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Bookstore seeks new chapter

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Owners of the Book Cellar & Cafe in downtown Plymouth admit they're concerned about competition from a new Borders bookstore that will open soon in Canton Township.

However, despite the fact they've begun a discount sales promotion and put the store up for sale, they deny rumors it's a going-out-of-business sale and plan to close the downtown bookstore after Christmas.

"We assure you closing the store is not in our plans, and we are exerting our utmost effort to maintain a healthy business," said Nader Iskandar, co-owner of the bookstore on Ann Arbor Trail, which opened in August 2005.

"But, I will admit we are at a major crossroads, especially in light of our competition opening a new location two miles away."

A Craigslist.com posting advertises "everything is included in this sale ... price (\$269,000) reduced for a quick sale." However, co-owner Bashar Salame said his full-time job as a chiropractor and Iskandar's as an engineer keep them from being as hands-on as they want to operate the store, which is costing them more money for a manager and full-time employees.

"Ideally, we would like to sell the place to someone who can dedicate more time to ensure it will be downtown for years to come," Salame said. "We're selling it with a good P&L (profit and loss statement)."

"We were struggling for awhile, but July — with the release of the new Harry Potter book and Art in the Park — was one of our best months," he said. "If it continues to improve, we may reconsider selling the place."

Iskandar and Salame said the storewide sale of 15-40 percent off books and special orders was designed to reward current customers and retain customers who drive from Canton.

"We started the sale because of Borders and to see if we can sustain the momentum," Salame said. "Some of our best customers say they will continue to support us. We want to make it so no one has any reason to go anywhere else to buy."

Chris Wright of Plymouth Township said she visits the Book Cellar almost every day for newspapers, books and snacks.

"I think it's really important we have a bookstore, it makes for a more educated town and a nice place to meet people," Wright said. "I run into people I know, and I like that. I would be very upset if it wasn't here."

Salame said even if a buyer doesn't come forward, closing the store isn't a viable option.

"If that were the case, we'd stand to lose all of our investment," he said.



New Morning School students 10-year-old Charlie Liang, (from left), 8-year-old Tyler Opdycke and 8-year-old Jordan Lu work on their Lego project.

PHOTOS BY TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Building blocks

Legos provide camp students a real learning experience

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

These aren't your father's Legos. Students at New Morning School in Plymouth Township are building houses with the popular building blocks, but are using still-to-be-developed math and engineering skills to program a computer that turns on the lights and ceiling fan, sets off burglar and fire alarms and unlocks the doors.

"It's fun to program these things, like opening and closing the garage door," said 10-year-old Charlie Liang of Canton Township. "You can see how it works. It's easy once you learn about it."

That's exactly what the Creative Engineering camp is designed to do, turn math and science into easy hands-on learning experiences in design technology, inventing and evaluating designs.

"They can build Legos anywhere," said Jason Johnson, known by students as Mr. J.J., who teaches fifth-grade at Riley Upper Elementary School in Livonia. "Here they get a little programming creativity, and have some artistic license to do different things and write their own programs."

With the help of grants from Eaton Corporation in Southfield, DTE Energy Foundation and Kiwanis and Rotary clubs in Plymouth, New Morning was able to purchase Lego Mindstorm Intelligent House theme sets for the 7- to 12-year-old summer camp students.

Jim McCarthy of Canton Township, whose 7-year-old daughter Corinne attends the camp, is an Eaton engineer and was instrumental in securing a company



Students at New Morning School in Plymouth Township work on building Lego houses which they program with computers to perform different tasks.

grant for New Morning School. "It's really putting their thoughts into action," McCarthy said. "They want something to happen a certain way, and they can actually program it to make it happen."

"You've got the first steps of engineering and the first steps of science, with the idea that you can make and see it happen," he said. "It helps build that confidence that you can do it. The more experience you have with a computer, the better it will be through school and the workplace."

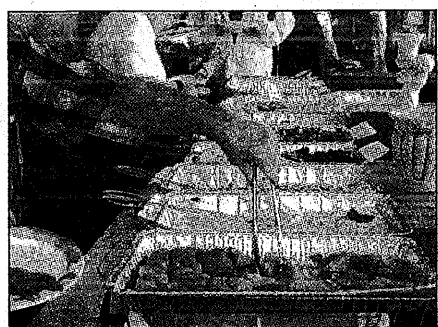
Eight-year-old Tyler Opdycke of Livonia wasn't fooled, just because he had the opportunity to play with Legos each day.

"This is education," Tyler said. "We're learning robotics. I've always had a thrill for robots."

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Eateries set for annual Old Village crawl

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER



Participants will enjoy a smorgasbord of offerings, including samples at Grecian Cafe.

Anyone who's been wondering what the food is like at Old Village restaurants but keeps putting off the experience will get their chance to find out next week.

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts the eighth annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at a variety of

participating restaurants in the city of Plymouth's historic Old Village Section.

"We started this as a way to promote the Old Village area of Plymouth and it has been a sell-out every year," said Fran Toney, the chamber's executive director. "It's really one of our most popular events of the year. The restaurants are fantastic."

This year's crawl features

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CSX set to fix Plymouth tracks

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

It's bad enough waiting extensive periods of time in your car for a freight train to pass through any of the eight railroad crossings in Plymouth, a community that one time bustled from being a railroad roundhouse.

But, it's equally as frustrating when the red lights go off and the crossing gates go up and traffic crawls at a snail's pace because of the poor condition of the crossing, like the one at Main and Theodore, just north of downtown.

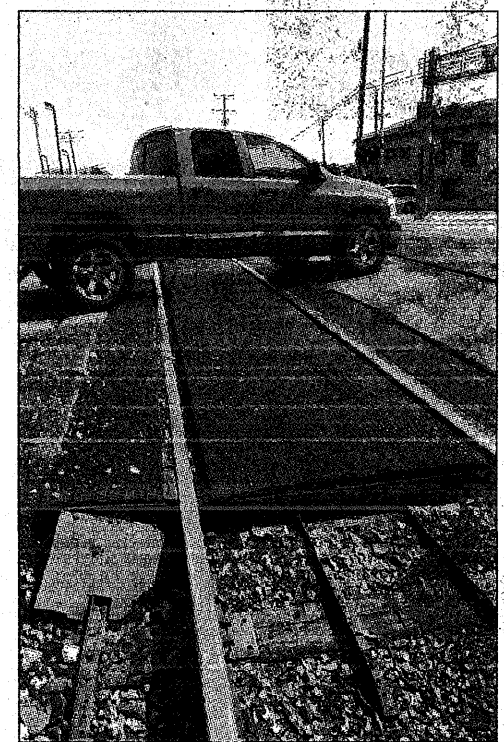
"I creep over that one," said Bob Bake of Plymouth. "I just think it's indefensible they're that bad. I can't believe CSX (Railroad) would allow a four-lane crossing to be so rough. It's unacceptable."

Motorists will get a reprieve when CSX completes repairs to the two worst railroad grade crossings in the city later this month. City Manager Paul Sincock said CSX anticipates closing the Ann Arbor Trail (near Mill Street) crossing during the week of Aug. 13.

Sincock said the Main Street crossing is scheduled to close Aug. 20.

"The real inconvenience is the current poor condition of the tracks at both those locations," Sincock said. "We get a significant number of complaints related to the crossings, and we typically have to provide people with the phone number to CSX Railroad."

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CSX will make improvements to two railroad crossings in the city, including this one on Main Street near Theodore.

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Music matters

Station 885 in Old Village hosts an event, "Music Matters," 6:30 p.m. Sunday, where local musicians will perform to benefit the fight against breast cancer, with all donations going to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Food will be complimentary, a cash bar will be available and admission will be the donor's own personal donation to help fight breast cancer.

No need for reservations; the event runs 6:30-11 p.m.

The restaurant will also host an event Friday, Aug. 3, on its brand new Platform. A wine tasting, casual walk around will be held at 9 p.m. Charge for the event is \$25 for food, fun, and wine.

Call (734) 459-0885 to reserve your spot.

'Moo-Lah' fund-raiser

Maggie Moo's Ice Cream and Treatery, located on Five Mile Road in Plymouth, celebrates its grand opening with a benefit for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4.

Twenty percent of the day's proceeds will benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to fight blood-borne diseases.

Mascot Miss Maggie Moo will arrive at the treatery, located at 47325 Five Mile, on a fire engine with brief ribbon-cutting ceremony at approxi-

mately 12:30 p.m.

For more information call owners Vesna and Dwayne Roi, (734) 207-1858.

Tiny Tot program

The Plymouth Salvation Army still has openings for the Tiny Tots Preschool program. For 3-year-olds there is a Monday/Wednesday class or a Tuesday/Thursday class from 9-11:15 a.m. The cost is \$95 per month.

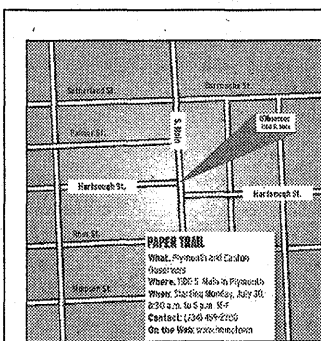
For 4-year-olds there is a Monday/Wednesday/Thursday class from 12:15-2:30 p.m. The cost is \$120 per month. There is a one-time registration fee of \$35 for all classes.

For more information call (734) 453-5464 or stop by the office at 9451 S. Main in Plymouth.

Band fund-raiser

The Plymouth-Canton Marching Band (PCMB) is hosting its annual "PCMB Car Wash-A-Thon" on Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Canton High School parking lot in Canton, Mich. from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. The car wash is free. Money is raised through pledges gathered by approximately 200 band members.

Individual band members of the not-for-profit organization are accepting between one half cent to two cents for every car washed or a donation prior to the day's activities. The band expects to wash about 1000 vehicles. Donations are tax



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deductible. "The Car Wash-A-Thon" is one of the biggest fund-raisers of the year," stated Mark Stamper, president of the 2007 Plymouth Canton Music Boosters. "The money raised helps the kids with participation fees to be in the band, including uniforms, instruction, and the cost to attend band camp in August. The car wash itself is fun for the kids and parents alike."

The award-winning high school band is comprised of students at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. The group of nearly 200 student musicians and performers is led by Director of Bands, Marc Whitlock.

PCMB has won the State Championship at the Michigan Competing Band Association Competition for 19 of the last 21 years. The marching band has earned the honor of top band in the Nation three

times, with a combined list of 500 awards in the last two decades. In 2006, PCMB was named regional champions of the Bands of America competition held at Eastern Michigan University, and finished ninth in the nation at the National Bands of America event.

Canton High School is located at 8415 Canton Center Road (at the intersection of Joy and Canton Center Roads).

Fife & Drum car wash

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

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

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

YMCA board

The Plymouth Family YMCA is looking to grow its Board of Advisors.

This is an opportunity for members of the Plymouth, Canton or Northville communities who are looking to get more involved in their community. There are monthly meetings from September through June. Responsibilities include advocacy, fund-raising and expertise.

Anyone interested in getting more information can contact Josh Landefeld at (734) 453-2904 or jlandefeld@ymcamedetroit.org

School supply drive

The Plymouth Salvation Army is collecting school supplies to provide to needy families in its Plymouth-Canton-Northville-Belleville service area.

All types of school supplies are needed; however, Salvation Army officials are especially hoping to collect backpacks.

For more information, call (734) 453-5464.

Rapunzel on stage

The Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville presents the musical "Rapunzel" Aug. 6 through Sept. 23.

Show times are weekdays, Monday through Fridays (Aug. 6-10 and Aug. 13-17) at 10:30 a.m., Saturdays (Aug. 11, 18 and 25) at 11:30 a.m., Saturdays (Sept. 8, 15, 22) at 2:30 p.m., and Sundays (Sept. 9, 16, 23) at 2:30 p.m.

Please no children under the age of 3. Tickets are \$8, with group rates and reserved seating for groups of 20 or more.

For more information call (248) 349-8110.

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.

Summer cinema

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

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

The schedule: Aug. 2 - *Chronicles of Narnia*; Aug. 7 & 9 - *Spy Kids*; Aug. 14 & 16 - *The original Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*; Aug. 21 & 23 - *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.

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

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1160 Sheridan	SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM	25,430.00
42375 Schoolcraft	MULTI-YEAR SENIOR CENTER IMPROVEMENTS	57,470.00
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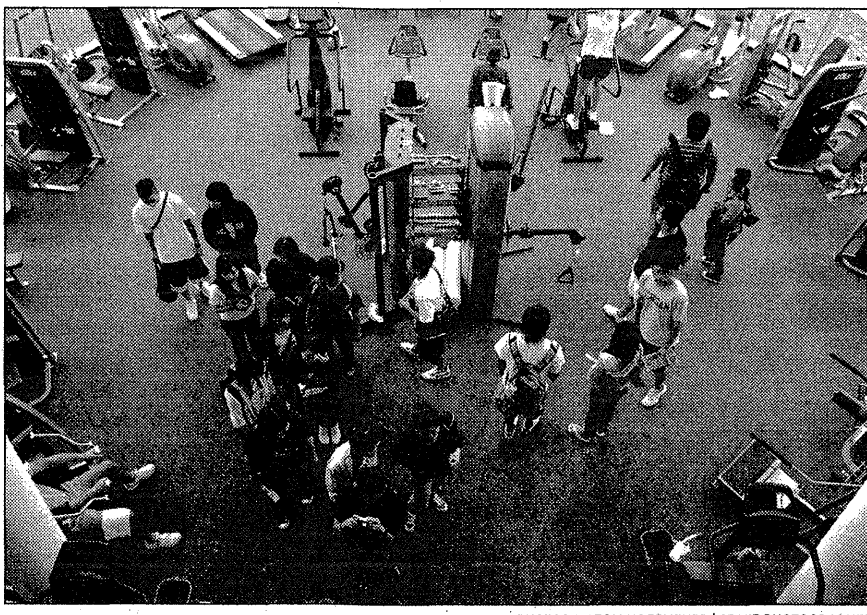
BY ALEX LUNDBERG
STAFF WRITER

Students from Alethia University in Taiwan have been living in Livonia at Madonna University, visiting Detroit area cultural centers, shopping at area malls and generally soaking up the culture.

Derrick Manns is the project director for the Taiwanese students. He was a sports management professor at Madonna for years and the school asked him to come back and shepherd the students around the area. He's been working on this trip since March.

"It takes a lot of coordination, a lot of group effort," he said. "We've been putting together events that the students can relate to."

Since virtually all of the students are in sports-related curricula at home, the trip to the Detroit area has been geared to those interests. They've seen the Tigers and they're going to see the Detroit Shock. But while some of them aren't in sports at all, and all of them are on a vacation, they've also been soaking up the culture (Henry Ford/Greenfield Village), taking in the local events



Students from Alethia University in Taiwan tour the Livonia Community Recreation Center.

(Concerts in the Park at Civic Center Park), seeing other educational campuses (the University of Michigan) and doing a lot of shopping (Twelve Oaks, Laurel Park Place).

During all of this, they've been living on campus at Madonna in the

residence halls.

Monica Yang is an English lit student. She said the point of the trip was immersion in a new culture, about how to "be an American." Classmate Ball Cheng agreed.

"American culture is very differ-



Cameras in hand, students from Alethia University in Taiwan tour the center.

ent from Taiwanese culture," she said. "Michigan people are friendly, they're patient and they work hard."

Victor Lee is a sport management student. The trip to Michigan, especially to the Livonia Community Recreation Center, has been very instructive in that if he wants to run a club like it back home, he's going to have to build it himself. The trip to Comerica Park was definitely something they don't get at home.

"It's amazing to see a place that will hold more than 40,000 people," Lee said. "At home it's hard to see 1,000 people at a game. The stadiums aren't that big."

Cheng liked Greenfield Village, but the difference that stuck out in her head was the difference in the way the classrooms at Madonna run as opposed to the ones at home.

"In Taiwan, the teacher will present only one correct answer to a question," she said. "At Madonna, the teachers present situations where there are no wrong answers."

Lee said the trip to Michigan has broadened his horizons and made him more confident in his interactions.

"I won't be afraid to make conversations with foreigners," he said. "Before, I may have only answered a question with a yes or no answer. Now I'll be more confident talking longer."

If everything goes well, as it has so far, the exchange program this summer could be the start of regular visits.

"The hope is that this is going to foster an educational exchange program," Manns said. "The school hasn't had something like that since the '80s."

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Chopper pilots mourn friend lost in Arizona crash

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Helicopter pilots who fly the skies covering news and traffic for Detroit-area radio and television stations are mourning the death of South Lyon native, Craig Smith, who was one of four people killed when two news helicopters collided and crashed in Phoenix Friday afternoon.

Smith was piloting the KNXV-TV helicopter and covering a police chase on live television when his helicopter crashed with a chopper from KTVK-TV.

Smith flew part-time for WXYZ-TV's Chopper 7 in Detroit, which is based at Mettetal Airport in Canton Township, before moving to Phoenix two years ago.

Plymouth Township resident, and Chopper 7 pilot, Dennis Neubacher, said Smith -- whom he knew for 10 years -- moved to Phoenix to get a full-time job doing what he loved best.

"He was a good guy, and a character," said Neubacher, who flies for McMahon Helicopter Service at Mettetal Airport and has reported for

Channel 7 since 1996. "He moved to Phoenix with the idea of flying a helicopter and being a reporter, doing the work he loved."

"He was very talented," added Neubacher. "He was a guitarist in a band, and built classic cars. His dog, Molly, flew in the helicopter with him."

Neubacher said helicopter pilots know they are living in a dangerous world.

"The pilots all talk to each other on a common helicopter frequency when we're hovering over an accident scene or following a chase," Neubacher said. "We try to stay at different altitudes and fly different patterns."

"Covering the news is very exciting and very rewarding, and from the helicopter it's a unique experience," he said. "It's risky, but I love my work."

Neubacher said when they all begin their jobs in the air, they remind each other to be safe.

"We tell each other to fly safely and try to come home to your family," Neubacher said. "So far, so good. God only knows."

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Now is the time to avoid 'kiddie tax' penalty in 2008



Money Matters
Rick Bloom

It's hard to believe how fast time goes. Before you know it fall will be here, the kids will be back in school and the holidays will be upon us. Now is the time to begin year-end tax planning.

Whether you accelerate deductions in 2007 or delay them to 2008 or convert money into a Roth IRA, the time to start the process is now.

Year-end tax planning should always be based upon the individual situation. That said, there is a change in tax law which takes effect in 2008 and makes tax planning more important this year, particularly for those who have children 18 years and older.

Earlier this year, what's known as the kiddie tax changed significantly. The changes are effective in 2008 and will have some adverse tax consequences and change some tax strategies. However, there is a window of opportunity that exists now but closes at the end of the year.

The "kiddie tax" law was established years ago in order to prevent wealthy families

from shifting unearned income to their children. The strategy was that by shifting unearned income to children, the children would be taxed at a significantly lower bracket.

For example, the capital gain rate is presently at a maximum 15 percent. This is the bracket that most parents are in. The children will most likely fall into the lower capital gain rate of 5 percent. Thus, shifting income to a child can reduce taxes considerably. The "kiddie tax" was passed to limit this benefit.

Over the years, the law has changed and for 2007, the law applies to children under age 18. The first \$850 of unearned income for a child is tax-free. The next \$850 is taxed at the child's own tax bracket and any unearned income over \$1,700 is taxed at the parents' highest tax bracket.

Unearned income is income

from things such as investments and does not include income from wages.

In tax year 2008, the "kiddie tax" has been dramatically expanded and will apply to all dependents under the age of 19 and to full-time students who are under the age of 24. The one exception to these changes is if a child 18 and over pays at least half of their own support. If a child does pay over half of their own support, then they are not affected by the new laws.

Since the changes don't take effect until tax year 2008, there is an opportunity this year to shift unearned income to a child who will be taxed at a lower bracket. For example, if you have a stock that you have a long-term gain on, you can gift that stock to a child and have that child sell the stock, thus reducing the capital gain on that investment from 15 percent to 5 percent. In order to take advantage of this opportunity, the gifting and the sale of the stock must be completed before the end of the year.

It would be nice to say

that you can gift unlimited amounts of money to your child but we all know that's not possible. Gift tax laws make gifting large sums of money uneconomical.

The current gift tax laws allow anyone to gift \$12,000 to another individual. In addition, a married couple can gift up to \$24,000 to any individual. For example, if you had three children and you were married, you can gift a total of \$72,000 or \$24,000 to each child. In addition, an individual can receive gifts from more than one person. Therefore, parents and grandparents can gift to their children as well as grandchildren.

If the gifting and the sale of stock are completed this year, the new changes to the "kiddie tax" don't apply.

For parents who are considering shifting income to children to help them pay for their college education, the tax ramifications are more advantageous to this year as opposed to next year.

Changes to the "kiddie tax" law make using a 529 Plan to save for college more valuable than before. Money in a 529 Plan, if used for a qualified education expense (room and board, books and tuition), grows tax-free and is not subject to the new "kiddie tax" rules.

I recommend (for the great majority of parents saving for college) the Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESFP). The MESFP is a plan that offers great flexibility because the child can use the money for basically any public or private institution in the country.

In addition, the MESFP is the only 529 investment program that allows a deduction on the Michigan income tax return for a contribution up to \$10,000 for a married couple.

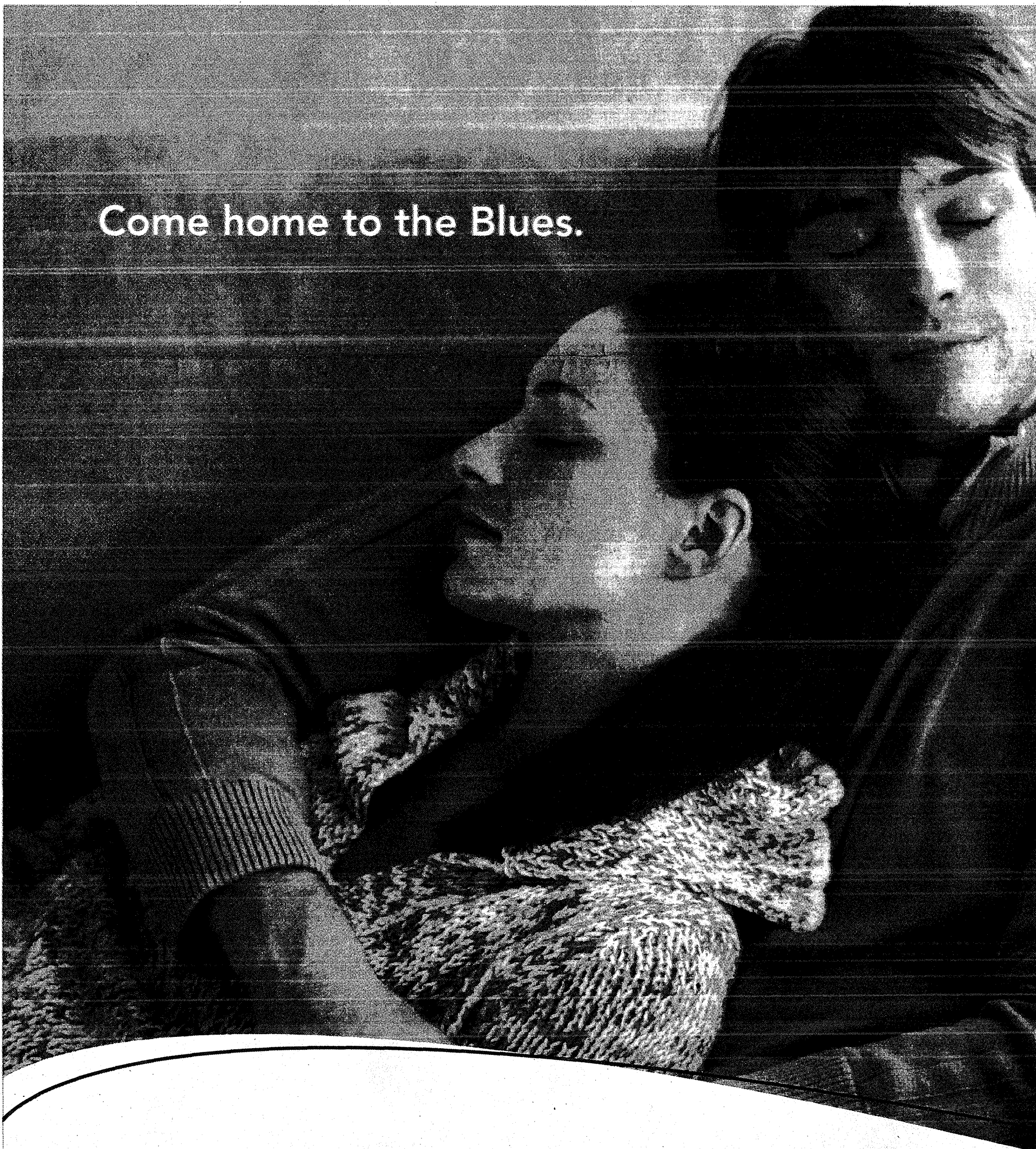
If you use a 529 Plan from a different state or from one of the private providers, you cannot deduct your contribution. Furthermore, the MESFP recently lowered its internal management fees. Unfortunately, many other plans have high fees and high commissions which erode the return you receive.

One note regarding 529 Plans, contributions to the Michigan Education Trust (MET) Plan, which is a pre-paid tuition plan, also qualify for the deduction on your Michigan income tax return.

I've always been a believer that in doing any tax planning, one should never forget that the ultimate goal is not to reduce taxes but to increase net worth.

It is not patriotic to pay more in taxes than one has to pay. So, as you sit down to do some year-end tax planning, you do not want to let the tax tail wag the dog.

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"Hopefully people will be able to divert for a week to have something smooth to drive over in the future," he said.

Sincock noted the remainder of the crossings in the city "are in fairly decent shape," except for the one on Sheldon Road, which is scheduled to be closed until December 2008 while Wayne County constructs an underpass.

A woman shopping in downtown Plymouth, after hearing CSX plans to also close Main Street for a week, voiced her concern and frustration.

"I hope they don't close it at the same time as the one on Sheldon and we can't get the hell out of here at all," she said.

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Literature's lessons: Arts and Letters club members still meet to share their views, as group celebrates 75 years

BY REBECCA JONES
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Ladies used to wear hats and high heels to a neighbor's home in Rosedale Gardens two evenings a month to discuss books, culture and world events over desserts and tea.

Today, members of the Arts and Letters group are still active, contributing to charities and enjoying the company of other culturally minded women with Livonia roots.

Of course, things have changed since the club formed in January, 1932.

"We're not nearly as formal today. Most of us wear slacks and our New Balance shoes, and we're not afraid to sit on the floor," said Barbara Birmingham, a member of the group since 1968.

Arts and Letters celebrated its 75th anniversary with a picnic at Greenmead last month.

These days, the group meets monthly. Each member hosts the group or gives a program, usually a book review. Some members put on music programs. The group also attends plays.

For her next program, the group's president Betty Tripp will review a book she bought at a garage sale about women on the Great Lakes, who worked in lighthouses or on ships.

Other reviewed books include Marley & Me: Life and Love with the World's Worst Dog by John Grogan, Pretty Birds by Scott Simon and Not Without My Daughter by Betty Mahmoody.

Although some are humorous and some are serious, the books provoke discussion.

"I would never miss a meeting because I like the exchange of ideas," said member George-Ann Golem, a former teacher in Livonia and Plymouth-Canton



Arts and Letters members are (back row, from left) Barbara Zitzewitz, Emma Weyer, Cary Ormond, Dorothy McKinley, Alice McCloskey, Sue Daniel, Janet Taylor, Sarah Geiger; and (front row, left) Renetta Jacob, Betty Tripp, George-Ann Golem, Verna Lee Stewart, Barbara Birmingham, Norma Kumbier and Lydia Mayo.

Village."

"It brings a lot of people to Old Village who really wouldn't have the opportunity to check out our restaurants," said Toia, who plans to serve bite-size variations on the restaurant's signature fish-and-chips dish. "The nice thing is they get to sample different items we offer in the Old Village section. It gives people an opportunity to come out and experience something new and different."

Crawlers will also be offered

schools, who said she enjoys knowing women with such different backgrounds and hearing about their travels as well.

Members range in age from about 40 to 85.

When Arts and Letters formed, Livonia was rural and many women were stay-at-home moms watching children all day. For them, this was a night out to discuss literature and culture.

"During the Depression, they wanted to do something that would be uplifting and get them out of the house," Birmingham said.

The group formed in the Rosedale Gardens neighborhood, but has since expanded to include residents from all over Livonia. Some longtime members have moved to other communities.

Through the years, more than 100 women have been invited to be members. Fifty-year member Jean Champe of Canton and 48-year member Verna Lee Stewart of Northville were honored at the picnic. Ten have belonged for

25 or more years.

Membership is limited to 20 so the group can continue its tradition of meeting in each other's homes.

Women must be invited to join. It's considered an honor.

"They send you a written invitation," Tripp said.

"In my heart of hearts, I wanted to be invited," Golem remembers.

Although they're a group of women of a certain age who get a kick out of their time together, Livonia's Arts and Letters group can't be compared to the boisterous Red Hat Society, Birmingham said.

"What we do we enjoy doing, but it isn't just for fun," Birmingham said. "There's always the feeling that we learn something from the books."

In addition to stretching their minds, the women believe in reaching out to others near and far. During the Depression, the group paid medical bills for a family in need. Soldiers in World War II received packages from home from Arts and Letters.

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seven Old Village restaurants: Greban Cafe, Hermann's Olde Town Grill, Station 885, The Caboose Cafe & Ice Cream Parlor, C. Ford's Kitchen, Dilly Dally Deli and Plymouth Fish & Seafood.

Staffers at Plymouth Fish & Seafood have participated in the crawl every year, and owner Vince Toia said the event was "great for Old

free carriage rides around the Old Village area.

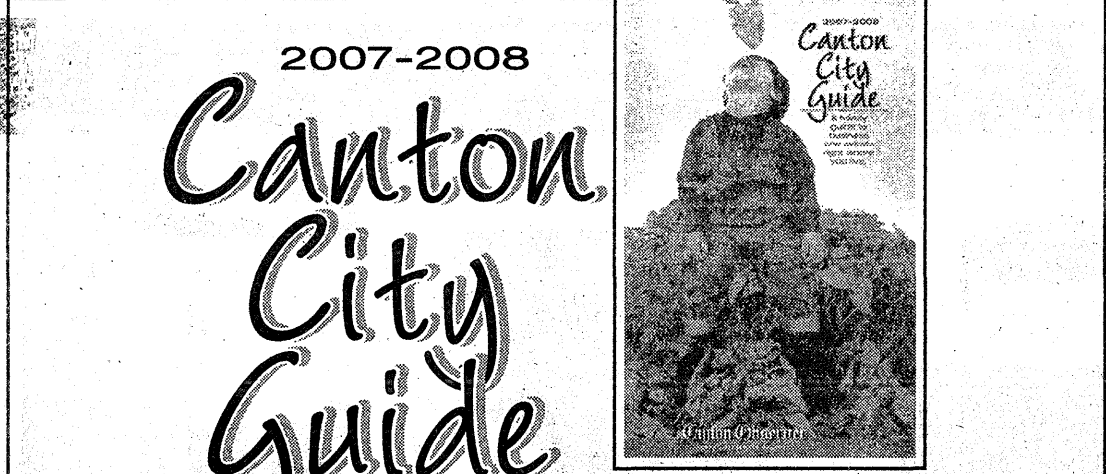
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They know where the living is good, and it's not in the deep dark woods of Walt Disney fantasy. It's in your yard. Fence your yard to keep deer out. You may be in for a surprise.

Love 'em or hate 'em they are here to stay because we have created Gardens of Eden to their liking. The more tender your flower beds and tasty your vegetable garden and more palatial your landscape — the more deer say thanks. That's the way it is. In nature, creatures adapt or die. White-tailed deer are skilled adapters to the point that fawns are born on one-acre lots and some never see "the woods" and truly wild things.

I did not know what to say when a reader contacted me and told me they can't figure out how a doe and a fawn got in the yard. "It's all fenced, and we have a gate on the driveway."

They paid a good chunk of change to fence their acreage. I broke them the bitter news with as much grace as I could. "Your fence is worthless as a barrier."

I paused and added the fact that what is within their fence, the shrubs, the gardens, the seclusion, the safety, attracts deer. Deer can leap eight or nine feet with little effort, so most fenced areas give deer a sanctuary free of dogs and the occasional coyote with a passion for venison. They had in effect, created a haven for suburban savvy deer. I tried to take the sting out of their situation by sharing my tale of wise deer up in Brandon Township.

This past winter, deer would bed down within the fenced area around my barn. Shelter, security and corn stubble — what more could they want. And now the deer of last winter loiter near my pumpkin patch, waiting. And the fawns learn quickly, too. Small tracks in the soft earth last week are within inches of the plants.

I like deer. I accept my crop losses as life in the country. Would not have it any other way. I learned long ago that tulips are lost causes when deer munch their way through spring. Want spring flowers? Plant daffodils. And when a young buck appeared a few days ago in my tall meadow, with his antlers already "in velvet" he gave me the look that seemed to say, "When will my corn be ripe?" Soon, my friend, soon.

If you've read this far hoping to find a miracle deer repellent, you'll be disappointed.

But go online and you can search out various mechanical devices such as infra-red activated nozzles that spray water when a deer approaches.



On Nature

Jonathan Schechter

through such techniques as hanging clumps of hair clippings in stockings. The only problem is to the deer of the suburbs, the scent of humans says, it's time to leap the fence and see, "What are they are growing for me?"

