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## City to skaters: Buy time or move

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Figure skating programs which practice at the Plymouth Cultural Center are scrambling to determine if they can keep the programs viable after being given an ultimatum by city officials to purchase ice time or lose their programs.

Representatives of the basic skills lessons, a Recreation Department program being dropped by the city, and the Skating Academy of Plymouth, which provides private lessons for skaters, met Friday with city administrators and two members of the City Commission.

LuAnne DeBeliso, president of the Skating Academy, said while the groups were given an opportunity to purchase ice time, it's not sufficient to assure the success of the programs.

"I feel the times given to us are still not conducive for us to run a program that's available for all age groups," said DeBeliso of Plymouth. "Even though we were willing to come up with all the money, they're not giving us the times necessary to run the program."

City administrators effectively cut the 30-year basic skills classes and the private lessons of the Skating Academy of Plymouth, claiming the \$255 an hour for ice time paid by hockey teams totals much more than revenue generated by skating lessons.

Both sides confirm the contract calls for a newly organized figure skating group to occupy the Cultural Center ice Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. However, DeBeliso said the skaters need the afternoon ice from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., not the city's offer of 4:30 p.m., to accommodate all students.

"That would take out the elementary age students, which is 65 percent of our membership," DeBeliso said. "Another problem is they have already driven away some of the coaches (because of the decision), so we need to find out if we have enough students and coaches to put on the ice."

Mayor Phil Pursell said despite the apparent road block, he's confident a half-hour of ice time can be negotiated, if the Salem High School hockey team and the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association will move up their schedules by a half-hour.

"We've come from total elimination to only a half-hour apart ... so I think we've come a long way," said Pursell, who noted the city would lose about \$50,000 by not renting the same time Tuesdays and Thursdays. "But I think the city commission might be willing to allow the figure skating program see if it can make a go of it."

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Four-year-old Joshua George needed a little reassurance from the class teddy bear as he took part in kindergarten roundup activities at Livonia's Garfield Elementary School at the beginning of the school year.



### FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten spans broad curriculum these days, A5.  
What area school districts currently offer, A5.  
State lawmakers share their opinions on subject, A5.

## Full-day kindergarten

Too much or a step up?

"The direction in which education starts a man will determine his future life."

So wrote Plato more than 2,000 years ago, and educators and policy makers still believe it's true.

So what could be more important than kindergarten, which opens the door to a lifetime of education? Little does a 5-year-old know what a milestone kindergarten represents on the long walk toward adulthood. Lawmakers in Lansing are considering making full-day kindergarten mandatory. But that has raised serious questions about the need and value of such a program.

Today and Sunday, the *Observer & Eccentric Newspapers* will take an in-depth look at this issue, from the logic of the proposal to what goes on inside a typical kindergarten class to the perceived and real value of full-day kindergarten.

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## Thieves pluck items from unlocked cars

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Residents on the west side of Plymouth Township have been leaving their vehicles parked in their driveways unlocked recently, and thieves are making them pay.

Plymouth Township Police say as many as eight thefts have been reported from neighborhoods in the Ann Arbor Road-Ridge area recently, with the thieves making off with just about anything that wasn't tied down.

According to Detective Sgt. Steve Rapson, last weekend was quiet, but police took a slew of reports earlier this month that showed the neighborhoods at that end of the township were being targeted.

Among the more popular items for thieves were GPS systems, iPods, laptop computers and satellite radios.

And residents, according to police, are making such thefts as easy as opening a car door.

"Someone is walking around these neighborhoods trying cars for open doors," Rapson said. "When they find one, they're seeing what owners are leaving behind for them."

Police said such thefts are fairly simple to prevent, simply by removing valuable items and locking the doors.

"You can lock your doors, but if you leave something in sight, a thief can simply smash the window and still take it," Rapson said. "The best thing to do is take those things inside with you. Don't leave things like that in your car."

Rapson said police have neither suspects nor leads in the thefts. Anyone with information can call the Plymouth Township Police Department, (734) 354-3232.

## Lawmakers look at extended hours

BY ANNETTE KINGSBURY  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Kindergarten is one area of education that is coming under increasing scrutiny in Michigan's challenging economy.

Bills pending in the state Legislature would require schools to offer a full day of kindergarten. Gov. Jennifer Granholm, in her 2008 State of the State address, called full-day kindergarten essential to success in the 21st century.

"This simple step will make a dramatic difference in the lives of our children," she said. "We want all our students to have a great start in school, because we want them to have great opportunities in life."

School districts already receive the same state funding for kindergartners as they do for any other grade, even if only a half-day program is offered, and many districts are voluntarily switching to a full day.

Wayne-Westland is in its second year of offering a full-day kindergarten program at seven of its elementaries, available to residents through schools of choice. Livonia Public Schools officials discussed piloting an all-day program to attract new students this week, but balked at the cost. "The interest is definitely out there," said Supt. Randy Liepa.

The Senate Education Committee has a bill before it that would mandate full-day kindergarten. The House Education Committee has sent a bill to the House that would mandate full-day kindergarten by 2011, but only if a school isn't achieving adequate yearly progress under federal



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Garden City Douglas Elementary kindergarten teacher Christie Bronson jots down students' ideas about their reacting to a situation of finding out they're home alone for 24 hours, as part of a schoolwide writing improvement program earlier this school year.

No Child Left Behind guidelines. Several other bills would move up the mandatory starting age for kindergarten to 5 and as early as 4, if the child is ready. The current law requires school attendance at age 6.

As far back as 1995, more than half of all kindergartners nationally have been in full-day kindergarten. More than half the states provide full funding. Proponents say full-day kindergartners have higher academic achievement, better social

development and less need for extra help later in their education. Opponents say much of the evidence is anecdotal.

Research results vary, but one U.S. Department of Education study of kindergartners in the 1998-99 school year found greater gains in reading and math achievement among full-day kindergartners.

Please see **KINDERGARTEN, A5**

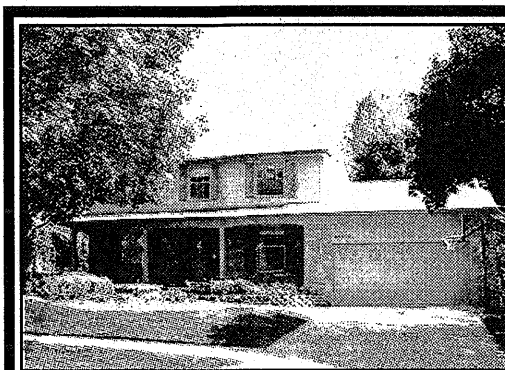
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# Opening notes sound for annual concert slate

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For nearly a decade, Music in the Air has been a staple in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

And this year will be no different as the popular concert series blends some of the old with a number of new acts beginning Friday evening.

"It's the epitome of what we do here in Plymouth," said Sherrie Pryor, operations

director for the Downtown Development Authority. "It's the sense of community and the welcome feeling you get when you come to Plymouth."

Among those returning by popular demand are Steve King and the Dittilies, Mass Transit, Fifty Amp Fuse and Lady Sunshine and the X Band.

"People always look forward to them and we get a lot of calls asking what dates they are playing," said Pryor. "We

usually get from 2,000-4,000 people for each concert, but Steve King pushes the limits of the capacity of the park with about 5,000.

"We literally get hundreds of submissions from people who call as early as January for the privilege to play in our concert series," she said. "Sam Walton of Signature Audio Services listens to the demos and gives a recommendation to the DDA board."

Performers who made the cut for the first time this year

## HITTING THE STAGE

Here's the schedule for the Music in the air concert series, sponsored by the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority and Blue Cross/Blue Shield:

- May 30: Doug Deming and the Jewel Tones
- June 6: Delta Rhythm Kings
- June 13: Redhill
- June 20: Randy Brock Group
- June 27: Gia Warner
- July 4: Steve King
- July 18: Mass Transit Band
- July 25: Bluescasters
- Aug. 1: Paul King's Rhythm Society
- Aug. 8: Trilogy Band
- Aug. 15: Sean Riley Band
- Aug. 22: Fifty Amp Fuse
- Aug. 29: Lady Sunshine and the X Band



Steve King and the Dittilies are the featured performer for the Fourth of July in Plymouth's Music in the Air summer concert series in Kellogg Park.

