$26 or a four-pack lawn seat is \$80. Purchase at all Ticketmaster locations or www.Palacenet.com or call (248) 645-6666.

at 5200 Woodward Avenue, Detroit. Call (313) 833-7971.

Detroit Science Center: Our Body, The Universe Within, features real, preserved human bodies, extended run through Sept. 3, 5020 John R, Detroit, exhibit costs \$19.95-\$24.95, call (313) 577-8400 or visit www.detroitsciencecenter.org.

Exhibit Museum of Natural History: Festival's festivities on Ingalls Mall (between Washington and North University), planetarium shows, 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., docent-led dinosaur tours, 7 and 8 p.m., www.annarborsummerfestival.org/top.shtml, the University of Michigan, 1109 Geddes Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 764-0478, www.lsa.umich.edu/exhibit/museum.

The Henry Ford: 20900 Oakwood Blvd., west of the Southfield Freeway and south of Michigan Avenue, Dearborn. Additional charges and varying hours for entry to Greenfield Village, Ford Rouge Factory Tour and IMAX Theatre. Call (313) 982-6001 or visit www.hfmgv.org.

Plymouth Rides the Rails: through Nov. 1, artifacts, model trains, \$5 adults, \$2 students, \$10 families, \$1 AAA discount, 155 S. Main, Plymouth - (734) 455-8940, www.plymouthhistory.org.
Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm: The Children's Garden hosts Terrific Tuesdays 1-2 p.m. from July 31-August 28. Solve the mystery of "What's Bugging Us?" Create crafts and eat Dirt Dessert. Cost is \$3-\$5, call to reserve a spot; Adams Road Mastodon returns in special exhibit, one year after discovery by road crew at Adams and M-59, through January 2008, 1-4 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1005 Van Hoosen Road (off of Tienken Road, one mile east of Rochester Road and one mile north of Downtown Rochester), (248) 565-4663, www.rochesterhills.org

Troy Museum & Historic Village: Video screenings of past lectures, Tuesdays; craft demonstrations, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays; family activity, 1 p.m. Thursdays; family-centered programs, Fridays; Music in the Air, Sundays; programs run through August, 60 Wattles Rd. (on the northwest corner of Livernois intersection), www.troy.mi.gov/museum or call (248) 524-3570.

MORE MUSIC

Motor City Brass Band: July 31, Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Rd., Waterford; mcbb.org, (248) 788-6618.
Dearborn Homecoming: KC & The Sunshine Band, 8 p.m. Aug. 4, Ford Field, Cherry Hill and Brady, www.cityofdearborn.org
Summer Nights: Wednesday night concerts at the Detroit Zoo, Jill Jack (folk/rock), Aug. 1; Straight Ahead, jazz, Aug. 8; Candy Band (children's), Aug. 15; Gemini, Aug. 22 (children's); Pete "Big Dog" Fetters (blues), Aug. 29; call (248) 541-5717 or visit www.detroitzoo.org.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT

Detroit tours: Guided tours by Detroit Tour Connections, Downtown Retail Shopping Tour, at Bagley Fountain 1 p.m. Aug. 11, Sept. 8 and Oct. 20, and Downtown Highlights tour, Bagley Fountain, 1 p.m. Aug. 19, Sept. 16 and Oct. 14, \$10 a person, no reservations needed except for 8 or more, (313) 283-4332, www.detroit-tourconnections.com.
More downtown Detroit tours: Wednesday walking tours, downtown buildings from the 1800s, 6 p.m. Sept. 5; historic churches, Sept. 12; old hotels, Sept. 19; downtown places with pawabics, Sept. 26; nudes in downtown art and architecture, Aug. 1; animals in downtown art and architecture, Aug. 8; Park Avenue walking tour, Aug. 15; downtown photography tour, Aug. 22; downtown courts, cops and lawyers, Aug. 29, \$10 a person, no reservations required, tours start from the lobby of the Compuware Building (former Renaissance Center) (313) 283-4332, www.detroittourconnections.com

Kresge Art Museum: Sorrow Unmasked: Images of Grief, Mourning and Remembrance, open through July 27, 108 Kresge Art Center, Michigan State University campus, (517) 339-7964, or visit www.integraonline.org
Oakland Community College: A Little Night Music free concert series, Motor City Brass Band, July 31; Blackthorn, Aug. 7; The Gratitude Steel Band, Aug. 14; pavilion of front lawn on Highland Lakes Campus, 7350 Cooley Lake Road (east of Union Lake Road), Waterford, (248) 341-2270.

Birmingham Historical Museum & Park: Allen House kitchen, restored to reflect 1920s decor, also exhibits on artifacts and history of schools in Birmingham, \$2 admission, museum open from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday, 556 W. Maple (at Southfield Road), (248) 642-2817.
Glancy Train Road Show: Runs from July 27-29, Cobo Hall, Detroit, visit www.nmra.org.
Detroit Historical Society: Offers tours of historic spots, cost is \$20-\$25 per tour, call (313) 833-1405, or go to www.detroithistorical.org/thingstodo.

Historic Ford Piquette Ave. Plant: Tour the Birthplace of the Model T, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., every first and third Saturday of the month, through October, 461 Piquette Ave., Detroit, call (313) 868-2377.
Preservation Wayne Walking Tours: Walking tours of Downtown Detroit are hosted 10 a.m. Saturdays through September, various starting locations, \$10, call (313) 577-3559 or visit www.preservationwayne.org.

THEATER - COMMUNITY

Birmingham Village Players: Better Than Money, a new comedy by Joe Feinstein, Aug. 3-5, Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward, Birmingham, \$15, (24) 644-2075.

Interpol turns on its bright lights

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Welcome back boys of Interpol. It's been three years since we last heard from the New York-based melodic rock wonders. Still, within moments of playing the band's shiny new third offering, *Our Love to Admire*, for the first time it's clear. This was well worth the wait.

Opening with a smoky, somewhat haunting song dubbed *Pioneer to the Falls*, the album sounds promising. And then it completely delivers. *No I in Threesome* comes off as a reminder of the insistent beats and carefully cultivated melodies that Interpol introduced to audiences in 2002 with the stirring *Turn On the Bright Lights*.

Instead of going it alone in the studio again, Interpol decided to call upon co-producer Rich Costey to help construct what is an innovative slow-building aesthetic that sounds even more engaging than anything this highly-regarded band has offered in the past.

Vocalist Paul Banks, bassist Carlos D, drummer Sam Fogarino and guitarist Daniel Kessler sound more in sync than ever. They attribute the brief hiatus to the new musical direction. "After our last tour for *Antics*, we took three months off for the first time since the

INTERPOL

Opener: Calla

When: Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 28

Where: The Fillmore, 2115 Woodward, Detroit

Tickets: \$25-\$35, call (248) 645-6666 or visit ticketmaster.com

first record," said Kessler in a press statement. "And when we re-convened, everything had changed. It was electrifying."

That fresh start is best exemplified in the sneering West Coast-bashing first single, *The Heinrich Maneuver*. *Our Love to Admire* is filled with that dramatic Interpol flare, layers of sound, abrupt pauses and sometimes spooky lyrics.

Interpol's sleek, stylish sounds are positively magical this time around.

And, lucky Detroiters, the band is about to stop at the newly renamed Fillmore for what promises to be a flawless, engaging live show.

I can almost hear the audience shouting along to *All Fired Up* already. Don't miss it.

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Interpol

Spike TV makes you the crime-solver in 'Murder'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

The popularity of crime dramas like the uber-popular *CSI* franchise and long-running series like *Law & Order* has spawned a new reality show, premiering this month on Spike TV. Simply titled *Murder*, the show pits two teams of real people against one another in an effort to solve a re-created crime.

Troy resident Virginia Bryant, a married mother of two, was cast in an episode set to air this season. A fan of crime dramas, she responded to a posting on Craig's List, auditioned and became a team member earlier this year. "I always wanted to be an investigator," said Bryant, who works for an engineering firm in Pontiac. "I just thought this was the closest I could come."

The hour-long unscripted series was created by Kevin Lee of Tollbooth TV, and is produced by Bunim-Murray Productions, known best for *The Real World* and *The Simple Life*. This time, curious would-be crime investigators like Bryant have a shot at solving reconstructed cases, each of which is based on actual homicides from police files. As expected, names,

MURDER

Airing: 10 p.m. Tuesdays, premiering July 31

Channel: Spike TV

identities and locations are all changed to protect the innocent.