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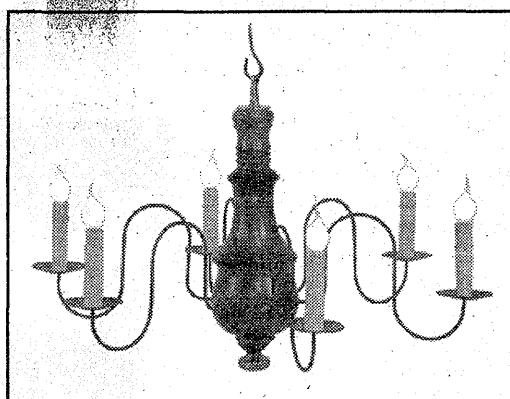
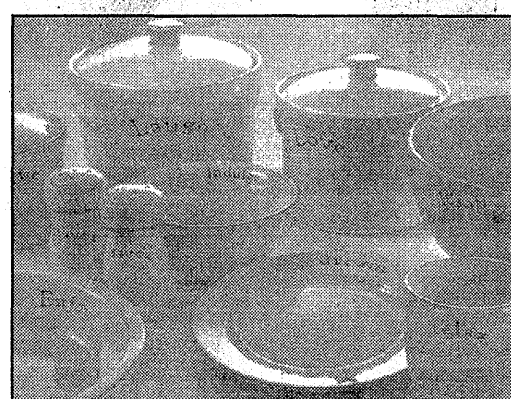
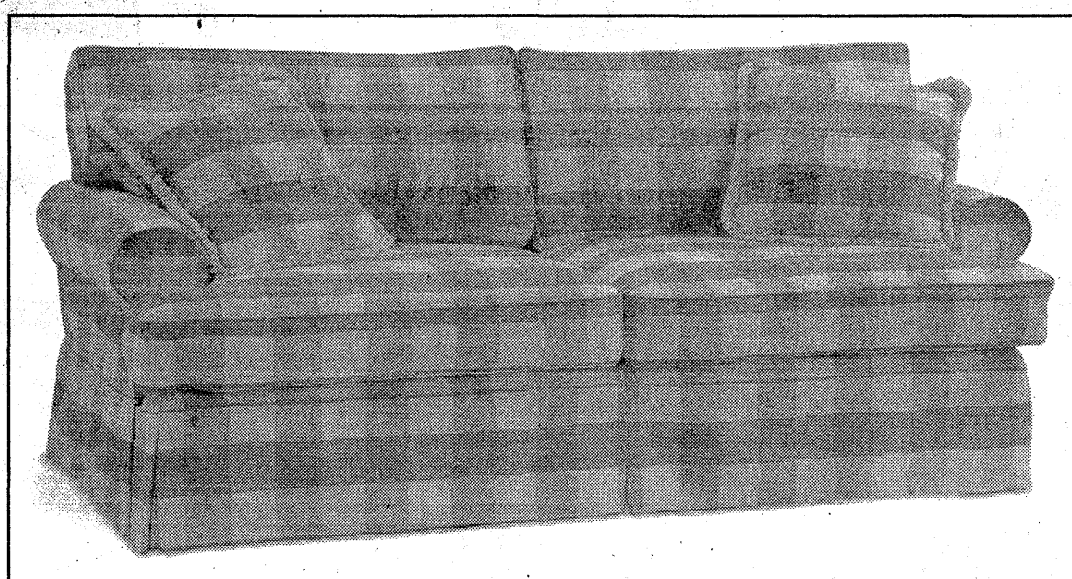
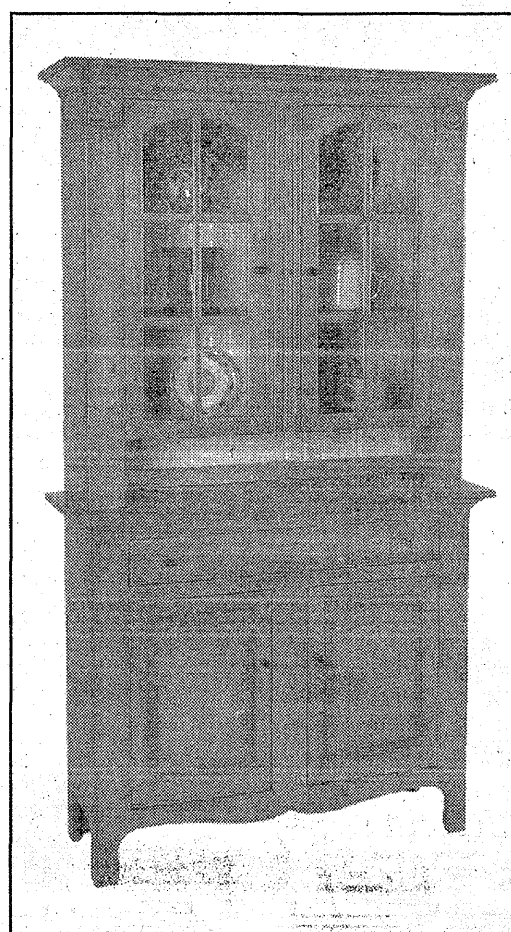
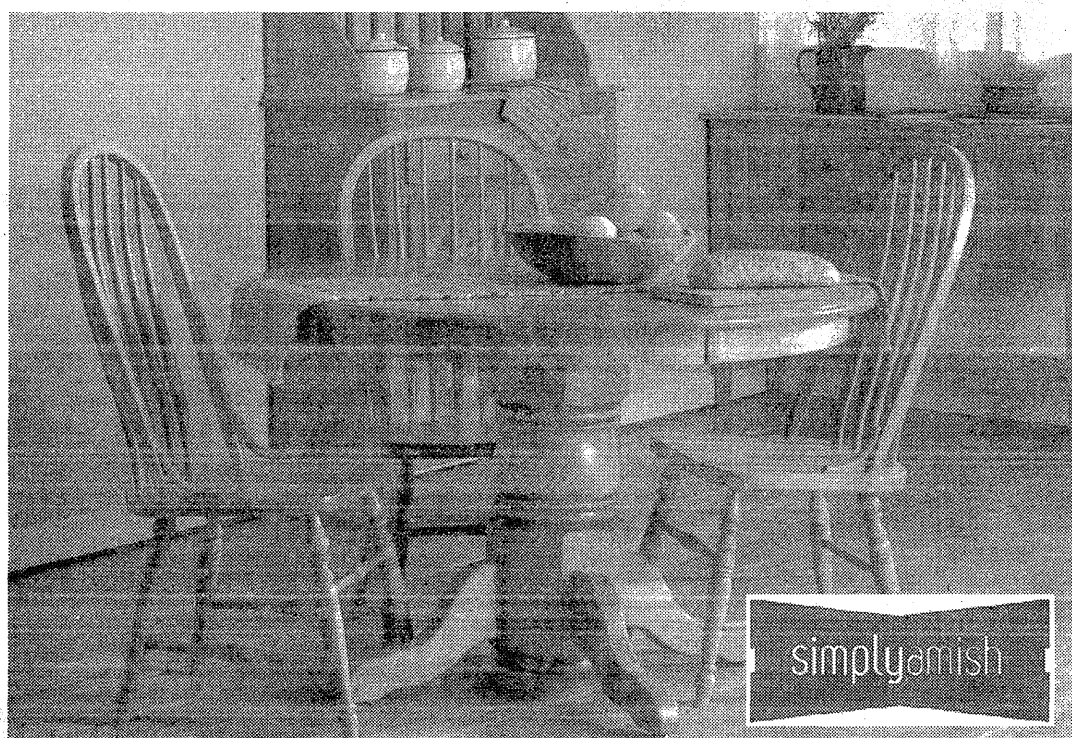
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"We want our winners to dine with their favorite stars and feel like a star, too," says Marcy Brontman of Buddy's Pizza.

Buddy's will also present at check for \$500 to the Detroit Recovery Project, the charity of Coco's choice which supports individuals in identifying and resolving barriers to achieving a healthy and productive drug-free lifestyle.

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Other upcoming "Dining With the Stars" include Chuck Gaidica of WDIV-TV (Channel 4), Attorney Geoffrey Fieger, Florine Mark of Weight Watchers, health and fitness guru and O&E columnist Peter Nielsen, Ruth Spencer of WDIV's "Ruth to the Rescue" and Trudi Daniels of WRIF-FM.

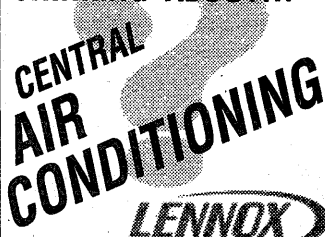
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West Nile Virus is spread to humans through the bite of infected mosquitoes. Larviciding is the preferred way to eliminate mosquitoes before they hatch. In the United States, West Nile Virus has become a fairly common disease over the past several years. Each year, Wayne County Public Health offers assistance to communities to help them control the mosquito population that spreads West Nile Virus.

"Even though the number of West Nile Virus infections in humans throughout the United States continues to drop, we still need to help reduce mosquito populations as much as possible. Protecting the community against this largely preventable disease is very important to us," said Ficano.

A recent case of the LaCrosse Virus in Wayne County helps to remind residents to remain vigilant

and be aware of mosquito-borne viruses. According to the County's Health Officer, Loretta V. Davis, "Residents can help prevent these diseases with a few simple steps that can be taken at home. Using insect repellent when outside, staying indoors at dusk and dawn, and removing standing water in your yard are all very easy ways that people can be proactive to reduce risk." Those at greatest risk are young children, the elderly,

and anyone with a compromised immune system.

"We strongly encourage health care providers to be active in educating residents about health issues like West Nile Virus," said HHS Director Killins. "Prevention is the key to reducing risk both at home and at the municipal level."

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OUR VIEWS

Lawmakers should aim at fake guns law

They were just a group of teenagers, getting together to play what they must have thought — and perhaps rightly so — was a harmless game of war.

They had their toy rifles and toy handguns, and they dressed in their camouflage uniforms to play a game of pretend. They used replica rifles to fire little rubber pellets, using an abandoned factory as their battlefield.

And perhaps they still, more than a week later, have no idea how close they came to becoming a very real — and very tragic — national story. But City of Plymouth police officers know exactly how close, and the whole idea unnerves them.

The event happened last week, when half a dozen friends, all 17 or 18 years old, got together in the abandoned building on the Bathey property. They were seen going in by someone who alertly reported it to the police.

When police approached them, the teens wisely reacted properly and simply lowered the "weapons." But listen to what Plymouth Detective Al Cox said could have happened when police approached them: "They looked over and saw real guns pointed at them ... They did what they were supposed to do. But if they had been stupid and turned and pointed a gun at us ..."

Plymouth Police Chief Wayne Carroll is considerably more direct: "One or more of them could have gotten shot," he said.

Everyone breathed a sigh of relief when the situation ended peacefully, but the truth is, these officers initially responded and were prepared to counter any threat. And the toys look so real, it would be difficult for officers to tell they were toys. Manufacturers, in an extraordinarily weak effort at promoting safety, put an orange piece of plastic on the barrels to distinguish them from the real thing.

Trouble is, gang members — and even a couple of these kids — either remove the plastic piece or color it black to make the gun look as realistic as possible. When held up next to real police weapons, the differences are minimal, at best. The toys look so real, they can be used by criminals to intimidate their victims.

A bipartisan plan was recently introduced by state Rep. Aldo Vagnozzi, D-Farmington Hills, and Rep. David Law, R-West Bloomfield, to provide sentencing guidelines for pointing a fake firearm at someone with the intent to intimidate, threaten or harm someone. It also prohibits altering the toy guns (usually by removing the red or orange tip) to make the gun look more like the real thing.

We urge state lawmakers to seriously consider this type of legislation — if for no other reason than to send the message to those people with ill intentions, that carrying and aiming fake weapons is not a joke; it could result in exactly the potential tragedy Plymouth police faced last week.

Michigan needs to lead in protecting Great Lakes

The news of oil-giant BP's plan to dump more pollution into southern Lake Michigan is just another reminder that our lawmakers, both at the state and federal level, need to act with more urgency to do what it takes to protect the Great Lakes.

BP wants to expand its massive refinery in northern Indiana and in the process dump significantly more ammonia and industrial sludge into Lake Michigan. The plant is already one of the largest polluters of the Great Lakes.

The decision by Indiana regulators to grant a license for the \$3.8 billion expansion so the company can refine heavier Canadian crude oil flies in the face of efforts in the last couple of decades to reduce pollution in the Great Lakes — especially considering it will create only an additional 80 jobs.

Not surprisingly, the news that BP will be allowed to dump additional toxic waste into the lake has been met with near universal outrage — from environmentalists to members of Congress, who have already passed a resolution condemning Indiana's approval of the project. The problem is, until real legislation is enacted, the Great Lakes will be susceptible to those who would pollute them for profit.

And the BP plant is certainly not the only threat facing the world's largest reserve of fresh water. Debate has been raging for years about how to stop large cargo ships from dumping their ballast water into the Great Lakes. The problem with the ballast water from these saltwater vessels is that it is full of non-native species that spread quickly and often out-compete native fish and plants, and eventually wreak havoc on the ecosystem.

Invasive species like the zebra and quagga mussels and the round goby have cost the state and federal governments millions of dollars to try to contain. It is estimated that more than \$250 million is spent each year to control zebra mussels alone.

Protecting the Great Lakes, one of the most significant ecosystems on the globe, is one of our generation's great challenges. We in Michigan — the Great Lakes State — should be taking the lead in these efforts, but sadly that hasn't been the case. We need to work with other states and Canadian provinces in the region to strengthen protections for the lakes.



LETTERS

No new taxes

I have been reading recently in your paper, as well as elsewhere, editorials/opinions backing tax increases in one form or another. I urge each and every reader/voter to write their elected officials immediately, as I have, demanding no new taxes! Instead, ask that they cut expenditures now. There is plenty of fat to be trimmed right under their noses. Start with instituting a part-time legislature as a number of other states have today. We must also keep term limits to combat the legislators for life, such as we have in Washington.

Next impose a wage reduction/freeze across the board on all state employees. I once worked for a company that froze our wages for 30 months because our business turned sour. Why should our state employees be treated any differently than private industry? Also, the state employee pension and benefits provided is nothing short of outrageous. There are only a handful of companies left today offering such generous benefits as these.

Our welfare system is another area that is way over due a total revamping. Believe it or not, there are welfare recipients in our state today with satellite TV and cell phones driving Cadillacs. These users-abusers know how to work the system to their advantage for all its worth.

What about reining in the MEA/public teachers with a fresh dose of reality? Why are their wage and benefits so over the top when compared to national averages? No wonder Michigan is in such a sorry state.

There is no doubt that those beating the drum for new taxes and new programs will insure only one thing occurs — that Michigan will continue to lead the nation in people and business moving away to greener pastures.

It is your choice, if you do nothing, Gov. Granholm and her fellow liberals will continue to move forward in their tax and spend mentality. In their mind, there is always a needed program. Government must fix all problems. Government is the be all, end all. This, folks, is misguided thinking and at the root of the problem.

I call on all Michiganders to rise up and let your voices be heard — enough is enough. Cut government spending. No tax increases.

J. Walter
Canton

ISDs still valuable

The recent opinion penned by Ryan Olsen of the Mackinac Center ("Intermediate school districts: innovations past their prime," July 22) presents some thought-provoking, although ill-researched ideas for improving Michigan's public schools. While we agree on the importance of saving money and delivering targeted instruction to all children, including those with special learning needs, we think his analysis of Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) is way off the mark.

Mr. Olsen would have your readers believe that ISDs are expensive, out-of-sync institutions stuck in a "psychedelic era" of philosophy and delivery. In reality, ISDs have stuck faithfully to a model that works: delivering high quality services to local schools while saving local districts thousands of dollars and expanding the types of services available to children with

low-incidence disabilities.

In truth, ISD/RESAs are highly customer-driven, providing a diverse range of services that are customized based on the identified needs of their constituent school districts. In recent years, these 21st century services have expanded well beyond the "traditional" ISD services, as valued as those have been.

As Mr. Olsen points out, legislators are indeed looking to ISDs to expand upon their successful model of facilitating the sharing of resources and services. That's because they know, like Mr. Olsen fails to recognize, that ISDs provide excellent value and a high-quality service. It makes sense that they would reach out to ISDs for 21st century projects.

It's true that Michigan's tradition of local control has slowed a state-mandated set of data systems/software. Despite this, many ISDs have provided leadership in their regions for cooperative technology purchases and the development of data management systems. With new legislative incentives, those efforts can move even more quickly to more districts.

We don't argue that a few past ISD personnel have made questionable decisions on the public dime, just as a few legislators have made poor decisions. Thanks to good legislators and hard-working educators, those days are done. ISD budgets are adopted and business is conducted publicly, with minutes available to the public for review. No public entity spends more hours or public dollars to hold themselves visibly accountable to the public.

Far from "psychedelic era" entities, today's ISDs are designed precisely for Michigan's future needs. Like leaders around the nation, Michigan's legislators and education leaders are looking to these regional service agencies to provide high-quality services to an increasingly diverse student body. And by seeking new ways to collaborate and cooperate, they're doing it at a cost Michigan can afford.

William H. Mayes
executive director
Michigan Association of Intermediate School Districts

The need for oil

Petroleum is necessary for food, fuel and fiber, regardless of the high cost of subsidized alternative fuels.

Americans (who consume 25 percent of world's daily oil supply) purchased less-efficient vehicles after oil prices fell from \$30 to \$10 a barrel in the 1980s. This led to our dependence on imported oil nearing 67 percent of demand.

History suggests that America should reduce foreign oil imports by 20 percent (adding two million barrels per day to world supply). This is achievable through conservation, alternate fuels, adding to domestic reserve supplies and building refineries away from the current concentration in the Gulf area.

We have an untapped local supply adequate for reasonable energy independence. Mother Earth is continuously cooking more oil and natural gas.

Independent exploration companies (without refineries), who drill 80 percent of our wells, are working to add to our nation's supplies. Skilled and environmentally sensitive exploration managers benefit from new technologies. They accept the price of oil determined daily by the

New York Commodity Exchange.

Benefits of a local supply are: national security, reducing balance of trade deficit, large numbers of skilled Americans employed, tens of millions in royalties paid to mineral owners and Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund annually, and relatively low energy prices.

Thomas Mall

director, Michigan Oil and Gas Producers Education Foundation

Support smoke-free bill

A healthy and safe work environment is something that Americans expect. Ladders, construction machinery and numerous other items must meet minimum protective standards. Hospital and restaurant workers use rubber gloves to protect both themselves and the general public. Signs in the restrooms say that employees must wash their hands before returning to work. No one wants to get sick because of someone else's negligence or arrogant attitude.

On June 12, the Commerce Committee of the Michigan House of Representatives held a hearing on HB 4163. It would advance this principle to the next logical step by prohibiting smoking in the workplace, including restaurants and taverns, throughout the state. Because so many people (including me) wanted to testify, the second half of the session was postponed to June 26.

Some people claim that business owners should be able to fully decide whether this should be done, and that simply designating smoking and nonsmoking sections of a restaurant is sufficient. Yet, there is no way of keeping the many hazardous chemicals in second-hand tobacco smoke from floating across the room.

Most of us know someone who has died with Alzheimer's disease. Very few forms of death are more feared. According to a study by a University of California at Berkeley statistician, long-term exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke can cause a 30-percent increase in the risk of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Yes, we have rights, but certainly not to increase the risk of Alzheimer's by one-third or to cause other health hazards. Please support HB 4163 so that Michigan can join the 30 other states and several nations that put top priority on a healthier environment for everyone.

H. Bruce Carr
Farmington Hills

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"When we started screaming, they looked over and saw real guns pointed at them ... They did what they were supposed to do. But, if they had been stupid and turned and pointed a gun at us ..."

- Al Cox, Plymouth detective, on the potential for disaster created when police came upon teens playing with realistic toy guns in the abandoned Bathey property last week

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Budgeting is choosing, but state's leaders are making wrong choices

Michigan is headed straight for a fiscal disaster, unless the political leadership of this state grows up and makes some hard decisions, soon. And if our leaders make them by further damaging higher education, they will be destroying our hope of a better future.

The truth is as simple as that. State leaders are struggling to close a projected \$1.8 billion deficit in Michigan's general fund budget. That's what they are looking at for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1. The law requires the Legislature to adopt a balanced budget — and then to continue making sure it stays balanced.

But that hasn't been easy so far. The lack of vision, experience and bitterly partisan split in Lansing means they've been at it for months now, with relatively little success.

Worse, nobody expects anything much to happen until we get much closer to the start of fiscal 2008, and that Oct. 1 date, which is the last possible moment they have to submit a balanced budget.

Budgeting, frankly, is tough — as anybody who has tried to manage household expenses knows. That's because preparing a budget is not merely a mechanical process of comparing income with outgo and figuring how to make the two columns balance.

Rather, a budget at heart is a statement of priorities expressed in financial terms. You want to take the kids to Disney World next spring? With airfare, admission tickets, hotel and food, that will cost around \$2,000. In order to do that, you'll have to cut elsewhere — not spending the \$50 a week you have budgeted for going to the movies or eating out, for example.

Budgeting is choosing. And to assess the performance of our leaders in Lansing, we need to look at the choices they make.

Here's one that stands out like an unbandaged sore thumb: the choice not to spend money on higher education.

The 2007 state budget was "balanced" at the last minute partly by cutting more than \$180 million in state support for public universities and community colleges. Even though everyone sane knows that was exactly the wrong decision to make, nobody was greatly surprised. Cutting spending on higher education has been going on for a long time in Lansing. From 2001-06, Michigan cut spending on higher education by more than any other state in the country, according to a study by Illinois State University.

If that wasn't bad enough, the same study found that over the last five years Michigan led the nation in reducing support for colleges and universities. We cut support to the engine that creates our future by around 13 percent. Nationally, the rest of the states increased higher education funding, on average by 15 percent, over

the same period.

Budgeting is choosing. And our leaders have chosen consistently to disinvest in the brainpower of our young people. That has been the case even though Michigan has a smaller percentage of college-educated young people than most states. That means that our leaders are choosing to doom Michigan to a low-income future.

Not surprisingly, when the state cuts spending on higher education, colleges and universities make up for the cuts by increasing tuition, fees and charges for room and board. There is nothing else they can do. On average, Michigan universities raised tuition this year by 11 percent, with increases ranging from a low of 5.8 percent at Western Michigan University to 21 percent at Central, which locks in charges for five years. This works out to an average of around \$800 per student per year.

Budgeting is choosing. So undergraduates and their families are going to have to choose either to spend \$800 less than they normally spend on other things in order to find the extra money for college ... or they may choose not to go to college at all.

Yet we live in a political environment in which much of the rhetoric is loudly, angrily and mindlessly against increasing taxes.

The fact of the matter is that by failing to support our universities, our leaders are imposing what amounts to a tax increase on families with kids in college. We are punishing the people we should be rewarding for their contribution to the future of society.

Budgeting is choosing. According to the Senate Fiscal Agency, Michigan spends \$1.9 billion on a prison system with 51,000 inmates and employs nearly 18,000 full-time employees. This is now slightly less than the amount the state spends on public universities.

And the Department of Corrections budget keeps going up every year, while higher education gets cut just as regularly. It costs the state more than \$30,000 a year to warehouse one felon, while state support for one college student is a mere \$6,000.

Is this a sensible choice? Not if you listen to people like Bill Gates, who says that the biggest thing business leaders like him look for when they are considering expanding is states with a highly educated and talented workforce.

Memo to Lansing: The jobs of the future are not going to involve opportunities for metal-benders with high school degrees. By cutting support for higher education, we are eating our seed corn.

And the rest of the nation is going to eat our lunch.

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Phil Power

Muslim neighbors reach out to share message with visitors

Earlier this year, my husband and I stumbled across a TV treasure, a new Canadian Broadcasting Corp. show, *Little Mosque on the Prairie*. The Canadian sitcom, set in the fictitious western Canada small town of Mercy, tells the story of a group of Muslims and their interactions with their non-Muslim neighbors.

Soon, we were tuning in each week to see what Baber, Fatima, Yasir and wife Sarah (a convert) were up to. We learned a little about Islam along the way, but not in a preachy, know-it-all way. It was fun — and funny.

So when I saw the ad in the *Observer* for an open house at the Muslim Community of

Western Suburbs mosque in Canton last Saturday, my curiosity was piqued. "Make sure you don't wear socks with holes in them," my husband admonished (you remove your shoes at the door to the worship area) and we were soon headed to the mosque.

We were greeted by Irem Qamar of Canton, a teacher at the adjacent Crescent Academy, and her husband, Azfar, a Ford engineer. The Canton residents were there with their 12-year-old daughter and 9-year-old son.

"I would say very favorable," Irem Qamar said of treatment by her Canton neighbors. "We're friends with all our neighbors." The Canton community's diversity helps, her husband added.

"We have Friday prayers instead of Sunday," she said. The two services Friday are well-attended, drawing some 700 people total. Muslims pray five times a day, noted Muhammad Muniruddin of Canton, facility administrator/assistant director.

The worshipers hold the open houses "just for the general public so they should know about us," he added. "Some people don't know about Islam." The worshipers have held open houses four-five times over the past seven years, and have had a good response from churches and schools.

Irem Qamar, who teaches at the age 3 through grade eight school, was born in Canada and now is an American. Azfar Qamar was born in Pakistan and came to the U.S. in 1998 as a student. "My kids were born here," he said. His wife finds self-confidence helps her to fit into the larger community of non-Muslims.

Those sharing knowledge Saturday included Saleh (Harry) Bissell of Royal Oak, a prayer leader at the Tawheed Center in Farmington Hills. "We were commanded to face one way for the purposes of unity," he explained of Muslims' facing toward Mecca in Saudi Arabia for their daily prayers. Islam shares belief in the same prophets with Judaism and Christianity, he added, and believers worship one God, Allah, the Arabic

word for God.

Those at the Muslim Community of Western Suburbs (www.mcws.org) know many misunderstand Islam, part of their reason for hosting the open houses following 9/11. Wafa Yusuf and Abida Banu, both of Canton, were eager to dispel notions that as women they're second-class citizens in Islam.

The Koran, or Quran, teaches covering of the head by women for modesty, Yusuf said. "It depends on person to person," added Banu, whose eyes were exposed, while Yusuf's face was showing due to less covering. Women are also expected to be modest in behavior, they said.

"I think there are a lot of misconceptions with regard to Muslim women," Yusuf said. Both women are homemakers, with Yusuf caring for a baby at home.

I visited the women's worship area of the mosque (the entirety of which is considerably newer and larger than the fictitious one on TV's *Little Mosque*, in which congregants share space with an Anglican church and a contractor). The larger area where the men gather to pray and hear Friday sermons was spacious, and the absence of pews or chairs took some getting used to.

We learned about the holy cities of Mecca and Medina, with Muslims required to make the pilgrimage to Mecca once in a lifetime if health and finances allow. We sampled some tasty meat pies and spinach pies, along with baklava for dessert.

Scholars and worshipers were attentive and polite, eager to share their faith with others and explain misconceptions. That knowledge is particularly timely with the war in Iraq and tensions here at home between Muslims and those who adhere to other faiths or don't worship.

I was surprised to learn that some of the basics, like the five pillars of Islam, we were familiar with through watching *Little Mosque*. It's obvious a TV show won't solve the problems of the world, but it's interesting to think how humor can also inform and enlighten.

We couldn't stay all day, but were glad for the time we spent meeting these neighbors and learning about their faith (and believe me, there's a lot to learn). On the way out, with informational materials and a Koran translation in hand, I asked Irem Qamar if she'd watched *Little Mosque on the Prairie*, being from Canada and all. She hadn't heard of it, but plans to tune in.

A very worthwhile day, and it all reminded me of what my dear colleague, the late Doug Funke, used to say: "A lot of roads to the same destination."

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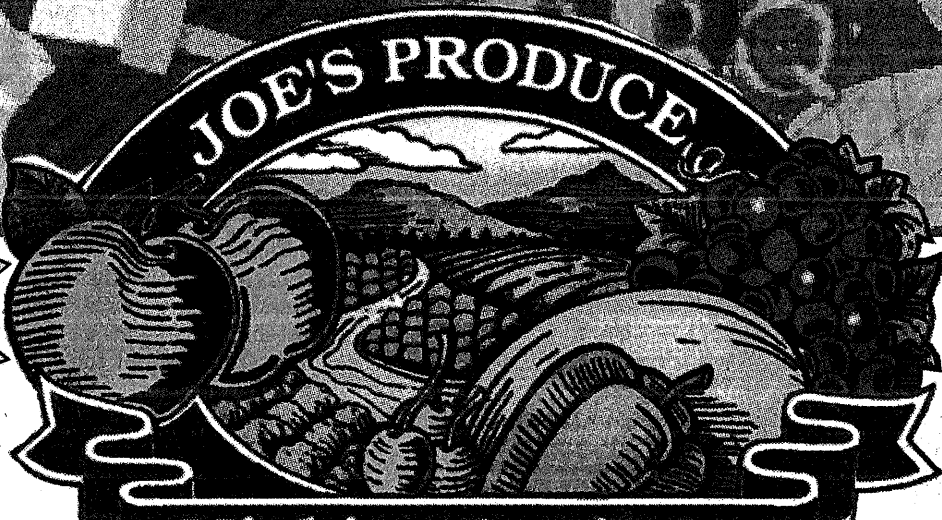
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Barnett turns vision into the North Coast Project

BY STACY JENKINS
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills Mayor Vicki Barnett doesn't see boundaries when it comes to growing Michigan and the Great Lakes region.

Barnett, who is president of the Michigan Municipal League and in her final term as mayor due to term limits, brainstormed ways to cross state lines with common legislation and initiatives that would benefit what she dubs "the North Coast."

"Michigan is not in a single-state recession," she said. "This is a manufacturer-based recession; it is a Great Lakes states recession."

The future is all about regional cooperation, said Barnett, who helped assemble a meeting in mid-June in Indianapolis, with representatives from all but one of the 12 North Coast states, including portions of New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky and all of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin and eastern Iowa, Minnesota and Missouri.

Barnett said secondary and higher education is a good first layer to the North Coast Project.

"The North Coast has the most robust university system on planet Earth," she said, noting 38 percent of all U.S. university graduates are from the region. "The North Coast



Farmington Hills Mayor Vicki Barnett speaks about long-range economic stability during her last State of the Cities address as mayor, back in March. Now, she's leading a regional group on the North Coast Project.

region has the largest percentage of the top 100 universities in the world."

One idea is to create a layered tuition incentive program from state to state, with no out-of-state rates for North Coast states. Another proposal is to make teaching cer-

tificates transferable between North Coast states, Barnett said.

The region has to work to retain all of the college students after they graduate, she said.

"We get them here in droves to go to our universities. But

after their four- or eight-year degree programs, they go to places that are exciting, to look for work," Barnett said.

About 32 percent of all patents issued in the U.S. come from the North Coast region, Barnett said. But the patents are often developed elsewhere,

she said.

That's where another layer comes into play. The idea is to pool a sliver of state and municipal retirement funds to create a venture capital fund to assist in the development of North Coast-generated patents.

"We would immediately create a multi-billion dollar venture capital fund to commercialize North Coast patents in the North Coast," Barnett said. "This way, we'll stop the export of our creative human capital and create a sense of place that would draw people and ideas to the North Coast region, and keep them here."

"We would create an exciting sense of place, a public sense of purpose and be an incubator for entrepreneurial job creation."

Barnett's ideas are concurrent with a report called The Vital Center, authored by the Brookings Institution, which co-hosted the June meeting, along with the Michigan Municipal League and the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns.

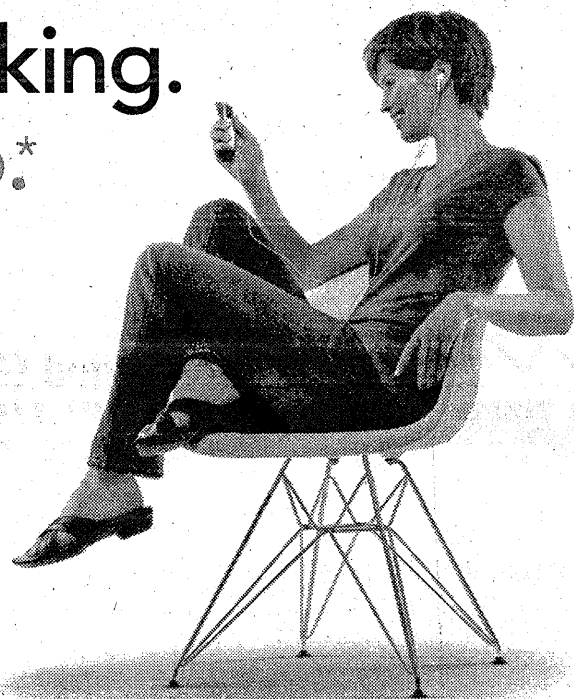
"The Vital Center has the blueprint and I am providing the architecture for action," Barnett said.

Dan Gilmartin, executive director of the Michigan Municipal League, said the concept is needed at this time.

"I think it's a really important conversation to have," he said. "We're now knee-deep in a global economy and the old boundary lines don't necessarily come into play the way they used to. It's amazing how similar we are in the Great Lakes region."

The group plans to reconvene at the National League of Cities conference in New Orleans in mid-November.

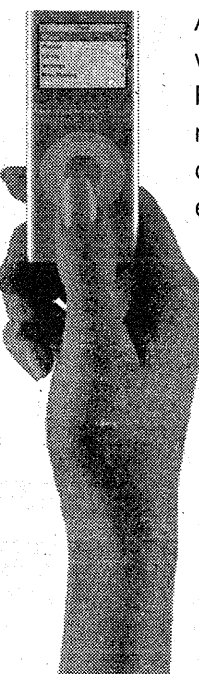
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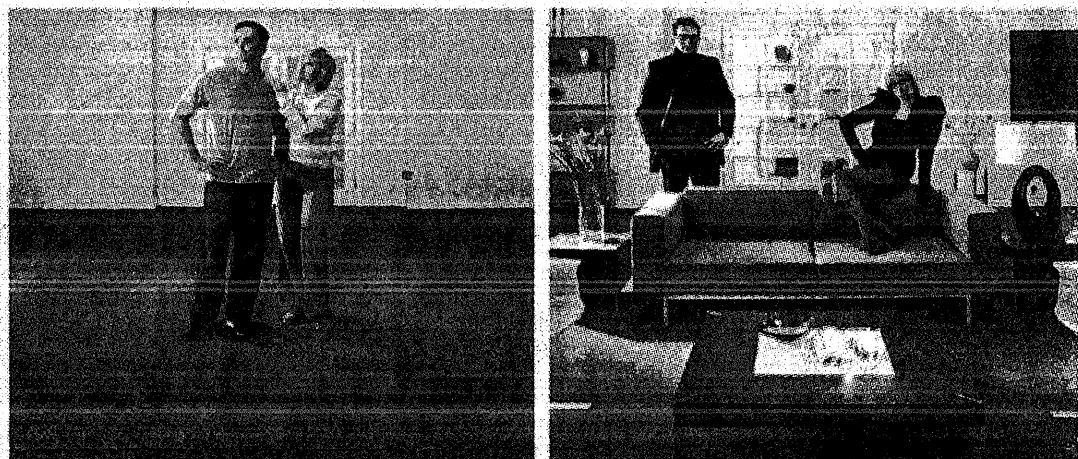


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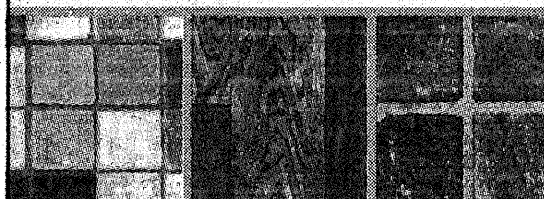
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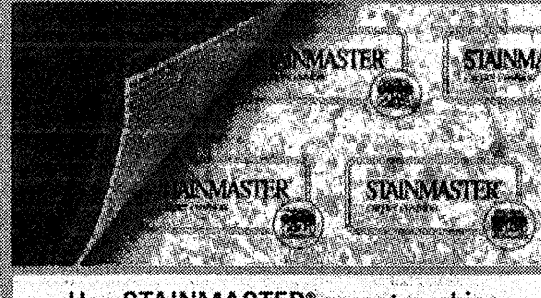
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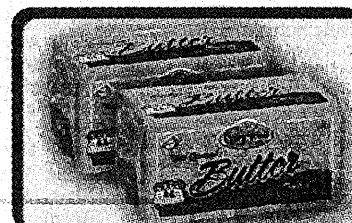
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JULY

Days of Prayer
A free event 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at The Wayne Westland United Methodist Church (First United) 3 Town Square, Wayne, Mich., featuring live bands, singers, hotdogs and beverages. Featuring Dan Martin, Julie Phelps, Shane Dunlap, the Praise Band, Jim Hendee, Mike Ryan and Friends, Sound of Reign, Sweet Crystal, Iron Fist, Silence Broken and Dale Baker.