Pryor said the DDA has budgeted \$39,000 for the 13 summer concerts, with Blue Cross Blue Shield paying \$28,000 to be the major sponsor. Local

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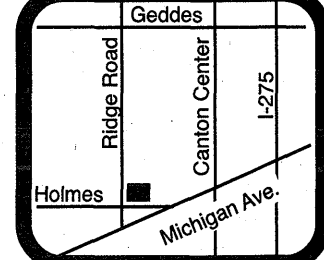
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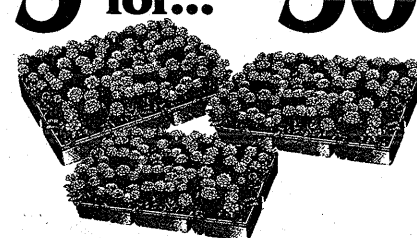


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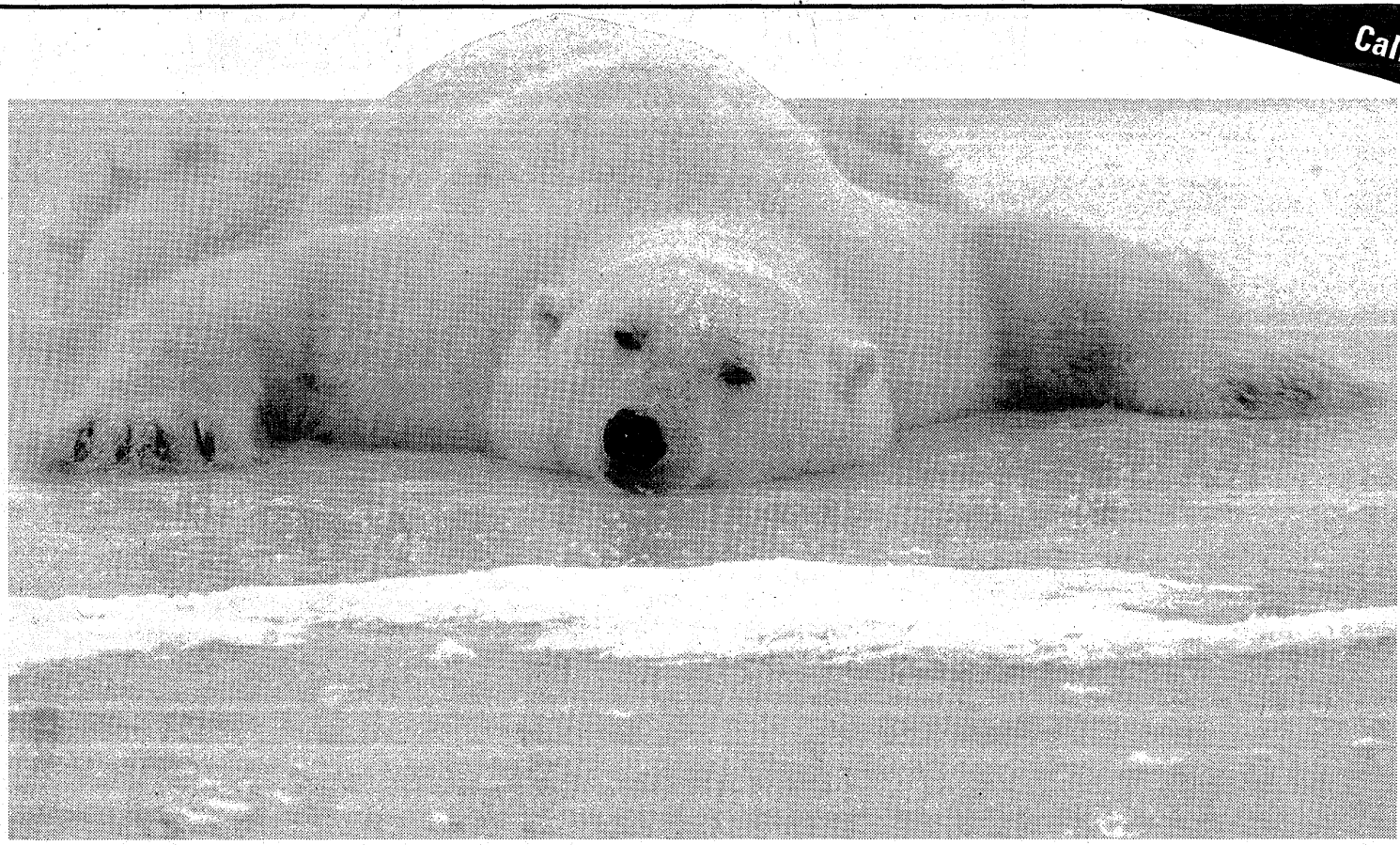
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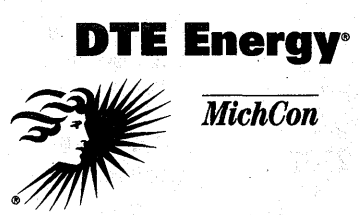
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**Lincoln roundtable**

The Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table hosts A. Wilson Greene at its next meeting 8 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at Plymouth Township Hall.

Greene is executive director of Pamplin Historical Park and National Museum of the Civil War Soldier in Petersburg, Va. He is the former president of the Civil War Preservation Trust, faculty member at Mary Washington College and historian and manager at the National Park Service. Greene has written several Civil War books and numerous articles, and lectures extensively and makes TV appearances on the Civil War Journal. His topic will be "Civilians at Petersburg."

Plymouth Township Hall is located at 9955 N. Haggerty at 8 p.m. The public is welcome, admission is free. For more information, call (734) 451-7998.

**Child Seat Safety Check Clinic**

The Plymouth Township Police Department hosts a free Child Safety Seat clinic Saturday, June 14, beginning at 10 a.m.

This event will be held at the Plymouth Township Police Department, located at 9955 N. Haggerty. The inspections will be by "appointment only" and limited space is available. If you would like to have your child's seat inspected by a national certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, make an appointment by calling Officer Jamie Senkbeil at (734) 354-3232.

**Salem wrestling fund-raiser**

The Salem wrestling team is hosting a car wash fund-raiser from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, June 7 at Mobil (Canton Mini Mart), 42421 Cherry Hill Road (at Lilley).

For more information, call (734) 844-5056.

**Women's football academy**

Salem High School football program is hosting Women's Football Academy on May 31 at Salem High School. This event is a great time for everyone.

All proceeds benefit First Step and the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$40 for girls under 13. Visit football.salemrocks.com for

information and registration form. For more information, contact Sue Turner at (734) 812-2937.

**Durr fund-raiser**

Durr Systems, Inc. employees host their second-annual Wine/Beer Tasting Event and Silent Auction for Local Charities 5 p.m. Sunday, June 1 at Fiamma Grille in Plymouth.

The wine and beer tasting event and silent auction has been selected for the 2008 Durr Systems annual charity project organized by the employees of the Plymouth-based automotive supplier. The general public is invited to sample an array of wines and beers and enjoy delicious appetizers while helping several local charities.

Durr Systems employees have selected four charities to benefit from the fund raising event: The American Cancer Society, Just for Kids, Angela Hospice, and Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

The wine and beer tasting and auction runs 5-7 p.m.; a cash bar will be available 4-8 p.m.

Cost is \$35 after May 23 or at door. For more information call (734) 416-9340.

**Patterson hours**

State Sen. Bruce Patterson's district representative, Sue Trussell, conducts office hours at the Canton Public Library 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 30. The library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

All are welcome.

**Rotary golf**

The 2008 Plymouth Rotary A.M. golf outing takes place Tuesday, June 3, at Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton.

Monies raised through this wonderful event are used to fund the club's yearly budget, which in turn contributes to numerous global and local charitable causes.

The cost of golf is \$165 per golfer or \$600 per foursome. Several sponsorships are still available, including hole sponsorships starting at \$250. Registration opens at 8 a.m. with an 18-hole scramble at 9 a.m. Registration includes breakfast, lunch and a banquet dinner with awards and prizes.

For registration and sponsorship information please go to www.plymouthrotaryam.org or e-mail Tracy N. Danner



**Youth Orchestra auditions**

The Celebration Youth Orchestra conducts auditions for the 2008-2009 school year Thursday-Friday, June 12-13 (second opportunity auditions will take place Aug. 15-16), at Evola Music, 7170 North Haggerty Road in Canton. Auditions are open to string students ages 9 and older with at least one year of instruction and wind, brass, and percussion students ages 12 and older with at least three years of instruction. The CYO, supported by the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society, has three ensembles: the Celebration Strings for string students with a minimum of one year of study, Celebration Sinfonia for string, wind, brass, and percussion students with at least three years of study, and the Celebration Youth Symphony, for the most advanced students in all orchestral sections. To schedule an audition or for more information please contact the PCSS office at (734) 451-2112, or by e-mail at jane@plymouthsymphony.org.

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the congressman have the opportunity to speak with a staff member one on one regarding any federal issue that they might have.

**McCotter staff hours**

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter's staff will conduct office hours 12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursday, June 5, at the Plymouth District Library.

McCotter has two offices in the district to serve his constituents. The Livonia office can be reached by calling (734) 632-0314 or the Milford office is available at (248) 685-9495.

**HVA 911 camps**

Huron Valley Ambulance conducts its free two-day annual Camp 9-1-1 day camps for 8- to 12-year-olds at two locations in western Wayne County, where space has been donated. All camps are 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days.

The camp is scheduled July 17-18 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer, in Plymouth, and July 10-11 at the Michigan Boathouse at Belleville Lake, 50745 Van Buren Park in Belleville.

The day camp's activities include touring an ambulance, learning CPR, and visiting a

local emergency room. HVA Paramedics and EMTs serve as "camp counselors," teaching campers about safety at home and at play, how to perform lifesaving skills on injured victims, and all about Emergency Services careers. Registration is first-come, first-served and enrollment is limited to 30 participants. There are limited spaces available.

For a registration form or more information, call Jason Trojan, Camp 9-1-1 Coordinator, at (734) 477-6781 or e-mail him at jtrojano@hva.org.

**Preschool open house**

The Salvation Army Tiny Tots Preschool is hosting an Open House 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 27. If you are considering sending your child to preschool in the fall, please stop in to experience our classroom. The Salvation Army is located at 9451 S. Main Street in Plymouth. For more information, call Sheila Johnson at (734) 453-5464, Ext 27.