Bryant said she and her teammates were briefed before

entering the crime scene, and even had a crash course on how to collect fingerprints, blood and hair samples. The set was so realistic, Bryant said, she prayed before entering it and "really thought they were real bodies."

"It feels so real," she said.

The teams aren't left completely to their own devices, though. Detective Tommy Le Noir, a law enforcement veteran from Arlington, Texas, hosts the show and guides groups through their quest to find the truth. He's spent 23 years investigating homicides and still considers these cases "incredibly unpredictable."

In the first episode, titled *Hometown Homicide*, Le Noir leads each team of three civilians into a home where a crime from 2003 has been completely re-constructed. A husband and wife have been brutally murdered in their bedroom. Blood is splattered across the bedroom wall, the floor, the bathroom.

Replicas of each body are there, looking all-too-real.

Teams enter the home one at a time. Between viewings, the entire scene is re-set so the groups have access to all the same evidence. Le Noir agreed the crime scenes look "incredibly authentic" which sometimes causes cast members to tear up, feel ill or faint.

In this case, the couple's daughter said she heard shots and ran to a neighbor's home to call 911. The teams are privy to that recording, video-taped testimony from potential suspects, two visits to the crime scene and forensic evidence.

Teams have 48 solid hours to solve the case. "They're there to solve a murder," said Le Noir, "not to beat another team. They don't see a lot of each other."

Tensions flair as the groups work to solve the mystery, find out who committed the crime and show evidence to back it up. Bryant noted there were challenges in working with her two male teammates. Le Noir said the cast members go through an "interesting transformation" on the show. "By the time it's over, it's interesting how much they realize they didn't know," he said.



Detective Tommy Le Noir hosts Spike TV's new homicide whodunit, "Murder," premiering Tuesday, July 31. Check your local cable listings for the channel.

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'Hairspray' will fill theaters with hilarity

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
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Adam Shankman's sunny update of John Waters' classic *Hairspray* has hit theaters - aiming for a whole new audience. Its crop of young stars includes *High School Musical* hottie Zac Efron in the role of another heartthrob Link Larkin; funny girl Amanda Bynes as best pal Penny Pingleton and the adorable newcomer

Nikki Blonsky in the lead role of dance-crazed Tracy Turnblad.

And while Robin Williams might have made movie cross-dressing history as Mrs. Doubtfire, John Travolta will completely re-define that concept as Tracy's shy shut-in of a mother, Edna. Packing on the pounds, along with plenty of prosthetics and makeup, his Edna is a combination of

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John Travolta stars with newcomer Nikki Blonsky in "Hairspray."



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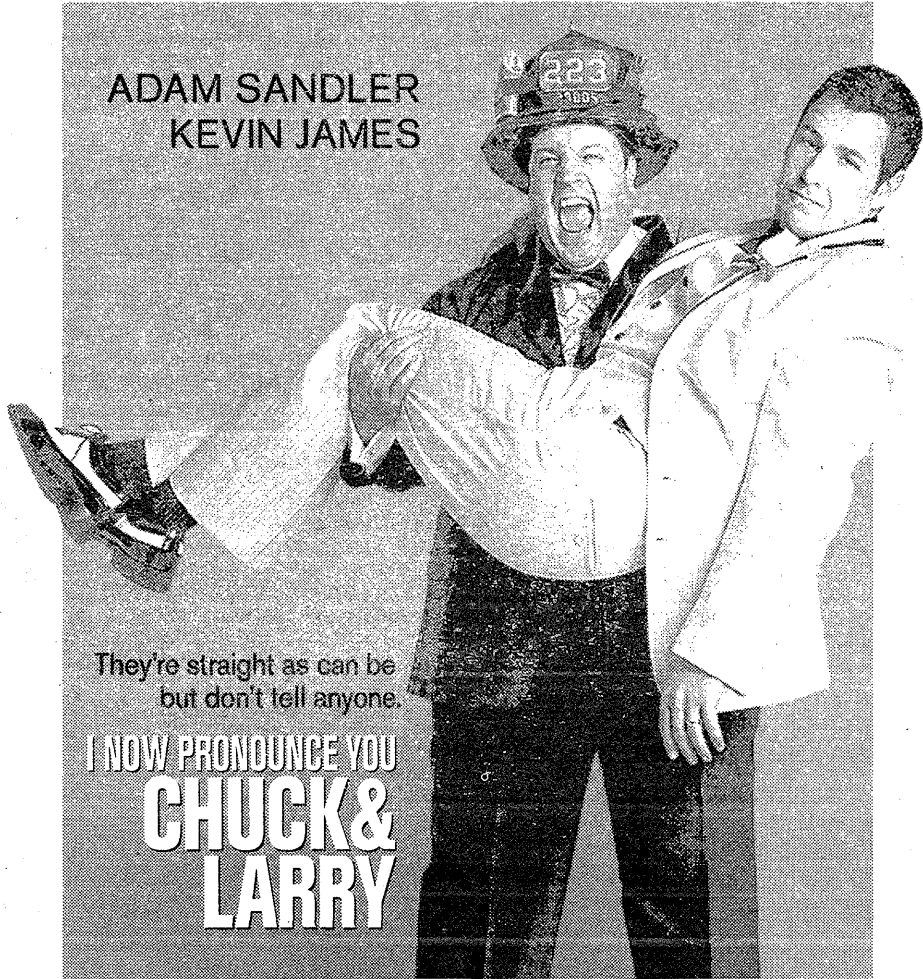
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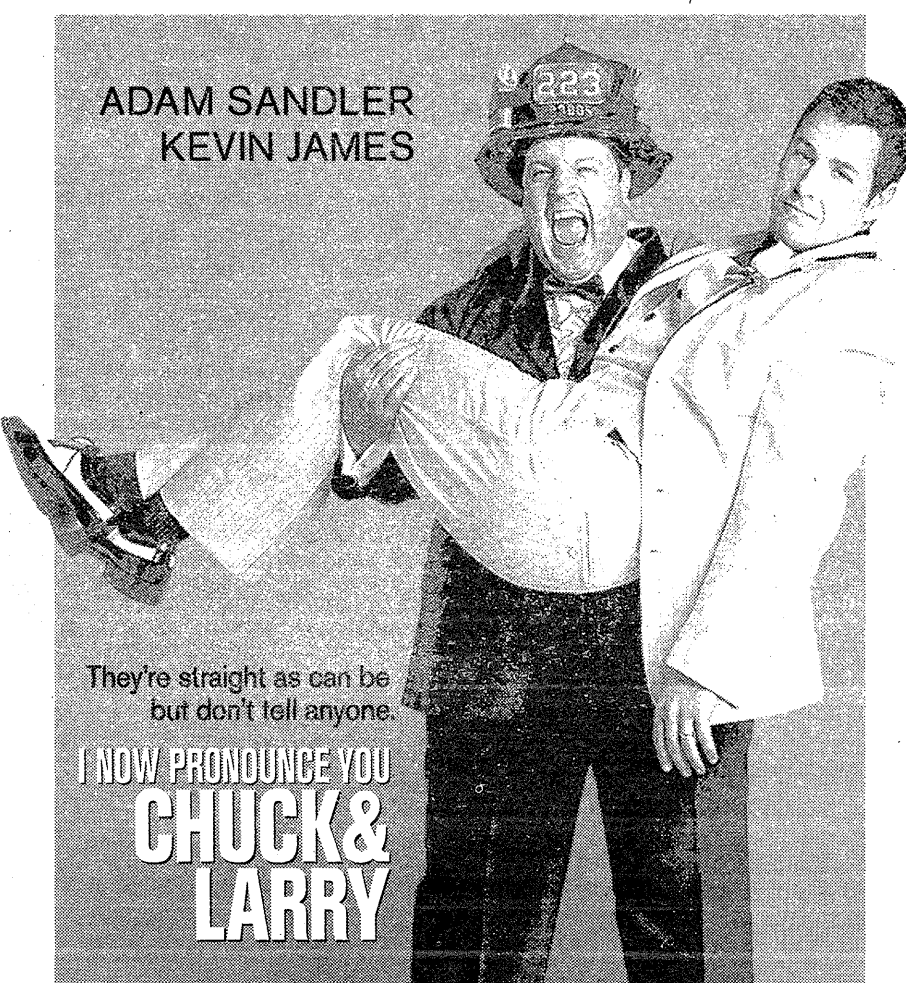
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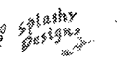
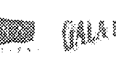
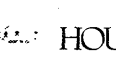
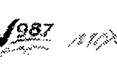
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'HAIRSPRAY'

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scary and sweet. But not many male actors would dare pull off a role like this one, originated by Divine. It includes plenty of dancing, singing and mastering that unusual Baltimore accent.