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.

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

Take the plunge
Vacation Bible School focuses on the very common element of water to teach uncommon lessons 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, Aug. 6-9 (for age 3 through fifth grade), at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Cost is \$10. Call (734) 422-0149.

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.

Fun days
Children's Summer Fun Days continue 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays throughout 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.

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.christsavior.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.

Women's retreat
St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all area Catholic moms to a Mom's Summer Retreat 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. 8, at the church located on southwest corner of Hubbard and Plymouth roads. Discussion topic is 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)

261-1455, Ext. 207 or e-mail williams@livonistmichael.org for information and registration details.

Watchman conference
Power & Glory of God Conference begins 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 16 and continues to Aug. 19, at The Embassy Suites Hotel, 28100 Franklin Road, Southfield. Presented by The Ministry of the Watchman International. All welcome. No registration fee. Prayer and personal ministry at every meeting. For a schedule, call (800) 560-9240 or visit www.ministryofthewatchman.com.

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 6:30 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, four 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.

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BARBARA JEAN MILLER
 Age 86, died July 22, 2007, formerly of Westland, MI. Memorial service will be held Saturday, August 4th at 10:30am at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Rd., Livonia, MI 48154. Family request no flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, the church or the family.

BRIAN T. HINZMAN
 Of Westland, MI. Age 26, died July 28, 2007. L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt, Westland, MI

EDWARD J. FISHER, Sr.
 Age 86, July 30, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Eleanor. Dear son of the late John and Stephina. Cherished companion of Mary Jo Haggard. Loving father of Edward, Jr. (Dianne), Susan McCarthy, Stephen (Mary), Margaret (Larry) Moquin, Eleanor Rushton, Patricia Fisher, the late Kathleen and the late Michael. Also 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. Funeral at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (Between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Friday 11am. Friends may visit beginning at 10am. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm. Memorials appreciated to Cranbrook Hospice. Obituary and condolences at: lynchfuneraldirectors.com

HERBERT J. REA
 Age 87, of Coalport, PA died Sat. July 28, 2007 at his residence. Born December 4, 1919 in Dixonville, PA to the late Herbert B. Rea and the late Mary E. Bone. He was employed at the Ford Motor Co. as a custodian. He was a member of the Coalport V. F. W., Madera Moose, and the Glendale Sportsmen Club. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army. He is survived by his sister Betty Rea of Irvona, sons & daughters-in-law Jim & Joanna Rea of Camden, NJ, Mike & Jeannie Rea of Irvona, PA, Jack & Meredith McCully of Altoona, PA, Pete & Vicky McCully of Fallentimber; daughters & sons-in-law Edwina & Luther Eastertwood of Livonia, MI, Sandra & Kenneth Rowles of LaJose R.D., PA, Ruth Ann & Donald McCulley of Irvona PA, and Betty & Frank Rogers of Meadville, PA, daughter Georgie Jean Bailey of Dunlap, TN, & Alice Schellhammer of Altoona, PA; also 17 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Janet Keith McCulley, second wife, Georgie McCulley, brother Wilbur, and sisters Dorothy Lindsey and Pearl Dubler. Visitation from 2-4pm and 7-9pm, Monday, July 30th and 10-11 on Tuesday, July 31st. Services at Lloyd-Dimmick Funeral Home, Inc., Tuesday, July 31, 2007, 11am. Burial will take place at Fruithill Cemetery, New Millport.



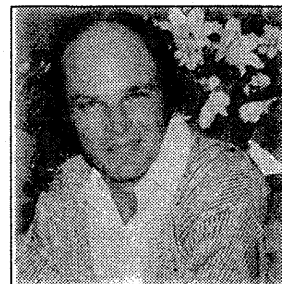
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LOUISE SIPPLE
 Of Livonia, died July 29, 2007 age 86. Survived by Jeanette Sipple and John M. Sipple. Grandmother of three, Great-Grandmother of five, and Great-Great-Grandmother of four. Funeral Services were for immediate family only. Louise was buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.



STANLEY M. RODGERS (Rapkiewicz)
 Age 83 of Farmington Hills, July 29th, 2007. A proud WWII veteran, survived by his wife, Gael, his children, Mary Fox, Joseph Terrasi, and Jason Terrasi; his grandchildren, Jane, Joe, and Mike Fox, Jamie Terrasi, and Abigail Terrasi. Also survived by son-in-law Joseph Fox, Jr., and daughters-in-law Donna Terrasi and Maggie Terrasi; his sisters, Alice Bering and Jacqueline Grennier, and many loving nieces, nephews, and in-laws. Stan was a 1952 graduate of Hillsdale College and a member of Delta Sigma Phi. Memorial service from Lynch & Sons Funeral Home 340 N. Pontiac Trail Walled Lake (3 Blks. South of Maple Rd) Wednesday 7pm followed by military honors. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery Holly, Michigan. Friends may visit Wednesday 5pm to 9pm. Donations may be sent to St. Vincent de Paul Society.
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CALENDAR

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Crafters needed

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Franklin mat assistant coach drowns

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Dave Chiola lost more than an assistant coach Friday night when former Garden City High All-State wrestler Brian Hinzman died in an apparent accidental drowning accident late Friday night in Minden, W. Va.

Hinzman, 26, of Westland, helped transform Livonia Franklin into one of the area's premier high school mat programs during his seven years with the Patriots.

"When I took the coaching job at Franklin, Brian had just finished a year of wrestling at Eastern Michigan (University) and decided to go to school locally," Chiola recalled. "He was the first person I thought of to be my assistant. It was quite a struggle at first, but when we

took over the middle school program, he went down to start it out the first couple of weeks, and I still remember him telling me about how much talent was down there.

"That group of kids had a lot to do with our program turning around, and Brian had a lot to do with those kids sticking it out and joining the team. Anyone that came in contact with him knows how humble and genuine he was."

According to Web site television accounts from WVNS and WVVA, along with *The Register Herald* newspaper, the Fayette County Sheriff's Department was notified about the drowning at ACE Adventure Center's, a whitewater rafting company campground in Minden, a site which included a recreational pond used for swimming and other water activities.

The reports added that emergency ser-

vice personnel responded and located the body of the Westland resident about 40 feet from the pond's bank. Already pronounced dead, Hinzman's body was taken to Plateau Medical Center in Oak Hill.

Toxicology reports are pending and the drowning remains under investigation.

Hinzman, who was vacationing with friends, was a 1999 graduate of Garden City and a two-time All-State wrestler while amassing a career record of 130-41. He earned team MVP honors three years, was a three-year captain and four-year letter winner.

"Brian was one of the most dedicated and mature kids I ever coached," Chiola said. "He worked incredibly hard to make himself the best he could possibly be. He never wrestled before when he started as a freshman, but he didn't miss a practice in four years, and showed what hard work

could do."

Hinzman coached seven years at Franklin under Chiola, including five at Emerson M.S.

"I know he'll be missed greatly by family and friends, and the wrestling community," Chiola said. "Franklin will miss him greatly and I will miss him as an assistant and a friend. It's going to be weird not seeing him at practice, working with the upper weights, or pacing behind the bench. It's just not going to be the same."

Hinzman is survived by his parents, Ken and Sylvia, along with a brother, Kenny, and a sister, Nicole (Pierce) Moran; and grandparents, Mary and Chris Seward.

Services were held Wednesday, Aug. 1, also at Griffin Funeral Home in Westland.

Sidelines

Hawks grounded

The Michigan Hawks fell Friday in their W-League semifinal opener of the Central Conference women's soccer playoffs to the Atlanta Silverbacks, 4-0, at Macalester College (Minn.) in St. Paul.

The Silverbacks Women got on the board in the 13th minute when Sarah Steinman scored from Krista Davey.

Davey then scored in the 45th minute when a shot by Melanie Schneider deflected off a Hawks defender and into the net.

Steinman (73rd minute) and Kay Harbrueger (86th minute) completed the scoring.

Atlanta goalkeeper Courtney Cripps faced six shots, four by the University of Michigan's Melissa Dobbyn (Livonia Stevenson), but had to make only one save en route to the shutout.

Stephanie Crawford and Texas A&M's Marissa Sarkesian (Salem) recorded the only other shots for the Hawks. On Saturday, the Silverbacks stunned the host Minnesota Lightning for the Central Conference championship, 5-2.

Daly gives talk

Former Detroit Pistons coach Chuck Hall will make a scheduled visit at 6 tonight to talk men's prostate health at Garden City Hospital, located at 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City.

The Hall of Fame coach is in the midst of a four-city awareness campaign to discuss the issue and will also talk basketball. The event is free and open to the public.

Charger scholars

Livonia Churchill had two honorees named recently to the Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association Academic All-State team including senior infielder John Rodeman, who carried a 4.43 grade-point average, and senior outfielder Matt Luneach, who sported a 4.08 GPA.

Both will attend the University of Michigan and major in engineering.

GC's Walker 3rd

Nick Walker of Garden City fired a 77 to finish tied for second in Boys 15-and-up division at the Meijer Junior Players Tour event (No. 19) held Monday at Beach Grove Country Club in Windsor, Ontario. Doug Hoppe of LaSalle, Ontario captured first with a 73, while Dearborn's Chris Ordo was also runner-up with a 77.

Stobbe golden

Plymouth resident Sarah Stobbe earned her fourth consecutive gold medal in tae kwon do at the AAU National Meet in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. last month. Stobbe was one of three students of David Kenealy who turned in golden performances at the competi-



Pictured above is the 2007 Detroit WolfeTones Gaelic football team. Team members include: Kieran Savage, Lachlan Savage, Brendan Murray, Kevin Valetta, Ryan Langdon, Pay Mulcahy, Craig Thomas, Mike Robell, Marty Savage, Robert Lovelace, Dan Deegan, Niall Egan, Declan Murray, Paddy McNally, Tom Murray, Joel Langdon, Sean Newell, Ed O'Connell, Sean Murray, Chris Thomas, Michael Murray, Tim Mulcahy, Kiann O'Donohue, Nick Robell, Andrew El-Dabh, Shane McCann, John Murray, Danny McCann and Eoin Butterly.

Are you ready for some (Gaelic) football?

Ireland-bred sport appeals to several local athletes

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

One after another, vehicles cruising past Canton's Flodin Park on the afternoon of July 22 slowed to a crawl as their drivers did a double-take in the direction of the unique sport that was unfolding before their eyes.

Even the most knowledgeable of sports fans would have had a difficult time identifying the game that was being played on the grassy field that

measured 135-by-76 yards — unless, of course, they were direct descendants of Ireland.

At first glance, it resembled a soccer match — until a player scooped up the ball and carried it five steps before launching a pass to a cutting teammate.

There were some jarring body checks that were rugby-like in appearance, but there was no tackling, which ruled out that sport.

And there was dribbling, but no hoops, so basketball was out of the question.

The game being played was Gaelic football, the No. 1 sport in Ireland, but a mystery to most Americans who don't reside in predominantly Irish areas along the East Coast.

Fan-friendly sport

An estimated 150 people — some family members and friends of the players; others curious passers-by — witnessed the July 22 game that pitted the Detroit WolfeTones and the Pittsburgh Celtics, both members of the Gaelic Athletic Association's Mid-West Division.

Most of the first-time spectators were no doubt as enter-

Please see **GAELIC, B2**



BRUCE HOPPER

A member of the Detroit WolfeTones Gaelic football squad defends a Pittsburgh Celtics player during a match played July 22 at Flodin Park in Canton. The WolfeTones won, 28-12.

ALL ABOUT THE SPORT

What: Gaelic football;
Who: The Detroit WolfeTones are made up of several Observerland residents; they compete in a league with teams from Buffalo, Cleveland and Pittsburgh;
Where: The team practices and plays its home games at Flodin Park in Canton;
Sport's origins: The Gaelic Athletic Association was formed in 1884 in Dublin, Ireland; the sport is recognized as the "National Sport" in Ireland.
For more information: Visit www.detroitwolfezones.com.

Olympic quest continues

Taormina hopes to rebound after Pan Am Games

Modern pentathlete Sheila Taormina's bid to make Olympic history was put on hold following an 11th-place finish last week in the Pan American Games held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

But the Livonia native from Stevenson High School will have four more chances to earn a spot in the 2008 Summer Games in Beijing, China in her quest to make her fourth U.S. Olympic team in three different sports.

Taormina, a former All-America swimmer at the University of Georgia, captured a gold medal in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta swimming the third leg of the women's 4 x 200-meter freestyle relay. She added a sixth and 23rd, respectively, in the women's triathlon at the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney, Australia, and 2004 Games in Athens, Greece.

Her top modern pentathlon performance came earlier this spring when she placed second en route to a silver medal at the World Cup (No. 2 event) in Cairo, Egypt.

Earning automatic spots at



Sheila Taormina is trying to make Olympic history in the modern pentathlon.

Rio were gold medalist Yane Marques (Brazil), who scored a 5,484 points in the women's event which includes shooting, fencing, swimming, equestrian riding and running.

Silver medalist Monica Pinette (Canada) and Mickey Kelly (Chatham, N.Y.) garnered the other two automatic berths.

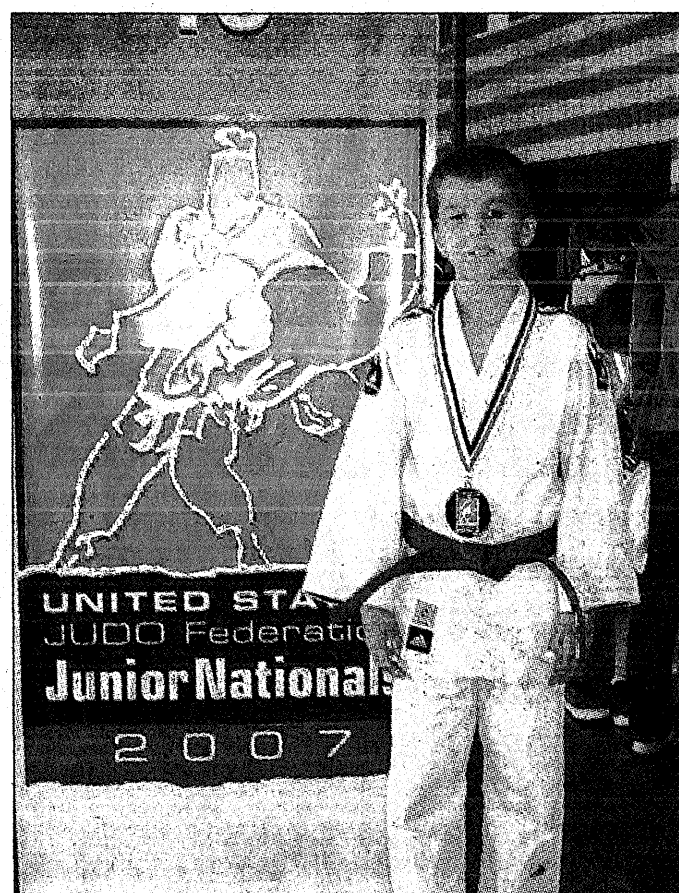
Taormina, who now trains in Colorado Springs, Colo., sat in third place following the swim, but dropped to 11th when her horse refused seven jumps adding up to numerous penalty points and not completing the course in the allotted time.

Taormina started off the day with a score of 161 in shooting for 868 points. She followed by going 12-14 in fencing bouts and dominated the swim with a time of 2:07.36 for 1,392 points. Her 3,000-meter run time was 11:28.18, good for 968 points.

"After the shoot, I thought, 'I'm not going to make this team,' then after the swim, I was in position to make the team, but after the ride, there was not more to say," Taormina told writer Cecil Bleiker of USOC web site. "I think the emotional roller coaster was the most difficult thing."

"I was just hoping, it would be such a relief (to have qualified for the Olympics). Being so new to these sports, it's been really stressful to try to pick them up in time

Please see **TAORMINA, B3**



Kudos in judo

Nine-year-old Livonia resident Nicholas Joseph placed second in the 30-kilogram division (66 pounds) at the United States Judo Federation's Junior Nationals last month in Ypsilanti. Joseph competed against boys from across the country, including Hawaii.

Concealed Security's 1-run wins earns No. 3 seed in World Series

Michigan Concealed Security swept through its first five opponents in pool play to earn the third seed in the 11-and-under bracket of the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series being held in Crystal Lake, Ill.

Concealed, sporting a 63-19 overall record, faced No. 16 seed Barrington (Ill.) in Wednesday's opening round of the double-elimination tournament.

Four of the five wins were by a single run with the exception of Monday's 10-1 triumph over McHenry (Ill.) as Concealed's Jake Semak pitched a one-hitter and did not allow a walk.

Alex Roed (West Bloomfield) led the offense going 3-3 with two RBI. Austin Stevens (Livonia) went 2-for-2 and added two runs and two RBI in the victory. Semak also knocked in a run.

Earlier in the day, Concealed pulled out a 4-3 win over the

YOUTH BASEBALL

Indiana Redbirds as Brennan Williams (Commerce) pitched five strong innings, allowing three runs on two hits and two walks. Roed worked the final inning to pick up the save.

On Sunday, Concealed edged the VJG Longhorns, 4-3, on Roed's game-winning RBI scoring Zach Kallgren (Commerce) in the bottom of the seventh. Dee Jawad (Dearborn Heights) homered in the bottom of the sixth to knot the score at 3-all and sent the game into extra-innings.

Kallgren, who pitched the final 3.1 innings in relief of Jawad, earned the victory. Kallgren allowed no runs on two hits and two walks. Jawad gave up three earned runs on five hits and three walks in 3.2 innings.

On Saturday, Concealed squeaked out a 7-6 opening-

round win over the Lake Villa Lightning, rallying from a 6-1 deficit with four runs in the fifth and two in the sixth.

Mike Vomastek (Livonia) scored three times for Concealed, including the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth, and stole two bases.

Kallgren had two hits and two RBI, while Semak and Roed also collected two hits apiece.

Jake Ginster (Commerce), who pitched the final 4.1 innings in relief, got the victory. He allowed two earned runs on two hits while fanning four.

John Slater (Dearborn Heights) pitched all six innings in a 6-5 second-round victory over the Algonquin Storm. Slater scattered five runs (three earned) on six hits and two walks. He struck out five.

Roed went 2-for-3, including a double and scored a pair of runs. Vomastek added an RBI triple.



Fastpitch queens

The Livonia Storm, a 10-and-under girls fastpitch softball team, captured first place, July 20-22, in the Grand Blanc Tournament. The Storm also won division title during the regular season. Team members include (front row, from left): Hallee Warren, Rachel Mattison, Jamie Klotz, Kacie Murray, Alex Kemp; (second row, from left) Katie Shereda, Erika Randall, Hanna Warren, Natalie Reilly; (third row, from left) Julie Bonk, Natalee Dziewit, Kali Corredino, Brianna Turri-Casarez; (top row, from left) coaches Bob Warren, Jim Klotz, Mike Reilly and Pat Bonk.

GAELIC

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tained as Bruce Hoepner was when he soaked in his first Gaelic football match two summers ago.

"It's a cool game," said Hoepner, describing what is widely acknowledged as the "National Sport" of Ireland. "It's kind of like soccer, Australian Rules Football and a bar fight all rolled into one."

The primary goal of the 13-player teams is to advance a soccer ball-like sphere down the field using kicks, dribbles and hand passes. Goals can be scored by either kicking or punching the ball over (one point) or under (three points) the goal-post cross-bars that are planted at both ends of the pitch. A goalie is stationed in front of each goal.

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A lot to like

"I like it because it's a fast-paced game and, unlike soccer, you can use your hands and your feet," said Canton

resident Michael Murray, who was introduced to the sport by his older brothers and his dad, Chris, who was born and raised in Ireland. "It's more physical than soccer, too. You can mix it up a little bit and not get called for something."

Murray's older brother, Tom, has either played for or coached the WolfTones since the team's inception in 1982. His passion for the game has grown with each passing year.

"There's a lot of skill involved because you have to do something with the ball every four or five steps," said Tom Murray, whose son, Brendan, is also a WolfTone. "You always have to be thinking when you're out on the field."

"We've developed a lot of camaraderie with the other teams in the league, too. But it's very competitive. We all play to win."

Life-long sport

Unlike most of his teammates, Kieran Savage grew up playing Gaelic football. The native of Cork, Ireland, said the sport's popularity is far-reaching in his homeland. "Gaelic football is part of

the culture in Ireland," said Savage, who moved to Canton 14 years ago. "It's like baseball over here. It's the national sport. I was a little surprised that I was able to find a group that played the sport in this area. In this country, it's usually only played in big cities with large Irish populations, like Boston and Chicago."

Bond-builder

The Murrays both said that they've forged life-long friendships on the Gaelic football pitch.

"Most of the guys on the team were at my wedding," Michael Murray said. "And when one of the Cleveland player's dad died last year, my brothers, my dad and I went to the funeral. This team is like a family in a lot of ways because we've been playing together for over 20 years."

"When we were younger, players from both teams used to go to the pubs together after the games," said Tom Murray. "But now that we're older and we have kids, we usually just have a barbecue at somebody's house."

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Michigan Rams headed to Johnstown for AAABA

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

The Michigan Rams' picked on somebody their own age during last weekend's All-American Amateur Baseball Association Regional Tournament held in pottery capitol of the world - Zanesville, Ohio.

The 20-and-under squad, the youngest among the four teams this summer in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League, swept all three games to make a return trip to the 16-team, 20-and-under AAABA Nationals, which begin Monday in Johnstown, Pa.

The Rams placed third during the LCBL's regular season with a 16-15-2 record behind a pair of 22-and-under teams, the Michigan Cubs and Michigan Bulls. But the scales tilted back in the Rams' favor catapulted by Justin Collop's nine-inning, complete-game pitching performance on Saturday in a 3-0 shutout of Carl's of Lansing in the opener.

The Rams completed the job Sunday with a 3-2 win over the Youngstown (Ohio) Metros followed by a 7-3 victory Monday night against the host Zanesville Junior Pioneers at Gant Stadium.

"We saw some very good pitching in our league this year and for the first time in our league everybody was older than us," Rams manager Rick Berryman said. "I think that helped us, but we were able to get through all of our injuries and everybody was there at the same time. Everybody came back and got healthy. I've never seen a team jell so quickly."

The Rams were bolstered by the return of starting center fielder Kyle Hurtt, who missed two weeks after getting hit in the face.

He wore a protective cage on his batting helmet.

Bowling Green University's Ryan Shay (Dearborn Divine

Child/Garden City), who started the season with the Rams before moving to the Great Lakes Wooden Bat League, also returned to the regional and batted a team best .444 (4-for-9) with a pair of doubles and triple.

First baseman Mike Wiseman, who had been battling a sore wrist, rebounded to hit .428 (3-for-7).

Drew Churchward led the Rams with four RBI, going 5-for-13 in the three games.

And not to be outdone was Frank Persichino, who hit .417 after batting below .230 for most of the regular season.

"We were able to cut down on our strikeouts," Berryman said. "We had seven the first game, but only one the second game and two the final game. We also got down every sacrifice (bunt) in the second and third games."

Collop, a right-hander from the University of Toledo who prepped at Wayne Memorial High, pitched a gem in the opener, allowing just four singles and three walks while striking out 10 in going all nine innings. He faced just 34 Lansing batters.

"It's 85-90 degrees out there and Justin did just a phenomenal job throwing a complete game," Berryman said. "Our starting pitchers gave up only one run in three games."

Persichino and Wiseman each went 2-for-4 in the victory, while Churchward added an RBI.

Lansing starter Cody Shan went seven innings, allowing all three runs on four hits and three walks.

He hit three batters and struck out six.

In Saturday's 3-2 victory over the Metros, Shay brought home Andrew Stafford with the game-winning run in the top of the 10th inning.

Churchward, Hurtt and Persichino each collected two hits in the victory, while Nick Urban and Kyle Gendron each contributed an RBI.

Starting pitcher Shane McCatty, via Grand Rapids Community College and headed to Oakland University, gave the Rams another quality start as he worked the first 6.1 innings before giving way to reliever Steve Karchefské, who picked up the win.

In 3.2 innings, Karchefské gave up one run on three hits and two walks.

McCatty, son of former Major League hurler Steve McCatty, now the pitching coach for the Washington Nationals' AAA affiliate in Columbus, Ohio, allowed just four hits and one run (no walks) during his stint.

Metros starter Jim Jaskowak went 8.2 innings, allowing eight hits and two runs. Reliever Joe Fox took the loss.

In the championship game of the double-elimination regional, the Rams jumped out to a 6-0 lead through five innings to chase Zanesville starter Jerod Yakubik, and held on the for the win. Churchward collected two hits and three RBI, while Shay added a pair of doubles and one RBI in the 7-3 triumph.

Winning pitcher Ryan Gunderson (Albion College) went the first five innings, allowing just two hits and no runs while fanning seven. Relievers Bobby Henderson, Sam Yashinsky and Ryan Mazur finished up.

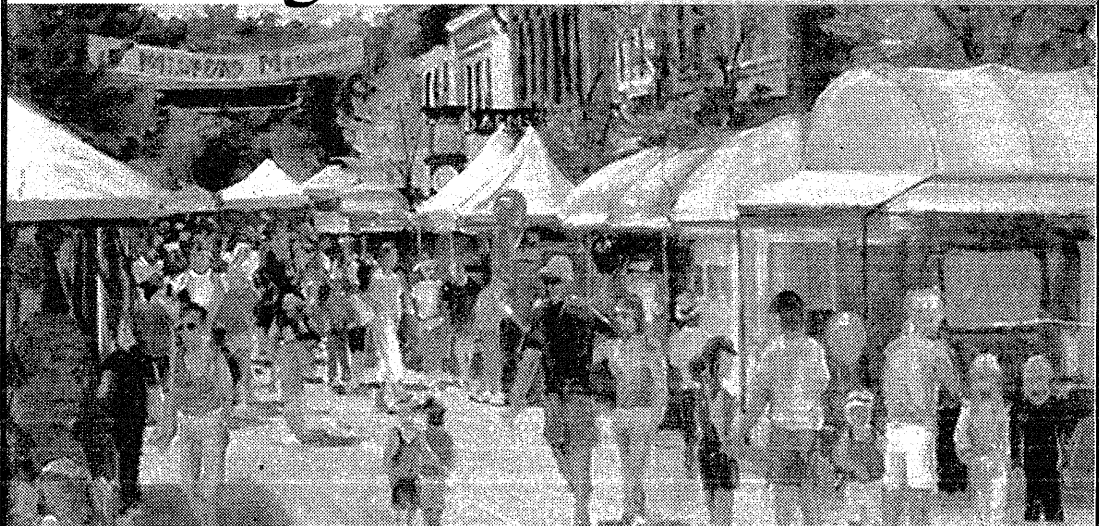
Berryman now gets to add two more pitchers for the LCBL to his Johnstown roster, tabbing Josh Lewis (Wayne State) of the Cubs and Steve Teno (Central Michigan) of the Bulls.

The team will attend the AAABA banquet Sunday night in an ice arena where movie Slapshot was filmed, and learn the fate of their draw.

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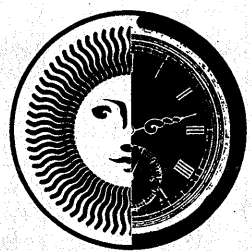
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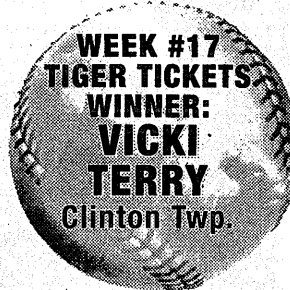
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Hoop star Houdek set to shine

BY ED WRIGHT
STAFF WRITER

Unlike most All-Star basketball games, Saturday's Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Girls Class A-B contest at Brighton High School won't be void of defense.


Recent Canton graduate Becci Houdek will make sure of that. The Ferris State-bound Houdek was selected to play in this weekend's prestigious event after sparkling at both ends of the court for the Chiefs over the past four seasons.

One of Houdek's fortes in high school was using her long arms and uncanny anticipation to force opponents' turnovers, then turn them into easy layups at the other end.

It's a skill she's sure to utilize once Saturday's game tips off at 1 p.m.

"All of the girls picked to play in the game have college scholarships, so I'm sure everybody will be playing hard," she said. "I know I will."



"I was very excited when (Canton head coach) Brian (Samulski) told me I'd been picked to play in this game because there are so many good players throughout the state."



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Pictured is the page in the BCAM All-Star Festivities program that displays former Canton basketball player Becci Houdek's achievements. Houdek will play in the Class A-B game Saturday at 1 p.m. at Brighton High School.

The game Houdek will be participating in is one of four All-Star games set for Saturday at Brighton High School.

The girls' Class C-D match-up will tip things off at 11 a.m. A game featuring Class C-D boys All-Stars is set for 3 p.m. Two hours later, the boys' Class A-B showdown will cap the day's festivities.

All four games will feature players who graduated in June. "My team is getting together for the first time about an hour before the game, so we'll probably only be able to draw up a couple of plays," Houdek

said. "I know a few of the girls from playing AAU the past few years."

The BCAM All-Stars were chosen by a committee after being nominated by their respective head coaches.

This year's festival is the 28th annual. Over 2,100 players have participated in the event since it was started in 1980.

Players will be eligible for scholarships and Most Valuable Player awards will be distributed following each game.

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U-15 Wolves seize national boys soccer title in Texas

The Michigan Wolves '92 Black returned home with the hardware on Sunday, capturing the Under-15 Boys title in the US Youth Soccer National Championships held in Frisco, Texas.

After finishing third last year, coach Lars Richters' Wolves earned the title with a 3-0 win over PDA Larson (N.J.) at Pizza Hut Park.

"We picked a good day to play our best game," said Richters, who is also the varsity boys coach at Livonia Stevenson High School. Today was a really strong team performance. It was very much a team victory."

It was the seventh national championship for the Michigan Wolves/Hawks Club.

Three different Wolves would score in the match including Soony Saad, who a member of the U.S. Soccer National Team, who earned the adidas Golden Boot Award for the outstanding player of the tournament.

"We used our previous experience to help us this year and win the whole thing," said the Dearborn High sophomore. Maybe that was what gave us the edge today against PDA."

Saad scored in the 35th minute, while Plymouth's Joshua Gatt (Novi-Detroit Catholic Central) and Jordan Tyler (Rochester Stoney Creek) notched goals in the 43rd and 57th minutes, respectively, to put the match away.

Wolves goalkeeper Adam Grinwis, who posted the shut-out, earned the Golden Glove Award.

"It is pretty crazy," he said.

"I've been through a lot with this team and it's my first year and first time here. This week was a lot more than my expectations. I didn't know the teams were going to be so great. We played our best and that's why we came out on top."

The U-15 Wolves advanced to the final with 0-0 tie against the Sereno '92 White (Ariz.) and a 2-1 win over the Lonestar '92 Red on goals by Joshua Barends (ninth minute) and Ryan Keener (46th minute), while Eric Robertson (78th minute) countered with a goal for the Texas team.

Other area players for the Wolves included Joey D'Agostino, Livonia Stevenson; Kevin Cope and Sasa Miskovic, Salem; Vinh Nguyen, Plymouth; Cody Henderson, Bloomfield Hills Lahser; Nick Scabassi, Doug Beason and Nick Tacconelli, all of Northville; and Rick McCarthy, Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day.

U-16 Wolves runner-up

The Under-16 Wolves, also coached by Richters, finished runner-up to Real So Cal (Calif.) as Zach Zerrenner tallied the game-winning goal in the fourth minute.

Evan Rayner was named adidas Golden Boot winner for the second time.

On July 24, the Wolves opened tourney play with a 1-0 win over the Houstonians (Tex.) on Tommy Catalano's game-winning goal in the 75th minute.

Goals by Hamoody Saad in the 53rd and 55th minutes enabled the Wolves to be Real

So Cal 2-1 on July 26 and reach the final.

Hawk girls grounded

Both the Michigan Hawks' U-17 team (coached by Derek Willford) and U-16 team (coached by Doug Landefeld) fell short in their bid for US Youth Soccer National girls titles last week.

The U-17 Hawks '90 fell to the Eagles SC (Calif.), 2-0, in the opener of a rematch of the 2004 final. Emily Cressy scored both goals in the win for the Eagles, which also got a boost with the return of Kaitlin Paletta, back from a broken foot.

Melissa Henderson's hat trick, including two goals in the opening half, gave the Dallas Texas '90 Red a 4-0 win. Kailey Anders notched the game-winner in only the second minute.

The Hawks bounced back in their final game to beat the Richmond (Va.) Strikers, 2-0, on goals by Clare Stachel and Marilyn Wargo.

The U-16 Hawks dropped all three matches.

Goals by Laura Yo (17th minute), Erica Hollenberg (43rd minute) and Caroline Miller (66th minute) gave the McLean (Va.) Freedom a 3-0 triumph on July 24.

Asha Smith's goal in the 24th minute gave the Pleasanton Rage (Calif.) a 1-0 win over the Hawks on July 26.

Kim Castleberry scored twice, while Ellen Scarfone and Marissa Holden each added solo goals in a 4-0 Dallas Texas '91 Red win over the Hawks.

TAORMINA

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and try to be proficient at the international level."

The 38-year-old Taormina heads next to the 2007 World Championships, Aug. 15-22, in Berlin, Germany where the top three finishers will earn an automatic berth, as well as the top three medal winners at the World Cup final next month in Beijing.

The top three placers from the 2008 World Championships next May will also earn automatic berths. The seven remaining Olympic slots will be determined by the World Cup ranking from the Olympic qualifying season (June of 2007 through June 1, 2008).

"I've got good support from family, friends and coaches, the U.S. Olympic Committee, I'll bounce back," Taormina added on the USOC web site. "I'm really happy the U.S. has a medal and that Mickey (Kelly) got her Olympic slot. I'm happy for her, she deserves it. I'm going to figure out where I need to improve to hopefully be there with her as well."