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# Honoring the fallen

## Parade honors those who've given ultimate sacrifice

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

In his civilian life as a teacher in Taylor, Brian Owens has always tried to teach his students the importance of honoring the sacrifices of their country's service men and women, particularly those who've given the ultimate sacrifice.

For Army Reserve Spc. Brian Owens, those teachings now have new meaning.

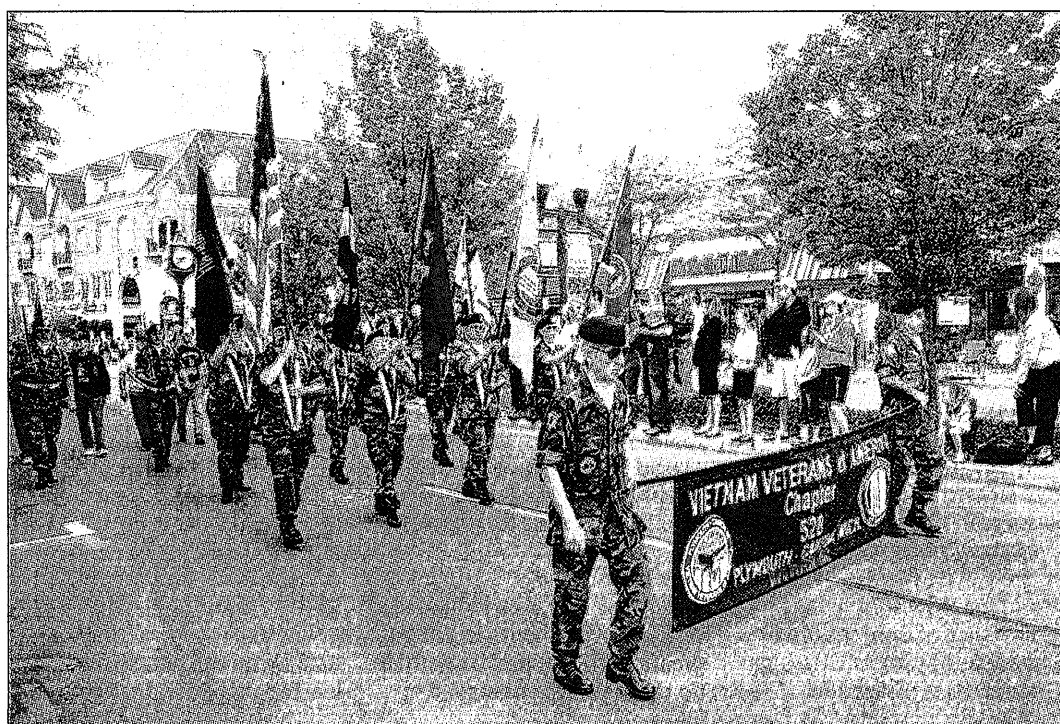
Owens' booming voice belted out both the National Anthem and God Bless America at the annual Memorial Day parade in downtown Plymouth Monday, just three weeks after completing a year-long tour in Iraq.

"I've always taught its (Memorial Day) importance to my kids," said Owens, who serves in the military police. "Having been over there and seen what it's like to be in a war, it gives it a whole new meaning."

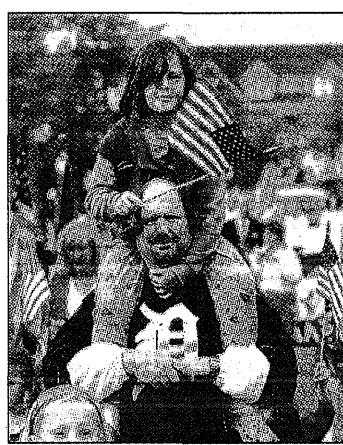
That may be, but the parade itself served its usual purpose: To honor the country's military, particularly those who've died serving their country.

"Memorial Day is a day for honoring military personnel who died in the service of their country, particularly those who died in battle," said Frank Pawlak of American Legion Post 391, who emceed the ceremony. "We are a unique nation, a melting pot ... we come together under one flag."

The parade, sponsored by the City of Plymouth and the community's four veterans groups - American Legion Posts 391 and 112, Veterans of Foreign Wars 6695 and Vietnam Veterans of America 528 - featured the usual assortment of veterans, scouts and dignitaries, plus the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band. Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA" got the ceremony started, and Eagle Scouts Blake Abbey and Daniel Ghastin led the crowd in the



The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 528 lead off the 2008 Memorial Day Parade in downtown Plymouth.



Mike Berry gives daughter Jillian Berry, 7, a better view. Jillian is a member of the Brownies, Troop 1132 from Smith Elementary School.



The Plymouth Township Police Department's honor guard carried the colors in Plymouth's annual Memorial Day parade Monday.

### Pledge of Allegiance.

Guest speaker Tim Hogan, a retired Navy Reserve chaplain whose service includes duty in both Iraq wars, praised a litany of service men and women with whom he's served, praising them as examples of brave military service.

"Today is a day of reaching back in the books of history

... and remembering the great men and women who have worn the uniform and have given so much so that you and I can stand here in freedom," said Hogan, a former associate pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel who was ordained at St. John's in Plymouth. "It is because of these great people

that we still have our freedoms and can still resist the destructive blows of terrorism which is very prevalent even today."

Pawlak called on students to hit the library and the Internet to learn more about the wars themselves and the Americans who served in them. It's a request Abbey, the Eagle Scout



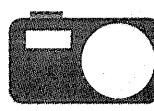
Charlie Volker leads the Young Marines of Canton in Plymouth's annual Memorial Day parade.



Arlene McGarry, Judithanne Smith and Vickie Bennett of the American Legion Post 112 Auxiliary march down Main Street.

who led the Pledge of Allegiance, said has a bigger impact on a day

See an online photo gallery from the parade at [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com).



like Memorial Day. "I think this kind of format gives it a more serious tone ... I think kids are more likely to do it," said Abbey, who said he was "honored" to take part in the ceremony. "It's my duty to give back some of what Scouts have given me."

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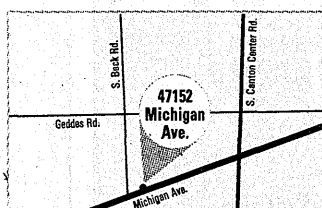
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- **West Bloomfield:** Traditional half-day; full-day option for fee.



# These days, kindergarten spans a broad spectrum of activities

BY DIANE K. BERT  
CORRESPONDENT

Expectations have changed in the 20 years Birmingham Harlan Elementary School teacher Nancy Singer has been teaching kindergarten. Formerly the emphasis was on socialization, letter recognition and name recognition.

Today, beginning reading skills are introduced with phonics, sight words and "chunk words." Chunk words are words with a group of letters to which a beginning letter is added to make a word, such as in, pin, win, tin, etc.

"Children are on the cusp of reading as they enter. I can start at that point and lead them into reading. All of my students can read some words," Singer says. "Each student composed a simple book, also. Reading strategies and comprehension are taught."

Art, music, science, social studies and math are also incorporated into Birmingham's kindergarten curriculum. Each day, learning centers are set up. Children move from center to center, recording the completion of the activity. Parent volunteers help at some of the centers. Singer usually provides individual attention at the reading/writing center. Parents are taught teaching strategies as they help.

Parent involvement is outstanding at Harlan. "I have never asked for anything that I didn't receive. The parents are wonderful," Singer says.

One parent remarked, "This is the hardest thing I have ever done," as she worked at a center. She had added respect for the complex and challenging role of the teacher.

The morning begins in this kindergarten with the familiar routine of hanging



Kindergartners Mark Wischmeyer (left) and Zachary Kozlowski built an early human camp site as part of the activities at Birmingham Harlan Elementary School.

up jackets, putting snacks in the appropriate place, placing the attendance tag in the school slot. "There is a great comfort in knowing and following routines," Singer says.

After a time for selecting and reading their own books chosen from the 300 available in the classroom library, the children move to the brightly colored carpet for group time.

As Singer reads from three giant books, a chorus of voices reads along. She gives clues and encouragement to help children sound out unfamiliar words.

The activities of the day are introduced with talk about the science activity, measuring worms (real ones), fractions of one-half and one-third. The science curriculum emphasizes observation and using the five senses.

The math curriculum encourages chil-

dren to be lifelong mathematical thinkers. Problem solving occurs daily. Graphing, measuring and fractions happen naturally.

Throughout the year, the children have been learning the alphabet and singing alphabet songs. This morning, they rehearsed three songs to perform for their parents. "Minnie Mouse Minds her Manners" was one song accompanied by gestures and motions.

Snack time began with the use of hand sanitizers. Children chatted as they ate the snacks, which they brought for the day.

The class was divided into three groups for reading time. Singer moved from table to table to work with each group. Each child worked on a zoo book, inserting words and creating a page and coloring the pictures.

Outdoor recess provided a chance for gross motor physical activity and fresh air.

Children could select their play activity toward the end of the morning. Busy hands built Lego creations, some played in the housekeeping area, while some worked on their books.

Show and tell ended the morning. It remains an important part of kindergarten. Students have a designated day each week to bring an item. Added thinking opportunities occur as the children give three clues about their item, which is out of sight. Some unusual surprises have included a shark tooth and a pineapple plant growing a new pineapple.

The breadth and depth of the kindergarten curriculum provide an enriched learning experience for the young children.