Travolta does it all with charm. It's hard to watch at first, as memories of *Saturday Night Fever* and *Pulp Fiction* rush into mind. But his dedicated performance earns laughter and applause, particularly when paired with a genteel Christopher Walken in the role of husband Wilber.

Fans of the classic flick will recognize

plenty of cameos from *Hairspray* alumni, too. Look out for Ricki Lake, who originated the lead role 19 years ago. "Being in the original opened every door for me, and I'm eternally grateful to John Waters for discovering me and plucking me from obscurity and making me a star," she said in a press statement. "In a lot of ways, Nikki Blonsky is wearing the shoes that I filled so long ago, and may she have as long and as lovely a career as I have had."

Lake makes an appearance as a talent scout toward the film's grand finale. And the ever-funny Jerry Stiller, who played Wilber in the 1988 version, returns as Mr. Pinky, the owner of Hefty Hideaway dress shop who helps transform Tracy and extra-large-sized Edna into two flashy, self-

assured ladies.

The magic of *Hairspray* - a film transformed into a hit Broadway musical that now returns to the silver screen - still lies in its music and its overarching theme of acceptance. Set in Baltimore in 1962 and filled with colorful costumes and the requisite ultra-high hairdos, the film centers around Tracy - the big girl with a big heart - and her dream to dance on *The Corny Collins Show*. By borrowing some cool moves from friend Seaweed J. Stubbs (Elijah Kelley), she nabs a spot in spite of her size and shares her aspiration to "Make every day Negro Day," hoping to integrate the ultra-white dance show by including participants of all ethnicities.

Michelle Pfeiffer returns to the big screen

after a five-year hiatus as villainous blonde bombshell Velma Von Tussle, a role originated by Debbie Harry. She's determined to keep things on *The Corny Collins Show* status quo and will go to any length to stop Tracy from stealing the crown of Miss Hairspray from her blue-eyed bratty daughter, Amber (Brittany Snow). Meanwhile Tracy's more concerned with leading a march to integrate the television show, with help from Motormouth Maybelle (Queen Latifah). The story is punctuated by pop hits like Blonsky's shiny opening number *Good Morning Baltimore*, her swoony ode to Link, *I Can Hear the Bells*, Elijah Kelley's steamy moment in *Run and Tell That* and of course, the film's familiar statement *You Can't Stop the Beat*.

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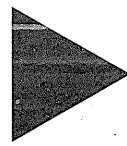
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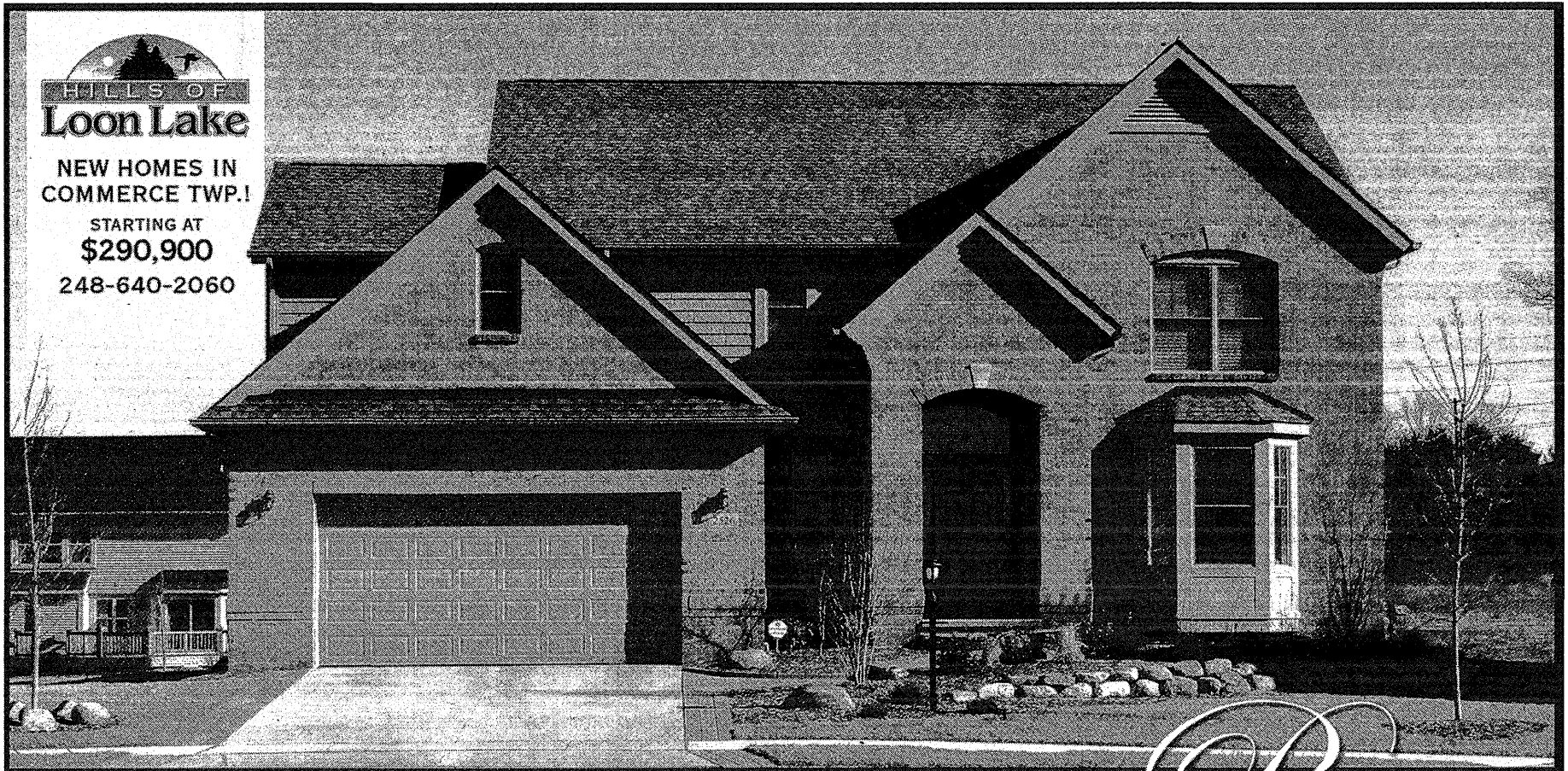
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\$324,450 (P-5155A)



GREAT PRICE! Move in quality! Neutral décor t/o this wonderful home offering open floor plan, 3 bd, 1.5 baths, Living Room w/bay window, updated baths, Family Room w/frpl & cath ceiling, updated roof, fenced yard, & great location in sub.
\$209,900 (P-534FO)



A BARGAIN IN THE CITY! Enjoy all the amenities that living in Plymouth has to offer. This super cute bungalow is loaded w/updates, too many to list. You have to see it to believe it! Don't wait to long.
\$189,900 (P-799AR)



EXQUISITE MODEL UNIT Wonderful open floor plan w/ cath ceiling, hwd floors, 1st fl laundry, 1st fl Master w/bath, appliances stay, lots of storage space, home warranty, & close to walking trails & parks.
\$199,900 (C-376BO)



GENEROUSLY UPDATED This 4 bd, 2 full & 2 half bath home is ready to move into! Beautifully decorated, granite, cherry cabinets, cathedral ceilings, brick pavers, Pella windows, upgraded fixtures t/o, & neutral décor.
\$339,900 (C-451SH)



SPECTACULAR CONDO Vacation at home in this gorgeous 3 bd condo w/1st fl Master, volume ceilings, walking distance to pool, fantastic view of pond from wall of windows, gourmet kitchen, & more.
\$249,900 (P-546CL)



ENJOY THE VIEW! This home is terrific for entertaining. Beautiful landscaped lot w/ view of fountain & pond. Great Sunroom extends to Deck & Patio, vaulted ceilings, updated oak kitchen, finished bsmt w/ garden windows, & more.
\$309,900 (P-855DR)



GREAT STARTER This 3 bd ranch in Dearborn Heights is perfect for 1st timers. Basement, garage, updated windows, flooring, electrical, gutters, & more.
\$94,900 (P-908ET)