ThunderCats boot Dynamo

Goals by Livonia Stevenson grads Nick Dordeski and Michael Theisen carried the Livonia ThunderCats to an opening round 2-1 Metro Detroit Soccer League Division 2 men's playoff victory Sunday over Dynamo at Dibrova Field in Brighton.

The fourth-seed ThunderCats, 4-4-2 during the regular season, advance Sunday to play top seed MYSA in the semifinals 1 p.m. Sunday at Keyworth Stadium in Hamtramck.

Seven former Spartans players took the field for the ThunderCats including Dordeski, a sophomore at Schoolcraft College, and Theisen, who attended Western Michigan University.

Other former Spartans include goalkeeper Daryl Andrek, captain Steve Scheel, top scorer Steve Abernathy, David Dordeski, Naum Popovski, Michael Cervi, Kevin Morgan and Chris Popovski.

Others to see action on Sunday for the ThunderCats, managed by Christian Gani and now in their fourth season in the MDSL, Michael Gothro, Justin Ferriman, Shawn Greene, Mike Hagedorn, Rick Keith, Bill Meeks, Shawn Moxham, Bob Nardi and Jan Rigterink.

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Bucks making return trip to PDL Final 4, douse Fire

BY DAN STICKRADT
STAFF WRITER

The Michigan Bucks are labeled as a contender for the United Soccer Leagues' Premier Developmental Championship. On Saturday night, the Bucks were simply out of this league.

Behind three second-half goals, the Bucks, the defending national champions, ousted the Chicago Fire Premier 3-0 to win the Central Conference championship at Lake Orion High School.

It marks the Bucks' second straight conference title and third in seven years and sends the third-seeded Bucks (14-4-3, 13-2-3) into the Final Four, where they will host 14th-seeded Brooklyn Knights this Saturday at Lake Orion High School. Game time is set for 7:30 p.m.

"They have four players that are out of this league," admitted Chicago Fire-Premier coach Larry Sunderland, whose team finished 9-5-4. "This is supposed to be the Premier Developmental League, but they have players that are beyond this league."

The two teams played conservative soccer for the first 45 minutes, with both sides creating very few quality scoring chances. But the experienced, deep and lightning-quick Bucks simply sizzled the Fire in the second half.

"In game like this you have to be patient," said Bucks head coach Dan Fitzgerald. "We had some chances in the first half, but it's hard to break them down. In the second half, people get tired and it loosens up a bit. Once we scored, it really opened it up."

Bucks midfielder Khelli Dube broke the scoreless drought at 56:42 of the second half, when he was just outside of the box. He retrieved a short pass from Alex Morriset and one-timed a shot through traffic that sailed through to the far post and Fire netminder Patrick Sperry didn't have time to react.

Morriset set up Ty Shiplane with the second goal at 73:20, as his blast from 19 yards out eluded Sperry again to the far post.

The third goal capped a wild second half, when All-PDL Dream Team forward Kenny Uzoigwe scored at 79:21. His bicycle kick from 10 yards out off a chip pass from Nate Jafta found nothing but net.

"That was incredible," noted Fitzgerald, "Kenny has a flair for scoring spectacular goals that was probably the best I've seen him score. That was one of the best goals I've ever seen."

The Bucks went on to post a 16-12 shots advantage, including 8-6 with shot directly on goal. Goalkeeper Steve Clark (Oakland) stopped six shots for his seventh shutout of the season.

"We tried to stick to the game plan we had," offered Sutherland. "But once they get one on you, you have to open up a little bit. They have some amazing players and they exposed us."

Now, it's onto familiar ground for the Bucks, who won last year's national championship with a 2-1 victory over the Laredo Heat.

"We have been here before, but it's a new season," said Fitzgerald. "Everybody is gunning for you. At this stage, every team is good with good players."

MICHIGAN BUCKS 4, ST. LOUIS LIONS 1: The Bucks escaped danger in the second half, scoring three goals in the final 11 minutes to topple the 13th-seeded Lions in the opening round Friday of the PDL playoffs at Lake Orion High School.

Michael Holody (Clarkston/U-M) scored the game-winner in the 79th minute, followed by late goals from Nic Djokic (Livonia Stevenson/Michigan State) in the 83rd minute and Kenny Uzoigwe's tally in the 90th minute.

Nate Jafta also scored for the Bucks and Steve Clark had six saves, including one on a breakaway with his team up 3-1 with five minutes to play.

Calum Angus scored in the 45th minute for St. Louis (10-6-1).

MICHIGAN BUCKS

WHAT: United Soccer Leagues-Premier Developmental League National Semifinals.

WHEN: Saturday, Aug. 4, 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Lake Orion High School

WHO: Michigan Bucks, champion of the Central Conference, against Eastern Conference Champion Brooklyn Knights.

TICKETS: Tickets are \$10 Adults (16 and over) and \$5 Youth (under 5 are free) and are available at the gate.

THE LOWDOWN: The defending PDL national champion Michigan Bucks advanced to the Final Four for the second consecutive year and third time this decade. The Bucks defeated the St. Louis Lions (4-1) and the Chicago Fire-Premier (3-0) this past weekend and received the right to host after winning the Great Lakes Division, Central Conference playoffs and the third-best record out of 63 teams in the PDL. The 14th-seeded Brooklyn Knights upset the top-seeded Hampton Roads Piranhas (2-1) in a shootout and the eighth-seeded Cape Cod Crusaders (1-0) to win the Eastern title. The Bucks are making their 11th postseason appearance in their 12-year history, while this is the first postseason appearance for Brooklyn since 2001 and first national semifinal game. On the other half of the bracket, the sixth-seeded Laredo Heat, last year's national runner-up, will host No. 9 Fresno Fuego, also on Saturday night. Laredo is the Southern Conference Champ and Fresno the Western Conference winner.

NATIONAL FINALS: The national championship game will be Aug. 11 at a site and time to be determined. The final match will be shown live on national TV and can be seen on Fox Soccer Channel.



Members of the first-place Livonia Lasers squad include Brittany and Briana Taylor, Jessica Stailey, Natalie Sanborn, Natalie Polokowski, Chrissy Topolewski, Chelsea Williams, Lesley Giacobozzi, Dana DeVitis, Sam McAtee, Nicole and Jessica Emery, Alecia, Audrey and Ashley Geraghty. Not pictured is Keely Wilson and Jen Adams. Coaches included Linda Jimenez, Reno Taylor and Jamie Linden.

Taylor sisters catapult Lasers, South Stars to Incredible titles

Briana Taylor went 3-for-3 with two RBI and two runs scored en route to MVP honors Saturday as the Livonia Lasers defeated host Farmington, 9-7, in the Incredible League championship game hosted by Farmington High.

Other hitting stars for the Lasers, who collected a total of 14 hits, included: Nicole Emery, who went 2-for-2 with a double, triple and RBI; Natalie Sanborn, 2-for-3 including a double; and Lesley Giacobozzi, single and double.

Sanborn was also the winning pitcher. She scattered eight hits, walked seven and struck out five in seven innings.

The Lasers advanced to the championship game by winning the South Division with a 15-3-2 record.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

In the Incredible League All-Star game Friday night at North Farmington High, the South defeated the North, 3-1, as catcher Brittany Taylor, Briana's twin, earned MVP honors with a pair of singles and stolen base.

Briana Taylor, Sanborn and Abby Pairitz (Plymouth Lightning) collected the other hits for the victorious South, which scored twice in the second inning.

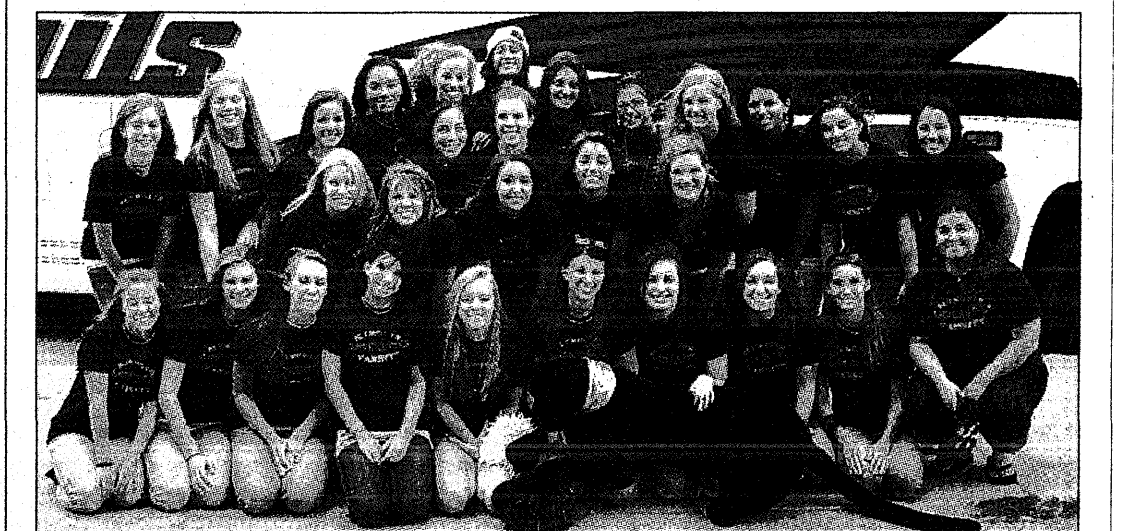
Emily Hollandsworth (Livonia Angels) was hit by a pitch and scored on a double by Sanborn, who later scored on a passed ball.

In the sixth, Briana Taylor led off with a single, stole second, took third on Pairitz's

single and scored on a passed ball to give the South a two-run cushion.

Sanborn and Hollandsworth combined on the mound for the victory, allowing just one hit and one walk while fanning six in seven innings.

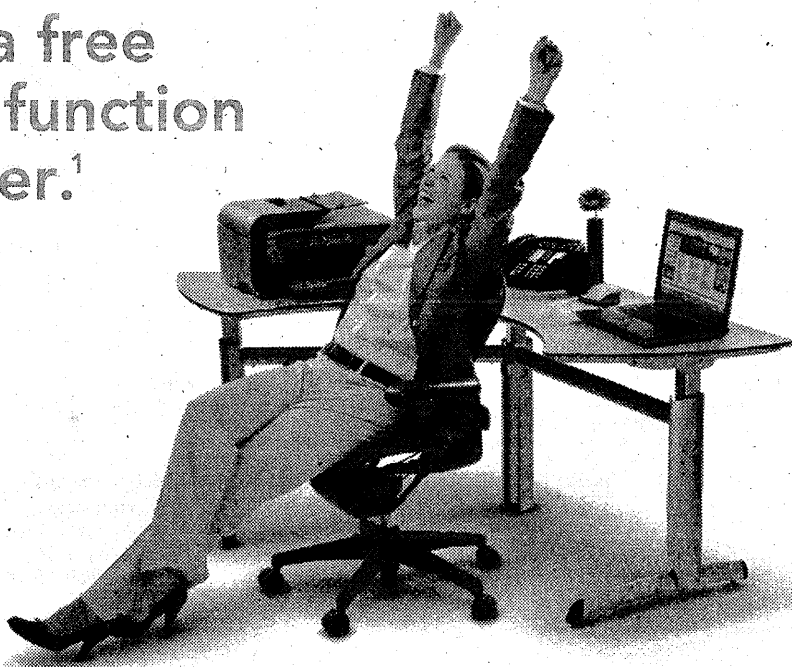
Other members of the victorious South squad included: Emery and Ashley Geraghty, both of the Lasers (Franklin High); Amanda Paison, Kathleen Hoehn and Shelbie Wilson, all of the Angels (Stevenson); Paula Guzik and Emily McShane, Gators (Churchill); Emily Medde and Lizzy McCloud, Lightning (Salem); Amanda Dewyer and Chrissy Smudski, Thunder (Salem); Devin Barton and Vickie Baldyga, Crushers (Dearborn Heights Crestwood).



Pom camp champs

The Plymouth varsity Saberettes were named "Grand Champs" at the Mid-American Pom Pon Camp in July in Midland. The team was also awarded the "Showmanship Award" and the "Peppy Pom Award." Pictured (top row from left) are Allison Santori, Tiffany Braboy, Jamie Houdek, Brittney Turner, Danielle Kinsella, Sara Rudolph, Coach Megan Custer, Amanda Baydoun, Jaclyn Heck, Erica Caudillo, Stephanie Jones, Chrissy Stone, (middle row from left) Brielle Zuzo, Alyssa Kay, Lauren Jeong, Jeanette Perkovich, Erica Beitz, Emily Gurczynski, Mandy Schroeder, (front row from left) Jillian Covault, Megan Meyer, Elyse Ruark, Kaseigh Zebari, Ashley Chiado, Becca Garzaniti, Lindsay Potter, Lauren Rakowicz, Jennifer Turner and Coach Cheryl Custer.

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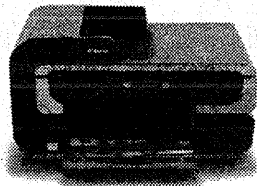
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Salem golf tryouts

The Salem girls golf team will be holding tryouts beginning Monday, Aug. 13, at St. John's Golf Course in Plymouth Township. For more information, contact head coach Rick Wilson at (734) 416-7762.

YMCA news

The Plymouth Family YMCA is accepting registrations for its fall soccer program. Program are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

The leagues are for children between the ages of 4-11. Practices will begin the week of Sept. 17 and games will commence Sept. 29. There will be six practices and six games per team. The cost is \$67 for program members or \$99 for community members. All participants need a YMCA youth sports reversible jersey, the cost of which is \$15. The registration deadline is Sept. 10. For more

information, call (734) 453-2904.

The Plymouth Family YMCA is looking to grow its Board of Advisors. This is a great opportunity for members of the Plymouth, Canton and Northville communities who are looking to get more involved in their community.

There are monthly meetings from September through June. Responsibilities include advocacy, fund raising and expertise.

For more information, contact Josh Landefeld at (734) 453-2904 or e-mail him at jlandefeld@ymcamedetroit.org.

P-C Steelers golf outing

The Plymouth-Canton Steelers Golf Outing will be held Saturday, Oct. 6, at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth Township. For the \$100 entry fee, participants will receive 18 holes of golf with a power cart, a snack and beverage at the turn, and a post-outing steak dinner.

The dinner only (with a three-hour open beverage format) will cost \$45.

To reserve a spot in the outing or for more information, contact Mark Gregor at (734) 416-1462; or send an e-mail to: nregor@wowway.com.

High Velocity

Sports offerings

High Velocity Sports in Canton will be offering the following programs in the upcoming weeks:

HVS will host a Labor Day weekend (Sept. 1-2) tournament for soccer, flag football and dodge ball.

Each sport will be 5-on-5 with a roster of five plus one sub. The team fee is \$150 and includes a four-game guarantee. Each game will be 30 minutes in length (two 12-minute halves).

The first-place prize per sport is \$1,000; second-place teams will net \$250 (based on a 16-

team minimum per sport).

The registration deadline is Aug. 23 and the schedules will be distributed Aug. 29.

HVS is offering summer all-sport soccer, crafts, basketball, baseball, football, lacrosse and volleyball camps through the end of August. All camps are buy-one, get one half off, which includes multiple weeks or multiple siblings. A soccer camp has been added Aug. 13-17 from 9 a.m. to noon for kids between the ages of 5 and 12. The camp fee is \$110.

GCYBSA news

The Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association is currently accepting registrations online at www.gcybsa.com for its fall baseball program (T-ball through 14U). Programming will begin in mid-to late-August and run through mid-October. Players and volunteer coaches should call Coralee Ott at (734) 483-5600.

Grizzly tryouts

The 13U Plymouth Grizzlies travel baseball team is seeking players for the 2008 season. For more information contact Rob Sudz at sudzy190@aol.com.

Ignition camp

The Detroit Ignition will host a soccer camp fund-raiser Aug. 6-10 at Bentley Elementary School in Canton. Proceeds generated through camp registration fees will be used to help build a playground at Bentley Elementary.

The camp will run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Ignition players and staff will direct the camp and provide camp instruction, a soccer ball, T-shirt, skills assessment, a certificate of completion and a voucher to a 2007-08 Ignition home game.

The camp is open to youth soccer players between the ages of 4-18, and will cost \$185 per camper.

To register, contact Christopher Gravelyn at (734) 761-9295, ext. 234. All registrations must be received by Aug. 1.

RU grid sales blitz

Redford Union football players will be taking part in a different kind of blitz when they go door-to-door from 5:30-to-9 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 8.

The players will be offering to sell discount cards for \$10 each. On the back of the cards are the names of 20 area businesses who will offer savings to card users. If they are used, the cards, which are valid until September 2008, will pay for themselves, said RU varsity football head coach Miles Tomasaitis. Call Tomasaitis at (313) 575-4753.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CURED-IN-PLACE PIPE (CIPP) LINERS

Western Townships Utilities Authority is seeking proposals for cured-in-place pipe (CIPP) liner rehabilitation of approximately 4,000 lineal feet of 48 inch diameter sanitary sewer pipe located in Plymouth Township.

Companies or individuals who desire a copy of the proposal documents should contact:

Ms. Sandy Forrest
Western Townships Utilities Authority
40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187
(734) 453-2793

All submittals must be received by Monday, August 20, 2007 at 1:00 p.m., at the above address. A public opening of the proposals will immediately follow the closing at the Middle Rouge offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, Michigan.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

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

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

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 pm, Thursday, August 16, 2007 for the following:

PAVEMENT STRIPPING OF VARIOUS TOWNSHIP OWNED ROADS & PARKING LOTS

Bid documents are available to pick up at Canton Township Hall, Engineering - 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. A nonrefundable fee of \$20.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

Bid documents are on file and available for review at Canton Township Hall-Engineering 2nd Floor, Construction Association of Michigan, Reed Construction Data, McGraw Hill Construction Dodge, and Construction News Service of Michigan, Inc.

The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

The Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, and accept only the bid deemed to be in the best interest of the Township.

TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 pm, Thursday, August 16, 2007 for the following:

PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS AT SUMMIT ON THE PARK, PHEASANT RUN GOLF COURSE AND HIGH VELOCITY

Project includes new concrete sidewalk, drainage improvements, and replacement of heated sidewalk at the main entrance to Summit on the Park along with removal and replacement of bituminous pavement on portions of the Summit on the Park and Pheasant Run Golf Course Parking Lots and construction of a new bituminous parking lot at High Velocity.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Canton Township Hall, Engineering - 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. A nonrefundable fee of \$30.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

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INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS OF BECK AT CHERRY HILL, CANTON CENTER AT SALTZ AND HAGGERTY AT PALMER

Project includes the geometric intersection improvements of Beck at Cherry Hill by providing bituminous roadway widening for exclusive right turn lanes in all four quadrants; Canton Center at Saltz by providing concrete exclusive right turn lanes in 3 quadrants along with traffic signal items; and Haggerty at Palmer providing exclusive 10-inch nonreinforced concrete right turns for east and westbound Palmer including mast arms and traffic signal items, drainage improvements, placement of concrete curb and gutter, sidewalk including sidewalk ramps, storm structures and sewer pipe installation, driveways, pavement markings, signage, restoration and related work.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Canton Township Hall, Engineering - 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188. A nonrefundable fee of \$60.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - July 24, 2007

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Yack called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call Members Present: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo Staff Present: Director Eva, Director Conklin, Director Faas Staff Absent: Executive Director Santomauro Adoption of Agenda Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to approve the agenda as amended moving C-3. Allow Beer and Wine at the Cady-Boyer Barn to G-12. Motion carried unanimously. Approval of Minutes Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the Board Minutes of July 10, 2007. Motion carried unanimously. Payment of Bills Motion by Kirchgatter, supported by Bennett to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. CONSENT CALENDAR: Item 1. SALE OF FIVE ACCU-VOTE ELECTION TABULATION UNITS TO HAMBURG TOWNSHIP. (CLERK) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to sell five (5) Accu-Vote Tabulation units to Hamburg Township for \$200.00 each, totaling \$1000.00, with the proceeds being placed in the following account #101-000-673-0000 Sale of Fixed Assets. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. RE-APPOINTMENT TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to re-appoint Mr. James Cisek and Ms. Vicki Welty to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire August 31, 2010. Motion carried unanimously. GENERAL CALENDAR: Item 1. CONSIDER SPECIAL LAND USE REQUEST FOR VERIZON MONOPOLE EXTENSION. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to adopt the resolution for special use for Verizon Monopole Extension. Motion carried unanimously. Item 2. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 1, TENTATIVELY SETTING UP A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (SAD) AND DIRECT THE TOWNSHIP ENGINEER TO HAVE PRELIMINARY PLANS AND COST ESTIMATE PREPARED FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS TO MARLOWE STREET SAD 2006-2. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution No. 1 for the Marlowe Street SAD 2006-2 and direct the Township Engineer to prepare plans and a cost estimate for the road improvements requested by petition. Motion carried unanimously. RESOLUTION NO. 1, MARLOWE STREET PAVING AND DRAINAGE, SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT 2006-2, Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne State of Michigan Minutes of a Regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, held in the Township Hall in said Township on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, at 7 o'clock p.m., Eastern Daylight Time. PRESENT: Bennett, Caccamo, Kirchgatter, LaJoy, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo ABSENT: None The following preamble and resolution were offered by Clerk Bennett and supported by Trustee McLaughlin. WHEREAS, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, pursuant to Act 188, Public Acts of Michigan, 1954, as amended, at the request of the Canton property owners to be served by the improvements deems it tentatively desirable to undertake public improvements consisting of paving and drainage improvements along Marlowe Street (Saltz Road to North Branch of Fellows Creek) in the special assessment district tentatively designated and described in Exhibit A (attached) hereto and make a part hereof; and WHEREAS, the Township Board tentatively desires to proceed with the proposed public improvements; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1. The Township Engineer is hereby ordered to have an engineer, registered in the State of Michigan, prepare plans showing the improvement, the location thereof, and estimates of the cost thereof. 2. Said engineers, when the plans and estimates are completed, are ordered to file the same with the Township Clerk. 3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. AYES: Bennett, Caccamo, LaJoy, Kirchgatter, McLaughlin, Yack, Zarbo NAYS: None RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED. Township Clerk I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act. Township Clerk. William Dawson, 1447 Marlowe, and Ratib Habbal, 1670 Marlowe, spoke in support of the SAD for road improvements to Marlowe Street. Item 3. CONSIDER AWARDED THE INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT WARREN ROAD AND BECK ROAD TO SUNSET EXCAVATING, INCORPORATED. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Zarbo to award the 2007 Intersection Improvement Project (deferred from 2005) of Warren at Beck that includes the base bid amount of \$572,352.51 (account number 403-506-969-0000) and Alternate 1 in the amount of \$74,105 plus a 10% contingency of \$64,646 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$711,103.51 to Sunset Excavating, Incorporated. Motion carried unanimously. Item 4. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF MANHOLE ENCAPSULATION SYSTEM FROM HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS FOR SANITARY SEWER STRUCTURES. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$10,279 plus a 10% contingency of \$1,028 for a not-to-exceed amount of \$11,307 from Account #592-441-935-0000 to HD Supply Waterworks to purchase the manhole encapsulation system supplies for placement around the sanitary sewer structures being adjusted as part of the 2007 Sidewalk Repair Program. Motion carried unanimously. Item 5. CONSIDER AUTHORIZATION

FOR ASPHALT PATH REPAIR TO BEST ASPHALT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,670. (MSD) Motion by Bennett, supported by

McLaughlin to authorize Best Asphalt to complete the asphalt path repairs at the Pheasant Run Golf Course in the amount not to exceed \$6,670 (account No. 246-750-970-0000, Community Improvement Fund - Pavement Management). A deduction of \$1,200 will be taken if the Public Works Division performs the removal of existing damaged asphalt and placement of 21AA aggregate base. Motion carried unanimously. Item 6. DRAINAGE REPAIRS TO THE SUMMIT. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the quotes for repairs to the Summit for: Floor Repair to Allcourt Inc. Floor Finishing 43060 Steepleview, Northville, MI in the amount not to exceed \$3,600; and, Waterproofing to Danjo Construction, 5781 S. Sheldon Rd. Canton Township, MI in the amount not to exceed \$4,800; and, Engineering Services to Mannik & Smith Inc. 2365 Haggerty Road, Canton Township, MI in the amount not to exceed \$3,300; and to authorize \$2,350 for materials and supplies for the drainage repair and \$2,500 for the materials and supplies for restoration for a total project cost not to exceed \$20,550. Furthermore, I move to authorize a transfer of \$20,550 from the General Fund to the Summit Community Center Fund to cover the project costs and approve the following budget amendments for this transfer: GENERAL FUND: Increase Revenues:

Appropriation from Fund Balance #101-000-699-0000 \$20,550
Increase Appropriations:

Contribution to
Community Center Fund #101-959-965-2080 \$20,550

The budget amendment increases the Transfer Out budget from \$2,946,440 to \$2,966,990, and the General Fund budget from \$27,257,974 to \$27,278,524. COMMUNITY CENTER FUND:

Increase Revenues:
Contribution from General Fund #208-000-676-1010 \$20,550

Increase Appropriations:

Capital Outlay-
Buildings-Maintenance #208-757-975-5000 \$20,550

The budget amendment increases the Community Center Fund budget from \$2,451,971 to \$2,472,521. Motion carried unanimously. Item 7. AWARD PURCHASE OF THREE (3) POND FOUNTAIN SYSTEMS. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to purchase three (3) Pond Fountain Systems for Pheasant Run Golf Club(1) and Summit on the Park (2) from Reliable Landscaping, 8285 Lilley Rd, Canton, MI 48187 in the amount of \$16,106.64 to be charged to Account No. 246-750-970-0000, Line Item 9 for \$5,368.88 and Line Item 10 for \$10,737.76. Motion carried unanimously. Item 8. FELLOWS CREEK GOLF CLUB IMPROVEMENTS. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to: Approve a purchase order for bunker sand for the restoration of the bunkers from Sand Sales, Inc., PO Box 713, Clarkston, MI 48347 for a total amount of \$23,607.50. Expenses charged to account #469-900-971-2110. Approve a purchase order for drain tile for the restoration of bunkers from Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc., 288 Lafayette Street, P.O. Box 809, London, Ohio 43140 for the total amount of \$5,736. Expenses charged to account #469-900-971-2110. Authorize increase of purchase order #65355 for the south patio to T.Y.M.E. Landscaping, Inc., 15522 Hubbard, Livonia, MI 48154 with the additional amount of \$400 for a total amount of \$8,260. Expenses charged to account #469-900-971-2110. Authorize increase of purchase order #65355 for banquet entrance walkway to Action Concrete,

5445 S. Sheldon Rd., Canton, MI 48188-2526 with the additional amount of \$200 for a total amount of \$9,978. Expenses charged to account #469-900-971-2110. Authorize increase of purchase order #65359 for clubhouse directional signage to On Course Media, 2220 Argenta Rd. Unit 4, Mississauga, ON L5N 2K7, with the additional amount of \$4,445 for a total amount of \$11,743.63. Expenses charged to account #469-900-971-2110. Approve proposal for consulting services from Siegal/Tuomaala Associate Architects, 29200 Northwestern Highway, Suite 160, Southfield, MI 48034 in the amount of \$71,400. Expenses for site work charged to account #469-900-971-2110 for \$43,100 and expenses for building work charge to account #469-900-975-2110 for \$28,300. Motion carried unanimously. Item 9. APPROVE PURCHASE OF POOL FILTER MEDIA REPLACEMENT. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by LaJoy to approve the replacement of the Summit aquatic center pool filter system media by Clearwater Pools and Service of Ann Arbor, 7100 Jackson Road, Suite 200, Ann Arbor MI 48103 in the amount of \$12,695 from Community Improvement Budget Account #246-750-970-0000 Item 1. Motion carried unanimously. Item 10. MUNICIPAL CREDIT AGREEMENT WITH SUBURBAN MOBILITY AUTHORITY FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION (SMART). (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by Kirchgatter to approve the 2007-2008 Municipal Credit Contract between SMART and the Charter Township of Canton for \$71,768 and to authorize the Township Supervisor to sign the contract on behalf of the Township. Motion carried unanimously. Item 11. APPROVE BID TO COMPLETE STUCCO REPAIR AT CHERRY HILL SCHOOL. (FBD) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to approve the bid of \$8,900 (Capital Outlay - Historical account 101-803-976-1000) with Canton Construction for stucco repair work at Cherry Hill School. Motion carried unanimously. Item 12. ALLOW BEER AND WINE AT THE CADY-BOYER BARN. (CLS) Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to give consent to allow beer and wine to be served by Holiday Market during a one day event on Monday, September 3, 2007 at the Cady-Boyer Barn. Motion carried unanimously. ADJOURN: Motion by Zarbo, supported by McLaughlin to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. - Thomas J. Yack, Supervisor - Terry G. Bennett, Clerk - Copies of the complete text of the Board Minutes are available at the office of the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd, Canton, MI 48188, during regular business hours and can also be accessed through our web site www.canton-mi.org after Board Approval.

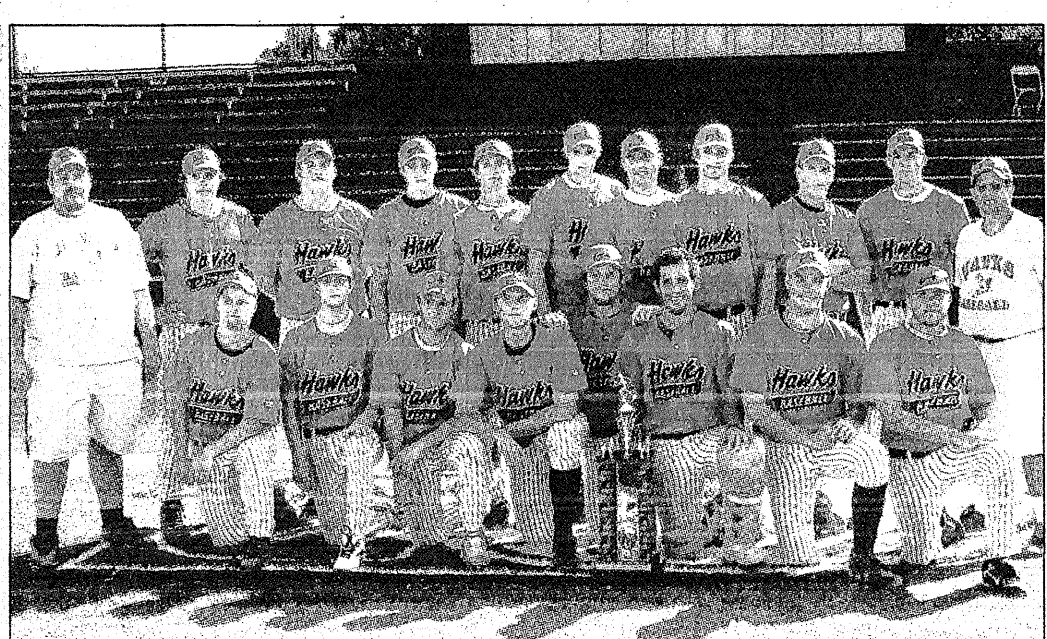
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Palomino champs

The Mudhens of the Livonia Baseball and Softball Association captured the Intercity Palomino (ages 17-19) division league championship on July 25 at Ford Field with a 10-0 victory over Wayne. The Mudhens, 17-2 overall, also took first place in the National League and captured the divisional championship series. They posted a team batting average of .367 along with a earned run average of 3.52. Team members include: Curtis Ebbitt, Andrew Thompson, Ryan Alderman and Kyle Manni, all of Livonia Franklin; Mike O'Keefe, John Rodeman, Matt Luneack, Ryan Holton, Matt McWilliams, all of Livonia Churchill; Nick Pliinka, Nick Coram, Chris Summers, Mike Tuttle, Eric Krauss and Grant Campbell, all of Livonia Stevenson; and Andrew Chrzasz, Novi-Detroit Catholic Central. The coaching staff includes Mark Tuttle, Brian O'Keefe and Rick Chrzasz. The team manager is George Coram, while Sandy Coram is the scorekeeper. The Livonia Umpires Association worked each game including the four-man league championship crew of Gary Newton, Roy Raby, Bill Raby, Jr., and Dan Raby.



Hawks soar

The Michigan Hawks, an 18U travel baseball team whose roster includes several Observerland-area residents, recently completed a successful summer by placing second in the USSSA 18U World Series in Orlando, Fla. The Hawks lost in the championship game, 5-4, to the Savannah (Ga.) Chain. The fine showing in the World Series came on the heels of a state-championship performance in the Michigan USSSA tournament. The Hawks also captured first-place in the Northwest Suburban League. Pictured (top row from left) are Coach Tim Leighton (Garden City), Bobby Steele (Madonna University), Jeremy Lonowicz, Kirk Ciarrocchi (Livonia Churchill), Matt Margitan, Garrett Thierry (Madonna), Ben Vaughn (Canton), Kyle Gring (Canton), Kevin Schewe, Josh Baker, Manager Rich Orsette, (front row from left) Brad Hollister, Justin Latin (Canton), Sean Stover, Kyle Jenks, Tristian Burnette, Farik Khasawneh (Canton/Madonna), Tim Behm and Dominic Vince.

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2007 ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS
 SESSION 2 (AS OF JULY 23)

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 1. Mac's Maintenance, Trial & Error (3-0-0-6); 2. Balls Deep (2-1-0-4); 4. ASISPC Border Rats (1-

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0-1-3); 5. (tie), M&M Misfits, The Venue Crew (1-2-0-2); 7. Here for Beer (0-3-1-1); 8. Get Some (0-3-0-0).

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 1. (tie), C.A. Kime, Pro Touch (4-0-0-8); 3. Co-Print Printing (3-1-0-6); 4. (tie), Rapid Roofing, Cereal Killers (2-2-0-4); 6. Albert's on the Alley (1-3-0-2); 7. (tie), Midwest Carpet Cleaning, Right Wingers

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Detroit Demolition eyes championship rematch

Having beaten the Sacramento Sirens, 49-0, in the Independent Women's Football League Western Conference finals Saturday night at Livonia Franklin, the Detroit Demolition will now gear up for a revenge match against defending IWFL champions, the Atlanta Xplosion (10-0), who surprised the Demolition 21-14 in the 2006 IWFL Championship in California.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

Demolition star running back Aisha Brown had been itching to get back into the lineup for a number of weeks. Out with a hand and wrist injury since May 5, she had missed most of the season, but had been to each game and almost each practice to support her team.

was content to pound the ball on the overmatched Sirens defense and along with some traps and reverses mixed in, the plan worked out very well. The battle of the trenches was clearly won by the Demolition's offensive line as Detroit gained 420 yards.

The defense did the rest, shutting out the high-powered Sirens offense.