Bill Blackwell, interim principal at Harlan, acknowledges that kindergarten is an important year: "This year lays the foundation for their future learning."

## KINDERGARTEN

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"Of all the things that I've seen and learned and researched since I've been here (in Lansing) ... it's that children, given the opportunity to learn early, have an incredible opportunity to make them more successful in the future," said Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville Township). "Every dollar that we invest in a child early pays off in the future."

Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi), a former teacher who sits on the Senate Education Committee, doesn't dispute that. She's just not sure all-day kindergarten is the way to go. She's authored legisla-

tion to get kids in school earlier and to offer extra help in the early years for those who fall behind.

"A significant number of children at the age of 5 are not attending school," she said. "If kids begin to fall behind, they do so early. And not to address the all-important school academics and support for our youngest children is very unfair and is leading to what we are seeing now."

Many districts in Oakland County are already moving toward full-day kindergarten. Brian Whiston, Oakland Schools' director of Government and Community Services, said they aren't seeking additional funding. Still, he said some districts will

require more space and certainly more teachers.

"We've told them in both the House and Senate we support (the legislation)," Whiston said. "Even if they don't, we're going to move toward it anyway, at least in Oakland County."

Wayne County, where there is great financial disparity from one district to another, is taking a wait-and-see approach, said Tracey Wright, spokesperson for the Wayne Regional Educational Service Agency. She said there is no groundswell to switch to all-day kindergarten, although some districts are.

"They think there are additional kids who would come to

the public schools," Wright said. But in some other districts, "It would be a cost burden because they would have additional space, staff and equipment costs."

For legislation to pass, it will have to avoid penalizing districts that voluntarily offer full-day kindergarten, such as providing new money to districts making the switch only after they are ordered to do so.

"Leveling the playing field is the way I look at it," said state Rep. Tim Melton (D-Auburn Hills), chair of the House Education Committee.

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WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

Researchers have found no downside to full-day kindergarten. But opinions vary in Lansing as to whether it should be mandatory in Michigan.

"I am sympathetic to the schools that are indicating that they are not prepared in terms of funding to do this," said Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville), a member of the House Education Committee. "That does not mean that once the bill is passed, that there

would be trouble or any opposition."

"I'm not sure this legislation isn't in search of a problem," said Sen. Nancy Cassis, (R-Novi), a member of the Senate Education Committee. "I think this should remain parental choice.... Some children really are not ready for a full day anyway. They develop at different stages.... I think more schools could be more proactive in certain areas where they're seeing a number of children waiting until they're 6, if that is indeed the case."

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MAY

**Suicide prevention conference**  
Faith-based interfaith event 9 a.m. Thursday, May 29, at Oakland Schools, 2111 Pontiac Lake Rd., Waterford. Pre-registration required, and begins at 8:30 a.m. Donation is \$10 at door. For details and registration forms, visit www.jjlmf.com or www.ocspsc.org. Questions send e-mail to maryann@jjlmf.com or (248) 258-6693.

**Summer music ministry**  
Thursday, May 29 (Dorinda Cox, soprano, gospel), June 19 (People's Ringers from Milan), and July 10 (Sci Ridge Brass Quintet), dinner at 6 p.m. for \$6, concert at 7 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730. Hymn sings May 25, July 6, Aug. 10, Sept. 7. Family Choir all ages are invited to sing at 9 a.m. rehearsal and then morning service June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, and Sept. 7. All are welcome to music events.

**Family night in the park**  
Free food and music 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 30, at Heritage Park Amphitheater at The Summit of Canton. Features the First Baptist Church of Plymouth musicians. In case of rain, event will take place at the church, 45000 N. Territorial, between Sheldon and Beck. Call (734) 455-2300.

**Concert**  
Featuring Marie Bellet 7-9 p.m. Saturday, May 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Tickets \$5, refreshments provided. Call (734) 425-5950. Bellet is a wife and mother of 9, who has written and recorded 4 albums of song celebrating marriage and the family.

**Bethany Suburban West**  
Bethany Together Dance 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday, May 31. Don Hubert V.F.W. Hall 27345 Schoolcraft (I-96 service drive), east of Inkster Rd., Redford. Admission \$15. For information, call (586) 264-0284.

**Seekers of spiritual intelligence**  
Beacon Hill Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) explores the journey to an emotionally mature church during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in May at St. Michael Lutheran Church Chapel, 7000 N. Sheldon, south of Warren, Canton (enter through the south double doors next to the play area) For information, call (313) 402-6900 or (313) 806-PRAY, send e-mail to beaconhillccdoc@aol.com.

UPCOMING

**God at work in Uganda**  
With guest preacher Rev. Justus Miwanda, executive director of the I.N. Network Uganda at the June 1 early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will be at the Livonia YMCA, 14255 Stark, between Lyndon and I-96 service drive. Call (248) 442-0422.

**Baccalaureate church service**  
10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 1, at Grace Lutheran Church, 46001 Warren, west of Canton Center, in Canton. All 2008 graduates of high school, college, or technical school are invited to attend this service in their honor, and are asked to wear caps and gowns. A light refreshment and fellowship follows the service. For information, call Robin at (734) 459-6950.

**Hawaiian luau**  
5 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Theme is Outrigger Island. Call (734) 464-6722.

**Catholic singles potluck picnic**  
For unattached single Catholics, ages

30-59, noon Sunday, June 8, at Lower Huron Metro Park, Belleville. Bring your own beverage (no alcohol) and a dish to pass. Cost \$5/person plus park entrance (\$4/car). RSVP to Kathleen by June 6 at (734) 657-7750 or CatholicSinglesNYE@comcast.net.

**Parish revitalization seminar**  
Sponsored by Council of Orthodox Christian Churches of Metropolitan Detroit (COCC) 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, June 7, at St. Thomas Orthodox Church, 29150 10 Mile, Farmington Hills. Entitled Demythologizing Church Growth: Five Common Myths about Church Growth, and How We Can Overcome Them, conducted by the Rev. Jonathan Ivanoff, secretary of the Department of Evangelization of the Orthodox Church in America. The seminar is an introductory session. If it generates sufficient interest, the COCC will sponsor a complete series of seminars on the subject of parish revitalization. No charge. To reserve a seat, call (734) 422-0278 or send e-mail to paschabooks@sbcglobal.net.

**Fund raiser**  
Follows the 9:30 a.m. Sunday, June 8 service, potluck and silent auction to raise money for a church member, at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For reservations, call (734) 421-7249.

**Antique/classic car show**  
Presented by Crosspointe Meadows Church, featuring cars from the Ford and Mercury Restorers Club noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at the church on Meadowbrook Rd, south of 13 Mile. Free hot dogs, brauts, hamburgers, chips, pop, and water, free raffle for fun prizes. As part of the Car Show, visitors are welcome to take a tour of the church's new location. For more information, call (248) 669-9400.

**Patriotic pops concert**  
7 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church 40000 Six Mile, Northville. Ward Chancel Choir and Orchestra, Handbells, Ensembles and Children's

Choir present American favorites and a salute to U.S. Armed Forces. Child care provided through age 4. No admission charge. For details, call (248) 374-7400.

**Summer camp**  
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program is currently taking registrations for Summer Camp from June 9 to Aug. 22. The center is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Friday for ages 18 months to 12 years. For more information, call (734) 513-8413 or drop 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia.

**Evolutionary presentation**  
Rev. Michael Dowd, author of the new book, Thank God for Evolution, (Viking/Penguin), brings his cosmic gospel back to the Detroit-area. Dowd, America's Evolutionary Evangelist, gives a 90-minute presentation, Thank God for Evolution: How The Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World, at the 10 a.m. Sunday service June 15, and 7 p.m. Monday, June 16, at UU Farmington, 25301 Halsted, Farmington. Call (248) 478-7272.

**Rainforest adventure**  
Vacation Bible School 6-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 16-20, at King Lutheran Church, 9300 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Ages 3 through sixth grade welcome. Theme relates crafts, songs, games, snacks and Bible study. Registration is \$10, due by June 4. For more information, call (248) 767-4966.

**Vacation Bible school**  
This year will be held with a camping setting 9:15 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, June 16-20, for all children ages 3 to 12, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. Theme is Jesus, Our Forever Friend! Parents may register their children by filling out the online form at www.holocrosslivonia.org. Children could also register Monday, June 16. Visitors welcome.

**Cosmic City**  
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6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 16-20, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Theme is Outrigger Island. Call (734) 464-6722.

**Third Un-Annual Art Show**  
Does art have Buddha nature? 7-10 p.m. Friday, June 20, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday June 21, at Still Point Zen Buddhist Temple 4347 Trumbull Avenue (at Canfield), Detroit. A portion of proceeds support Still Point. All welcome. Artists include Still Point members, invited guests and juried artists. Poetry reading opening night 9-10 p.m. under the stars (weather permitting). For details, call (313) 645-9860 or (313) 580-6825, or send e-mail to stillpointart08@gmail.com.

**Bethany Suburban West**  
Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday June 21, at Leon's 30149 Ford Rd., Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

**50th anniversary celebration**  
Former members and friends are being invited back to Grace Moravian Church in Westland 10:30 a.m. Sunday, June 22. A pot luck dinner will follow the service at 31133 Hively. If you are planning to stay for the meal, call Beverly Moore at (734) 722-4102. The Moravian denomination celebrates 550 years since it was founded in 1457. On July 13 former pastor Rev. Allen Bergmann will be the guest speaker. A pot luck follows that service as well.