CUSTOM BUILT HOME Newer construction home on cul de sac featuring cherry kitchen w/granite, private Master w/trey ceiling, WIC's in all bedrooms, covered porch w/fans overlooking 1/2 acre lot.
\$473,000 (P-569MUN)



COZY & AFFORDABLE Move in & relax in this ranch offering an updated kitchen w/stain steel appl, Living Room w/hwd flooring, new roof, part finished bsmt, & party Deck in fenced yard.
\$119,900 (C-213PH)



BRAND NEW CONDO Fantastic location overlooking woods & park. Top quality construction, cathedral ceilings, walkout bsmt, 3.5 baths, 2 car attached Garage, & more. Convenient Plymouth location.
\$289,900 (P-925RI)



PERFECT CONDO Great for 1st timers! Crown moldings, decorator paint, Pergo, neutral carpet, all appliances stay, balcony, spacious bedrooms, & great location.
\$99,900 (P-419SA)



EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY Very open floor plan w/brick elevation. Spacious Fam Rm w/frpl & views of backyard, sun filled island kitchen w/ nook, Master w/volume ceiling & private bath, & finished lower level.
\$214,900 (P-638WE)



DUPLEX OR SINGLE FAMILY HOME Whitmore Lake 1800 sq. foot, 4 bedroom, 2 bath home is currently set up as a duplex but could easily be converted to a single family home. Each level w/2 beds, 1 bath, living room & kitchen.
\$159,900 (C-315FA)



ONE OF A KIND CAPE Updated kitchen features custom cabinets, granite, hwd, built in appl's, Open Great Room w/views of treed lot, 1st fl Master w/vaulted ceilings & spa bath. Must see!
\$373,900 (P-536GL)



GREAT CONDO! Nice 2 bd, 1 bath, 1st floor condo features some new carpet, remodeled bath, new stove & fridge, fresh paint, newer windows, & nice open floor plan.
\$49,895 (C-720JO)



Vacant Land
SOUTH LYON VACANT LOT On a private road with a wooded backdrop. Will require an engineered septic field. This area has golf courses and upscale homes. Survey & geological studies available. Over one acre. Privacy is perfect as is the price.
\$74,900 (P-000LA)



PLYMOUTH CONDO Cute ranch condo w/large brick paver Patio, updated appliances & windows, pets allowed, good location, & clubhouse activities w/heated pool, good storage space, faces a lovely courtyard, & home warranty too!
\$104,500 (P-699NE)



CUSTOM BUILT Full brick ranch on almost an acre in Livonia. Updates include furnace, hwh, elec, plumbing, Pella windows, oak floors, finished bsmt w/bath, large Garage w/floored attic & water. A must see!
\$264,900 (P-723NO)



IMMACULATE Spacious home w/open floor plan. Numerous updates including Wallside windows, C/A, paint, gutters, Kitchen, & beautiful Deck. Convenient Plymouth location.
\$179,900 (P-645OR)



CANTON COLONIAL 4 bd, 3.5 baths, FR w/frpl, light oak kitchen w/ceramic, 1st floor laundry, Master w/cath ceiling & bath, finished lower level, & stamped concrete Patio.
\$264,900 (C-552PO)



PERFECT FOR FIRST TIMERS Walking distance to EMU with a huge 67x263 lot! New roof, windows, siding, gutters & hwh. Bsmt w/glass block & high ceilings. Endless possibilities. Call for more info.
\$119,900 (C-226PR)



LOCATION, LOCATION! 3 bd brick ranch w/cathedral ceilings, hwd floors, Master w/bath, open floor plan, appliances included, & freshly landscaped half acre lot.
\$175,000 (P-533RH)



RANCH ON 4 ACRES! Located in Canton, offering a large floor plan with over 4 acres (possible split), 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths and a 40x48 pole barn. Family room fireplace & appliances stay. Call now.
\$364,900 (C-331SA)



WONDERFUL RANCH Lots of updates on this 3 bd brick ranch w/eat-in Kitchen, hwd floors, fresh paint, appliances included, updated bath, & lawn equipment included (mower, blower, trimmer, rakes, hoses, etc).
\$128,000 (P-966SV)



UPDATED RANCH Bright open floor plan offering an oak kitchen w/all appliances, updated bath, furnace, C/A, hwh, windows, & roof. 1.5 car garage, Dining Room, & doorwall leading to back porch.
\$79,900 (P-115UN)



LOVINGLY CARED FOR Spacious kitchen w/nook overlooking wooded backyard. Formal Liv & Din Room, large Master w/private bath & WIC, finished lower level, & updated roof, siding, windows, & flooring.
\$219,900 (P-664WE)



PICTURE PERFECT 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial on almost an acre lot. Updates in 2001 include roof, windows, A/C, furnace, hwh, Kitchen, baths, carpet, & too much more to list. Oversized Garage & balcony off Master.
\$235,000 (P-759BA)



SPARKLING COLONIAL Beautifully updated kitchen w/oak cabinetry, living room w/pergo floor, vaulted family room w/fireplace & doorwall to patio overlooking a manicured yard. Really nice.
\$200,000 (C-371BE)



HISTORIC ROSEDALE GARDENS This outstanding Livonia, 4 bd Tudor brings together the past & the present! Plastered walls, cove ceilings, & brick frpl from the past. Newer roof, windows, gutters, & updated kitchen from the present.
\$224,900 (C-900CR)



A RARE FIND Unique find in Pheasant Run. Brick ranch featuring 3 bd, 2.5 baths, 3 car Garage, Kitchen w/hickory cabinets, Family Room w/frpl, Master w/his & her WIC's, & paver Patio w/mature evergreens.
\$328,000 (C-431CY)



GORGEOUS COLONIAL West Dearborn colonial boasts 4 bd, brand new cherry kitchen w/granite, Formal Liv & Din Rm, Family Room w/frpl, finished bsmt, hwd floors, & too much more to list.
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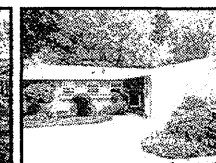
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\$129,900 (P-078FO)



PLYMOUTH COLONIAL Well maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath home within walking distance to downtown. Updates include roof, gutters, furnace, C/A, windows, paver Patio, & partially finished bsmt.
\$285,000 (P-656GL)



EXECUTIVE HIDE-A-WAY Privacy surrounds this 4 bd home on 2.18 acres of tree lined drive. Panoramic views of Belleville Lake, dock & boat fac, all sports lake, open floor plan, 1st floor laundry, & 4 car Garage.
\$675,000 (P-445194)



PLYMOUTH BEAUTY Cozy brick ranch on large private landscaped lot. Fin bsmt, Fam Rm w/cath ceiling, updated roof, master bath, furnace, C/A, hwh, concrete, windows & doorwall. Large covered Patio
\$239,900 (P-050JO)

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FANTASTIC HOME
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\$219,990 (C-260LA)



OPPORTUNITY AWAITS!
Unique custom contemporary home w/3 stories & Clarkston schools. Huge island kit w/ plenty of cabs, over 3000 sq ft, 3rd floor loft, magnificent Master w/soaring ceiling & WIC's. Located on waterway leading to 2 all sports lakes!
\$420,000 (P-940MA)



LIVONIA COLONIAL
Awesome 3 bd colonial w/ loads of updates. Kitchen w/ white cab's & ceramic, all baths updated, beautiful ceramic surround frpl, & finished bsmt w/rec room. Come take a look!
\$239,900 (C-997ST)



TRANQUIL LOCATION
Enjoy the peaceful setting on this large lot in Royal Pointe Sub. Inviting 2 story Foyer, formal Liv & Din Rm, 2 story Fam Rm w/dual frpl, Kitchen w/nook, Master w/frpl & bath, & Deck w/retractable awning.
\$400,000 (P-409TR)



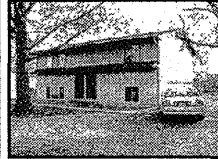
GREAT PLYMOUTH LOCATION
Pretty tree lined street, just a short stroll to downtown. 3-4 bds, 2 baths, hwd floors, coved ceilings, updated kit, baths, large FR, screened rear porch, Library/Den, brick paver Patio, & so much more.
\$285,000 (P-478AR)



VERY BEAUTIFUL
This 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial offers 2550 sq ft, Fam rm w/ frpl, open Kitchen w/nook, Din Rm, Foyer w/hwd floors, 1st fl laundry, & so much more.
\$289,900 (C-229CH)



BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME
On this beautiful 5 acre parcel w/paved road. Approximately 500x440 w/4 cleared acres & one wooded acre. Successful perk test on file. Located just a cross the street from the church.
\$110,000 (C-000DE)



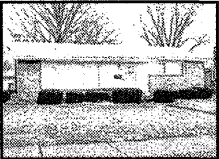
WELL MAINTAINED DUPLEX
Great opportunity! Each unit has 900 sq ft w/2 bds, 1 bath, large Kitchen w/quality cabinets, new roof, windows, & private lake access to Whitmore Lake.
\$169,900 (C-322FA)



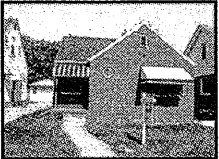
LIVONIA SCHOOLS
Forest Creek Estates offers this beautiful 3 bd, 2.5 bath colonial w/dual staircases, neutral paint & carpet, vaulted ceilings, cedar deck, finished bsmt, & a remarkable price.
\$279,900 (C-141HI)



WELL MAINTAINED HOME
Gorgeous home w/a quiet court location. 3 bd, 2 full & 2 half bath home offers a 2 story entry, finished bsmt w/ 1/2 bath, wetbar, prof painted t/o, paver walkway, & oversized Garage.
\$289,900 (C-934HO)



WELL CARED FOR RANCH
Lots of updates in this sunny & cheerful home. Finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, 2.5 baths, appliances stay, walk to schools, & lots more.
\$154,900 (C-594OR)



BRICK STARTER
Great home featuring 2 bd, full bsmt, Garage, newer cement, nice neighborhood, city repairs are being completed by seller, & move in condition. A must see!
\$64,900 (C-856OR)



ALREADY REMODELED
This 3 bd brick bungalow is awaiting it's new owner! Home has been completely renovated. Maple Kitchen, tile floors, new appliances, hwd on 1st floor, newer carpet, & large Master w/bath.
\$159,900 (C-469OU)



GREAT VALUE
Fantastic view of the pond from this large ranch condo. End unit featuring lots of windows, Great Rm w/cath ceiling & frpl, formal Dining, oak Kitchen, private Deck, prof finished bsmt, & area pool & tennis.
\$212,500 (C-263PI)



MAINTENANCE FREE
Charming ranch in great neighborhood offers coved ceilings, leaded glass doors, updated bath, 1st fl laund, Kitchen w/nook, new garage roof, updated plumbing & hwh.
\$159,900 (C-316SH)



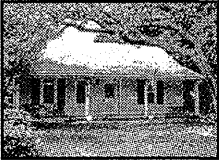
WONDERFUL RANCH
Fabulous 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in sought after Ridgmont Sub. Updated t/o including siding, A/C, gutters, roof, furnace, & electrical. Full bsmt w/glass block, neutral décor t/o, updated Kitchen, & nice yard.
\$138,000 (C-851TE)



SENSATIONAL
Fabulous cape cod w/1st floor bedroom & 3 more upstairs! 3 car attached Garage, finished bsmt w/ large bd, Den, & full bath. Sprinklers, gorgeous landscaping, & more.
\$349,900 (C-330WA)



UNIQUE RANCH
Great house in great neighborhood featuring an updated modern Kitchen, updated bath w/euro style basin, newer carpet, furnace, windows, 3 year old Garage, Deck, & lavish landscaping.
\$129,895 (C-843DE)



DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH
Motivated seller offers this 4 bd, 1 bath home featuring a new oak Kitchen, freshly painted, 2 car Garage w/ workshop, oversized lot, & 1st fl laundry. Needs some more work but has potential.
\$99,900 (C-173GA)



CLEAN & WELL MAINTAINED
Updates thru-out! Euro style Kitchen, recessed lighting, coved ceilings, hwd flooring, oversized Garage, 2 tiered Deck, & nicely finished bsmt. Home Warranty included.
\$124,000 (C-874GL)



SECLUDED COLONIAL
Stunning home on over an acre, within walking distance to downtown Northville. Grand Conservatory, hwd floors, gorgeous amenities t/o, all appl' + dry cleaning unit, & too much more to list.
\$699,900 (C-900NO)



SPACIOUS RANCH
3 bd, 2 bath newer home built in '04. Open floor plan, nice layout, prof finished bsmt, private backyard, appliances stay, very clean & well kept.
\$155,000 (P-511AL)



LOVELY RANCH
3 bd ranch w/newer Kitchen, interior doors, vinyl siding, windows, fresh paint, recessed lighting, & all appliances stay. Not a drive by!
\$90,000 (P-702AM)



PARK LIKE SETTING
A premium treed lot tucked away in a great Bloomfield sub. Well built home w/hwd floors, wet plaster, built-ins, 2 Patios, & situated on almost an acre.
\$449,000 (P-674CO)



BEAUTIFUL CANTON CONDO
This 1st floor condo w/private entrance is priced to sell. Garage, full bsmt, large Kitchen, Great Rm w/frpl, 1st fl laundry, fresh paint, neutral décor, & a great Deck.
\$165,000 (C-037CO)



GREAT LOCATION
Situated on an oversized corner lot, just a short walk to neighborhood clubhouse, pool, park, & schools. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, 2 car Garage, huge backyard, & over 2000 sq ft.
\$249,900 (P-636ED)



BRICK BEAUTY
This 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch offering a Fam Room w/frpl, finished bsmt, Garage, beautiful landscaping, & great location.
\$159,900 (C-039FL)



LARGE LOTS
Treed 132 ft lot in area of newer 1400-1700 sq ft homes. Also available as 3 separate lots for \$25,000 a piece. Great location, just a short walk to Lawson Field.
\$75,000 (C-001GA)



ABSOLUTELY STUNNING
Glengarry colonial w/huge lot & inground pool. Fabulous decorating t/o, finished bsmt w/full Kitchen, great location, & a 1 yr home warranty.
\$380,000 (P-415HA)



GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD
3 bd, 2.5 bath ranch offering an open floor plan, Master w/ bath, finished bsmt, Liv Rm w/frpl, 2 car attached Garage, huge yard, & Woodhaven Schools.
\$145,000 (C-312IR)



GREAT PLACE
Nice 3 bd home in a great area. Hwd floors, updated Bath, newer furnace & C/A, finished bsmt, 2 car Garage, large yard w/fruit trees, & a home warranty.
\$129,900 (C-207MA)



DAZZLING OPPORTUNITY
If you love extras this house is for you! New carpet, remodeled Kitchen, hot tub, indoor/outdoor speakers, new trees & an abundance of flowers in gorgeous fenced yard.
\$149,900 (C-508MA)



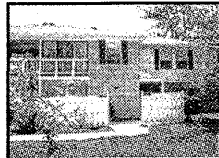
END UNIT CONDO
Immaculate condo in popular Novi sub. Great location, new windows, carpet, entry doors, paint, Pergo flooring, finished bsmt w/berber carpet, & more.
\$112,900 (P-825OL)



CHECK THIS OUT!
Attention first time buyers: Look no further! 3 bd, 2 bath home offering a large Kitchen w/all appliances, 3 tiered Deck w/pool, finished basement, & close to everything.
\$109,900 (P-633PO)



TURN KEY HOME
Beautiful 1500 sq ft ranch featuring open floor plan, granite Kitchen, Master w/frpl, screened Patio, private study, 1st fl laundry, updated furnace/CA, & appliances stay.
\$159,900 (P-669VE)



GREAT FIND!
Fabulous 2 bd, 2 bath condo in popular South Lyon neighborhood. 1139 sq ft, neutral décor, Master w/WIC, 3 season Florida Room, vaulted ceilings, & area pool & tennis.
\$109,900 (C-133GR)

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Real Estate Expo July 28-29 offers expert advice on buying, selling home

Fairlane Town Center will host the first-of-its-kind Greater Detroit Real Estate Expo presented by *Crain's Detroit Business* on Saturday, July 28, and Sunday, July 29. Designed for both potential homebuyers and sellers, hours for this free event are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on July 28 and noon to 5 p.m. on July 29.

Located on the lower level of Fairlane Town Center's Center Court, the expo will provide information from real estate experts, including professional home stagers, real estate agents, mortgage brokers, home insurance agents, home auctioneers and more. These experts will discuss details everyone should know about buying and selling a home to get the most for his or her money.