And Saturday night against the Sirens, with her injury healed, she finally got the chance to play. The swift and shifty runner made the most of her return. Brown carried the ball 11 times for 162 yards and scored four touchdowns, leading the Demolition to the 49-point rout of the 8-2 Sirens.

One of her TD runs was a work of art, cutting back in-and-out of tacklers and making a beautiful spin move on a couple of more and then scampering 72 yards for a score. Barry Sanders would have been proud of that run. Brown's other scores were 2, 11 and 12 yards.

Linebacker Misty Findlay had eight tackles and a fumble recovery. Linebacker Kim Walters and defensive back Bridget Porter each added six tackles, while DB Nicole Randolph contributed five tackles, a sack and an interception.

And they will have their hands full against an excellent team that remembers the bitterness of last year's defeat and is determined to win their first IWFL championship and fifth title overall right in the house of the Xplosion.

Others who scored for the Demolition were Kiana Dennis on an 18-yard run, quarterback Bridget Porter on a 25-yard run and defensive back Teresa Stuck on an 8-yard interception return for a TD. The offense

"I am very proud of the way we were prepared for the Sirens and the way we played the game against a very good team," Demolition coach Tony Blankenship said. "We can continue to play games like that if we are focused and execute properly."

There was one cause of concern, as linebacker Tammy Lowrey-Ridgley went down with a knee injury in the second quarter. She was able to walk off the field, but will go for an MRI this week to find out about the extent of the injury and if she will be able to play in the championship game.

Diesels forget Titans, 36-7, for 50th franchise win

With all the precision of their namesake, the Detroit Diesels fired on all cylinders Saturday night with a 36-7 North American Football League win over the host Tri-City Titans at Kitchener (Ontario) Memorial Auditorium.

MEN'S FOOTBALL

Carter picked off a Tri-City pass and returned it for a TD after a key QB pressure by teammate Earl Blanchett.

plays defensive back. Goode adjusted well, going 4-for-6 for 55 yards and a TD.

Nichols paced the ground game with 75 yards followed by Michael Ibarra (47 yards) and Goode (35 yards).

Offense, defense and special teams all came together as the Diesels, now 2-1-1 overall and 1-0-1 in the Great Lakes Region of the NFL's Northern Conference, chalked up their 50th win in their six-year franchise history.

The Diesels defense kept Tri-City (0-2, 0-2) off the board in the opening half.

Leading receivers included Elswick, who had 91 yards in catches; John Cravens, 46 yards; and Newton, 31 yards.

The Diesels' defense was spearheaded by Chuck Smith, Blanchett, Carter and Kasseem Rizk. Carter added a fumble recovery, while Anthony Price also picked off a pass.

The Diesels scored on their first two possessions on a touchdown catch by Eric Newton (Redford Union) followed by a quarterback keeper by Westland John Glenn grad Randy Sinnott.

Early in the third quarter, Diesels coach Rob Streeter cleared his bench as every player saw action.

The Diesels return to action 7 p.m. Saturday at Livonia Franklin H.S. to face the Genesee County Patriots (1-2, 1-3) in a Great Lakes Region game.

The Diesels and Titans will square off again 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18 also at Franklin.

In the second quarter, the Diesels' Rob Elswick hauled in a scoring pass in the corner of the end zone and strong safety Mark

The Diesels tacked on two more scores in the final quarter on a TD run by Lance Nichols followed by a scoring catch by Elswick.

Sinnott finished the night 9-of-16 passing for 132 yards, two TDs and two interceptions. He also rushed for 25 yards.

Sinnott split time under center with Wayne Memorial grad Absalom Goode, who normally

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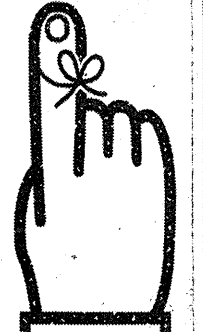
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2	4		6							9
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1	6	9	7	8	9	8	7	2
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8	7	6	1	7	2	9	5	8
2	9	1	8	7	9	4	8	6
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S	Z	M	N	H	B	D	V	D
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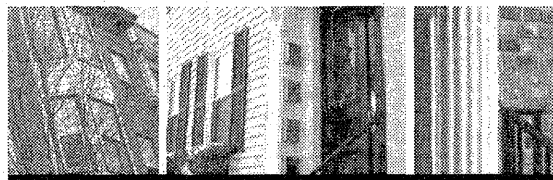
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WORKWISE
by Mildred L. Culp

People rub people the wrong way, with varying degrees of irritation. A little most people can take. A lot

indulge them in their offensive behavior." Following this advice takes chutzpah. You must be certain that you're working with a lost cause. This is a person whom nothing less will stop. You may have tried communicating. You may have tried discussing the situation with an intermediary. You may have tried nothing, because you -- and others -- have listened and listened and listened, and all you've heard is the same, over and over.

You've done what speaker Marsha Petrie Sue of Communicating Results Inc., in Scottsdale, Ariz., considers the sine qua non -- "listening to the responses. The biggest issue is that most people aren't truly listening to the responses (so they) can't tell it's a lost cause -- not really hearing the message and understanding what that message is doing to them . . ."

'PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY'
Let's say that you've determined that the person 'is disturbing your peace,' in the words of Wendy Newman, founder of Person-Centered Branding in Los Angeles. She states that this might be someone who constantly strokes himself, is dishonest, behaves abusively, lives out high drama or uses humor that plays on the vulnerabilities of others. Sue mentions the type that steamrolls; doesn't contribute when he could; backstabs; thinks he knows everything; clings to you, wasting your time; or chronically complains.

If you're brushing up against more than one person in these categories, before you dash off to a therapist, ask yourself if you're in the wrong environment. You might be. If you decide that you're not, consider the perspective of Alexander Yaroslavsky, conflict resolution and mediation specialist at The Yaro Group in

might be quite another matter. That's what we're discussing here. Some people suggest that you look within, that something in the other person may remind you of yourself or your past. However, even when that's the case, if the person weren't behaving in that (irritating) manner, you wouldn't have your problem. You might go to a psychologist, particularly if the person is your boss and you don't want to leave. But if you've been thinking of leaving, this may be the precipitating factor. Otherwise, if you want to stay with your company, explore all possible remedies.

LOST CAUSE
First, though, be clear about whether communicating with the person is hopeless. If that's the case, take some advice from Alan Weiss, president of Summit Consulting Group in East Greenwich, R.I. "Do not deal with an irritating person," he recommends, "because doing so enables the irritating behavior. Don't eat lunch near them and don't socialize. Interact in business only as strictly required, such as returning a request for information."

"If they question you, or try to interact," he continues, "Say, 'I'm sorry, but you are totally irritating, and I refuse to deal with you.'" It works. All else is a waste of time and causes you more pain. You cannot



Marsha Petrie Sue listens intently to a member of the audience during her presentation at the Hyatt Grand in San Diego on July 11.

New York City. Yaroslavsky contends, "I believe that 98 percent of these are mediate-able with better interpersonal skills."

What does he recommend? "Approach the conflict with a sense of curiosity," he advises.

"Listen to the person. Ask how he views the situation and what's important to him. Step back and think about it. (Sue calls this part 'responding' versus 'reacting'.) Is there a way to accommodate him without taking away from what's

important to you? Offer your alternative(s) and see what he says. If you do this, you'll likely discover a multitude of alternatives that leave you both better off."

If this isn't an option, or if you try it and it doesn't work, go back to Plan A. That's the one where you cut the person off.

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ACCOUNTING POSITION

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By Dale Buss

It's a tough job but, hey, somebody's got to do it: Drive four of the best luxury sedans and tell you what I think. So I recently tested the brand new Lincoln MKZ, Cadillac STS, BMW 535xi and Mercedes-Benz E350, each of them a luxury ride bunched somewhere between about \$40,000 and \$50,000.

And you know what I think? Each of these fine vehicles has something great to offer to a buyer in this market, although some more than others. If your budget places you in this segment, you can't go wrong with any of these four vehicles.

But I admit I had my favorite: the 2008 BMW 535xi sedan. BMW, of course, has always fielded "the ultimate driving machine," and that's no more true than in this freshened stalwart of the 5 series.

So let's start with the driving: It was absolutely superb. Zero-to-sixty was about a five-second experience, so robust is the car's new twin-turbo engine -- and it's only a 3.0-liter six-cylinder, to boot. My only regret was that there aren't more places in Oakland County where you can logically, and legally, fly that quickly.

But more than that, credit the 535xi with a truly smooth ride that belies BMW's old reputation for European-style seating that was a little too taut for most middle-aged Americans. This car swallowed up every chunk and wrinkle on the road and always lent a sense of reassuring solidity.

Amenities are great, too, starting with driver's seating that gently cossets your body as soon as you sit down, reinforcing that the emphasis of this car is on the person behind the wheel. For a sticker price that topped out at around \$70,000 for the 535 version I drove, you should be able to expect a lot! One downer: the new "bamboo anthracite" wood trim really does look like what one reviewer called "tar on concrete."

Also new from the shop, the 2008 Cadillac STS has a lot to offer both traditional Cadillac buyers and those who might be sniffing around the new model line. It debuted recently featuring a new, 302-horsepower engine with direct-injection technology that improves fuel economy, in a 3.6-liter direct-injection V-6 engine.



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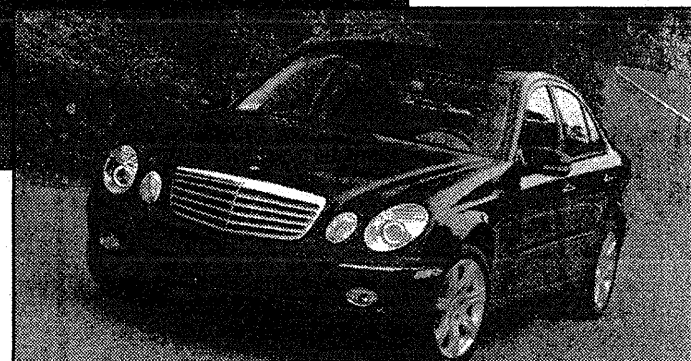
The STS delivered just the comfortable ride and great characteristics for both city driving and cruising that you should be able to demand for its sticker price around \$44,000 for the version I drove.

Especially nifty were some of the new electronics that GM has integrated into its top-of-the-line vehicles, including a Lane Departure Warning System: Controlled by a camera located in the rearview mirror that reads the lines in the road, the system alerts drivers both with a chime and with a warning light when they have strayed into another lane. For drivers who admit to the occasional but unfortunate nod-off at the wheel, this feature literally can be a lifesaver.

The trim level is even better in the 2008 STS, and the great amenities include a four-color heads up display and an optional, 15-speaker, Bose 5.1 surround-sound audio system. One drawback: the trunk opening seems way too small for a trunk -- and vehicle -- of this size. An avid golfer actually might have a bit of trouble negotiating the hole to insert a big bag of clubs.

It may seem a bit unfair to pit the new Lincoln MKZ against vehicles that cost up to nearly twice as much overall, but two things about that. First, the MKZ is in fact Lincoln's luxury sedan, meant to compete with other luxury makes both foreign and domestic. And second: MKZ actually acquits itself pretty well even in this company.

Cadillac's STS is making the brand's strongest bid yet for discerning luxury-sedan buyers.



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My bad. Mere weeks after giving the thumbs-up to SunRocket, the Internet phone service I've used for nearly two years, the company pulled the plug.

Literally. One day the service just stopped working, without so much as a word of warning. (Hello, Feds? To me this seems pretty criminal.)



Tech Savvy

Rick Broida

Obviously I had no knowledge this was coming, otherwise I never would have given SunRocket such a rousing recommendation.

Still, I feel badly for anyone who ended up in the same boat as me: No phone service, no refund and nowhere to turn for help.

I did, however, take action. First, I logged into my SunRocket account and set up call forwarding, so that any incoming calls would go through to my cell phone. Luckily, it worked.

Second, I called my credit card company. While I've heard reports that other users who did the same were immediately issued a credit, I'm waiting on an "investigation" to see if I can get back the balance of my eight unused months (I prepaid for a year).

Finally, I visited DSLReports.com, where there's an active SunRocket forum. Within 24 hours of the shutdown, users had jammed the boards with news, recommended alternatives, questions, answers and an understandable amount of SunRocket-bashing (which I'll admit to enjoying, as it always feels good to commiserate).

So, what next? SunRocket's demise leaves me (and roughly 200,000 other subscribers) with three choices.

First, I can go back to my old land-line service, which never gave me a lick of trouble. I can't say the same for SunRocket. However, while AT&T now offers an unlimited-calling plan similar to SunRocket's, it costs more than double.

Second, I can ditch my phone service altogether and rely on cell phones (which is what my wife and I have been doing for more than a week now).

I've heard plenty of anecdotal evidence from people who've made such a switch and are glad they did. But I'm a bit leery of having only one handset; I'll constantly be running upstairs or downstairs to get the phone when it rings.

Of course, I'm also leery of option three: another Internet phone service. SunRocket wasn't the only game in town; others include Packets, ViaTalk, VoicePulse, Vonage and Vonics.

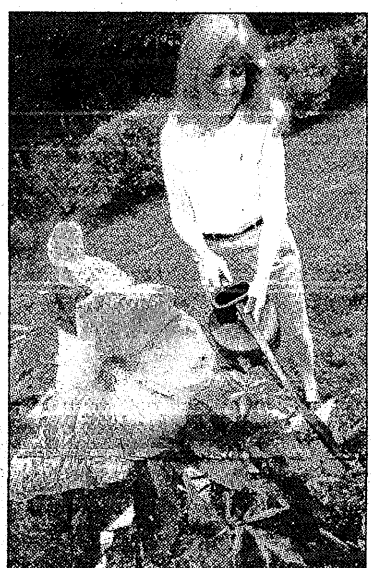
Virtually all of them offer a deal similar to SunRocket's: \$199 per year for unlimited local and long-distance calls, plus all the usual calling features (voice mail,

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Kathy Browne stands alongside her garden, featuring Rocket City and Oriental day lilies bordered by flagstone.

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Canton resident Kathy Browne gives a little loving care to her hibiscus plant in the garden of her home.

Garden, home inspired by creative process

BY KEN ABRAMCZYK
 STAFF WRITER

In 2002 Kathy Browne didn't like all the details in the plans for her detached condo in Canton.

The original layout called for a sink in the master bedroom, adjacent to a bathroom; a laundry room next to a guest bedroom on the south side of the home; and a small deck with steps leading down to the middle of the yard. Her home was part of the Ravines Subdivision.

So Browne decided to ask the builder (Robertson Homes) for a few changes.

She suggested that the plans be revised to add the sink to an

existing one to be installed in the bathroom.

On the other side of the house a laundry room now would contain a bathroom. Browne wanted the bathroom to have an entry into the guest bedroom, a toilet against the entry wall, and a shower and sink tucked against an outside wall, constituting a smart use of limited space.

A foyer leads to the bathroom doorway, so the guest bedroom is now a suite.

"I created a foyer to give it a sense of greater space," Browne said.

Across the hall, an underutilized

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Chef at The Community House savors grilling

BY MARY KLEMIC
 STAFF WRITER

Christopher Jones' parents had a restaurant when he was growing up in Brighton.

But it wasn't until he worked at Soaring Eagle casino after college, and saw the chefs' creativity there, that a career related to cooking appealed to him.

"I thought it was something I wanted to do," said Jones, who recently became executive chef at The Community House in Birmingham.

His duties include ordering the food for the myriad events and activities at The Community House, and teaching classes. Jones' most recent class was about grilling.

"I love to grill out at home," he said. "It's the easiest to clean up."

The biggest misconception people

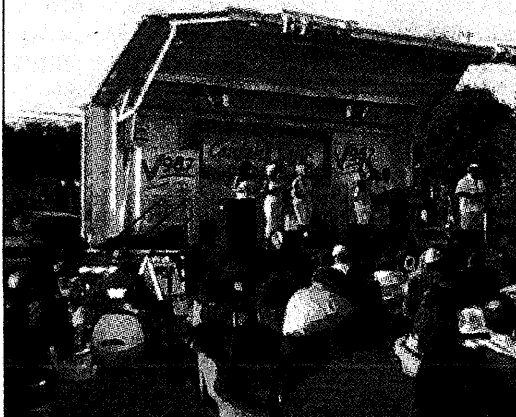
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"Ours worked satisfactorily (I wouldn't say great; quite a bit of jamming) for about 16 months. Of course, it had a one-year warranty."

"Then one day I came home from work to a nasty smell coming from the basement. It turned out to be the SkyBox. When I opened its door, it smelled like something was burning/melting inside. So I unplugged it."

"After waiting a year for my husband to have someone look at it, I called Maytag today. They informed me they no longer manufacture them, service them, have replacement parts for them, nor can they give me any further information about them. When I insisted, they gave me Whirlpool's address."

"This doesn't seem quite right for a 2-1/2 year old, \$600 appliance. Any ideas why they quit manufacturing them, or do you know of any company that might still be able to service it? Thank you in advance for your help."

I was still in the business when this product was introduced, and I thought it was a great addition to the refrigeration line and would really enhance a person's decorated bar area.

Unfortunately, there must not have been enough orders for them or Maytag would have continued selling them.

There is no law that says a manufacturer must supply parts or service for any set time after a product is made, which goes to show you how they can manage to take advantage of any customer who unknowingly buys their products.

This goes on all the time and seems to be getting worse, even though products can cost so much more than ever. I suggest you call me at (734) 971-1600 and I will give you the name of a company that can have someone take a look at it with no promises. I know they will at least try. Thank you for writing me.

I know that all readers will agree with me when I tell you that I no longer trust what is going on in the appliance world.

The above e-mail just goes to show how low customer satisfaction stands in the busi-

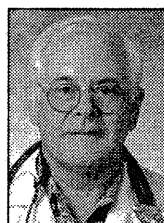
ness plan of major appliance companies. It's an outright shame, and most sales and service companies share this view across America.

They design a new product such as a front-load washer, and I feel that thousands of shoppers now own these washers and are really angry about the mold and odor problems. None of my past columns has created as many phone calls and e-mail as the story about mold and odor in washers.

There appears to be no cure, except maybe the product sold online by smellywasher.com. I announced this cleaning product a few weeks ago, but I have only heard from a few homeowners that it does the job.

I need to hear from more of you. So if you have a smelly front-load washer, please go to the Web site, order the product and try it.

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.



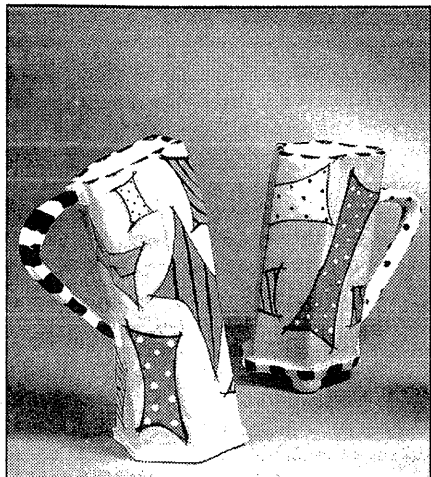
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Summer show

These ceramic pieces by Kimberly Rorick of Indiana are examples of the works featured at Summer Fine Art at The Village of Rochester Hills, Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 4-5, at The Village of Rochester Hills Shopping Center, 104 N. Adams at Walton. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call (248) 689-8734 or visit www.FineArtAtTheVillage.com. More than 100 artists from across the United States and Canada were invited to display their work at the juried event. Children's art activities hosted by characters from the Michigan Renaissance Festival, musical entertainment, free drop-in workshops for all ages conducted by the Detroit Institute of Arts, and an outdoor food court will be included.



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Canton resident Kathy Browne stands in the guest bathroom she designed, using space smartly with the toilet against an entry wall and the shower in the corner next to the sink.

REDESIGN

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closet is now the laundry room, as the builder went from Phase I to Phase II in the subdivision. A swing was reversed in the laundry room door, and a double-glass paned door adds a feeling of space.

The outside deck was doubled in size with a revision of those plans, as stairs were relocated away from the middle of the yard, where (if it were installed) it would detract from the beauty of the garden.

GARDENS

The gardens are another chapter in the home's evolution.

The gardens are bordered with flagstone, broken into manageable pieces by a cement mason so that Browne could lift them herself and install them.

Star magnolia, colorful Oriental day lilies, vibrant orange Rocket City day lilies and hostas add a colorful palette to the yard, further highlighted by a Japanese maple, which will grow to a small 8 feet in height.

Using all this floral beauty, rather than a lawn in the middle of the yard, is just one way to bring the pollinators back, Browne said.

"Since the 1950s it's been the practice to remove clover from the grass," which toughens the turf, Browne said.

She wanted to attract "friendly pollinators," namely butterflies, dragonflies, hummingbirds and even bats.

"This is a haven for all sorts of wonderful things," Browne said. "It reduces the need for fossil fuels, it reduces the need for labor and there's no fertilizer runoff."

A Japanese fiber banana sits in a pot, which can survive the Zone 6 winters in Ohio and even Grosse Pointe, "if you mulch it heavily," Browne said. A hibiscus (Rose of Sharon) is ready to burst with color.

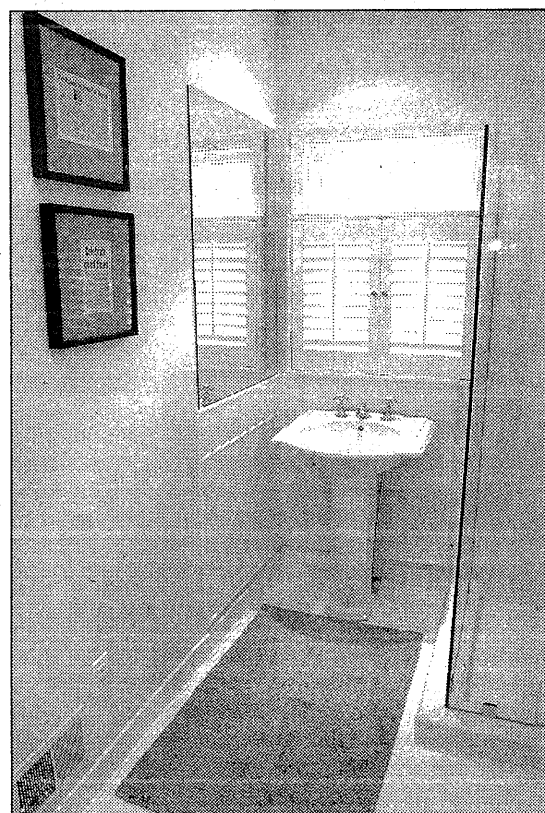
In the front yard she planted perennials to add to the builder's original landscape of shrubs and a large tree. She nominated her front yard redesign in the Canton Design Excellence Awards.

But Browne knows this stuff, both inside and outside the home.

She's an advanced master gardener, founder of Grow!USA and board member of Keep Michigan Beautiful. She's a registered interior designer at the Michigan Design Center and owner of Divine Redesigns.

Plymouth residents might be familiar with some of her work. She has designed planter boxes in downtown Plymouth, one on Forest in front of the Village Shopkeeper, another on Fleet Street, behind Wilte's Pharmacy.

Browne follows and promotes the gardening strategy of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, England. Gardeners there stopped using peat as a soil amendment, and Browne believes local gardeners here should follow suit. She recom-



Browne's guest bathroom is an example of how to get the most out of a small room.

mends adding nutrients to soil with aged cow and horse manures, compost, grass clippings, leaf mulch, eggshells and coffee grounds.

Browne is also an inventor. She designed a hibiscus flower umbrella with a telescoping curved stand and a floral parasol, receiving patents on both. She was inspired after she came home one day and found a glass table on the deck had been flipped and smashed by gusting winds. The pole helps keep the wind from catching the umbrella.

Her room changes became part of a floor plan of the builder's plans for a subdivision in Oakland County. As a home designer, was she flattered?

"Exceptionally," she said. "A good idea takes on a life of its own, and needs to be repeated."

But Browne couldn't have done it without a special person in her life.

The bathroom was her first bathroom project she took on.

"It was exciting and also a risk, but the man I'm seeing, who has extensive building experience, was with me every step of the way from the project's inception in February 2006 to its completion.

"It was an awesome upgrade of what was somewhat wasted space, making it a great success ... It would not have been so well-laid out without his wonderful advice, nor quite so beautiful without his continued encouragement and faith in my design talent."

Kathy Browne's work can be found at www.Grow!USA.com. She can be reached at (734) 455-7620.

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call waiting, etc.). And in most cases there's no charge for the hardware.

But SunRocket skipped town with about \$138 of my money, and there's no guarantee it won't happen again with one of these others.

AT&T, on the other hand, will probably be around awhile. Same for T-Mobile.

Still, I'm inclined to give Internet telephony one more try. Right now I'm leaning toward ViaTalk, but I'm planning to test all five of the aforementioned services. I'll let you know how it goes in a future column. In the meantime, thanks to all the readers who wrote in to share their SunRocket-fallout experiences. And thanks for not holding me responsible.

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Enjoy a new taste with sherry

Why don't more Americans like sherry? Could it be that in the United States, sherry is perceived as a sweet after-dinner drink that, in another era, grandma preferred just before retiring for the evening?

If you're open to a new taste experience, the versatility of dry sheries is hard to beat.



Focus on Wine
Ray & Eleanor Heald

Sherry is the English adaptation of the place name Jerez. It's a fortified wine produced in southwest Spain in the region known as Andalusia. Three towns compose the Sherry Triangle: Jerez de la Frontera, Sanlucar de Barrameda and Puerto de Santa Maria. Sherries matured in each of these three locations have subtle, yet detectable, taste differences.

On chalky soils known as albariza, 6,000 vineyards of palomino, the most important sherry grape variety, are farmed by over 5,000 growers.

Sherry styles are initially divided into finos and olorosos. Finos are destined to become light, dry wines, while olorosos may remain dry, but most are blended with sweet wines made from the Pedro Ximenez grape to produce a variety of cream sherries. Finos are sourced from the best grapes grown on premium albariza soils, while olorosos are made from grapes grown on soils with a higher clay content.

SHERRY FLOR

Soon after fermentation, wines intended to become finos distinguish themselves by the formation of flor, a yeast which grows on the surface of the wine.

The flor can survive at alcohol levels less than 16 percent. Thus finos are fortified to about 15 to 15.5 percent alcohol while olorosos are fortified to about 18 percent alcohol.

The growth of flor protects the wine from oxidation and therefore the color of a fino remains very pale yellow. Olorosos do not have the protective flor and therefore become amber in color due to oxidation. Since flor grows on the surface of the wine, 600-Litre barrels (known

WINE PICKS

Choosing the Right Sherry.

We keep a bottle of Lustau Palo Cortado "Peninsula" \$22 in the refrigerator and enjoy it as an aperitif while preparing dinner, or as an ingredient when making a meat or vegetable stir fry. It's a dry wine with a rich nuttiness that we appreciate chilled right from the frig.

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Old East India \$23 is a dry oloroso blended with Pedro Ximenez that yields a brown sugar character, delicious with pumpkin or sweet potato pie.
Emilin Moscatel \$25 is a full, delicious dessert wine.
San Emilio Pedro Ximenez \$25, a viscous dessert wine, adds a wonderful note of coffee when served over vanilla ice cream.

Another dessert sherry:

Harveys Orange \$15, fun Sherry-based aperitif that doubles well as an accompaniment to Spanish crema catalana dessert.

Unique Summer Sipper Whites

From France: 2005 Domaine Delaporte Sancerre Chavignol \$27 and 2006 Domaine Pichot Vouvray \$14, delicious semi-dry chenin blanc.

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From Chile: 2006 Cousino-Macul Dona Isidora Riesling, Maipo Valley \$10, dry with citrus freshness.

From Spain: 2006 Martin Codax Rias Baixas Albarino \$15.

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.

Flor grows more rapidly in cool, humid areas and accounts for the style differences among Jerez Fino, Puerto Fino and Sanlucar de Barrameda Fino known as manzanilla. Jerez Fino is the fullest, Puerto Fino is fresh, light and tangy and Sanlucar Manzanilla is crisp with hints of salty sea air.

Left on its own, flor will feed on the nutrients in a wine and then die. Without flor, a fino will begin to oxidize and become an amontillado, which is amber in color with fuller body and nutty taste. Palo Cortado Sherry has a light texture and nutty bouquet of an amontillado and the richness of an oloroso.

SHERRY SOLERA

In butts of fino, the flor is kept alive for six years or more by periodically refreshing the barrel with young wine. This is the origin of a sherry solera, a system of nurturing the flor while maintaining a consistent fino style.

Picture a solera as a stack of barrels, four high. Two or three times a year, one third of the wine is withdrawn from the oldest barrel and refilled with wine from that year's harvest, plus wine from the second oldest barrel. Then the second oldest is filled with young wine plus wine from the third oldest and so it goes.

Finos should be treated like other white wines in that after opening they should be refrigerated and consumed within two to three days. Other styles may be stored cool or at room temperature for several weeks.

SHERRY AND FOOD

A well chilled fino or manzanilla is a natural with fresh fish and makes a great aperitif on its own or with nuts and olives. Amontillados complement chicken, ham, oriental dishes and cheese. Palo Cortados and dry olorosos served slightly cool, partner well with rich cheeses, smoked meats and game or after dinner. Sweet olorosos and cream sherries can be enjoyed with fresh fruit or creamy desserts such as crème brûlée.

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as butts) are filled only 5/6 full providing a surface for growth and air above. Flor feeds on oxygen in the air and nutrients in the wine.

CHEF

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have about grilling is that it should be done quickly on high heat, Jones said.

"They don't slow down ... Grills have more than one setting. Turn it down. Let it go."

At The Community House, fresh produce is delivered six days a week. Meat arrives as needed.

"I like to use fresh ingredients," Jones said. "I don't believe in using frozen ingredients."

Jones prefers "nice field greens" to iceberg lettuce (which is "95 percent water," he said).

"I do not bake. I can't stand baking," he said of his repertoire at home.

Some cooking programs can be too advanced for the home chef, Jones said. An exception is Rachael Ray, famous for her 30-minute meals.

"Rachael Ray gives great directions," Jones said. "I think the best thing is to find one of the cooking textbooks from a school and have that as reference."

He recommends *The Professional Chef* by the Culinary Institute of America. Jones, who studied criminal psychology at Central Michigan University, is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. He became a certified executive chef with the American Culinary

STUFFED CHICKEN WITH ARUGULA AND FONTINA CHEESE

For the chicken:

- 16- to 8-ounce airline chicken breast with skin (airline breast is a boneless chicken breast with the first wing bone attached)
- 2 ounces steamed arugula
- 1-ounce slice fontina cheese
- 1 teaspoon pepper supreme, available at spice stores
- Peel the skin back to expose the flesh of the chicken, placing the arugula in the center of the opening. On top of the arugula, place the cheese and fold the skin back over, covering the stuffing completely. Sprinkle the top of the skin with the pepper supreme and salt, and bake at 350 degrees Fahrenheit for about 8-10 minutes until golden brown and reaching an internal temperature of 165 degrees Fahrenheit.

For presentation:

- Place wild rice in center of plate, using a soup cup to shape and place the rice. Set the chicken on top of the rice. Place vegetables around the perimeter of the chicken, lightly drizzling the top of the chicken with olive oil for a more juicy effect.
- Recipe courtesy of executive chef Christopher Jones, The Community House.

CAPRISI SALAD

- 4 ounces fresh buffalo mozzarella
- 1 beefsteak tomato
- 3 ounces field greens
- 2 ounces balsamic vinaigrette
- 3 pieces fresh chives
- Cut the top off of the tomato and hollow out the inside with a melon baller or spoon.
- Stuff with field greens, leaving a little bit poking out for presentation, and place on salad plate.
- Slice cheese into 8 even pieces and fan out to the left of the tomato. Drizzle entire dish with balsamic vinaigrette.
- Place chives in a standing position across the cheese and tomato to gain height on the dish.

Recipe courtesy of executive chef Christopher Jones, The Community House.

Federation.

Jones has worked at the Hotel Pontchartrain, Marriott, Hilton and Radisson, and at the Super

Bowl, All-Star Game and Ryder Cup.

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FOOD CALENDAR

The Community House

Several classes will be offered this summer at The Community House in Birmingham. For information and to register, contact The Community House, 380 S. Bates at (248) 644-5832, www.communityhouse.com. Classes include: Summer Lunch on the Patio with Jennifer DeMay (lunch will be served at this class), 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 8, \$39; Tasty Tempting Thai Cooking with Lawan Chandraung, 7-8:30 p.m. Aug. 13, \$29 plus \$4 materials fee, and Tomatoes

with chef Gunnell Freeman, 7-9 p.m. Aug. 20, \$34.

Kids Cooking Class

Parents and kids make and eat healthy lunch and dinner foods, 6 p.m. Aug. 6, Beaumont Weight Control Center, Beaumont Health Center, 4949 Coolidge Hwy. (north of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak, call (248) 655-5900 to reserve a spot.

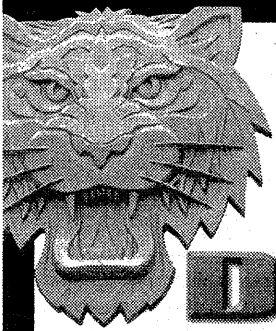
Taste of Summer: Michigan Fruits and Vegetables

Preparation techniques and recipes for fruits and vegetables that are

available in the local farmer's market, 6 p.m. Aug. 14, Beaumont Weight Control Center, Beaumont Health Center, 4949 Coolidge Hwy. (north of 14 Mile Road), Royal Oak, \$15, (248) 655-5900 to register.

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

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Do you DIY?

*Art of sewing
appeals to
younger crowd*

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

A new generation of Do-It-Yourselfers is taking up needle and thread, breathing fresh life into an age-old craft. From sewing machines and ultra-hip patterns, to classes and craft shows, the sewing industry is booming. PINK poked around to find out how the trend is finding a foothold in metro Detroit.

DETROIT URBAN CRAFT FAIR

Billed as "not your grandma's craft fair," the Detroit Urban Craft Fair is presented by Handmade Detroit, a group of young hipsters at the forefront of the DIY movement. Founder Stephanie Tardy said of the 61 exhibitors gearing up for the one-day craft show Aug. 4 at the Majestic Theatre, about 25 percent are sewers. (Full disclosure: Tardy works as a page designer at the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.)

According to Tardy, sewing's surge in popularity is due in part to the "green movement." Those on the forefront of eco-chic fashion are finding inspired ways to recycle clothing - creating trends instead of blindly consuming them.

"People are taking things maybe from last year's wardrobe and updating them," Tardy said. "They're using thrift store finds and reconstructing or embroidering them to make something new."

Nicole Lindner is among the seamstresses exhibiting at DUCF. To create her eponymous line of clothing, Lindner uses salvaged fabrics, old T-shirts and even vintage bed sheets to create charming and often disarming looks that are completely of-the-moment.