**Clothing bank**  
Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank is open 10 a.m. to noon on the fourth Saturday of every month at the church, 8775 Ronda Drive, south of Joy, between Haggerty and Lilley. The Clothing Bank is open to everyone in the community who is in need of new or like-new clothing. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

**Rummage sale**  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 10-12, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Vacation Bible school**  
9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

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July 14-18, at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$25 for first child, \$20 thereafter, includes music CD. Call (734) 464-0211.

**Grandparents/kids weekend**  
July 25-27, at FaHolo Camp & Conference Center, Grass Lake. Sponsored by ReMarried Ministries of Ward Church. The event is a retreat for grandparents and grandchildren, and includes two nights lodging, five meals, inspirational teaching by Barbara George-Howard, a wagon ride and bon fire, water blob and trampoline, go carts, initiatives, and lots of fun. Costs are \$283 per grandparent couple or \$154 per person, if grandchildren ages 6-17 \$90 each, 5 year olds free. Call (248) 374-7400.

**Vacation Bible school**  
Registrations due July 27 for Aug. 4-7 VBS (3-years to fifth grade), at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. The theme is God's Big Backyard and focuses on service to others. Call (734) 422-0149. Cost \$10.

**Tiny Tots Preschool**  
Now enrolling for 2008-2009, openings for 3 and 4-year olds at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 39020 Five Mile, Livonia. Cost \$25 for the first child, \$20 for each child thereafter. Call (734) 464-0211.

ONGOING

**Time change**  
Come to hear about the love of Jesus Christ for you 9:30 a.m. Sundays (May 25 to Sept. 7) at Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile, west of Middlebelt, Livonia. For information, visit www.livonfaith.org.

**Sunday worship**  
The early service for the Anglican Church of Livonia is at 7:45 a.m. at Trinity Church, 34500 Six Mile, west of Farmington Road and next to Stevenson High School, Livonia. The 10 a.m. service will continue to be at the Livonia YMCA at 14255 Stark Road, between Lyndon and the I-96 service drive.

**Reformed Protestant services**  
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**Sanskrit chanting**  
An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kocpzyński, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection is taken at the session. For information, call (586) 353-2300 or visit www.renaissanceunity.org.

**Church schedule**  
Garden City Presbyterian Church continues its 10 a.m. Sunday worship service with traditional hymns, scripture readings and choral music (fellowship follows). Youth Sunday School and nursery care also available at 10 a.m. Adult Sunday School at 8:30 a.m. Informal gathering 6 p.m. every Sunday with scriptures and discussion at the church on Middlebelt, one block south of Ford Rd. Call (734) 421-7620.

**Single Place Ministry**  
Single Place Ministry continues to meet Thursdays 7:30-7:45 p.m. for social time, 7:45-8 p.m. opening, 8-9 p.m. program, at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org. Cost is \$5.

**Prince of Peace Church**  
Recovery, Inc., meets at 10 a.m., every Wednesday at the church, Walnut Lake Road and Green, West Bloomfield. Recovery, Inc., is an international, non-profit, self-help community based service organization that helps people with nervous and emotional disorders reduce their suffering and improve their quality of life. Call Martha Paul at (248) 682-9362 or e-mail her at marthapaul@sbcglobal.net.

**Tai chi and strength classes**  
Orchard United Methodist Church is hosting a Tai Chi class 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays in the Mac at the church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The cost per class is \$10 or \$40 prepaid for five classes. The strength class takes place 9:30-10:30 a.m. Monday and Wednesday. Cost is \$5 per class. Drops in welcome. For information, call (248) 626-3620 or visit www.orchardumc.org.

**Church offerings**  
Riverside Park Church of God, Sunday worship is at 10 a.m., Wednesday bible classes (child through adult) at 7 p.m. Youth outings held monthly. The senior group (age 50 plus) has lunch together every month. The men get together for breakfast the first Saturday of the month plus we offer choir practice for all singers. All visitors welcome. The church is at 11771 Newburgh at Plymouth Road, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for details.

**Church services**  
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**Thursday fellowship dinner**  
All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

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Open Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Tai Chi class**  
Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills, is hosting a Tai Chi Class by Sam Purdy, Wu Style Tai Chi.

This meditative form of Martial Arts is great for reducing stress and is great for over-all health memory and balance.

Everyone is welcome from beginning to experienced participants at any time. Classes began 7-8:30 p.m. Jan. 14, and continue every Monday thereafter. Cost per class depends on number of participants. For information or to reserve your space, call (248) 701-1587 or (248) 626-3620. Visit www.orchardumc.org for updates.

**Living Water series**  
Mark McGilvrey leads a 10-week video series called H2O starting 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at Memorial Church of Christ, 35475 Five Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 464-6722. The group is open to men and women who would like to review the basic teachings of Jesus who claimed to be living water.

**Couple prayer series**  
St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia, is offering a Couple Prayer Series (www.coupleprayer.org) for married or engaged couple, began 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, in the Activity Center Hall. For registration information, call Mary Ellen at (734) 464-4435.

**ENDOW**  
St. Michael the Archangel Parish of Livonia hosts two different sessions of the Archdiocese of Detroit's ENDOW program, a continuing women's study group focused on the dignity of women of all ages and faiths. Based on Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women, the group meets 9:30 a.m. Thursdays (began Jan. 10). The second session is called Different Times, Abiding Dignity and deals with a woman's inherent dignity at all stages of her life from 0 to 100. The group meets 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays (began Jan. 8). Both groups meet in the convent basement meeting room. Women of all ages and faiths welcome. There is a \$60 charge for materials, but no woman will be turned away because of inability to pay. Register by calling (734) 261-1455, Ext. 207 or online at www.endowonline.com. St. Michael's complex is at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road, Livonia.

**ENDOW**  
Educating on the Nature and Dignity of Women sessions 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, to March 6, (explores Pope John Paul II's Mulieris Dignitatem - On the Dignity and Vocation of Women), in Bixmal Hall church building at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Second session is 7-9 p.m. Mondays to March 3, (explores Pope John Paul II's Letter to Women), in conference room in parish office. Registration required for both sessions. \$60 for materials for each session. Contact Michele Schmidt at (734) 367-0353 or send e-mail to mtschmidt@sbcglobal.net.

**Day of service**  
Began in January, a Day of Service and Spirituality will be made available by the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center. The purpose of the day is to serve, to meet, and to have one's faith grow. The day allows groups to help at the Capuchin Services Center and dine with guests at the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. A tour of the Earth Works urban garden, which provides six tons of produce each season, will also be made available. The day concludes with a self-guided tour of the Solanus Casey Center, a spirituality center dedicated to the Capuchin friar who is credited with miraculous cures and valued for his wise and compassionate counsel. The minimum age is 7th grade and the maximum size of the group is 30. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. There is no cost. Lunch included. For information, send e-mail to ccrane@thecapuchins.org. To learn more about the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, visit www.cskdetroit.org.

**New schedule**  
9 a.m. Sunday school for all ages and Faith Forum, 10 a.m. Worship Service with Communion and nursery, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. All visitors welcome. For more information, call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holocrosslivonia.org.

**Worship Service**  
10:30 a.m. Sunday, Adult Bible Class at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship at 10:30 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 27035 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. For more information, call (313) 278-5755.

**Worship**  
Sundays: 10 a.m. Worship Service with nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for tots through high school and Adult Faith Forum at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414 or visit www.holocrosslivonia.org.

**Worship service**  
10:45 a.m. Sundays, Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m., Children's Sunday School during worship, Youth Group 5-7 p.m. and Catechism for Grown-ups 5:30-6:30 p.m., at Trinity Church of Livonia, 34500 Six Mile. For information, call (734) 425-2800.

**F.I.R.E. ministries**  
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**ANNA CATHERINE FULKERSON**  
Passed away May 23, 2008 at the age of 75. Beloved wife of the late Donald. Dear mother of Kathy Fulkerson and Donald Fulkerson. Dear sister of Vito Sambro. Mrs. Fulkerson was a life long resident of Plymouth. She was active with the Plymouth Goodfellows and a former member of Plymouth Eastern Star. She was an excellent candy maker and baker. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday May 31, 2008, 12 noon at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Friends may visit beginning at 11am. Memorials may be given to the Plymouth Good Fellows or The American Lung Association.