As part of the expo, Taniya Nayak of HGTV's popular show *Designed To Sell* will share her knowledge in preparing a home for sale in a series of seminars during the two-day event. Nayak will present on Saturday at

noon and 4 p.m. and on Sunday at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Each presentation will last approximately 30-40 minutes and will be followed by meet and greet opportunities with Nayak, as well as autograph signings.

"With the current state of the economy, we are proud to host this important event for metro Detroiters," said Catherine O'Malley, general manager for Fairlane Town Center. "The expo will give attendees the opportunity to talk to real estate experts in a low pressure environment and gain insider information to give them the upper-hand in a tough real estate market."

Seminar sessions will include:

- Staging Your Home for Sale - Taniya Nayak
- Designed to Sell: DIY Basics - Taniya Nayak
- Is Auctioning Your Home Right For You - Larry Williams, Century 21 Town & Country, Troy
- MSHDA Home Ownership Programs Q&A - MSHDA Staff

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In addition to hosting and designing on television, Taniya Nayak is president and founder of the design firm Design Digs, where she adds a fresh, clean look to both commercial and residential spaces. A large part of her company focuses on helping people get their homes ready for top-dollar sales through staging and mild renovations. Nayak earned her master's degree in interior design from The Boston Architectural College.

Currently event exhibitors include AAA Michigan, Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) and Larry Williams Century 21-Town & Country, Troy. Additional exhibitors will be named at the event.

For more information about the expo, attendees should call (313) 593-1370 or visit www.shopfairlane.com.

Career Seminar

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

Real Estate Appraising & Sales

CENTURY 21 Today offers career seminars Tuesday or Saturday noon to 1 p.m. through August at 28544 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Contact Steve Leibhan at (248) 855-2000, Ext. 238.

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. Date is July 31 and the time is noon and 6 p.m. For information, contact Kathy Solan at (248) 348-6430.

Greater Detroit Real Estate Expo

This free event featuring Taniya Nayak of HGTV's popular show "Designed To Sell" shares valuable information from real estate experts, including professional home stagers, real estate agents, mortgage brokers, home insurance agents and many more, on everything there is to know about buying and selling a home to get the most for your money. It will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 28, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 29, on the Lower Level, Center Court at Fairlane Town Center, Dearborn. For more information, call (313) 593-1370 or go to www.shopfairlane.com.

Real Estate Preliminary Classes

A Real Estate Preliminary Class will be held five Saturdays, Aug. 4, 11, 18, 25, and Sept. 8. Time is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Real Estate One Novi office, 43155 Main St., Suite 2300, Novi. For information, call Kathy Solan at (248) 348-6430 or Mary Nicole at (248) 437-3800.

Career information

The Keller Williams Plymouth Market Center will be hosting Real Estate Career Seminars 6:30 p.m. Aug. 9 and 21. The Keller Williams Market Place is located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, in Plymouth, just west of I-275. Please call ahead to reserve a seat: (734) 459-4700.

Bankruptcy

Attorney David Tarr will share with investors his knowledge of bankruptcy procedure and the secrets of buying properties when the time is ripe

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Time to listen: Lawyer knows best on FCC, satellite issues

Q. Could you briefly give us a description of the law regarding satellite dishes as it relates to community associations?

A. Under the law, a member has a right to install a satellite dish (one meter in diameter or less) on property that the member owns or which the member has exclusive use or control. This includes condominiums, cooperatives and homeowners associations. In the case of condominiums and cooperatives, the rules apply to "exclusive use" areas, such as terraces, balconies or patios. In the areas shared with others or accessible without your permission, it is not considered under exclusive use and is off-limits for satellite dish installation. However, a cooperative or a community association can deny such installations if it can show that its decision is necessary to prevent danger to the building, common elements, as long as its argument is reasonable. Also, an association can impose certain restrictions when safety is a concern or where an historic site is involved. You are best advised to consult with your attorney regarding the FCC regulations and cases in that regard.

Q. I understand there was an act passed by



Robert Meisner

the Michigan Legislature concerning eminent domain and private property. Do you have any information?

A. Public Act 367 of 2006 prohibits the use of eminent domain, i.e., condemnation, by a state or local government to take private property for the primary benefit of a private entity. You are best advised to consult with an attorney experienced in condemnation law, if you have an issue. A similar act also provided for payments to residential occupants who moved due to condemnation actions, being Act 369.