Better yet, each piece is totally



Nicole Lindner, 20, of Ferndale, creates clothing using recycled fabrics.

REMIX IT!

If you want to try your hand at reconstructing clothing, *Style Remix* is a great place to start. The DVD (\$19.99, TriCoast Studios and Leisure Arts) includes step-by-step instructions for 21 projects that elevate inexpensive, everyday garments into art, using simple sewing techniques - or sometimes just a glue gun! *Style Remix* is available at craft stores nationwide, or on www.amazon.com and www.TheLeisureBoutique.com.



unique.

"Everything she makes is absolutely one-of-a-kind, and she will not make it again," Tardy said. "She bases her business on making something especially for you, and no one else will have it."

Lindner's philosophy is resonating. Like many other young crafters, she has a popular MySpace page, and connects with like-minded individuals on Internet.

Virtual networking, along with grass-roots events like Sunday Crafternoons at the Woodward Avenue Brewery, have helped make the DUCF a highly anticipated event.

In just two years it has managed to rally a demographic the established sewing community has just begun scrambling to court.

AMERICAN SEWING EXPO

Janet Pray of Highland has spent 28 years building the American Sewing Expo into the

largest independently-owned sewing expo in the country. The expo offers seminars, classes, vendors, fashion shows and demonstrations for all levels, yet Pray admits the event has failed, for the most part, to capture a younger audience. This year, organizers are taking steps to change that.

"What we're trying to do this year is to make it an event where a younger person comes in and sees a place for themselves. They may see a lot of gray hair, and think 'people here are my mother and grandmother's age,'" Pray said. "But the whole industry is very excited about this whole DIY thing, so they're all producing products addressing the needs of this new person."

When ASE returns to Rock Financial Showplace Sept. 28-30, it will include for the first time a Sew Experience Café where visitors can pay \$5, grab a cup of coffee and complete one of six trendy

SEW IT UP!

Detroit Urban Craft Fair
10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at The Majestic Theatre, free. After-party at The Magic Stick, free before 9 p.m. Visit detroiturbancraftfair.com or handmadedetroit.com

projects on site.

"You can personalize them," she said. "You can learn how to create your own design on a laptop computer, take it on a flash stick to a sewing machine, and see it embroidered in front of your eyes."

Technology is key to winning the hearts of young sewers, she said, which is why ASE is doing more online marketing than ever before. Last year's expo included DIY "rock stars" Sew Subversive, and Wendy Mullins, creator of the hip Built By Wendy pattern line, but few cutting edge crafters got wind they were there.

That's why the expo has ramped up its website and is sponsoring contests that will appeal to young sewers, like "Not Your Mother's Apron," which raises money for charity, and "Passion for Fashion," a *Project Runway*-style competition that will be judged by Season 2 winner Chloe Dao. The winner will receive a trip to New York Fashion Week.

Pray also is incorporating plenty of learning opportunities for new sewers, and sees the expo's role as building a bridge for seasoned sewers to pass knowledge to the next generation.

"These guys are way ahead of us when it comes to computers, but they're going back to way too antiquated methods in crafts," she said. "I love that they want to create the vintage look, but why not embrace the new technology?"

For more information online, visit www.detroiturbancraftfair.com or www.handmadedetroit.com; www.americansewingexpo.com; or www.habermanfabrics.com.

DUCE features 'whiskynlace'

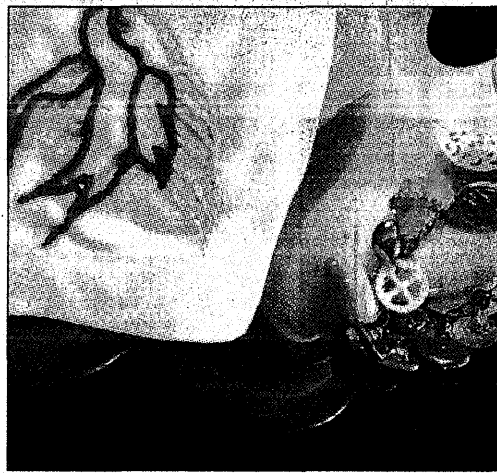
With more than 60 DIY crafters participating, the second annual Detroit Urban Craft Fair Aug. 4 at the Majestic Theater will feature apparel, jewelry, pottery, glassware and much more. Adrienne Goloda of Hamtramck will bring her girly-girl, whiskynlace line to the show. It consists of everything from charm bracelets crafted out of vintage buttons, to embroidered gloves with tattoo-inspired designs and reconstructed vintage clothing.

She began sewing at an early age.

Now, selling vintage clothing for a living, she's been inspired to make new items out of the old textiles and baubles she comes across regularly. Goloda describes her designs as "kind of goth meets hippie meets old Hollywood starlet."

"I like to think my creations are a bit decadent. Not every girl is going to slip on a pair of gloves before they head out for the evening. Or wear lingerie to the grocery store. But they should!"

By Stephanie A. Casola



Adrienne Goloda of Hamtramck embroders vintage gloves and creates sweet baubles like these through her line, whiskynlace, which will be featured Aug. 4 at the Detroit Urban Craft Fair.

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CASHMERE TRUNK SHOW



Kinross Cashmere comes to Lynn Portnoy Aug. 8-9.

Knits are in for Fall. Preview the latest styles as Lynn Portnoy hosts a Kinross Cashmere Trunk Show 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8; and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9. Sweaters will be available for immediate purchase, and special orders also will be taken. Lynn Portnoy is located at 29260 Franklin Road in Southfield. Call (248) 353-2900 or visit www.goinglikelynn.com, or www.kinrosscashmere.com.

007-LICENSE TO SWIM

The membership of the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club will host "007-License to Swim," the Suburban Inter-Club Swimming Association Championships, on the grounds of the club Aug. 3-4. The two-day event will celebrate a James Bond "secret agent" theme as members

of Birmingham Country Club, Bloomfield Open Hunt, Forest Lake Country Club, Meadowbrook Country Club, Orchard Lake Country Club and Pine Lake Country Club compete in the pool. Apres-swim, youth will retire to a children's party complete with dancing, games, movies and a kid's menu. Meanwhile, parents will enjoy a "Casino Royale" Monte Carlo-style soiree, with a strolling supper featuring international cuisine prepared by BOH chef Scott Ryan. Attire is country club casual. For more information, call (248) 614-3317.

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CHOPPER SHOW

The 3rd Annual Chopper Show will motor into Corktown Tavern 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4. The event includes choppers, of course, along with live music by the Howling Diablos, Universal Temple of Divine Power and PB Army; 13 artists; and a fashion show featuring Mother Fletchers, Lover's Lane, DS Bullock and Roller Derby Detroit. Meet Detroit's Roller Derby Girls and be entertained by Dawn-O-Mite, Fire Poi and M.C. Linda-Lexy. Admission is \$15. Corktown Tavern is located at 1716 Michigan Avenue, Detroit. Call (248) 924-0298.

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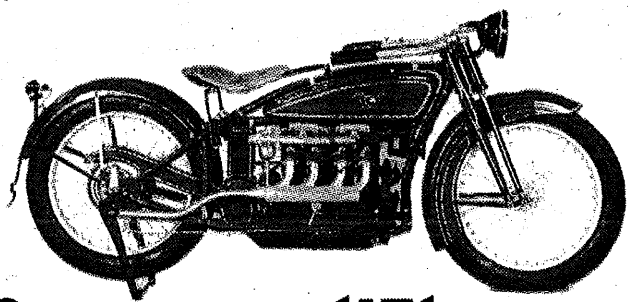
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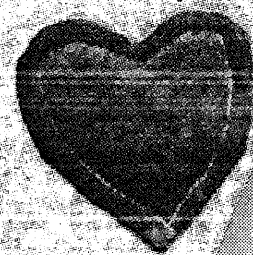
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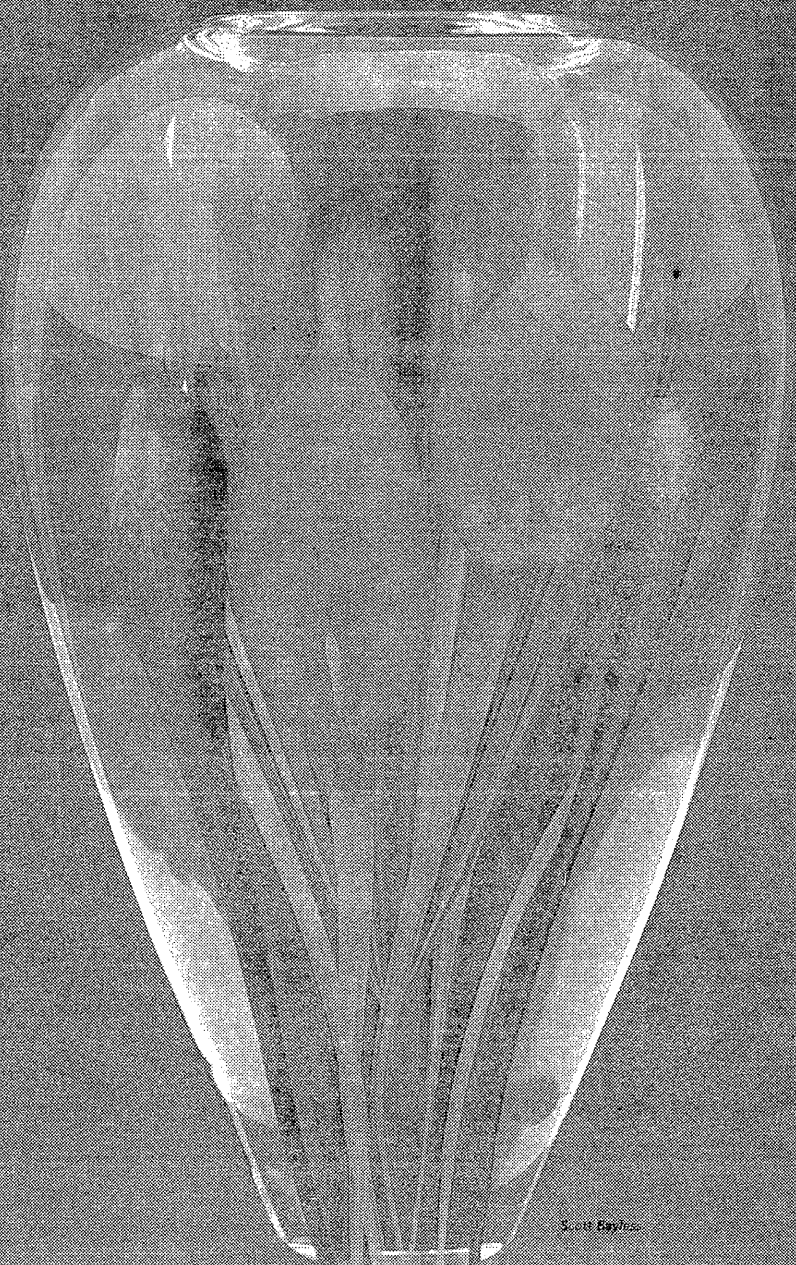
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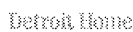
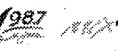
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Front Row with Filter Contest

Filter continues its summer concert ticket giveaway with three shows left at Meadow Brook Music Festival. Enter to score four front row seats and a \$50 gift card for merchandise at the following shows:

Meadow Brook Music Festival

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- Aug. 17 - David Sanborn and Tower of Power
- Sept. 15 - Gordon Lightfoot

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FRONT ROW WINNER!

Kim Naccashian of Livonia won four front row tickets to Aretha Franklin along with a \$50 gift card to DTE Energy Theatre. Here's her entry: "Since 1980ish, music and Pine Knob are what summer is about. Rockin' to Santana with your best friends, a cooler and a bucket of chicken. I was lucky enough to see B.B. King play with Marshall Tucker back then. The Who, The Doors and Iggy & the Stooges reunions - made those shows too. A friend actually got on stage and sang with Iggy - You rock Bobby! This summer I've been there (DTE Energy Music Theatre) with the hubby, to see Tesla with my girlfriends and Linkin Park with my kids. Now I share Pine Knob with my family. Thanks for a lifetime of great memories and music - Rock on!"

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Concours d'Elegance revs up a tradition of fine motoring

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

As the new chairman of the Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance, Larry Smith is racing to the finish line, and putting the finishing touches on the prestigious 2007 event.

More than 200 of the most exotic and valuable vintage automobiles in the world will be showcased Sunday, Aug. 5, on the grounds of Rochester's historic Meadow Brook Hall. And the Bloomfield Hills resident is overseeing the entire affair.

"I've been involved with the Meadow Brook Concours for close to 20 years," said Smith, president of Autometric Collision. When the event's founder, Don Sommer, decided to retire last fall, he asked Smith to take over.

"I love the event. I love the cars. And I love the people," said Smith. So it wasn't a difficult decision.

In its 29th year, Smith hopes to move the Concours d'Elegance into the future, adding educational elements and appealing to younger visitors, all while maintaining its undeniable tradition and upscale status. This year, visitors can catch a panel discussion on the state of car collecting and read informational storyboards on every vehicle in the show.

For the first time, Smith will show his own automobile, a 1972 Ferrari Dino Pininfarina. While it won't be up for judging, the car does fit into a new feature as one of the mid-engine automobiles in this year's show.

One of the most prestigious of its kind, the 2007 Concours d'Elegance will shine a spotlight on the Alfa Romeo. Likewise, Alfa Romeo will unveil a brand new car at the event, announcing its re-entry into the American market. But the high-profile

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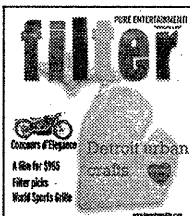


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CONCOURS d'ELEGANCE

Thursday, Aug. 2: From 5-7 p.m. Saks Fifth Avenue hosts a Fashion Show and a welcome reception at Meadow Brook Hall; From 7-11 p.m. a Hangar Party features historic planes and fast cars at Oakland County International Airport.

Friday, Aug. 3: From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. the Motoring Tour begins at Meadow Brook Hall and stops at the Royal Park Hotel and the Chrysler Museum; From 6-9 p.m. Automotive Art Exhibition and Auction Reception and Preview of RM Auctions, Inc. Vintage Motor Cars takes place at Meadow Brook Hall's Shotwell-Gustafson Pavillion.

Saturday, Aug. 4: From 9 a.m. to noon enjoy Breakfast at Tiffany's, an elegant gathering including VIP shopping, champagne and chocolates, all at the Somerset Collection in Troy; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. RM Auctions, Inc. and Vintage Motor Cars will be at Meadow Brook Hall's Shotwell-Gustafson Pavillion; From 6-11 p.m. experience A Night of Surprises party at Meadow Brook Hall.

Sunday, Aug. 5: From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is the Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance and Invitational Art Exhibition and Sale, at Meadow Brook Hall. Tickets cost \$20-\$25, college students admitted free with ID.

For more information: Call (248) 269-7672 or visit www.meadowbrookconcours.org.

CONCOURS

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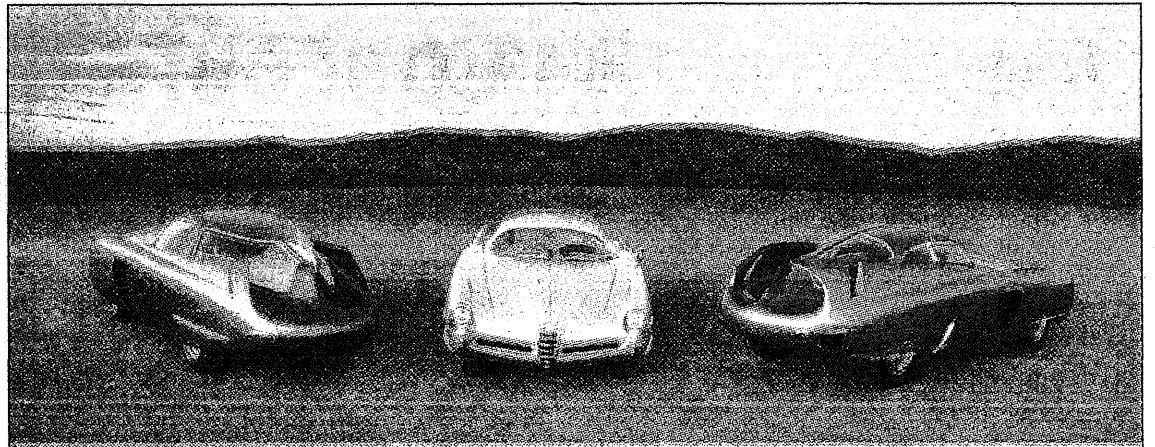
show expands beyond just automobiles this year, with an eye to the sky and a passion for the open road. This year's Hangar Party kicks off Thursday night at Oakland County International Airport, where guests will be surrounded by vintage aircrafts and fast cars. The evening's auction will include trips to Germany and rides in rare aircraft, including sponsor Lufthansa's Ju 52, a three-engine plane.

And for the first time, the Concours itself will feature a selection of historic motorcycles. These "Forty Fours" represent an historic gathering of four cylinder motorcycles by ACE, Henderson, Pierce, Cleveland, Indian and more.

"In essence this is a classic car show," said Smith. "We wanted to add little points of interest that would enhance it."

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Village of Rochester Hills hosts art show

The charming location of the Village of Rochester Hills shopping center will be transformed into an outdoor art gallery when it hosts Summer Fine Art at the Village on Saturday, Aug. 4 and Sunday, Aug. 5.

More than 100 artists from across the United States and Canada have been invited to show their work at Fine Art at the Village. An outside panel of experts juried the entries and asked artists with the highest scores to participate. Admission to the festival is free and parking is free.

Artwork in every media will be featured including ceramics, glass, painting, drawing, multi-media, sculpture, photography, fiber art, wood, jewelry and more. The juried art festival is sponsored by Creative Arts Council, a nonprofit art group. A panel of experts will judge the artwork in the festival and award outstanding entries.

"We believe the beautiful and relaxed atmosphere of the Village of Rochester Hills is the perfect setting to view artwork of this caliber and meet the artists," said Donna Beaubien, executive director of the festival. "Along with enjoying the exciting fine art and fine crafts, patrons can stroll the tree-lined streets and visit the over 50 intriguing shop and restaurants. Children can enjoy the playground and participate in the free arts and crafts activities."

SUMMER FINE ART AT THE VILLAGE

When: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, noon-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5

Where: The Village of Rochester Hills, northeast corner of Walton and Adams.

Admission: Free.

Some of the local artists and their respective media are: Carole Berhorst, Bloomfield Hills, ceramics; Steve Bettwy, Clarkston, photography; Patty Chavarrua and Laura Millikan, Troy, glass; Bob Daily, Rochester Hills, wood; Robert DiTommaso, Rochester, photography; Ruth Heginbottom, Troy, 3-D multimedia; Michelle Hinz, Rochester, painting; Chris and Glenda Hopp, Royal Oak, 3-D multimedia; Peggie Koroncey, Lake Orion, painting; Lucia Lucas, Bloomfield, painting; Michael McManus, Bloomfield Hills, jewelry; Barbara Markham, Rochester, painting; Michael McCollough, Farmington Hills, graphics; James Parker, Rochester Hills, photography; Kathy Boltz Phillips, West Bloomfield, painting; Charlotte Quinn, Auburn Hills, jewelry; Duane and Susan Scherer, Lathrup Village, 2-D multimedia; Diane Sicheneder, Rochester, painting; Paddy and Greg Skwira, Royal Oak, ceramics; Judy Sledge and Brenda Staley, Troy, fiber.

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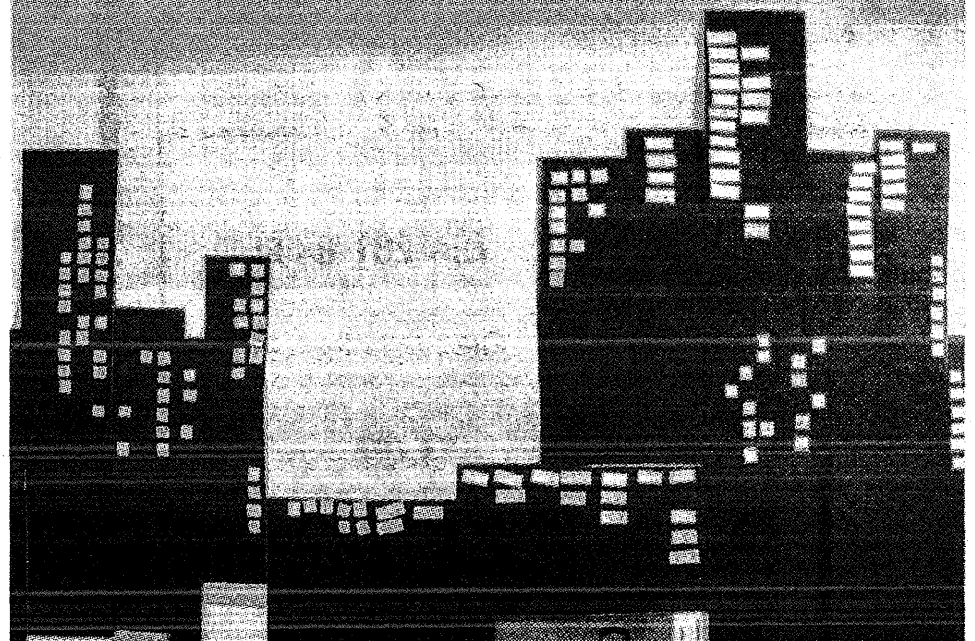
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Gallery celebrates 20 years

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Art galleries come and go in Michigan. Spend just a fraction of time in the local art world and a strange psychology becomes clear: seemingly it appears purchasers prefer to buy from artists who live in big cities like New York or Rome - or from far away exotic places in Tibet.

It's often hard for an artist, from say, Canton, to sell well in fine Michigan galleries even though the quality of art might be just as high.

For the illogical reason of location, galleries that focus on Michigan artists often don't last.

And then there's Lawrence Street Gallery celebrating its 20th year this month.

The gallery is located in the second block south of Nine Mile on the east side of Woodward in Ferndale, but it first originated in Pontiac. It's an artist cooperative that has never let up on its mission to promote local talent.

For the next month the gallery will feature many former members and longtime artist friends of the gallery.

"We have around 60 artists' work in the exhibition as well as the work of our 26 current members," said Laura Host, one of the original LSG members. "All medias are represented. I like to think of it as an air-conditioned art fair. It is incredible original art that is being produced right here in metro Detroit."



LSG TURNS 20

What: Lawrence Street Gallery's Invitational Show

When: Through Aug. 24

Regular gallery hours: Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon-5 p.m.

Where: 22620 Woodward Ave., Suite A, Ferndale, (248) 544-0394

What: A variety of work, both two- and three-dimensional, in all media

Visit: www.lawrencestreetgallery.com

Artists showing work include: Nancy Hopper, Beverly Hills; Susanne Camp, Birmingham; Beverly Smith, Bloomfield; Mary Brown, Bloomfield Hills; Pam Hawley and David O'Bryan, Ferndale; Linda Logan, Huntington Woods; Barbara Murphy, Northville; Greg Smith, Troy; Alice Frank, Deborah Hyde, Rhonda Renton, Judi Richards, Ann Stein and Don Unwin of West Bloomfield and many others.

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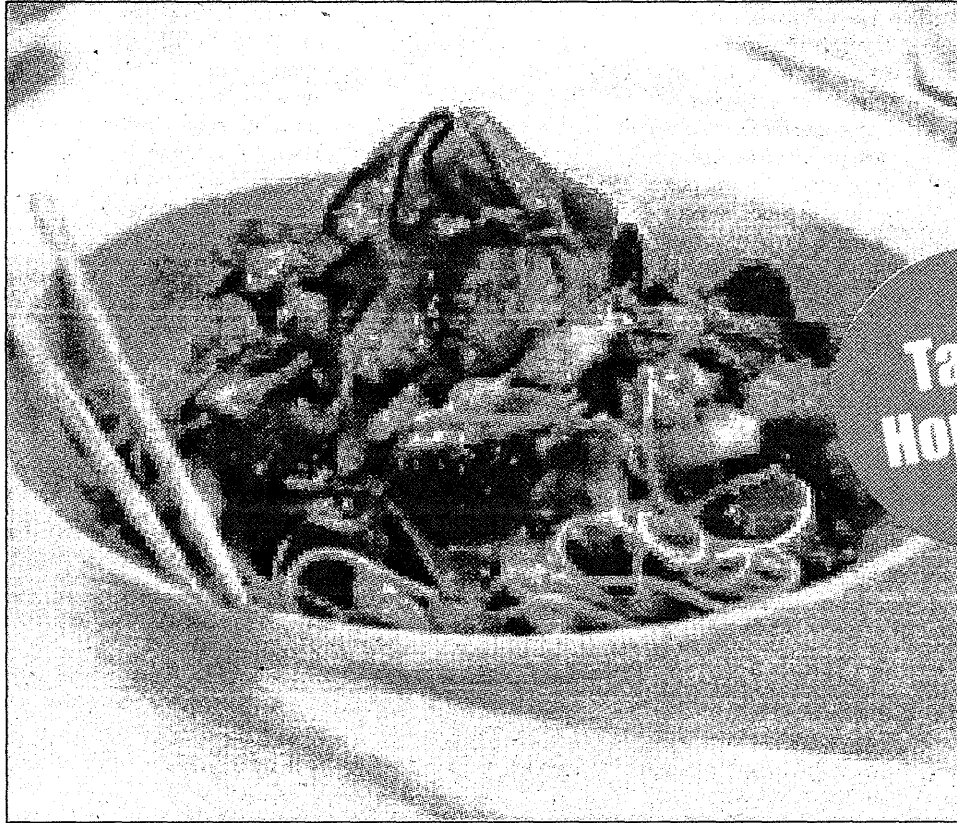


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Noodles, with Asian Vegetables (\$9.59, shown), Sesame Lamb and Shiitake Mushrooms, and Sweet Chili Chicken, are World Sports Grille specialties.

BY WENDY VON BUSKIRK
STAFF WRITER

The nice thing about the World Sports Grille is that you don't have to leave to find entertainment after dinner.

Located inside Gameworks at Great Lakes Crossing, WSG offers guests a universe of amusements, from televised sports to state-of-the-art video games.

Unfortunately, in its effort to offer guests a world of cuisine, it falls short of its ambitions.

Sega Entertainment, Inc. has aggressive plans for WSG. It hopes to open locations across the country, both free-standing and inside its 14 other Gameworks properties.

Detroit was selected as the test market for the concept.

"It's a very sports-centric town," said Clint Manny, senior vice president of marketing for Sega Entertainment, Inc. "We saw Detroit as a huge opportunity to take advantage of those loyal sports fans and bring them something new and different. With the popularity of Gameworks already, the restaurant simply broadens the experience."

WSG has a semi-enclosed family dining room and "patio" jutting into the mall, but

WORLD SPORTS GRILLE

Where: Inside Gameworks at Great Lakes Crossing, 4000 Baldwin Road, Auburn Hills (248) 745-9675

Hours: Monday-Wednesday, 11 a.m.-midnight; Thursday, 11 a.m.-2 a.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-2 a.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Attractions: Great local, national and international sports viewing; open access to Gameworks arcade; karaoke Fridays; billiards; group events welcome

Menu: 'Global Street Fusion' includes pizzas (\$7.99-\$11.99); sandwiches, (\$7.99-\$8.99); noodles (\$9.59-\$11.59) and burgers (\$7.99-\$9.59)

Drinks: Full drink menu ranges from exotic martinis to a bucket of beers

also is integrated right into the Gameworks arcade. A lounge with leather chairs opens into a huge atrium bar with plenty of booth seating, where martinis, margaritas, blasters, chillers and good old beer are in ready supply.

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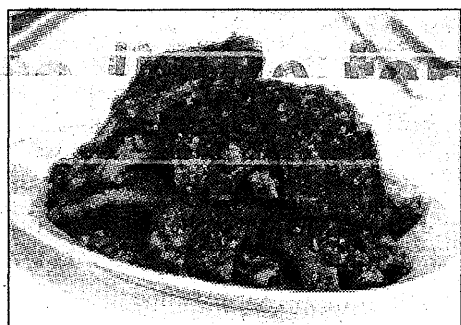
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Szechwan Pork Ribs at World Sports Grille (\$8.49) combine standard American bar fare with a spicy Asian twist.

red pepper chili sauce. The Turkey Burger (\$8.79), topped with avocado, red onions and gorgonzola cheese was a good choice.

But other selections, like the Goat Cheese Salad with beetroot and mandarin oranges (\$8.99); and the red pepper guacamole, were unremarkable, or seemed to include exotic ingredients for the sake of concept alone.

Thankfully, WSG didn't leave out standard sports bar fare like Buffalo Wings (\$7.99); Giant Pepperoni Pizzas (\$8.59); Fish 'n' Chips (\$11.99); Baby Back Ribs (\$12.99 for a half rack) and Classic All American Burgers (\$7.99).

It also offers a simple children's menu printed on a placemat and served with crayons.

As WSG tweaks its menu based on customer input and demand, these simple, traditional selections may end up being the most popular with game fans of all ages.

Ribs smoke at Hart Plaza

The 12th Annual Ribs 'n' Soul Festival returns Aug. 3-5 to Hart Plaza in Detroit.

The Rib Cook-off where master chefs smoke, grill and season ribs to perfection is a tasty competition scheduled on Sunday. This year 12 grillers will compete for Best Ribs and Best Sauce titles. Jackson Five Star Catering owns 2006 bragging rights with first place trophies in both the rib and sauce categories.

Festival hours are 11:00 a.m.-midnight Friday, Aug. 3, noon-midnight Saturday, Aug. 4, and noon-11 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 5. The festival is free to the public. Visit www.ribsn-soul.com for more information.

A TASTE OF SPIAGGIA

Itching to enjoy a mid-summer feast?

"A Taste of Spiaggia" is coming up at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, at Shiraz, honoring the cuisine of Chef Tony Mantuano, owner of Spiaggia, Chicago's special Italian restaurant. Shiraz will be re-creating Mantuano's signature recipes, including Seared Foie Gras with White Corn Polenta, Poached Mediterranean Sea Bass, Agnello (lamb) cooked two ways, and a Mascarpone Torte for dessert. An all-Italian wine package will be offered to pair with each course.

The cost is \$59.95 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Shiraz is located at 30100 Telegraph in Bingham Farms. For reservations, call Shiraz at 248-645-5289.

MAGGIEMOO'S OPENS IN PLYMOUTH

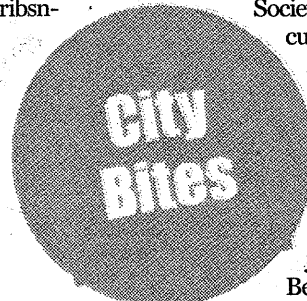
MaggieMoo's Ice Cream & Treatery on Five Mile Road (at Beck) in Plymouth officially opens with a celebration 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Aug. 4 with appearances by Detroit Red Wing Kirk Maltby, members of the Plymouth Whalers, WXYZ-TV sportscaster Vic Faust, and Plymouth Township Supervisor Richard Reaume as well as Miss Maggie Moo herself with fun activities for kids of all ages.

In conjunction with the event, the treatery joined with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to raise funds to help find a cure for blood-related illnesses.

MaggieMoo's will donate 20 percent of the day's sales.

The event will kick-off around 12:30 p.m. with a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony. Throughout the day, Reaume will be joined by Maltby, Faust, Bret Bellemore and A.J. Jenks from the Plymouth Whalers, Faust, and the society's deputy executive director Peggy Pattison, to serve up a few cones as celebrity ice cream scoopers.

The treatery's mascot Miss Maggie Moo will be posing for pictures along with her friend Shooter from the Whalers hockey team. Other activities planned include a princess hour, puppeteers, giveaways and other fun activities - not to mention lots of MaggieMoo's ice cream.



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ART EXHIBITS

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

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

ART GALLERIES

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

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

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

Kresge Art Museum: Training class offered in September 2007, for those who want to be docents at Kresge, and the new Eli and Edythe Broad Museum of Art to open in 2010, call (517) 353-9834 or wolfeal@msu.edu. For more information about the museum visit www.artmuseum.msu.edu

Janice Charach Epstein Gallery: Through the Eye of the Needle - Fabric of Survival, tapestry exhibit of Esther Krintitz, who survived Nazis in Poland and relocated to United States, through Aug. 9, located in the Jewish Community Center, 6600 W. Maple, West Bloomfield.

Lawrence Street Gallery: 20th anniversary with

special invitational show, anniversary bash with live music, 6-9 p.m. Aug. 3, show runs through Aug. 24, 22620 Woodward Ave., Suite A, (east side of Woodward, two blocks south of Nine Mile), Ferndale, (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

Lemberg Gallery: A Changing Exhibition, through Aug. 11, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberggallery.com

Paint Creek Center for the Arts: Israel Davis (ceramic works), through Aug. 4; Jan van der Marck, through Aug. 4; Recent Works by Four Painters: Elizabeth Crank, Tom Humes, Kathy Rashid, Rick Vian, Aug. 17-Sept. 22, closing reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 21, gallery talk 2 p.m. Sept. 22; Julie Russell Smith, Aug. 17-Sept. 22, closing reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 21; 407 Pine St., Rochester, (248) 651-4110 or visit www.pccart.org.

Plymouth Community Arts Council: Fluid Moments by Rein Nomm, An Exhibition of Liquid Art, Aug. 30, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth (734) 416-4278.

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

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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.

Farmington Library: Free Spirits-Life Drawings, Barbara Eko Murphy, through Aug. 31, 23500 Liberty St., (248) 553-0300, www.barbaraeko-murphy.com

Art in the Park: Over 200 juried artists, Sept. 15-16, Shain Park, Birmingham, www.artinthepark.info, (248) 456-8150.

Oakland University Art Gallery: Jef Bourgeois A Retrospective, Sept. 8-Oct. 7, opening reception 6-8 p.m. Sept. 8, artist's talk, 2 p.m. Sept. 23, 208 Wilson Hall, Rochester, (248) 370-3005, www.oakland.edu/ouag.

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3 Running for his life, Matt Damon reprises his role for a third time as hunted assassin Jason Bourne in *The Bourne Ultimatum*, in theaters today.

4 Got the Blues? The G.I. Blues Festival supports soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with the smooth sounds of local legends like Johnnie Bassett and The Alligators. It runs noon to midnight at the Wayne-Ford Civic League. Tickets \$10, call (734) 728-0527.



Paintings by Diane Sicheneder of Rochester will be on sale at Fine Art at the Village.

689-8734 or visit FineArtAtTheVillage.com.

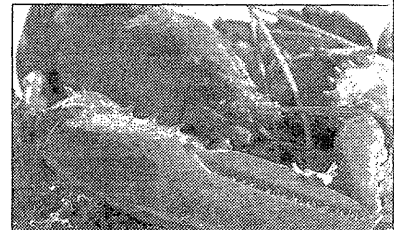
5 Don't miss arts, crafts, food and fun at Fine Art at the Village of Rochester Hills Aug. 4-5. More than 100 artists will sell their wares here, ranging from paintings, ceramics, glass, prints, fibers, jewelry, wood, sculpture, mixed media and more.