**DAVID ALLEN ENGEL**  
Age 65, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away May 23, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

**DORIS NELSON**  
Age 87, Farmington, MI, passed away May 22, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

**JOHN A. DEAN**  
Age 84, of Birmingham, formerly of Allen Park, died Saturday, May 24, 2008 at Brookdale Senior Living, Troy. He was born June 12, 1923 in Detroit. Mr. Dean was a decorated WWII veteran who served in the European Campaign with the famed 90th Division, known as the "Tough Hombres". He was also co-owner of the Superior Fish Co. of Royal Oak until his retirement. Mr. Dean was predeceased by his much beloved wife, Virginia (Zaborski) of 47 years and brothers, Edward, Walter and Harold. Mr. Dean is survived by his children, Michael (Bridget) Dean, David (Julie) Dean, Judith (Tony) Fleming and Kevin (Melanie) Dean; sister, Theresa Dean; brother-in-law, Raymond Zaborski; and ten grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Visitation Friday 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. rosary at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. (4 blks. E of Woodward), Royal Oak. Saturday in state 9:30 a.m. until time of mass 10 a.m. at Holy Name Catholic Church, 645 Woodland, Birmingham, MI 48009. In lieu of flowers, memorials to SS. Cyril & Methodius Seminary, 3535 Indian Trail, Orchard Lake, MI 48324. Share your memories at: www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com

**EMMA A. KNOUSE**  
Age 91, of Marshall and formerly of Garden City, died Saturday, May 24, 2008. She was born on January 15, 1917 in Moonrun, PA to Joseph and Mary Knouse. Emma had been employed by the Garden City Hospital, working in the kitchen for over 20 years. She retired in 1982. Survived by nephews, Lewis (Dorla) Christ of Marshall and George M. Christ of Bay City; nieces, Mary Ann Sustarsic of Moonrun, PA and Sylvia McKenna of O'Leary, OH. Services were held 2:00pm Tuesday, May 17, 2008 at Oakridge Cemetery, Marshall, MI. Arrangements are by the Craig K. Kempf Funeral Home. To leave a personal message, please visit: www.kempffuneralhome.com

**MICHAEL JOHN OLSEN**  
Age 62, Livonia, MI, passed away May 23, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

**THADDEUS WOZNIAK**  
Age 86, Livonia, MI, passed away May 23, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

**JOSEPH LEE HAMILTON JR.**  
Age 42, was born in LaGrange, IL on January 26, 1966. Joe and "the love of his life" Kathleen O'Neill were both killed in a boating accident on May 24, 2008 on Lake St. Clair. He is survived by his daughter Lydia Marie Hamilton, age six. Joe moved to Orchard Lake Michigan at the age of two. He was raised in Milford, Michigan and graduated from Lakeland High School in 1984. He owned and operated Hamilton Concrete Construction for the past 16 years. To know him was to love him. His charisma and tenderness gained him many friends from all walks of life and across many states. Beloved son of Shirley and stepson of Glen Bibbins of Dandridge, TN and cherished son of Joseph and stepson of Millicent Hamilton of Loudon, TN. Brother of Pamela Savedes (Alec) of Howell, MI; stepbrother of Donna Scheidel (Brien) of Canton, MI; and Jeffrey Bibbins of Waxhaw, NC; half-brother of Mark Hamilton of Loudon, TN. Joe leaves behind nieces Alyx Rae Savedes and Alaina Gail Scheidel and nephew Anthony Joseph Savedes, as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins. Joe is blessed with many friends who deeply mourn his loss. Visitation Friday, May 30, 2008, 1-4pm and 6-8pm at the Keehn Funeral Home, Brighton (810-229-9871). Funeral service Saturday, May 31, 2008, 10:00am at Brighton Church of the Nazarene, 7679 Brighton Rd., Brighton, with Rev. Ben D. Walls officiating. Final visitation at the church begins at 9:00am. Burial later at the Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Memorial contributions in Joe's name are requested to Pamela Savedes for the future care of Lydia Marie Hamilton. www.keehnfuneralhome.com

**JIM CARCLAY**  
Born 8/13/45 passed away on 5/22/08. Preceded by death Dr. Basil and Beatrice Carclay, and Brother Jack. Survived by Elaine, Daughter Lisa (John) Genbusch, Sons J.R. and Steven Carclay, Grandchildren Jack and Gabrielle Genbusch. Resided in Canton, Michigan and moved to Port St. Lucie, Florida. Donations can be made to Hospice Treasure Cove, 1201 S.E. Indian St., Stuart, Florida 34997. Memorial Services to be held at a later date. Allcounty Funneral Home & Crematory, Stuart, Florida 1-772-692-4055

**MARIA C. PETRYKOWSKI (nee) Fenech**  
May 27, 2008, age 86 of Canton. Wife of the late Leonard. Beloved mother of Gloria (Daniel) Bywalec, Anna Marie (Ronald) Rzeppa, and Elaina (Michael) Kelly. Proud grandmother of Dana, Brooke, Nathan, David and Evan. Visitation will be held May 30, 2-9pm, Rosary Service at 7pm at Vermeulen Funeral Home, 46401 W Ann Arbor Rd, Plymouth, (Btwn Sheldon and Beck. Funeral Mass Sat 10:30am, In State 10am at St. Thomas a'Becket, 555 S Lilley Rd, Canton. Donations may be made to Disabled American Veterans, 30905 Plymouth Rd, Livonia, MI 48150. To share memories, visit www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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Living Water Church, 11663 Arcola in the Inkster and Plymouth roads area at 7 p.m. Fridays under the leadership of Luke Willis. F.I.R.E. Ministries. For more information, call (734) 425-6360.

**New worship schedule**

Regular church service 10 a.m. Sundays with Communion and Nursery, 9 a.m. Sunday School for all ages and Faith Forum, at Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA), 30650 Six Mile, Livonia. Call (734) 427-1414. All visitors welcome. Visit [www.holycrosslivonia.org](http://www.holycrosslivonia.org).

**Sunday worship**

11 a.m. Sunday worship service, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, at Good Shepherd Reformed Church, 6500 N. Wayne Road at Hunter, Westland. For information, call (734) 721-0800.

**Worship services**

10 a.m. Sundays Divine Liturgy fol-

lowed by a fellowship/coffee time, at Holy Transfiguration Orthodox Church, 36075 W. Seven Mile, between Newburgh and Wayne roads, Livonia. Church school for children and adults begins at 9 a.m. Sunday. Vespers are celebrated 5 p.m. Saturdays. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call (248) 476-3432 (church), (248) 477-4712 (rectory) or Web site at [www.orthodoxlivonia.org](http://www.orthodoxlivonia.org).

**Pancake breakfasts**

The Ushers' Club of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia continue their 30-year tradition of all-you-can-eat pancake breakfasts on the third Sunday of each month from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The breakfasts are served in the school cafeteria at 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Road. Adults, \$5; children ages 4-11, \$3; children under age 3, free; and family (2 adults and all children), \$15. Everyone is welcome.

**Men's breakfast**

Ham & eggs, hash browns, pancakes, and more when you come to the Men's Breakfast at 8 a.m. on the first Saturday of every month at

The Senate Restaurant, located off Haggerty Road between Five Mile and Six Mile in Northville. All men are invited for fellowship and food. Sponsored by Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh, Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990.

**MOPS meetings**

The Hosanna-Tabor Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) group began meeting this fall at a new time at the Lutheran church, 9600 Laverne, Redford. Meetings continue the first and third Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. Join in for teaching, discussion, creative projects and presentations. For more information, call (248) 470-5202 or send e-mail to [nikki.tiernan@gmail.com](mailto:nikki.tiernan@gmail.com).

**Bible studies**

Regular Bible Study program continues at 7 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month, focus is on St. Paul's Letters to the Romans, at St. Michael's Catholic Church on the corner of Plymouth and Hubbard roads, Livonia. To register, call (734) 261-1445, Ext. 200.

# Mother of nine to sing about family

In honor of all mothers, St. Aidan Catholic Church presents An Evening of Music with Marie Bellet 7-9 p.m. Saturday, May 31, in the church building at 17500 Farmington Road, north of Six Mile, Livonia.

Bellet is a singer and songwriter, and mother of nine from Tennessee. Her four albums celebrate marriage, motherhood and the family,

and have sold over 35,000 copies. Her sense of humor and insightful messages are sung in her simple folksy style. Bellet's music CDs will be available for purchase after the concert. Refreshments will be provided.

Tickets are \$5 per person, \$20 per family, and can be purchased in advance at the office or at the door. Call (734) 425-5950.



Marie Bellet performs Saturday, May 31, at St. Aidan Catholic Church in Livonia.



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Saturday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.  
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Worship Service 9:30 AM  
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[www.redfordaldersgate.org](http://www.redfordaldersgate.org)

**Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church**

14175 Farmington Road, Livonia Just north of I-96  
**734-522-6830**

Sunday Worship 8:30 & 11:00 am - Traditional  
Sunday/Bible Class 9:45 am  
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Staffed Nursery Available

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**9:15 & 11:00 A.M.**  
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"Vacancy Pastor - Rev. Carl Rockrohr"  
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Wednesday Evening Service 7 p.m.  
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For more information call 313-937-2233

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website: [www.stpaulslivonia.org](http://www.stpaulslivonia.org)

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OUR VIEWS

## Parade more proof of Plymouth's heart

Last week, Plymouth's City Commission decided to partner with the community's veterans groups to help defray the cost of the annual Memorial Day parade.

On Monday, the veterans groups made commissioners look like geniuses, once again putting on the kind of patriotic display that helps give the Plymouth community its hometown flavor.

Hundreds of people lined Main Street from Wing all the way to the gorgeous Veterans Memorial Park at Church Street, in front of Central Middle School, as veterans groups, Scout groups, the Plymouth-Canton Marching Band and a variety of dignitaries moved sharply through town, paying homage to our country's servicemen and women, particularly those who've died in battle in defense of our nation.

Plymouth does a lot of things right when it comes to parades and festivals and events, but none is done any righter than the Memorial Day parade, always an attraction which draws a sea of red, white and blue from beginning to end. The veterans take a great deal of pride in marching, and the people adorning the street love to show their gratitude to these military marvels.