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



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NORTHVILLE **\$899,500**
Stonewater colonial w/4 car gar w/lakeview! New stone patio, Brazilian floors, 2 stry FR, crown t/o, fin daylgh LL w/FR w/wet bar & FP, 5th br & bth.
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NORTHVILLE **\$860,000**
Custom & secluded on 2 acres 2 Stry GR w/bridge & loft above, marble flrs, HWs t/o. fin w/o w/2nd kit, 2br's, bth, fr & ex rm. backyard w/inground pool
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SALEM **\$750,000**
Located on 3 acre private wooded lot in gated community, grmt kit w/ granite & dbl oven, gr w/hdwd, vlted ceil & gas tp, 1st fir mstr, 5 car gar.
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NORTHVILLE **\$689,900**
4BR, 3.1BA Col. Grmt kit w/cherry cbnts, granite c-tops, SS B/I appls & hdwd flrs. Mstr w/trey clg. 2-story FR w/wrought iron spindle staircase.
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NORTHVILLE **\$565,000**
Backs to woods! HW Flrs, GR w/2 way FP to hearth rm, 42" cherry cabs w/granite cntrs & SS appl's. 4th br is currently loft, 3.5car gar & maint free deck.
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NOVI **\$499,900**
Great price! Over 3500 sqft! HW fls t/o. Crown mldg, new siding, updated landscaping, 3 car gar, fin. bsmt w/bth, wet bar & rec rm & multi-level deck.
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NORTHFIELD **\$489,900**
Seller motivated, silent auction will be 7/21 & 7/22. Bidding to start at \$350,000 & will sell to highest acceptable bid. 3300+sq ft of lodge/log style, 5 acres.
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PLYMOUTH **\$469,000**
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BRIGHTON **\$379,900**
Stunning sprawling ranch on 7.5 acres priced to sell. Gorgeous Silestone kit w/SS appliances. Fin LL w/office & full ba. 2-way FP. 36x28 pole barn.
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NORTHVILLE **\$375,000**
Immed Occupancy! Volume ceilings T/o, Gourmet Kit W/Cherry Cabs, granite Cntrs&SS Appl's, hw flrs Loft/fr, 2.5 Car Gar, Unfin Bsmnt W/bth Roughlins
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CANTON **\$350,000**
Popular 4 bd, 2 bath w/ cozy parlour/living rm & den/office. Wd flrs t/o, maple cabs, corian & upgrade ceram Part fin bsmt. Backs to commons.
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NOVI **\$315,000**
2 Sty 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 Kit, Lib, Vaulted Ceilings, Hrdwd Flrs, FF Laundry w/Washer & Dryer, Finished Bsmt & deck
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CANTON **\$299,000**
Extra large lot and cul-de-sac location!! Great traditional firplan. Kitchen w/island, hrdwd flrs, GE profile appl. FR w/gas FP. 2nd fir laundry!
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FARMINGTON HILLS **\$297,000**
Over \$100,000 In Updates! All New Maple Kit Cabs, Cntrtops, Crmc Flrs, Stainless,Furn, A/C, Mstr Bth, HW Flrs Refin & 500 Sf Deck W/built In Jacuzzi.
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LIVONIA **\$229,900**
Exceptional 4BR colonial in highly desirable Fairway Farms sub w/swim & tennis club. Features incl: bay wndw, French drs & HDWD t/o.
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SOUTH LYON **\$224,900**
Perfect 10! Quiet cul-de-sac on over 1/3 acre boasts crown molding, tile backplash, new light fxs, blinds, faucets & sinks. Prof. fin bsmt, att 2 car.
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FARMINGTON HILLS **\$205,000**
Beautiful 4BR colonial. Updated kit w/island, newer windows, roof & BA. Open fir plan, FR w/FP w/access to patio. Fin bsmt, all appls stay.
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NOVI **\$200,000**
Spectacular Custom Ranch w/updates Galore! 4 Bdrm, Gourmet Kit W/Apps, Dining Rm w/Frplc, Hdwd Flrs, 18X16 mstr Ste & Sub Lake & Pool.
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FARMINGTON HILLS **\$180,000**
Updated Ranch Newer Roof & Gutters, New Ext Drs, Kit W/new Fir, New Appl, Refin Hw Flrs T/O, New Windows & Lighting. Patio & Sub W/comm Pool
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CANTON **\$179,900**
'97 bit w/3BR & 2.5BA. 1st fir mstr w/laundry. All new carpet, flooring & paint 6/07. Priv end unit. BR to woods w/att 2 car gar. Full bsmt! Hm
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SOUTH LYON **\$174,900**
Great value home on cul-de-sac. Updates incl: wndws, furn, AC & HWH. Oak kit w/pergo flrs. All appl incl. Lrg fenced yard w/deck. 1 car att gar.
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LIVONIA **\$159,900**
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CANTON **\$150,000**
2BR 1.1BA, 2 story. Kit w/oak cbnts, DR w/DW to new deck. Neutral décor t/o. Mstr w/WIC & glam BA w/soak tub & sep shwr. Bsmt poss 3rd BR.
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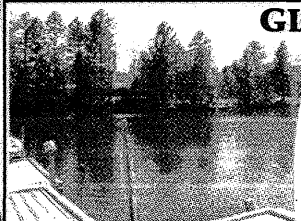
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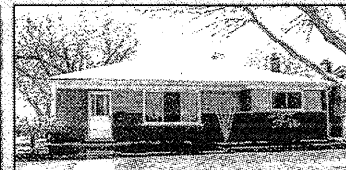
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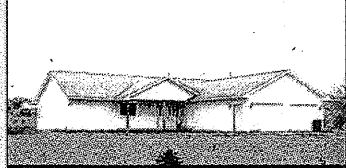
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INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP \$219,900
Four bedroom, 2.5 bath w/approximately 2,000 sq ft. Updates include newer roof, siding, furnace, windows & remodeled baths. Finished basement, fireplace central air, pond view, professionally landscaped and lake privileges.
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LAKE ORION \$198,530
Three bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial with all sports Long Lake privileges. Dock & boat facilities. Central air and ceiling fans to keep you cool on hot summer days. The work and deco touch has been done. Great views of lake!
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MILFORD \$224,000
Three bed home in historic Milford Village. Wood floors, rich oak doors, wide moldings & trim. Spacious master & rear entry sun/mud room. Newer roof, bath, appliances & paint. Large fenced yard. 2 car garage. Home warranty.
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ORION TOWNSHIP \$99,900
Totally updated 2 bedroom ranch condo. New kit including cabinets, counters & newer appliances. Remodeled bath with step-in shower. Wallside windows. Bryant 80 Plus furnace and newer AC. Garage. Swim and boat privileges.
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PONTIAC \$123,900
Three bedroom home close to Indian Village. Hardwood floors, many updates including brand new garage, Carrier Furnace and C/A, new windows & doors, water proofed basement, central alarm, all appliances, & home warranty.
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PONTIAC \$88,750
Excellent family home with four bedrooms, two open to 8x18 screened porch and one upper bedroom opens to deck. First floor laundry, fenced back yard and basement. Immediate occupancy.
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PONTIAC \$114,900
Indian Village Sub 3 bedrooms, master on first floor. Large living room with fireplace. Beautiful new kitchen and formal dining room. New windows with marble sills. Fresh paint, new carpet, coved ceilings & archways.
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ROCHESTER HILLS \$178,000
Walk to Rochester Schools! 4 beds, new roof, updated kitchen with granite counter tops & wood floor. Fenced double lot w/above ground pool & deck. Oversized mechanic's dream garage. Updated electrical & plumbing.
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SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP \$904,900
Farm House on 1.5 acres. Stone fireplace in living room, updated kitchen w/moving island, library, enclosed porch, wood floors, skylights in family room, privacy fenced with spectacular gardens heated green house & potting shed.
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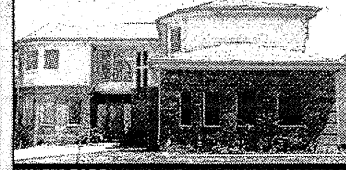
WATERFORD LAKEFRONT \$549,900
Approximately 1 acre landscaped treed lot with sandy beach. 4 beds, 3 baths, vaulted ceilings, cut stone fireplace, formal dining, ceramic tile foyer, Great in-law or teen promenade in the finished walkout w/fireplace & full bath.
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WATERFORD LAKEFRONT \$384,900
Private all sports Williams Lake. Beautiful cherry floors, tons of ceramic, built in, open kitchen, family room with lake views, brick drive, stone walk, romantic wrap around porch and awesome landscape. Sea wall & dock included.
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WATERFORD LAKEFRONT \$299,900
Four lots with 70 feet of frontage on all sports Eagle Lake. 3 beds, 2 bath ranch with great views. Part finished walkout w/sauna, 2 car gar, pool, fenced yard, appliances, 3-season room, fireplace, newer windows, & great views!
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WATERFORD \$525,000
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WATERFORD \$109,500
Well maintained 1,100 square foot home and garage. New central air and bath, appliances & home warranty included. Light and bright with big windows and skylight. Privacy fenced yard with cedar deck, shed, & room for a garden!
MLS 248-673-2211



WATERFORD \$134,500
Large bungalow on a triple wide lot in a nice quiet area. Hardwood flooring and custom work throughout. Nice open kitchen with skylight. New drywall. Large living room with French doors to formal dining.
MLS 27082222 248-673-2211



WATERFORD \$134,900
Maintenance free ranch in great neighborhood close to shopping & expressways. Newer windows & roof. Updated kitchen with white cupboards. Fenced corner lot with oversized 2 car garage. Includes home warranty for 1 year.
MLS 27054771 248-673-2211



WATERFORD \$196,700
Brick ranch with designer Kitchen overlooking Golf Course property. Granite counters, ceramic and hardwood thru-out. Natural fireplace, beautiful soaking tub plus walk-in shower. Partially finished basement with Block windows.
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WATERFORD \$212,000
Seven acres with lake privileges. Remodeled in 2003 with new roof, siding, eaves, air and newer furnace. Pool table and appliances included. 43'x27' finished basement. Nice corner lot featuring above ground pool and deck.
MLS 27066249 248-673-2211



WATERFORD \$169,900
Brick ranch w/many updates in a great sub. Updated electrical, circuit breakers, new 98% energy efficient furnace. New air & concrete driveway in 2005. Finished basement with rec room, office and bath. Nice fenced yard.
MLS 27118554 248-673-2211



WATERFORD CONDO \$159,999
Three bedrooms, 2.5 baths with fresh paint, wood floors, new carpet in living room, new hot water tank, finished basement w/storage area, 2 car attached gar, association fees include water, sewer, basic cable & yard maintenance.
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WEST BLOOMFIELD \$489,900
Waterfront with gourmet kitchen, 2 story great room with gas fireplace, breakfast nook, formal dining, vaulted master suite with jet tub. Finished walkout with media room, wet bar, fireplace, wine cellar and more. \$3,000 visa to buyer.
MLS 27096874 248-673-2211



WHITE LAKE LAKEFRONT \$299,900
Reconstructed up and out. Great Room with fireplace, 4 season room with sunken Jacuzzi, master suite, wood floors, ceramic baths, brick paver patios & driveway, view from front & back. 2 car finished garage w/drive thru door.
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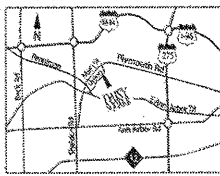
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SOUTH LYON
Updated kitchen w/Corian, family room w/nook addition, re-modeled master bath & main bath, newer roof & furnace, Trex deck, Anderson windows, fin. walkout w/rec. room, half bath, hardwood floors in great room & kitchen. 4 bed/2.2 baths. \$295,000 (jghsa)



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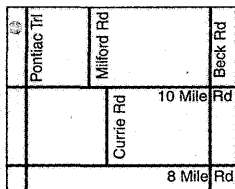