Bring the kids for DIA drop-in workshops, and arts projects hosted by characters from the Michigan Renaissance Festival. Call (248)

Tegan and Sara

6 Ticket-holders count yourself lucky, Tegan and Sara have sold out Detroit's elegant Gem Theater tonight. Check out their latest, *The Con*, just out on Vapor/Sire.

7 Every Tuesday Howe's Bayou offers a down-home Lobster dinner special, with all the creole trimmings for \$19.95. Find it at Woodward Avenue just north of Nine Mile in Ferndale.



8 Always ethereal Texas natives Easley take over Detroit's City Theatre tonight at 8 p.m. Tickets \$15, call (248) 645-6666.

CLASSICAL

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Northwestern Highway, Southfield, (248) 208-7500, www.piofsouthfield.com

The Magic Bag: Lez Zeppelin, Aug. 9; Stan Ridgeway, Aug. 10, at 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, call (248) 544-1991.

Seldom Blues: Big Band Wednesdays with Johnny Trudell and his 18-piece band, 7-11 p.m., playing a mix of jazz favorites, located in Tower 400, Level 1 of the GM Renaissance Center next to the Marriott, call (313) 567-7301.

COMEDY

Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club: Manny Shields, Aug. 3-4; Steve Bills, Aug. 10-11; Gary Thison, Aug. 17-18; Dennis Ross, Aug. 24-25; Boys Night Out with Steve Lind, Russ Brown and Mike Malec, Aug. 31-Sept. 1; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

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DTE Energy Music Theater: Blood, Sweat & Tears with Chuck Negron, Aug. 2; Pat Benatar with Lennon, Aug. 3; Opie & Anthony's Traveling Virus, Aug. 4; Bryan Adams with George Thorogood & The Destroyers, Aug. 8; 311 with Matisyahu and the English Beat, Aug. 9; visit palacenet.com or call (248) 377-0100.

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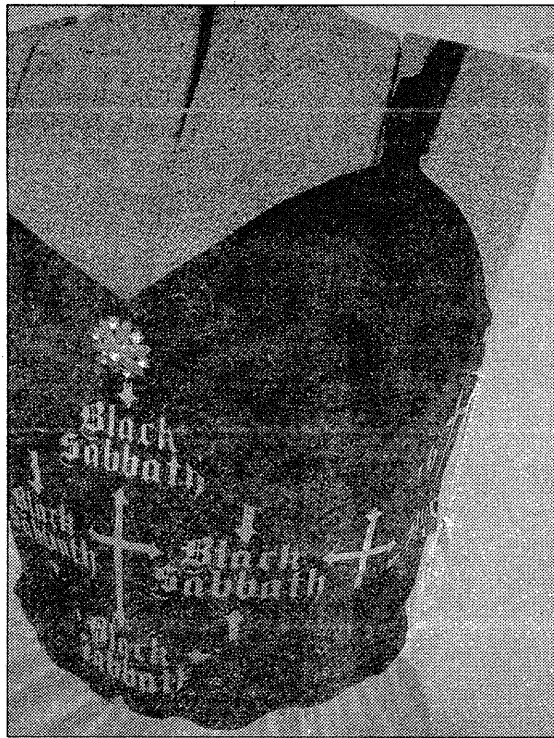
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CONCERTS-FUTURE

DTE Energy Music Theater: John Michael Montgomery, Aug. 10; Marilyn Manson and Slayer, Aug. 11; Aretha Franklin, Aug. 12; Great White/Dokken with Jani Lane and LA Guns, Aug. 16; The Temptations/The Four Tops, Aug. 17; The Music of Led Zeppelin: A Rock Symphony, Aug. 18; Michael W. Smith/Third Day with Sanctus Real, Aug. 19; Projekt Revolution Tour 2007 with Linkin Park, Aug. 22; Dave Matthews Band with Pete Yorn, Aug. 23; The Allman Brothers Band with Robert Randolph and The Family Band, Aug. 24; Big & Rich with Cowboy Troy, Aug. 25; Ozzfest, Aug. 26; Velvet Revolver with Alice in Chains and Kill Hannah, Aug. 27; Rush, Aug. 28; Rock the Bells Festival with Wu-Tang Clan, Nas, Talib Kweli, Pharoahe Monch, Immortal Technique, Aug. 29; Ted Nugent, Sept. 1; call (248) 645-6666 or visit palacenet.com.

Fox Theatre: The Smashing Pumpkins, Oct. 7, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, (248) 433-1515.

Check out these charming charms, created by Heather Fagan of Birds Gather.



Adrienne Goloda's whiskynlace line includes rock star-worthy attire.

Handmade Detroit leads a DIY revolution

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA
STAFF WRITER

Those crafty individuals behind Handmade Detroit are putting the finishing touches on the 2007 Detroit Urban Craft Fair. What began with just a handful of artists selling handmade goods at home shows in 2005 has spawned regular Sunday Crafternoon events in Ferndale and now this highly-anticipated annual event that spotlights creative efforts in Michigan and beyond.

Handmade Detroit is a local DIY collective consisting of five volunteers, its founders Carey Gustafson and the *Observer & Eccentric's* own Stephanie Tardy, as well as Lish Dorset, and Amy Cronkite and Bethany Nixon. After a year of steady growth and interest thanks to Web sites like Myspace and word-of-mouth, the group ventured into new territory last summer offering up the first Detroit Urban Craft Fair. More than 1,000 people attended. This year, organizers expect that number will double.

So far 61 crafters have signed up to show off and sell their wares inside the Majestic Theater. Eastpointe stained glass artist Heather Fagan is one of them.

Fagan said she's always had a fascination with the forest. "I grew up in Port Sanilac," she said. "My mom and dad live in the woods." Inspired by those surroundings, she found a way to bring the outdoors inside, and began making jewelry. With her company, Birds Gather, Fagan crafts and sells Birch Bark and Cherry Tree Bark cuff bracelets.

"It's an interesting texture to work with," she said. "Every piece is different and unique." She's expanded to necklaces and earrings also made of the natural material- which she gathers from her family's own property. "I meander through the woods," she said, adding that her family sometimes helps collect pieces of bark. Then, she soaks and cleans them before choosing just the right pieces for her jewelry.

"It's a slow process," Fagan said. Each cuff is cut and dried, covered with a protective coating and then a magnetic clasp is added. She started working on her pieces as early as October and plans to bring a couple hundred items to sell at the fair. In addition to her bark cuffs, shoppers will find some stained glass jewelry. This is Fagan's first year as a participant at the DUCF. "I'm excited for it," she said.

Like many of this year's vendors, Fagan has noticed a rise in the popularity of crafts and crafting. She attributed it to being an attainable art, something that's easy to make in your spare time, and can be sold at lower price points than fine art.

There's a plethora of creativity in Detroit, Fagan said, calling places like Detroit's College for Creative Studies an "art mecca."

Becki Chernoff, a Royal Oak resident, was a shopper at last year's DUCF and this year she'll be a vendor. She started throwing pottery in high school and said she's "loved it ever since." Though she works full-time as an engineer, she has

DETROIT URBAN CRAFT FAIR

When: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 4, with an afterparty to follow.

Where: The Majestic Theatre, 4120 Woodward Ave., Detroit

What: Find a wide array of handmade wares including apparel, jewelry, bath and body products, baby items, pottery, glassware, plush animals and more.

Admission: Free, all ages

Get Crafty: DUCF presents Make and Take workshops this year

10 a.m. Learn to make kid's jewelry with Cat of Kitty Deluxe

1 p.m. Make magnets or learn to embroider with Talking Squid

3 p.m. Learn to make books courtesy of Ra Ra Press

Support Creativity: Join in the 50-50 raffle which supports the event and will make it possible for Handmade Detroit to provide a DIY grant to a local maker in 2008.

Go Early: The first 50 people through the door will receive free swag bags. And don't forget to grab a free program guide. In addition to a map of the fair, it includes articles and how-to stories from Handmade Detroit.

Learn More: Visit www.detroiturbancraftfair.com or www.handmadedetroit.com

See this orange vase at the Detroit Urban Craft Fair. It is part of the bX Ceramics collection by Becki Chernoff.

Celebrate Armenian culture Aug. 8

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

There's been a lot of firsts in Birmingham this year - first year for the Lebanese festival and next week it will be the first year for an Armenian Festival at Shain Park.

Armenian music and food are the focal points for the festival, scheduled 6-10 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8.

Meals include fried bulgar balls and other Middle Eastern type cuisines such as hummus (chickpeas with tahini

sauce) and baba ganoosh (an eggplant dip.)

Savor Armenian specialties including kebabs, stuffed grape leaves with rice or meat and cheese-filled pastry will be prepared by Gary Reizian of Uptown Catering.

The festival is an opportunity for people to learn about the culture; about 30,000 Armenian-Americans live in metro Detroit. (Los Angeles has the largest population with more than 350,000.)

"We will be playing traditional

Armenian music - upbeat dancing music to get the crowd excited," said festival organizer Ara Topouzian who is also a musician. The evening features dancing by the Hamazkayin Arax Armenian Dance Group of Detroit; Armenian music by The Ara Topouzian Ensemble featuring Mal Barsamian, clarinet virtuoso from Massachusetts; Jay Baronian, dumbeg and vocals from Massachusetts; Kirk Kuchukian, oud; Ara Topouzian, kanun; and Tom Zakarian, guitar.

Do some of those instruments seem unfamiliar? These musicians will be

happy to answer questions. The kanun is a type of lap harp - an intricate, complicated instrument that is a descendant of an Egyptian harp. The oud (which means "the wood") is a stringed instrument. The dumbeg is an hour-glass shaped drum and is popular in Armenian music.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket to the festival. Admission is free.

Shain Park is located on Bates Street, south of Maple Road and west of Woodward Avenue in downtown Birmingham.

The festival is presented by the city of Birmingham and The Armenian Festival Committee. Call (248) 646-7847 for more information.

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Heather Fagan of Birds Gather creates these White Birch Bark cuffs, which will be on sale at this year's Detroit Urban Craft Fair.

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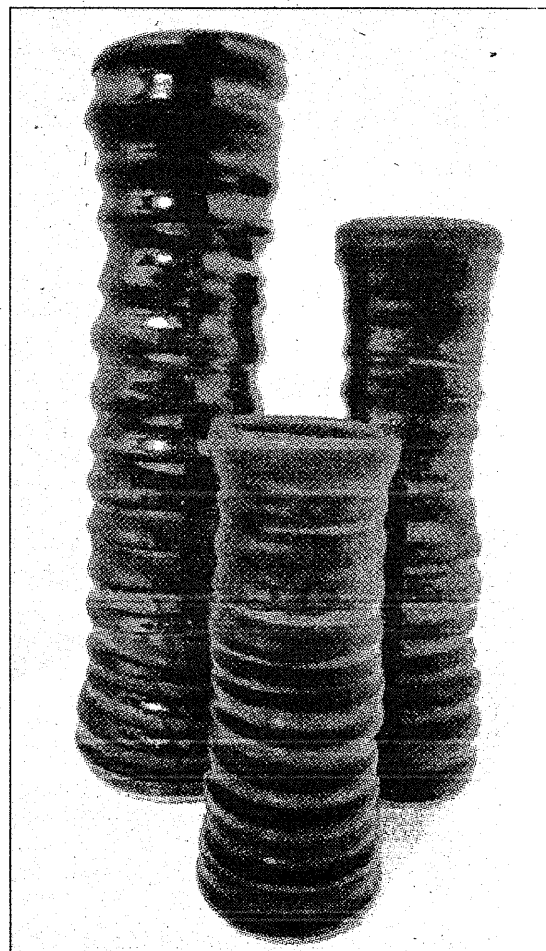
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access to a studio at OCC in Royal Oak where she makes mugs, bowls, vases and more for her bX Ceramics line. "It's the thing that keeps me going," she said.

Chernoff's work has evolved from a method of complete precision to a more organic freeform process, she said. She plans to bring about 50 pieces to the show. "It's not your mother's craft show," Chernoff said. "It's our renegade craft fair. It needed to happen. This community needed something like this. I'm more psyched for this than I am for my 30th birthday two days later. I feel honored to be included."

Like last year's event, DUCF will take over the Majestic complex, which offers food in the Majestic Cafe and Sgt. Pepperoni's. New this year is an afterparty - featuring the band Wildcatting - upstairs in the Magic Stick. Entrance to the show is free before 9 p.m. And don't miss the concurrent art show, *Make Nice Things About Detroit*, already in progress at the Majestic Cafe. It runs through Aug. 27.

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Becki Chernoff of bX Ceramics created these blue vases. Her work will be on display Aug. 4 at the Detroit Urban Craft Fair.

Michigan film shot for \$1,000 wins awards

BY LANA MINI
STAFF WRITER

Take the low-budget movie challenge: Consider your favorite movie of the year (for example, *Spider-Man 3*, which cost more than \$250 million to make), and compare it to another movie (*Broken*, costing a mere \$985.) Now we're not saying the quality of *Broken*, technology-wise, will be as good. But, is it anywhere near as enjoyable as Spidey?

Our guess is yes, but don't bring the kids to *Broken*. This is a film aimed for those 17 and over.

Broken, directed by Derek Justice of Farmington and David DeLeon of Sandusky earned a standing ovation at the Cleveland International Film Festival. It also was recognized by the Bravo show, *Project Greenlight*, sponsored by Miramax, Matt Damon and Ben Affleck.

Broken is playing at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 3 at the Trinity Film Festival in the Renaissance Marriott Hotel in Detroit. This festival celebrates shorter Michigan films.

"We're honored that the Trinity Film Festival chose our film," said Justice. "It's exciting to be accepted into the first two film festivals we've entered this year and especially because we shot most of the film in Detroit and Cleveland."

Broken is the story of Christian, played by David Gries (of Zeeland), whose life is shattered as a child who witnesses his father murder his mother. Twenty years later, he numbs

BROKEN

See it: At the Trinity Film Festival, 5:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 3

What makes Broken special: It was one of the 250 finalists, out of 7,000, on Project Greenlight, sponsored by Matt Damon and Ben Affleck. And, yes, the directors shot it for under \$1,000.

Directors: Derek Justice, of Farmington and David DeLeon of Sandusky.

Awards: Won first place in the Best Crime Drama category at The Indie Gathering film festival in Cleveland.

The festival: www.trinityfilmcoalition.com, Detroit Renaissance Marriott Hotel, Renaissance Center, Detroit, (313) 568-8000. Click here to see the trailer: www.broken-movie.com

that memory through art and heroin.

Aziza Amy Poggi of Grand Rapids co-stars as Beth, a magazine editor sent to retrieve Christian's artwork for the next issue. Steve Hopton of Mount Clemens is Beth's abusive boyfriend.

"Broken is a love triangle of sorts," Hopton said. "This film reflects on issues we may not see or hear about but it could really hit home with some viewers. It's a very real type of movie."



The cast of the film "Broken" is director David DeLeon, of Sandusky, Ohio (left); actor Adam Hill, Garden City; actor Matt Lang, Grand Rapids; director Derek Justice, Farmington, and cameraman Karl Roosa, Canton. Sitting is lead actor David Gries of Zeeland.

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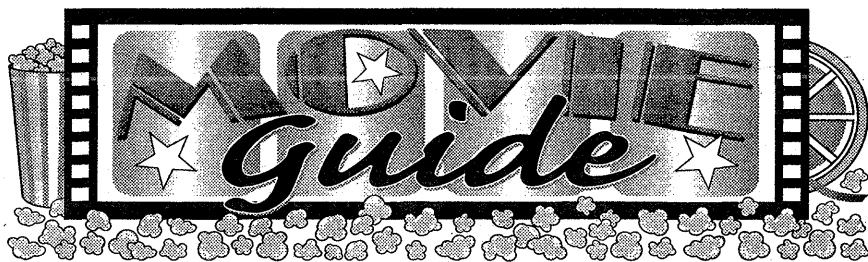
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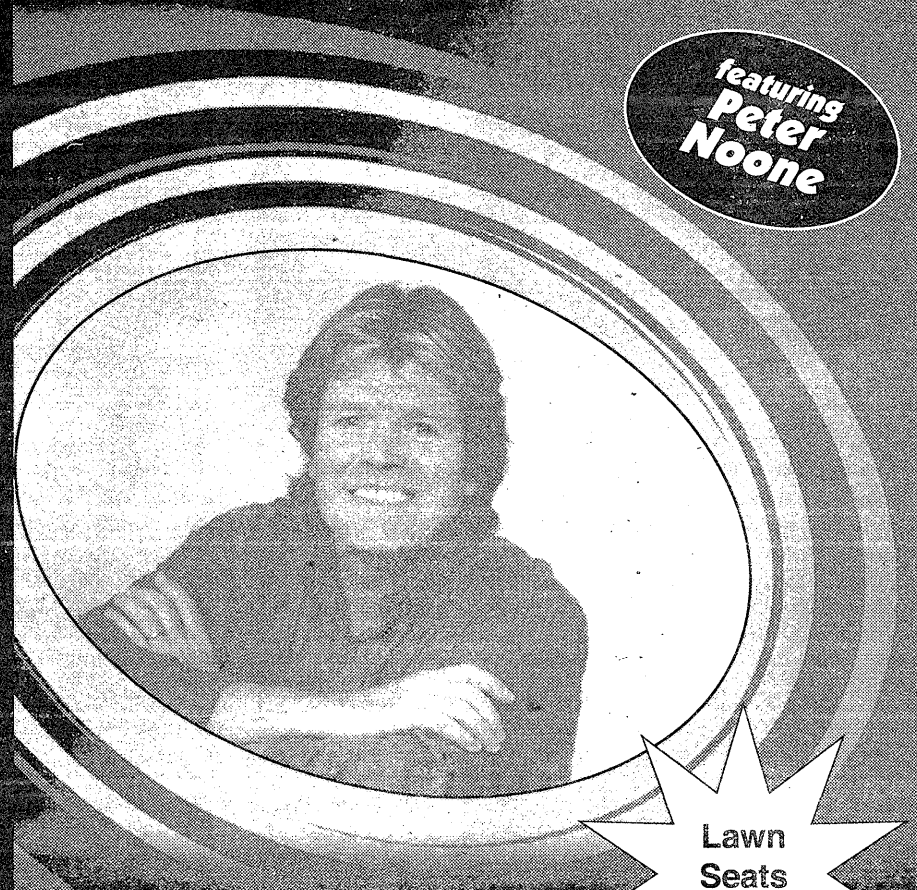
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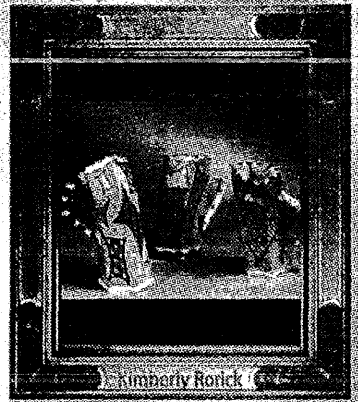
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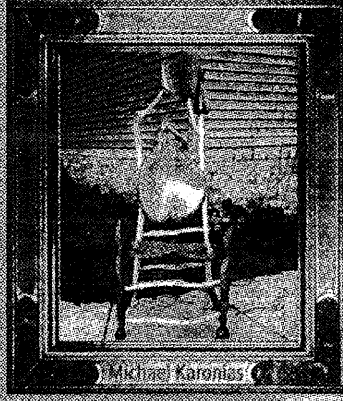
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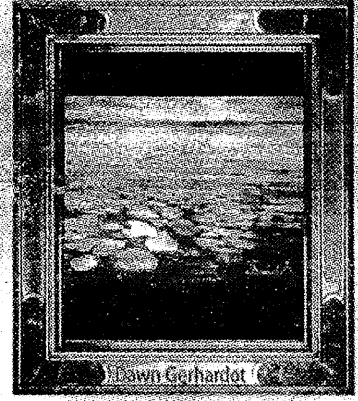
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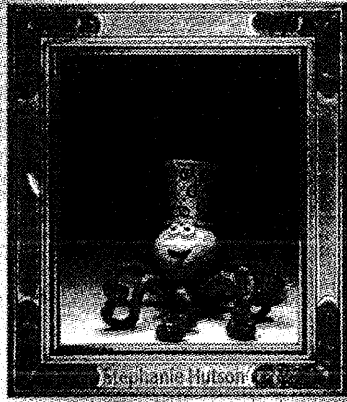
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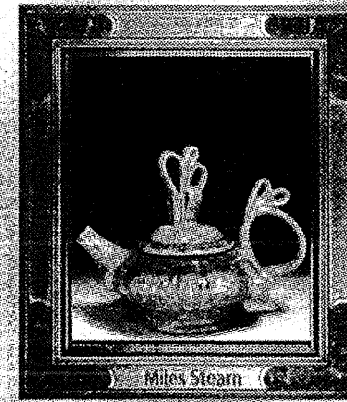
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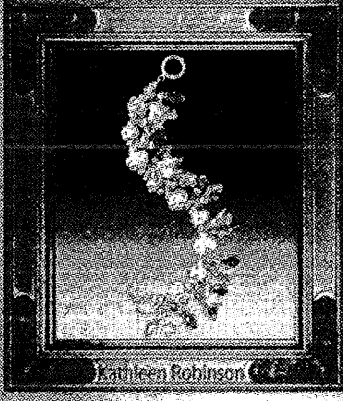
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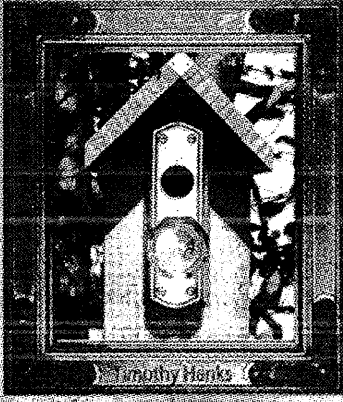
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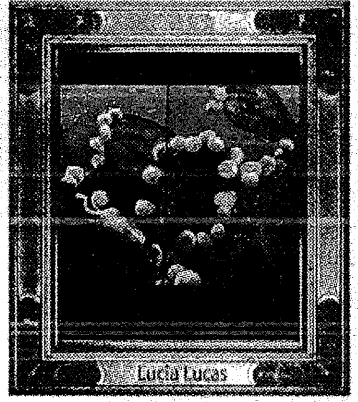
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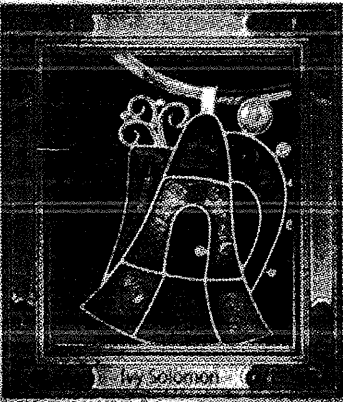
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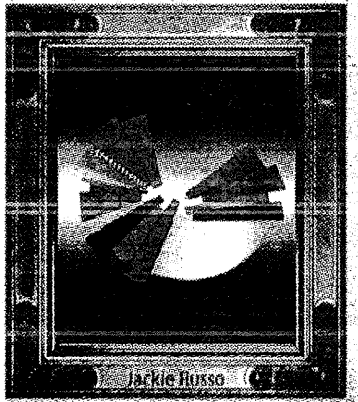
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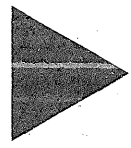
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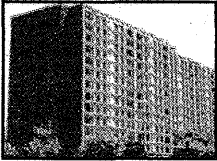
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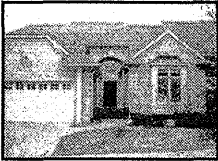
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\$65,000 (P-800MO)



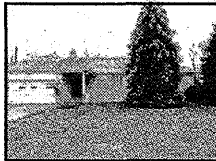
EXECUTIVE CONDO LIVING Plymouth's prestigious Mallard Pond! Beautiful 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo w/1st floor master, gourmet island Kitchen, full bsmt, 2 car Garage, paver walkway, large Patio, & tastefully decorated t/o.
\$355,900 (P-411HI)



COUNTRY SETTING 4 bd, 2 bath ranch situated on 2 acres & features 2 Garages, finished bsmt, new roof shingles, new carpet, 4 doorwalls, gazebo off Master, & large Island Kitchen.
\$299,900 (C-660TU)



LOCATION! LOCATION! Wonderful 4' bd, 2.5 bath colonial located on almost an acre in Livonia. Spacious rooms, updated Kitchen, formal Din Rm, hwd floors, fresh paint, private yard, & home warranty included.
\$224,900 (C-000HE)



MECHANIC'S DREAM Let your dreams come true in this 3 bd brick ranch w/huge 3 car Garage w/pit & a drive rear door. Large fenced lot can be split, nice eat in Kitchen, full bsmt, & covered Patio.
\$189,900 (C-025JO)



BRAND NEW CONDO Fantastic Plymouth location overlooking woods & park. Top quality construction, cathedral ceilings, walkout bsmt, 3.5 baths, 2 car attached Garage, & more. More units available!
\$279,900 (P-955RI)



CUSTOM BUILT This is it! Gorgeous home featuring a 2 story Foyer, Great Room w/ marble fireplace, gourmet island Kitchen w/granite, 1st floor Master, formal Dining, brick paver Patio, & backs to commons.
\$435,000 (P-020AB)



NEWLY REMODELED This home is like "brand new"! Everything has been done for you, elec, plumb, windows, roof, Kitchen, bath, & so much more. Corner lot, great porch & Deck, & huge Master Bedroom.
\$89,999 (C-853FL)



CHARMING HOME Updated interior, newer roof, electrical, 2 bd, 1 bath, oversized lots, 2 car Garage, super 1/3 acre, full bsmt, & much more to offer.
\$139,998 (P-461PI)



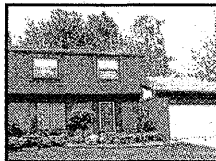
READY TO MOVE INTO! Nice & open 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch in Westland, freshly painted & new carpet t/o, updated Kitchen, finished bsmt, large Great Room w/frpl, fantastic backyard, & more.
\$154,900 (C-274DO)



CONVENIENTLY LOCATED This open 2 bd, 2 bath Livonia condo features a 2 story entry, formal Dining, large Kitchen w/nook, finished bsmt w/daylight windows, & good location.
\$297,000 (P-661NE)



CHARMING STONE HOME 4.65 Acres embraces this charming 4 bedroom home. Fireplace, hwd & ceramic floors welcomes you home. 48X30 pole barn. Swimming pool. Built in 1930 w/ numerous updates.
\$324,900 (P-291NO)



A RARE FIND! 2 story colonial w/updated windows, roof, & brand new furnace. Formal Living & Dining Rooms, separate Fam Rm w/frpl, large Master Suite & partially finished lower level.
\$199,000 (P-119RV)



EXECUTIVE RETREAT Acreage, privacy, walkout bsmt, wine cellar, maple & granite Kitchen, custom tile work, vaulted bonus room, pool room, home theater, & situated on 4+ acres.
\$524,900 (C-015SA)



GREAT OPPORTUNITY Canton condo featuring a large Family Room w/frpl, Kitchen w/hwd, finished lower level, large Master w/WIC, & convenient location.
\$119,000 (P-101VI)



DRESSED IN ITS SUNDAY BEST Fabulous home featuring formal Living & Dining Rms, private Den, separate Family Rm, spacious maple Kitchen w/granite, Master w/his & her WIC's, & profess.finished lower level.
\$449,900 (P-308WE)



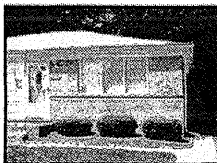
CUSTOM HOME ON WOODED LOT Popular Huron Hills sub boasting custom features like circular round top windows, 2 decks, oversized garage, paver walkways, Great Cape Cod floor plan, 3 bd & 2.5 baths.
\$309,900 (P-630HU)



FULLY FURNISHED CONDO Perfect for rental or 1st time buyer. Very clean, 2 bd, 1 bath, open floor plan, large Dining Area, Deck off Living Rm & Master, neutral decor t/o, & all appl stay.
\$100,000 (P-670PL)



HISTORIC COLONIAL Fabulous home built for Henry Ford's sister. Over 3000 sq ft, breathtaking private yard, gorgeous Kitchen, Great Room w/frpl & cath ceiling, Master w/sitting area, bath, & balcony overlooking landscaped yard.
\$579,900 (P-154RI)



SHARP & CLEAN CONDO This 2 bd, 1 bath Ikea decorated condo is ready for you. Remodeled Kitchen, bath, newer windows, hwd floors, nice backyard, newer landscaping, full bsmt, & appliances stay.
\$69,900 (P-022ST)



QUALITY RANCH Birmingham Farms sub in Bloomfield Hills offers this fabulous home featuring 3 bd, Family Room w/2 way fireplace, 1st fl laundry, & priced right!
\$350,000 (C-532TI)



MOTIVATED SELLER Lovely 3 bd home on beautifully landscaped acreage. Updated C/A, htw, roof, Kitchen, baths, & windows. 3.91 acres w/pole barn, 200x70 sand arena/rec area, garden, berry bushes & more.
\$300,000 (P-419WA)



ELEGANT COUNTRY LIVING Huron Twp 2 story, 3 bd, 2.5 bath home on a large lot backing to woods. Upgraded granite c-tops, solid six panel doors exhibit the quality of this home. 3 car Garage w/ large driveway.
\$269,000 (P-965FR)



BETTER THAN NEW! This awesome 3 bd ranch home offers an updated Kitchen, updated baths, neutral decor, updates galore, Woodhaven Schools, & it's ready for you to move in to!
\$119,900 (C-051ME)



MOVE-IN CONDITION Decorated w/designer colors t/o. Hwd floors, attached Garage, open area upstairs could be library or study. Great Room wired for surround sound, & Patio area planted w/beautiful perennials.
\$149,900 (C-110NE)



POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE Spacious colonial w/over 2300 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, new lead glass entry door, updated maple Kitchen w/Corian, nook w/new doorwall, updated powder room, formal dining, Fam Rm w/frpl, & 1st fl laundry.
\$254,900 (C-556OA)



OUTSTANDING Beautiful Plymouth home featuring 5 bd, 3 full & 2 half baths, 4 car Garage, open floor plan, cherry Kitchen w/granite, 1st floor laundry, luxurious Master w/bath, premium walkout lot, & great location.
\$750,000 (P-571OL)



ALL SPORTS LAKE! Gorgeous home on private School Lake. Offering 3 bd, 2 baths, island Kitchen w/ceramic, Liv Rm w/cath ceiling & doorwall to Deck w/hot tub. Prof landscaped, oversized Garage, seawall, firepit, dock, & Pontoon Boat included!
\$364,900 (C-629PA)



SERENE SETTING Stunning cape cod situated on 7+ acres in Salem Twp offering a 1st floor Master w/bath & WIC, stunning Kitchen w/butler's pantry, 72x62 Pole Barn, 1st floor laundry, walkout bsmt, & on a private road.
\$1,399,900 (C-610PR)



STOP LOOKING NOW! Beautiful 3 bd, 2.5 bath brick ranch featuring a finished bsmt, spaious Kitchen, updated tear off roof & windows, privacy fenced rear yard, 2.5 car garage, close to parks & quick occupancy.
\$145,000 (P-711RO)



LOOK NO MORE! Beautiful updated colonial w/hwd floors, updated granite Kitchen, Fam Rm w/frpl, formal Liv & Din Rms, spacious Master w/WIC & updated bath, finished bsmt, beautiful yard w/Patio & pond w/waterfall.
\$248,900 (P-616WE)



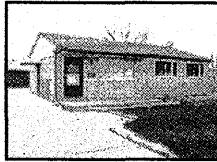
HUGE YARD!! Lovely updated home on almost acre of land backing to woods. Newer paint, refinished hardwood floors, vinyl windows with warranty, & a 2 car garage.
\$120,000 (C-721HA)



ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS Fantastic 2 bd condo featuring neutral decor, huge Master w/WIC, open floor plan, hwd in Kitchen, Dining Room w/bay window, full bsmt, & Patio.
\$129,895 (C-599AR)



GORGEOUS RANCH Beautiful Livonia ranch - ready to move into! Open spacious rooms, neutral decor & carpet, oak cabinets, newer roof, updated Kitchen, Bath, awesome neighborhood & more.
\$214,900 (C-668BA)



THIS ONE IS SPECIAL! All the updates in this stunning home. Cherry Kitchen, Pergo flooring, new roof, updated baths, windows, plumb, paint, windows, prof finished bsmt, oversized Garage, & fenced yard.
\$148,000 (C-435BR)



EXCEPTIONAL CAPE COD Walled Lake Come see this great home featuring a 2 story Great Room, fresh paint, new carpet, large Kitchen w/2 way frpl, 1st attached Garage, private floor Master, 3 bd & a Den on bsmt, & more. Great location 2nd floor, freshly painted, 3 car & price! Also avail for lease. Garage, Deck, paver Patio, huge bsmt, & more.
\$439,900 (C-311CH)



UNBEATABLE LOCATION You'll love how close this 2 bd, 2 story condo is to fine shops, restaurants, & parks. Quality built, full basement, view of park from the front & privacy in the back.
\$149,900 (C-533ET)



BACKS TO TREES & PARKS Immaculately maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath Canton home. Updates include roof, windows, lighting, Kitchen, whirlpool tub, fresh paint, fresh landscaping, 1st floor laundry, above ground pool w/large Deck, & more.
\$225,000 (C-607FA)



EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD Great home surrounded by larger, higher priced homes. Crestwood schools, very clean & neutral t/o, too many nice updates to list, fenced yard, & close to everything.
\$63,500 (C-418FE)

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ROOM TO ROAM 4 bd bungalow w/2 full baths, full bsmt, 1330 sq ft, formal Din Rm, large Kitchen, 1st floor laundry, updated roof, furnace, C/A, windows, fenced yard w/2 sheds, & more.
\$106,900 (C-210HA)



CUTE RANCH 3 bd brick ranch on a pretty tree lined street. Freshly painted t/o, hwd, new furnace & C/A, part finished bsmt w/lav, & good location. Sellers are very motivated!
\$115,000 (C-944HE)



SPACIOUS HOME Ready for you to move in! Freshly painted, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, newer carpet & flooring, 1st fl laundry, Fam Rm w/crown molding & frpl, paver Patio, island Kitchen w/all appl, & side entry Garage.
\$309,000 (C-958HE)



CLEAN BRICK RANCH Nice home in great neighborhood featuring 3 bd, 2 baths, newer windows, furnace, C/A, hwh, updated Kitchen, LR w/frpl, formal Dining, part finished bsmt, large lot w/privacy fence, & Garage.
\$154,900 (P-330HE)