It's always been a grand event, but it's been even better the last couple of years, since the Veterans Memorial Park Committee finally got the new park built and the vets groups stopped haggling over whose monuments would be included and whose wouldn't.

Of course all of them should be, and all of them are, included in a beautiful setting befitting those it's meant to salute.

In past years, an anonymous benefactor has helped the veterans defray the \$1,200 fee the city charges for such events, which covers things like security and cleanup. That donor has passed away, and the veterans were in danger of being on the hook for the fee. When the city commissioners took up the issue at their last meeting, they voted 6-1 to "partner" with parade organizers, making payment of the fee moot.

Thankfully, the allegiance to the veterans shown by commissioners was allowed to extend to parade-goers Monday, and the result was another fine job, and another opportunity, in its own homespun, small-town, hometown way, for Plymouth to show just how big a heart it has.

## Adequate DEQ funding is essential to protect waters

Anyone who has lived in Michigan for any amount of time can probably tell you how important water is to this state. From the Great Lakes and more than 11,000 inland lakes to the thousands upon thousands of rivers and streams, Michiganders are never very far away from a body of water.

Not only does this resource provide us with some of the finest drinking water in the country, it also provides us with countless recreation opportunities, aids our economy and is home to countless species of wildlife.

Our state lawmakers decided that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) would be the main agency to protect this amazing natural resource and uphold the public trust. However, in recent years the state Legislature has cut funding to the DEQ so severely that the department is finding it difficult to near impossible to perform the duties it is required to do by law. As a result, DEQ officials are proposing turning over a portion of the state's wetlands oversight and Inland Lakes and Streams Act oversight to the federal government.

While this may seem logical to those overseeing the DEQ's dwindling budget, turning over essential oversight of our water resources to the Feds would be a blow to our state.

Currently, the DEQ's Land and Water Management Division is responsible for overseeing most of the programs that are at risk because of inadequate funding. The LWMD's responsibilities include the protection of wetlands, stream banks and bottoms, floodplains, floodways, lake bottomlands and critical dunes. LWMD staff are the ones that go out in the field and determine what impact construction projects have on natural resources. They review permit applications for such activities as filling wetlands, altering stream banks, or building a dock on a lake.

Despite this critical role, the LWMD's budget has been slashed by nearly 30 percent since 2002, which has resulted in a 17-percent drop in staff (23 positions) over the same period. The loss of staff has handicapped the LWMD, and prevented it from fulfilling its responsibilities, according to a DEQ report. During this time, Michigan's waterways have suffered substantial environmental impacts from large projects, and many minor projects that have had a cumulative impact.

The cost of state government has been a big issue over the last couple of years. State lawmakers have had to determine what are the most important services the state can provide the residents of Michigan. There are few services as important as protecting the state's natural resources, especially our water resources.

It is time for our state lawmakers to realize this, regardless what party they belong to. If their position is that the federal government can do a better job overseeing our water, then it is time to find new state lawmakers. It's time to adequately fund the DEQ.



LETTERS

### Hockey misconception

I have been following the issue regarding the elimination of the figure skating program at the Plymouth Cultural Center in the news and attended the City Commission meeting on May 19 and I would like to clear up one misconception stated in your editorial on May 22.

The hockey program sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association is not a "boys" hockey program. It is a youth hockey program open to boys and girls. My daughter has skated in the program for the last seven years, as have many other girls.

While she is in the minority on a gender basis, we see the enrollment of girls in the program increasing every year. As the former girls hockey development coordinator for the Michigan Amateur Hockey Association, I can attest to the fact that the girls/women's division of USA Hockey is the fastest growing division and we certainly see that here in Michigan.

The Plymouth-Canton Hockey Association's program is an important feeder for the girls high school hockey team and also the Michigan Senior Women's Hockey League, the largest women's hockey league in the United States. It provides another avenue for girls to participate in the sport of their choosing, regardless of their gender.

In further discussions, I hope everyone on both sides of the issue removes gender from discussion. Your decision to figure skate or hockey skate is dependent on your preference, not your gender, and how you pay for it is the dilemma of all participants in every recreation program.

Laurie Golden Birchler  
Plymouth

### Let them pay

Band together and get ALL of the legislators to BUY their own gasoline, do their own driving, too, in their own cars. If they are to help us, they have to be like us. Right now we are purchasing their gasoline. Let's try to end this abuse of power.

Loretta LaBerge  
Westland

### Make bean counters happy

The bean counters for the American automakers and many of their suppliers should be happy. They pushed the United Auto Workers into ratifying a nearly 50 percent cut in their hourly wage, pushing new hires into the \$14-15 per hour range. Now who will be able to afford a stripped-down, basic model of any American subcompact?

One solution for married couples is to have the non-working spouse enter the work force, forcing them to hire baby-sitters for their preschoolers and elementary school-age children.

Wait a minute! That will mean that the extra income will only be going to pay for child care, not to pay for the higher gasoline and grocery bills.

Let's call in the bean counters to figure

out this one.

Leonard Poger  
Westland

### Who is watching?

To make games in sports fair, the players must abide by the rules of the game. To ensure players abide by the rules, each game must have a referee. To make sure the referee abides by the rules, there must be interested persons watching the game and the referee.

The same rules apply to our district courts in Michigan, except for the fact that we usually don't have interested persons watching either the trial, the judge or the magistrate. Therefore, in Michigan, we do not have fair trials, unless it happens to be a jury trial.

It is only my guess, but I would guess that more than 90 percent of all court trials in Michigan are in district courts presided over by either a magistrate or a judge. And for all practical purposes, no one is watching because at this point in time, although it would easily solve the problem, more than likely, of unfair judges and magistrates, video taping and broadcasting in district courts is not allowed.

Who controls it? Certainly not the people! It is controlled by the courts, the city governments in which the courts reside and the state government of Michigan. Those in control do not want it because they prefer to keep the people in the dark. They do not want any light shed on the bad guys sitting at benches wearing robes.

This is how the people of Michigan are kept in line, herded like cattle. That is how it is and that is how it will remain, until we spineless cattle grow some spines and stand up for our constitutional rights. Is it any wonder Michigan is in the Dumpster, all alone, while the rest of the country passes us by?

Kenneth Kemp  
Farmington Hills

### We ignore oil options

Greg Kowalski's column ("Time to put an end to our dependency on oil," May 18) misses the mark regarding our dependency on oil.

Let's get real about our oil needs in this country. Truth of the matter is that we cannot get by without oil in the foreseeable future. It is our lifeblood far into the future. Yes, we can cut back on some of our usage of oil, but we cannot conserve our way out of this problem in a growing economy. The so-called alternatives, biofuels, etc., will not give us the amount we need.

If every kernel of corn grown in this country were dedicated to ethanol production, it would only give us 10 percent of our needs. We need to drill and we need to be getting about the job.

There is more than enough oil to be extracted if the oil companies were allowed to do so. There is plenty of oil here in the states. The oil producers want to drill in Alaska right next to where they are presently drilling — an

area so small it cannot even be found on a map. This was proposed more than 10 years ago, but the Enviro-Geeks and their Democrat supporters in the Senate stopped it with phony scare tactics.

There has been an enormous recent find in the Gulf of Mexico, perhaps the world's largest, yet that has been made off-limits by these same people. It does not matter to them that Mexico, Cuba and now the Chinese will be extracting oil from these reserves. It is these same people that have stopped any new oil refineries from being built in this country for more than 30 years.

Synthetic gasoline and hydrogen-fueled cars are pure dreams that none of us will live to see. It sounds nice but, again, get real. As for battery-powered cars, the range is so limited they wouldn't take most of us to work and back. As for me, I intend to burn gasoline and refuse to live in a cabbage patch.

Mack Tario  
Southfield

### Not another war

Once again the Bush administration is beating the drums of war. This time against Iran. Perhaps the president wants to reassert his commander-in-chief authority to boost his party's abysmal chances in the fall elections. Or maybe he wants to make sure his friends at Halliburton and Blackwater continue to be rewarded with billions in unbid contracts.

Whatever the reason, Bush wants another war. How they spin it doesn't matter. Weapons of mass destruction. Democracy. Oil.

A future threat. We would be stupid to fall for this again. Current estimates put the cost of the war in Iraq at \$3 trillion. More than 4,000 American soldiers have lost their lives. Our military is stretched to the breaking point. Our credibility diminished. We do not want and cannot afford another catastrophic war. Certainly not on the say of a 27 percent lame duck president who lied us into war in the first place.

Katie Jacob  
Birmingham

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"Our Congress is 100 percent to blame for the current prices ... There is one simple solution, increase production ... ours, not begging the Saudis for theirs. The U.S. Senate should pay attention to what they were told by the CEO of Shell Oil (Wednesday) in hearings and start allowing drilling to occur where we have plenty access to oil ... There's no reason we have to be held hostage by dictators, but our politicians become a little dictatorial on their own. They could approve building of a refinery here and there ... we haven't had one in over 30 years."

- Ken Berry, gas station customer, on the government's failure to increase oil production to combat rising gas prices

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# Annual budget crisis shows state's leadership fails again

Just when you thought things were awful enough — gas more than \$4 a gallon; auto sales dropping fast; homes facing foreclosure; and the economy in a recession — now comes the bad news.