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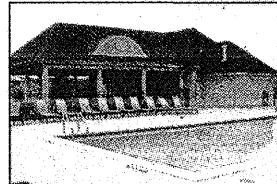
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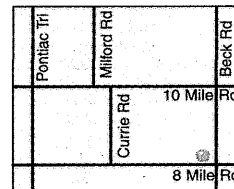
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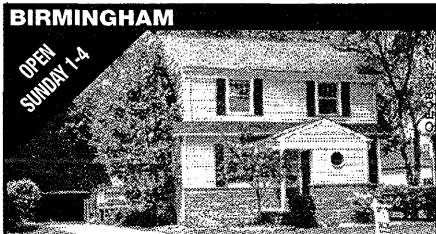
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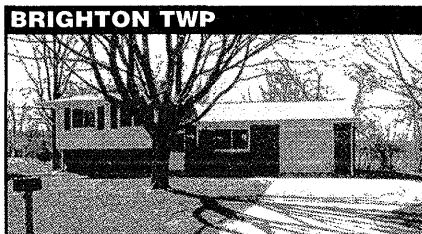
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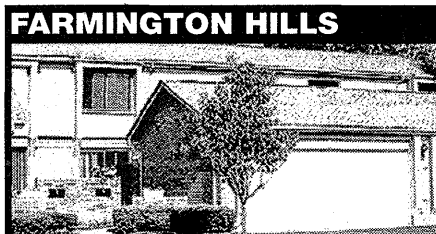


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| Canton | |
| 41460 Alleghany St | \$168,000 |
| 2267 Arcadia Dr | \$150,000 |
| 2321 Arcadia Dr | \$149,000 |
| 2393 Arcadia Dr | \$157,000 |
| 1955 Brookfield St | \$180,000 |
| 46791 Creeks Bnd | \$220,000 |
| 1720 Delancy Cir | \$400,000 |
| 1870 Delancy Cir | \$397,000 |
| 44178 Duchess Dr | \$240,000 |
| 1611 E Lakeview Ln | \$175,000 |
| 41472 Glade Rd | \$210,000 |
| 51193 Gold Ridge Ln | \$349,000 |
| 46059 Graystone Ln | \$235,000 |
| 48530 Greenwich Cir | \$350,000 |
| 45562 Hanford Rd | \$221,000 |
| 1340 Heritage Dr | \$194,000 |
| 4572 Hunters Cir E | \$152,000 |
| 3870 Hunters Grove Blvd | \$134,000 |
| 46547 Inverness Rd | \$352,000 |
| 1222 Legacy Ct | \$488,000 |
| 47246 Maben Rd | \$145,000 |
| 48702 Manhattan Cir | \$458,000 |
| 1840 Maple Park Dr E | \$180,000 |
| 625 Mckinley Cir | \$415,000 |
| 840 N Beck Rd | \$354,000 |
| 41061 N Maplewood Dr | \$204,000 |
| 47130 N Pointe Dr | \$417,000 |
| 48140 Park Lane Ct | \$410,000 |
| 377 Queens Way | \$190,000 |
| 2907 River Meadow Cir | \$250,000 |
| 7783 Rutherford Ct | \$398,000 |
| 2060 Trinity Rd | \$151,000 |
| 43509 W Arbor Way Dr | \$105,000 |
| 6770 Weatherfield Way | \$240,000 |
| 6166 Winter Dr | \$200,000 |
| Farmington Hills | |
| 35963 Fair Oaks Ct | \$222,000 |
| 29743 Highmeadow Rd | \$325,000 |
| 37893 Stableview Dr | \$263,000 |
| 33858 Yorkridge St | \$295,000 |
| Garden City | |
| 29036 Barton St | \$153,000 |
| 6938 Belton St | \$133,000 |
| 1622 Helen St | \$69,000 |
| 33734 Marquette St | \$144,000 |
| 5637 Middlebelt Rd | \$170,000 |
| Livonia | |
| 16449 Alpine Dr | \$247,000 |
| 31510 Bobrich St | \$170,000 |
| 31717 Bretton St | \$186,000 |
| 8905 Butwell St | \$215,000 |
| 33936 Fairfax Dr | \$240,000 |
| 18130 Fairway St | \$240,000 |
| 38615 Grennada St | \$190,000 |
| 29826 Lori St | \$150,000 |
| 17372 Louise St | \$188,000 |
| 14931 Lyons St | \$185,000 |
| 20110 Merriman Rd | \$480,000 |
| 31417 Merriwood Park Dr | \$163,000 |
| 30650 Rayburn St | \$200,000 |
| 15410 Shadyside St | \$260,000 |
| 15618 Surrey St | \$163,000 |
| 15022 Taylor Blvd | \$285,000 |
| 14743 Yale St | \$194,000 |
| Milford | |
| 627 Village Ln | \$160,000 |
| Northville | |
| 15942 Augusta Ct | \$160,000 |
| 44499 Broadmoor Blvd | \$420,000 |
| 22185 Heatheridge Ln | \$368,000 |
| 18167 Mission Pt | \$920,000 |
| 46062 N Valley Dr | \$315,000 |
| 627 Natalie Ln | \$680,000 |
| 621 Orchard Dr | \$373,000 |
| 17610 White Pine Ct | \$470,000 |
| Novi | |
| 47610 Aberdeen Dr | \$830,000 |
| 24483 Bashian Dr | \$101,000 |
| 47780 Cheltenham | \$185,000 |
| 50896 Chesapeake Dr | \$590,000 |
| 41667 Chesterfield Ct | \$415,000 |
| 27093 Ladbroke St | \$264,000 |
| 29839 Martell Ct | \$322,000 |
| 24877 Reeds Pointe Dr | \$530,000 |
| 41630 Sycamore St | \$214,000 |
| 24650 Venice Dr | \$344,000 |
| Plymouth | |
| 45817 Denise Dr | \$348,000 |
| 1220 Junction St | \$297,000 |

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| 1781 Lexington St | \$225,000 | 19303 Negaunee | \$80,000 |
| 11416 Mona Ct | \$177,000 | 19157 Norborne | \$87,000 |
| 911 Palmer St | \$420,000 | 23405 Plymouth Rd | \$260,000 |
| 378 Red Ryder Dr | \$291,000 | 9356 Salem | \$140,000 |
| 798 S Harvey St | \$194,000 | 9943 Tecumseh | \$80,000 |
| 141 S Union St | \$277,000 | 26906 W Chicago | \$145,000 |
| 51115 W Hills Dr | \$320,000 | 18475 Wakenden | \$135,000 |
| Redford | | South Lyon | |
| 12920 Brady | \$118,000 | 1077 Chestnut Ln | \$248,000 |
| 13564 Brady | \$136,000 | 26234 Great Plains Dr | \$319,000 |
| 9579 Centralia | \$136,000 | 595 N Hagadorn St | \$156,000 |
| 12030 Centralia | \$91,000 | 935 Oak Creek Dr | \$233,000 |
| 17604 Delaware Ave | \$169,000 | Westland | |
| 19757 Denby | \$146,000 | 37366 Amhurst Dr | \$165,000 |
| 10092 Dixie | \$119,000 | 1360 Berkshire St | \$110,000 |
| 11345 Dixie | \$133,000 | 1498 Berkshire St | \$130,000 |
| 14726 Fox | \$316,000 | 32317 Birchwood St | \$152,000 |
| 15841 Lennane | \$109,000 | 289 Brookfield Dr | \$141,000 |
| 8932 Lenore | \$162,000 | 31935 Calhoun Ct | \$83,000 |
| 26151 Margareta | \$117,000 | 8353 Emerald Ln W | \$198,000 |
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| 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 | 0.25 | 6.375 | 0.25 | 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 | 2.125 | 5.5 | 2.25 | J/A/V/F |
| Group One Mortgage | (248) 282-1602 | 6.75 | 0 | 6.375 | 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 | 6.75 | 0 | 6.5 | 0 | J/A |
| Mortgages by Golden Rule | (800) 991-9922 | 6.375 | 0.25 | 6 | 0.375 | J/A/V/F |
| Michigan United Mortgage | (810) 844-2222 | 6.25 | 1 | 5.875 | 1 | J/A |
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| Northlawn Financial | (248) 988-8488 | 6.375 | 0 | 6.125 | 0 | J/A/V/F |
| Pathway Financial LLC | (800) 726-2274 | 6.376 | 0 | 6.125 | 0 | J/A/F |
| Shore Mortgage | (800) 678-6663 | 6 | 3 | 5.625 | 3 | J/A/V/F |
| United Mortgage Group | (586) 286-9500 | 6.375 | 0 | 6.125 | 0 | J/A |
| York Financial Inc. | (888) 839-9675 | 6.375 | 0.25 | 6.125 | 0 | J/A |

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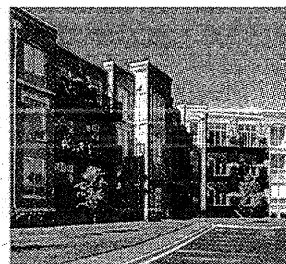


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