BETTER THAN NEW! Before you spend \$1,000's more on new construction, come check out this upgraded cape cod! Tray ceilings, central vac, prof landscaping w/pavers, cherry Kitch, 1st fl Master, & great location w/wooded views.
\$260,000 (C-042HI)



WELCOME HOME Elegant home featuring a formal LR & DR, Family Room, Home Theater area, 4 bd, 3 full & 3 half baths, extensive landscaping, 3 car Garage & much more.
\$446,900 (C-874LI)



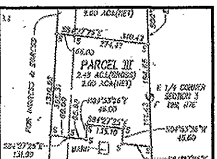
UPDATED CANTON COLONIAL Beautifully updated 3 bd, 1.5 bath Canton home. Bright open floor plan, formal Liv Rm, maple Kitchen w/granite, prof finished bsmt w/egress window, new furnace, C/A, & hwh, updated siding & windows.
\$225,000 (P-824MA)



UPDATED HOME Cute 3 bd home featuring updated windows, updated roof, 2 tiered elevated Deck, hwd floors, coved ceilings, extra deep 1.5 car Garage & a home warranty.
\$74,900 (C-435MO)



CANTON COLONIAL Spacious 4 bd home on a court! 1st floor Den, huge Sunroom w/6 person hotub, updated roof & furnace, 18 x 14 elevated Deck, oversized lot, & home warranty included!
\$209,000 (C-225PE)



BUILDABLE LOTS. 2 lots still available in Superior Twp w/ Plymouth mailing address. Both lots nestled among mature trees & set off a private rd. Plenty of options. Lot sizes are 2.25 acres & 2.49 acres. Call for details.
\$175,000 & up (C-847AN)



BEAUTIFUL BRICK BUNGALOW When only the best will do! Spacious floor plan offers 3 bd, Master w/1/2 bath, hwd floors, coved ceilings, Liv Rm w/frpl, updated bath, new windows & carpet, freshly painted, & too much more to list.
\$109,900 (C-421PI)



TREE LINED STREET Popular Plymouth location, 2 story colonial w/large Kitchen, Family Room w/frpl, full bsmt, attached Garage, & fenced yard. Close to downtown shopping & events.
\$179,900 (C-533PO)



CAPE COD CONDO Enjoy the comforts of a free standing home w/the convenience of a condo. Many upgrades t/o including granite, Jenn-Air stove top, gas frpl in large Great Rm, 1st fl Master w/WIC & bath, 2 car Garage & more.
\$358,000 (C-021SA)



BEAUTIFUL LAKE VIEWS Access to all sports Tioga Lake. 2500 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 bath ranch w/wide open floor plan, huge rooms, large Kitchen, Master w/bath & doorwall to Deck spanning the rear of the home. A must see!
\$210,000 (C-600UN)



COUNTRY LOT IN THE CITY Wide buildable lot in an area of newer 1400-1700 sq ft homes. Treed rear & western boundary, great location just a few steps away from Lawson Field & playground.
\$29,900 (C-574VA)



STOP RENTING NOW! You could own this clean Westland condo in a quiet location. New carpet, appliances stay, gas Fireplace, Patio, & move in ready.
\$74,999 (C-380WO)



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



CLASSIC RANCH HOME Gorgeous ranch situated on 1 acre featuring a beautiful Master Suite w/Jacuzzi tub & custom shower, hwd floors, skylights, Living Rm w/frpl, 2 car Garage, & prof landscaped.
\$249,900 (C-711ME)



NEAT & CLEAN Big updates in this 3 bd Redford home. New furnace & C/A in '06, updated roof & windows, new garage in '04, neutral décor, spacious Master, neutral decor, Liv Rm w/new carpet, & good location.
\$114,900 (P-956AR)



CANTON COUNTRY RANCH Beautifully updated home tucked away yet close to freeways & shopping. No expense spared! Spacious floor plan, cherry Kitchen w/granite & stain still appls, 1st fl laun, finished bsmt, & so much more.
\$365,000 (P-757BE)



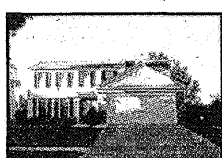
FORD LAKEFRONT LIVING Cliffs Landing end unit ranch condo offers 3 bd, great lake views, huge Master, spacious Liv Rm w/frpl, updated windows, balcony, fresh paint, new carpet, & neighborhood pool.
\$144,900 (P-655CL)



BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION Great new construction condo featuring a Great Room w/soaring ceiling, 2.5 baths, Master w/sitting area, gorgeous Kitchen, private basement, & great location. More units avail, call for details.
\$229,900 (P-756CO)



PRIDE SHINES THROUGH Freshly painted Canton colonial offers a traditional floor plan w/formal Liv & Din Rms, Fam Rm w/frpl, updated Kitchen w/granite, ceramic, & all appliances, Master w/volume ceiling & WIC.
\$359,900 (P-573CR)



MOVE RIGHT IN! Well maintained 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial featuring a 2 car Garage, nice landscaped yard w/shed, close to schools & shopping, good floor plan, & a privacy fence.
\$210,000 (P-815DO)



UPDATED RANCH Brick ranch w/updated windows, roof, furnace, & C/A. Large eat-in Kitchen w/light wood cabinets, Liv Rm & Bedrooms w/hwd floors, partially finished bsmt, 2 car det Garage, & fenced yard.
\$124,000 (P-101HA)



PRIVATE RANCH CONDO Maintenance free end unit condo. Assoc fees include taxes, gas, water, & maintenance. Clubhouse w/heated pool, & great Northville location.
\$60,000 (P-281JA)



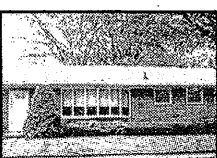
UNBELIEVABLE LOW PRICE Great Westland condo w/Livonia Schools. Open floor plan, Liv Rm w/patio door to balcony, new water heater, in-unit laundry, assoc dues includes water, area pool, & good location.
\$74,900 (P-590MA)



CURB APPEAL++ You'll love this 3 bd home w/fresh paint, newer flooring, vinyl windows, C/A, partially finished bsmt, appliances included, & large fenced yard lot w/newer Patio & shed. Don't wait on this one!
\$134,500 (P-396NE)



FANTASTIC PRICE 3 bd farmhouse w/updated windows, doors, hwh, coved ceilings, hwd floors, Pottery Barn colors, large fenced yard, & close to parks & library.
\$138,900 (P-824PA)



GREAT OPPORTUNITY Priced to sell & ready for new owners! Beautiful brick ranch w/remod Kitch, 3 season room, newer windows, 2 car Garage, finished bsmt, sprinklers, & close to everything.
\$154,900 (P-812PI)



GREAT FIND Check out this 3 bd bungalow on an acre in convenient Superior Twp location. Beautiful country setting. Enclosed front porch, hwd floors, full walkout bsmt, 2 car Garage, HUGE Master, & Ann Arbor Schools.
\$199,900 (P-445PL)



ELEGANT & AFFORDABLE 2803 sq ft colonial offers 4 bd, 2.5 baths, excellent curb appeal, located deep in sub, luxury Master w/bath & WIC, big Kitchen, extra deep walkout bsmt, & appliances stay.
\$419,900 (P-900RE)



GREAT PLACE TO CALL HOME Barely lived in Ellsworth features 2 story Foyer, formal Liv & Din Rms, Fam Rm w/frpl & bridge overlook, dream Kitchen w/cherry, stunning Master w/spa bath & 2 WIC's.
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Real Estate Appraising & Sales

Century 21 Today has career seminars Tuesday or Saturday noon to 1 p.m. through August at 28544 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills. Steve Leibhan, (248) 855-2000, Ext. 238.

Real Estate Prelicense Classes

A Real Estate Prelicense 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

For anyone interested in developing a career in real estate, Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 9, and again on Tuesday, Aug. 28, also at 6:30 p.m.

Both seminars will take place at the Plymouth Market Place, located at 40600 Ann Arbor Road, Suite 100, a half block west of I-275 adjacent to Bally's Fitness Center. Please call in advance to reserve a seat: (734) 459-4700.

Bankruptcy

Attorney David Tarr will share with investors his knowledge of bankruptcy procedure and the secrets of buying properties when the time is ripe — during the bankruptcy of debtors. Sponsored by Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland 5:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742.

Golf outing

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

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

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

BIA 'Best shot'

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Remodelers Council will hold "Give It Your Best Shot," its 12th Annual Shoot

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Court says tenant had to reimburse for fire

Q. I understand there is a recent Court of Appeals decision imposing additional liability on tenants and co-signers on a lease for fire damages to an apartment caused while the tenant was occupying the unit and may have been negligent. Do you have any information?

A. Yes. Because the lease agreement executed between the tenant, co-signer and the landlord contained a clause imposing liability on the tenant for any damage to the premises or the landlord's other property caused by the acts or omissions of tenant or tenant's guests, the court held that the tenant must reimburse the landlord for all damages caused by, in that case, a kitchen fire. Moreover, the court held that because the lease agreement imposed joint and several liability upon the co-signer for any breach of contract caused by the tenant, the co-signer was deemed liable for all related fire damages. The impact of the case is simply that a tenant who causes fire damage to a unit in an apartment building may be held liable for all damages, including structural repairs, under a breach of contract theory.

Q. I have heard about the use of a mixed use condominium project. Do you have any information about that?

A. Mixed use condominium projects feature a combination of retail establishments, offices, or other commercial uses, along with the traditional elements of a residential

condominium development. A number of factors are responsible for the surge in popularity, as well as the complexity of these projects. These factors increase the popularity of residential condominium homes in general. Additionally, many residential condominium purchasers are seeking not only the carefree lifestyle afforded by condominium ownership in some instances, but also the



Robert Meisner

conveniences often available in urban mixed use projects, such as accessibility to mass transit and adjacent retail establishments.

Increasing scarcity of land, urban revitalization, and the increased focus on smart growth also make the combination of higher density residential condominiums and integrated retail and commercial uses a very efficient solution for an enlightened developer.

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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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of April 2-6, 2007, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton	
613 Aylesbury Ct	\$150,000
4048 Brookstone Dr	\$58,000
4066 Brookstone Dr	\$58,000
4084 Brookstone Dr	\$58,000
238 Coronation Ct	\$170,000
4296 Forest Bridge Dr	\$58,000
6922 Foxthorn Dr	\$107,000
6936 Foxthorn Dr	\$104,000
7000 Foxthorn Dr	\$98,000
45848 Gainsborough Dr	\$225,000
4167 Hunters Cir W	\$132,000
1836 Maple Park Dr E	\$186,000
41101 N Maplewood Dr	\$203,000
6680 Weatherfield Way	\$268,000
48779 Westbridge Dr	\$58,000
48835 Westbridge Dr	\$58,000
2044 Woodbine Dr	\$315,000
Farmington	
34036 Glenview Dr	\$146,000
31635 Marblehead St	\$190,000
33309 Tall Oaks St	\$162,000
Farmington Hills	

20966 Deerfield	\$200,000
29775 Farmington Rd	\$82,000
28211 Green Castle Rd	\$327,000
29555 Mullane Dr	\$235,000
30468 Turtle Crk	\$380,000
28418 W Eight Mile Rd	\$54,000
30300 Windingbrook Ln	\$289,000
Livonia	
33875 Eight Mile Rd	\$133,000
11101 Brookfield St	\$170,000
19370 Fairlane Ct	\$360,000
28706 Grandon St	\$174,000
33350 Haldane Ave	\$285,000
9911 Hubbard St	\$180,000
31815 W Chicago St	\$166,000
41373 Leidel Ct	\$115,000
16156 Pine Valley Dr	\$685,000
16650 Sherwood Ln	\$479,000
Milford	
211 Ravinewood Dr	\$475,000
Northville	
22451 Cyprus Dr	\$616,000
22564 St James Dr	\$145,000
Novi	
43074 Ashbury Dr	\$445,000
45211 Bartlett Dr	\$139,000
27586 Cromwell Rd	\$366,000
27615 Harrington Way	\$291,000
22479 Havergale St	\$380,000
26060 Lannys Rd	\$157,000

25957 Petros Blvd	\$215,000
27404 Sloan St	\$286,000
30942 Tanglewood Dr	\$210,000
44650 W 11 Mile Rd	\$240,000
43630 Wendigo Ct	\$295,000
24157 Westmont Ct	\$461,000
29317 Whistler Dr	\$334,000
Plymouth	
576 Ann St	\$197,000
11861 Butternut Ave	\$151,000
11272 Fellows Creek Dr	\$595,000
12338 Wendover Dr	\$100,000
Redford	
12872 Arnold	\$137,000
13100 Hemingway	\$125,000
20174 Kinloch	\$93,000
15829 Lenore	\$125,000
16775 Norborne	\$170,000
9310 San Jose	\$143,000
South Lyon	
54495 Birchwood Dr	\$95,000
1029 Equestrian Dr	\$265,000
24821 Valleywood Dr	\$299,000
Westland	
33206 Avondale St	\$101,000
142 Fischer Dr	\$227,000
8256 Gary Ave	\$143,000
7530 N Hawthorne St	\$136,000

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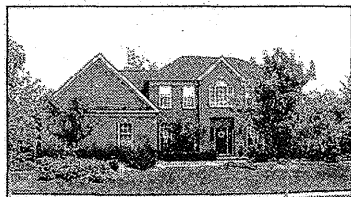
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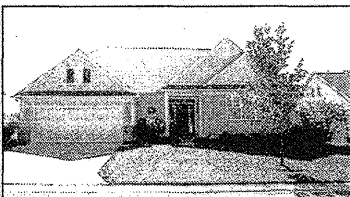
FARMINGTON HILLS \$825,000
Cape Cod w/huge backyard! 6 bd, 4 full/2 half baths! 2 story GR, marble foyer, 1/2 bath, 1st floor master, kitchen w/granite counters, finished w/o w/FR w/FP, bath & bar
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NOVI \$549,000
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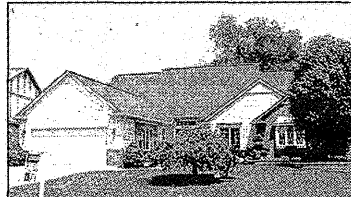
NORTHVILLE \$524,900
1.78 acre lot, kit w/granite counters & tumbled stone backsplash, built-in desk & shelves in study, finished basement w/part kitchen, GR, bath, rec room & 2nd office.
MLS# 27110133 248-347-3050



CANTON \$470,000
Custom built 3 BR, 3.1 BA detached condo w/pro-finished basement, has granite t/o, gourmet kitchen, lux master, private deck. Secluded location. Nothing compares!
MLS# 27132462 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH \$400,000
4 bedroom Cape Cod w/1st floor master on nearly 1 acre lot deep w/in sub. Lux master suite, 3 Car Side entrance garage, large deck, 2 way Fp between GR & hearth room off kit.
MLS# 27129183 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE \$375,000
Immediate Occupancy! Updated kit w/premium cherry cabinets, Brazilian cherry floors in foyer, kitchen & 1/2 bath, new stone patio, deck w/gazebo, finished w/o w/hot tub.
MLS# 27122043 248-347-3050



CANTON \$360,000
Cherry Hill Village cottage home! 4 BR, 2.1 BA's. Large wrap-around porch. Gourmet kit. FR w/gas FP. 2nd floor covered porch. Master w/trey ceiling & WIC.
MLS# 27128565 734-453-6800



NORTHVILLE \$325,000
New kit, Brazilian Cherry floors & new appliances. New paint t/o, master suite w/tp, balcony & Jacuzzi. Enjoy All The Amenities Of Resort Living. Seller is Agent.
MLS# 27128321 248-347-3050



CANTON \$305,000
Gorgeous! Well priced 4 BR w/3 full baths. Great room w/cathedral ceiling & fireplace. Finished basement. Fenced yard, sprinklers, lovely landscaping.
MLS# 27106925 248-646-1800



GREEN OAK \$295,000
Updated kitchen w/corion counters, remodeled master bath & main bath, newer roof & furnace, C/A, New Trex Deck, newer carpet, finished W/O, hardwood in Gr & Kit, Fr w/wet Bar.
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CANTON \$286,900
Cherry Hill Village! 3 BR, 2.1 BA. Open gourmet kitchen w/maple cabinets & hardwood floors. GR w/gas FP. Formal DR. 3 car attached garage. Full basement. Paver patio/walkway.
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CANTON \$285,000
4 BR 1.5 BA Colonial on 6 acres in Canton for only 285 thousand. Newer roof & windows. Wooded in back, 2 car garage, out building & more.
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CANTON \$271,839
N/C at Woodbridge Estates! 3 BR, 2.1 BA end unit. Kitchen w/plenty of cabinets & GE appliances. GR w/gas FP. Master w/BA & WIC. 9 ft ceilings. 2 car attached gar. Full basement.
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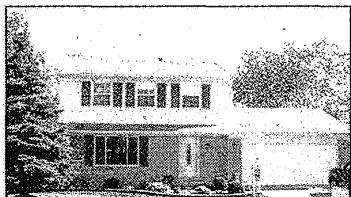
OCEOLA \$220,000
Better than NEW 4 bdrm, hardwood floors in kitchen, foyer & half bath. Bay window in dining area, maple cabinets t/o, gas fp, taller basement ceiling, common area.
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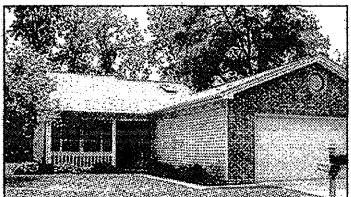
PLYMOUTH \$214,900
Pride of ownership! Impeccably maintained! Loads of detailed improvements & updates. Brand new furnace. Newer windows. Ref hardwood floors. Enclosed sun porch.
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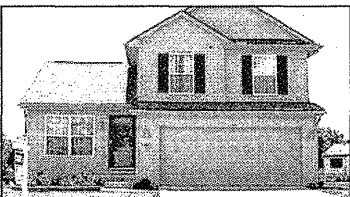
LIVONIA \$199,900
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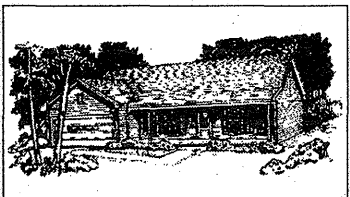
CANTON \$198,000
Colonial on court setting w/updates includes: oak kitchen, ba's, furnace, AC, windows, carpet, elec box. Cover patio w/new concrete. Close to schools, shops & recreation
MLS# 27084636 734-453-6800



WESTLAND \$189,900
Seldom available detached condo in secluded wooded comm open floor plan w/skylight huge window & 1st floor laundry. Too many updates to include. Must see!
MLS# 27098269 734-453-6800



SUPERIOR \$180,000
Lovely 3 Br, 2.1 Bth, large lot w/patio, open kitchen w/pantry, loads of cabinets, 1/2 bath w/pedestal sink. Master bedroom w/private bath & w/closet, 2nd floor laundry!
MLS# 27129814 248-347-3050



PLYMOUTH \$159,000
A STUNNER! Private lot in park-like sub! Marble floors, gorgeous new Euro-Kitchen, cathedral ceilings, 2 fireplaces, lush landscape - come, see & compare!
MLS# 27073336 248-360-1425



CANTON \$109,900
Canton Condo w/3 BR's, 1.5 baths. 1200 sq ft for only \$109,900! Huge LR w/built-ins opens to DR. New roof & updated baths 07. All appliances.
MLS# 27122998 734-453-6800



GARDEN CITY \$109,900
Sharp ranch on a large lot. Updated kitchen w/pergo flooring. Updated BA w/pergo flooring & new counters. Newer vinyl windows t/o. New roof (06). Large yard w/shed & deck.
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SOUTH LYON \$109,900
Beautiful end unit, tastefully decorated. 2 BD, 2 baths w/finished LL. Offers large FR w/gas FP & library/guest room. Private patio. All appliances, C/A, Adult 55+
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BROWNSTOWN \$98,500
Like new 2 BR condo in great location near new HF Hlth Fac. Deck w/private view, long driveway, security system, 2nd floor laundry, wash/dryer, appliances.
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DETROIT \$75,000
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Out on Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Detroit Gun Club, 2775 Oakley Park Road, in Walled Lake. The program begins with registration followed by a safety presentation, then lunch and team shooting. Awards and door prizes will follow. Registration fees are \$118 per person which includes two rounds of shooting skeet or trap targets, 100 rounds of sporting clays, six boxes of shells, hot buffet lunch, and refreshments/snacks. Sponsorships are available. For registration information, call (248) 862-1008.

More BIA

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents Real Estate Continuing Education course on Monday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at BIA Offices, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Lori Chmura of Middleton Training will present the course that meets the state-mandated requirement for six hours of Real Estate Continuing Education. Registration fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$80 for BIA members and \$100 for guests. For registration infor-

mation, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales and Marketing Council (SMC), in conjunction with the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors (MCAR), presents a Builder/Realtor Selling Extravaganza on Wednesday, Sept. 19, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Andiamo Italia Banquet Center, 7096 E. 14 Mile, Warren. The networking event will assist builders and realtors with contacts needed to help sell homes. Registration fees are \$50 for BIA builders which include a table top display and two attendees. Additional attendees are \$15 each. There is no

charge for MCAR Realtor members to attend. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) Women's Council presents "Model Home Performance" on Thursday, Sept. 20, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Katana Japanese Steakhouse, 111 S. Main, Royal Oak. Susan Halfleigh of Environments & Energy Inc. will discuss using Feng Shui and design to attract your perfect client, creating positive flow and balance of energetic space, impact of vertical and horizon-

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tal elements, leading lines (balancing curves and straight lines), positioning objects of significance, and richness of color/texture/materials. The event is open to BIA member companies only. Registration fees are \$40 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will present another in its series of Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) courses — "Profitable Business Through Quality Practices" — on Tuesday, Sept. 25, from

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group, Inc. will instruct attendees on how to meet the quality challenge with customers, with competitors, and within their companies. The course will count towards Certified Graduate Associate (CGA), Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) and Graduate Master Builder (GMB) designations. Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's (BIA) Sales and Marketing Council (SMC) presents "How To Succeed In A Challenging Market" on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Hotel Baronette in Novi. Joe Colletti of Joe Colletti and Associates, L.L.C. will show on-site sales professionals how they can adjust for market conditions and still perform at a high level of success. Registration fees are \$35 for SMC members, \$55 for BIA members and \$75 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will

sponsor a builder's license preparation course on Friday, Sept. 28, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. Presented by NCI Associates, the course is designed to prepare students for the Michigan Residential Builder's License Examination. Material covered will include topics on the exam, laws and rules, building practices and procedures, sample test questions and test-taking strategies. Registration fees are \$200 per person. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

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Realtor association supports affordable housing legislation

Creating an Affordable Housing Trust Fund is an essential component of a housing policy designed to meet the needs of American families seeking to buy or rent a home. Legislation introduced recently on Capitol Hill will help address the growing crisis in housing affordability by providing additional resources for the building, rehabilitation and preservation of affordable homes and rental units, according to the National Association of Realtors.

NAR, in a letter to Congressman Barney Frank, (D-Mass., chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, maintained that "homeownership serves as a cornerstone of our democratic system of government and continues to be a strong personal and social priority for most Americans," said Pat V. Combs, NAR president. Realtors® recognize that accessibility to safe, decent and affordable housing at all levels - rental or ownership - must be one of our nation's highest priorities.

"NAR strongly supports the goal of the National Housing Trust Fund and we thank Chairman Frank for his unyielding commitment and for introducing legislation to create an affordable housing fund," Combs said.

The bill would make funds available for rental housing and down payment and closing cost assistance for first-time homebuyers. "Sadly, the stock of affordable rental units is rapidly declining and the difficulty of finding affordable homes to buy is increasing. This fund can have an immediate impact for many families," Combs said.

NAR pledged its support and desire to work closely with Frank and the Committee on this important national issue.

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The program will give owners, managers and leasing personnel practical, hands-on information regarding specific situations and issues. Registration fees are \$40 for Property Management Council members, AAM and Building Industry Association members and \$50 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

New partner

Bartley Patterson was announced as a new partner in ownership of RE/MAX Classic's Canton location. The

announcement was made at the second quarterly company meeting held in June.

"It is with great pleasure and anticipation that I announce Bart's shared ownership in our RE/MAX Classic Canton Office," said Carlina Boji, broker/owner, RE/MAX Classic. "Bart has been very involved in the success of the company and we are excited about his ownership position."

Patterson has been a Realtor for 11 years and started with RE/MAX Classic specializing as a buyer's agent. He is currently the vice president and general manager of RE/MAX Classic and will continue in that capacity. Patterson has also served his community as chairman of the board for the Canton Chamber of Commerce, chair of the Technology Committee and is a member of the Marketing Partnership with Canton Township, the Canton Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority.

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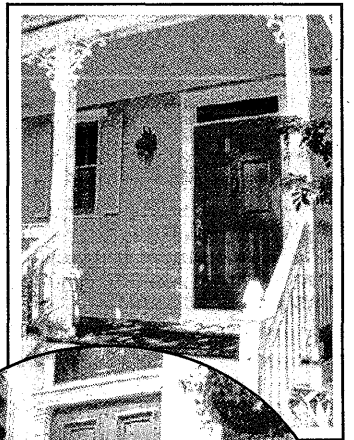


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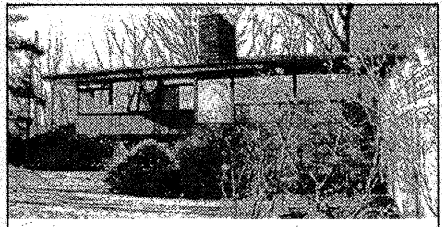


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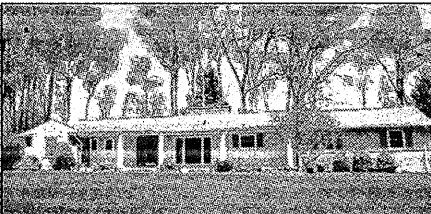


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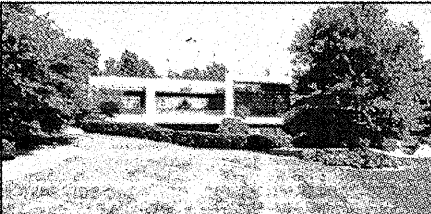
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 <p>Allen Park 734-455-7000 DELIGHTFUL ALLEN PARK RANCH! Immaculate 3 bedroom ranch. This home is ready to move into with its recent updates including kitchen cabinets, paint and refinished hardwood floors.</p> <p>(27123570) \$157,900</p>	 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 OUTSTANDING KITCHEN! 4 BR Cape. Granite counters w/Travertine backplash in huge kitchen/hearth rm--made for entertaining! 10' ceilings; extensive hardwood; daylight bsmt. 3 car gar.</p> <p>(27126507) \$390,000</p>	 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 PERFECTION! Lovely colonial! Beautifully maintained! Neutrally decorated. Finished basement w/half bath. Walkout egress! 3 bedrooms/2 full & 2 half baths.</p> <p>(27112816) \$210,000</p>	 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 UPTOWN CANTON VILLAGE! 46 upscale brownstone condos coming soon w/5 flr plans, 2-3 bedrms, 2-car garage, fireplace, balcony, and GeoThermal heating & cooling. Call for a reservation!</p> <p>(27054660) \$189,900</p>	 <p>Canton 734-591-9200 DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY! Plymouth Canton Schools! Spacious Eat-in Oak Kit w/ ceramic flr, Snack Bar Opens To Wonderful balcony, Enjoy Hot Tub On Prvt Patio & Pool. Large Mst Bed w/bath.</p> <p>(27123591) \$185,000</p>	 <p>Canton 734-591-9200 BACK ON MARKET! 3 Lots In The Heart Of Desirable Canton Township. Can Build With Improvements. In Flood Zone & Zoned R-5. Motivated Seller Will Look At All Offers.</p> <p>(27074643) \$25,000</p>
 <p>Commerce 248-348-6430 TWIN SUN LAKES CAPE COD 3 br, 2.1 ba w/first flr mstr. Sunny gr opens to lg dining rm. Bay wndws in brkfst rm & lib. 1st flr laundry. Backs to commons, pond & play area.</p> <p>(27065986) \$285,000</p>	 <p>Dearborn Heights 248-851-1900 TOTALLY REDONE RANCH Updated roof & windows, huge brand new oak kitchen w/ new appliances. New pergo floors throughout. Freshly painted, new H2O heater. All brick w/1.75 car garage.</p> <p>(27127975) \$114,900</p>	 <p>Detroit 734-591-9200 GREAT HOME WITH IMPECCABLE FEATURES!!! Good Condition, Newer Hwh, 2 Ceiling Fans. Bsmnt Has TV Area w/ carpet. New Fence Gate W/ A 2 1/2 Car Gar W/ A Newer Roof. Newer Carpet In The Lr & Upstairs Bdrm.</p> <p>(27124676) \$90,000</p>	 <p>Farmington 248-348-6430 THIS HOME IS A SWEETHEART OF A DEAL Ranch with 3 bedroom, 3 full baths. Remodeled kit w/cherry cab and ceramic flr. Mstr ste has att ba w/spa tub. Lg FR. Fin LL w/ba and study. 2 car heated garage.</p> <p>(27020783) \$223,000</p>	 <p>Garden City 248-851-1900 LIKE HITTING THE JACKPOT! Totally remod ranch! New white cab. Kit w/doorwall leading to gar & backyd. New cement driveway/carpet/paint. Newer roof. Refin hwd flr in BRs. Possible 4th BR in bsmt.</p> <p>(27070414) \$139,900</p>	 <p>Highland 248-684-1065 WATERBURY LAKEFRONT. 2 gar/1 heated. Huge 64x36 pole barn. 54x36 indoor pool (rm w/ 38x15 fiberglass pool w/ sep HVAC. Apt/off over gar. 30x22 paver patio.</p> <p>(27098407) \$599,900</p>
 <p>Livonia 248-851-1900 UPDATES GALORE! OPEN FLOOR PLAN Huge eat-in kitchen, master suite & spacious family room w/fireplace & doorwall to deck. Finished lower level w/wet bar, rec room, sauna & full bath.</p> <p>(27101584) \$219,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-851-1900 LOOKING FOR THE BEST? Pottery Barn perfect! Newer 3 BR, 2 BA ranch. Nicely landscaped. GR w/natural fp. Dual doorwalls lead to deck. Kitchen w/pantry, nook, bay window. Fresh paint & carpet.</p> <p>(27056208) \$224,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-851-1900 UPDATED HOME WITH LARGE FENCED YARD Features kitchen w/granite counters, spacious liv rm, fam rm w/frplc. Fin bsmt w/full bath. Updates include roof, furnace, windows and doorwall to patio.</p> <p>(26203151) \$184,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 734-591-9200 A BEAUTIFUL HOUSE IN A QUIET NBRHOOD Beautiful 3 BDRM (Possible 4th in Finished Basement) Ranch w/ att 2 1/2 side entry gar. Hrdwd flrs, two full baths. Fp in FR. Gorgeous deck in an enclosed bkyrd.</p> <p>(27107215) \$151,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 734-591-9200 CUTE BRICK RANCH! 1700+ Sq. Ft Brick Ranch, 3 Bedrooms, 1 Bath, 2 Car Garage On A Half Acre Lot.</p> <p>(27103600) \$136,000</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 NEW ROOFING, FURN, HWH, H2O softener, siding & ba. Updated kit & elec. Part bsmt w/laun. Covered front porch. Lg multi-level deck. All appls stay.</p> <p>(27103803) \$139,754</p>
 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 STUNNING NORTHVILLE HOME This impeccable 4 br, 2.5 bath col shows like a dream. Fabulous quality upds include Brazilian wood floors, granite kitchen w/ stainless steel appli & Corian baths.</p> <p>(27093136) \$439,900</p>	 <p>Northville 734-455-7000 NORTHVILLE DELIGHT! Spacious, 1st flr newer 2BR/2BA condo. Better than new! Open contemporary look. Nice complex w/modern clubhouse.</p> <p>(27127708) \$176,900</p>	 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 LAKE FRONT - NORTHVILLE Inviting 3 br, 1.1 ba, basement, FR/frplc, LR, patio opens to the lake. Clubhouse, tennis, pool. Great location. Newly painted. Carpet all neutral.</p> <p>(27047371) \$147,900</p>	 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 LEISURE LAKE FRONT LIVING Private entry/condo w/lakefront view, many updates, formal LR w/bay window, FR w/frpl, both brs access the bath, clubhouse, pool & tennis courts in complex.</p> <p>(27046403) \$139,900</p>	 <p>Plymouth 734-455-7000 HISTORICAL UPDATED GEM ON ONE ACRE LOT! Character and charm show throughout this gorgeous home. Numerous updates at a value you just can't pass by. 4BR/2.1BA, fin bsmt. Call today!</p> <p>(27116604) \$259,900</p>	 <p>Pontiac 248-684-1065 FEELS LIKE NEW. Nice upgrades: tiled ba flr, 3/4 in tongue & groove pre-finished, Bruce oak flr. Tile backsplash-kit cntrs. X-tall kit cabs. Gas fp. Very clean.</p> <p>(27100004) \$164,900</p>
 <p>Redford 734-591-9200 CLEAN & NEAT AS A PIN & READY TO MOVE IN! Awesome 3bd, 1.5 ba brick ranch on secluded cul de sac. Newer wndws, drs, kit, bath, hwh, hrdwd under carpet. Florida rm. FP, 2.5 car gar. All appl & warranty.</p> <p>(27089685) \$150,000</p>	 <p>Wayne 734-326-2000 FIRST TIME BUYER'S DREAM HOME Beautiful 3 bedroom bungalow is perfect. There are endless updates. Leave your heart at your new home!</p> <p>(27122707) \$115,900</p>	 <p>Westland 734-326-2000 SAY "HELLO" TO A GOOD BUY! in this 3 bedroom split level home with both a living and family room. 1 1/2 baths, remodeled kitchen with oak cabinetry, 2 car garage, deck, and gazebo.</p> <p>(27125065) \$149,900</p>	 <p>Westland 734-455-7000 SUPER STARTER! Very nice 2BR Westland home w/impressive custom tile work in bath & kitchen. Treed yard, newer garage. All appliances + one year warranty!</p> <p>(27102565) \$82,500</p>	 <p>Westland 248-348-6430 CAREFREE, CONVENIENT CONDO LIVING You can afford this 2 br, 1.5 ba condo in Westland. Updated kitchen, lav on 1st flr. Hwd flr on 2nd flr. Newer wndws. Loc in back of court w/assigned space.</p> <p>(27006374) \$72,500</p>	 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 BEAUTIFUL NEW VICTORIAN in downtown Northville. Sit on large porch in summer. Wood floors, granite. Can't see all that is needed to appreciate this home.</p> <p>(27043958) \$595,000</p>