The nonpartisan and highly respected Citizens Research Council of Michigan (CRC) is predicting — once again — long-term, big-time state budget trouble. Even though the Legislature thrashed and fought most of last year, barely avoiding a state shutdown before finally enacting a new tax package and balancing the budget, it turns out that was only a temporary plug for the collapsing dam.

In fact, little accomplished last year has done anything to relieve the “chronic structural budget deficit.” That means the cost increases of state programs will continue to outrun revenues.

Rapidly rising health care costs and our prison system (estimated at a 7.3-percent increase per year) will swamp state finances. The CRC experts estimate budget gaps starting next year which would balloon to a \$6 billion hole in the General Fund by 2017 if nothing is done.

All of which makes it disgraceful that last year's report of the governor's Emergency Financial Advisory Panel was so roundly ignored. The panel, headed by former Govs. Jim Blanchard and Bill Milliken and consisting of some of Michigan's most distinguished leaders, came up with a remarkably tough-minded, far-reaching set of structural reforms designed to cut costs and assure adequate revenues to sustain necessary state programs.

- Some examples:
- Cutting corrections expenses, which now at \$2.2 billion a year are more than state spending on our colleges and universities.
  - Reducing fringe benefits for state employees, which now exceed by a mile those paid to workers in the private sector.
  - Working out better ways for school districts and local government units to collaborate by sharing services and cutting costs.

The devastating new CRC projections should come as no surprise to those familiar with the emergency panel's brief report, which ought to have been mailed to every family in the state. But they will hopefully add urgency to the movement for long-term structural changes in the workings of our state — and help make people realize how necessary those changes are.

By now, the broad outlines are fairly clear. Research by Michigan's Future, Inc., demonstrates that those states with young and highly educated work forces are the ones that are going to prosper in the future. As Lou Glazer says, “Talent trumps taxes.” The issue isn't just the number of jobs; it's good jobs, which lead to high and growing family incomes.

In its recently issued report, “Michigan's Defining Moment: A Common Ground

Agenda for Michigan's Transformation,” the nonpartisan, nonprofit Center for Michigan (of which I am president) called for a talented and globally competitive work force, a vibrant economic, a great quality of life and an effective, efficient and accountable government.

Other regional economic development groups — Detroit Renaissance, the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, the West Michigan Strategic Alliance — have all proposed similar strategies.

People are unhappy with the slow pace of change and the continued partisan bickering. Polls published by The Center show that nearly 85 percent of citizens think it's important for lawmakers of both parties to work together in developing solutions to Michigan's problems, while the same number think that's not happening now.

Business leadership, in particular, is increasingly unhappy at the lack of urgency in Lansing. Leaders from the Detroit Renaissance chairman to the Domino's CEO have been warning that time's running out, but, as one said, it's “like screaming into the wind.”

And most leaders I talk with agree that the kinds of decisions we make over the decade will play a major role in defining what kind of state Michigan will be over the next 50-75 years.

Truly, we are at a hinge in our history. What is needed most is the political will to actually set these long-term strategies into place. I've been holding small, off-the-record, confidential dinner meetings with legislators for the past several months. As many as 30 from both parties are deeply troubled at the partisan gridlock in Lansing. They are anxious to work with business and civic leadership to start things moving.

The first step involves the 45 open seats in the House of Representatives that are up for election this fall. Frankly, I don't care which party wins the seats, but I do care a lot that we nominate and elect candidates willing to work together across party lines to reach far-reaching solutions to Michigan's problems.

And as world-changing as this year's election may be nationally, for Michigan it is only a prologue to the really important election two years from now: For us, 2010 will truly be a watershed.

Whether we like it or not, we'll elect an entirely new cast of characters to send to Lansing: the governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, will all be new. So will at least 31 out of 38 state senators and more than half of the House, all thanks to term limits.

Politics does matter. And mobilizing citizens to get involved in these elections is the key to getting Michigan moving again.

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Phil Power

# High school grads, beware of financial aid scams

Congratulations to high school seniors who are graduating and taking the next step in their lives. High school graduates who are continuing their education are in the process of looking for financial aid. Unfortunately, it is also the time of year where scam artists who prey on high school grads looking for financial aid come out of the woodwork.



Money Matters  
Rick Bloom

I believe that because of our economic difficulties, including the credit crunch, there will be more scam artists this year with regards to financial aid than in the past. Financial aid scams take a number of different forms. One of the more popular is to send high school graduates an e-mail offering all sorts of scholarship offers. The e-mails request no money, rather they ask for certain financial information so it can be forwarded to a variety of scholarship providers.

Many conclude that since no money is exchanged, there is no problem. No so. Many of these so called scholarship-search companies are nothing more than an attempt to steal a student's identity.

Identity theft continues to be a growing problem in America, and the number of cases against teenagers is increasing dramatically. If you receive an unsolicited e-mail offering a college scholarship, you should be very leery. In addition, if you are asked to provide any sensitive financial information, delete the e-mail. Just because teenagers do not have much established credit or assets does not mean that they are immune from identity theft.

Another scam targeted to high school seniors deals with services that guarantee a scholarship for a fee. What they don't tell you is the scholarship can be less than the fees paid. Many of these companies state that if you do not receive a scholarship they will refund the fee. I have seen many companies that offer this type of service and I am always leery. After all, many companies will promise you something and then never deliver. If you receive an e-mail from a scholarship-search company, I recommend you check it out with the Better Business Bureau and the Attorney General's office. The majority of these companies have questionable backgrounds.

I recognize that parents are desperate when it comes to financial aid for college. However, filing for a bogus scholarship offer is not

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going to help. There are legitimate scholarship search companies, however, they are few and far between.

If you need financial assistance or are looking for a scholarship, do the search yourself. There are tools to assist in the search. An excellent (free) resource is [www.findaid.org](http://www.findaid.org). This Web site has a vast amount of information regarding scholarships and financial assistance. It also has a variety of scholarships that are not necessarily based upon need, but on merit.

There have been many stories that financial aid will be more difficult to obtain this year than in the past. Whether this ends up to be true or not, I'm not sure. However, I can almost guarantee you there will be more scholarship scams by people looking to take advantage of others.

The reality is that government entities cannot adequately protect us from these scams. Many Internet scams come from outside our borders which make them immune from our laws. The bottom line is it is up to us to protect ourselves. Therefore, be cautious about offering sensitive information, independently check out companies before sending any money. If something sounds too good to be true, it is.

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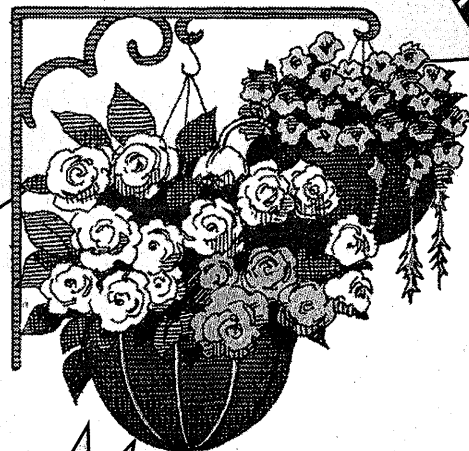
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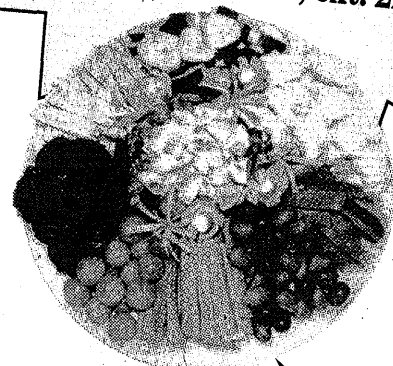
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## 2008 Canton Cup



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Canton Wings player Drew Bensinger (left) and Canton Lightning forward Avery Felty struggle for possession of the ball during one of the 800-plus games that were played this past weekend in the 26th Annual Canton Cup soccer tournament. At right, soccer moms Karen Kosmyna (foreground) and Cheree Rowley watch their team, the Plymouth Reign 98, compete Friday night in the Canton Cup.



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JOHN VAUGHN, tournament director



It's all about sportsmanship for members of the Garden City Soccer Club and the Ypsilanti Township Bombers as they congratulate each other following a Canton Cup game Friday night.

## GOAL-DEN MOMENTS

### Teamwork makes 26th soccer tourney most successful ever

See championship results, on Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Apparently Mother Nature is a pretty big soccer fan. While the ultimate weather lady blessed last weekend's 26th Annual Canton Cup with three days of plentiful sunshine and comfortable temperatures, she couldn't outshine the hundreds of volunteers who helped make the event a rousing success, according to tournament director John Vaughn.

"This was our best tournament ever," proclaimed Vaughn, who oversaw the coordination of approximately 800 games that included close to 7,000 players whose ages ranged from 9 to 18. "Everything ran like clockwork. My radio was eerily quiet all weekend.

"It wouldn't be possible to run a tournament of this size without all the volunteers who pitch in their time. We have about 25 people who are on the core committee, but there are about 250 that help out."

Vaughn noted volunteers like Canton resident Greg Sanders, who drove a shuttle bus from venue to venue to make the weekend easier for visitors.

"Thanks to volunteers like Greg and a number of other countless people, I received nothing but complimentary feedback all weekend," said Vaughn. "We're already looking forward to next year's tournament."

Vaughn estimated the event drew over 20,000 people to the Canton area.

Games were played at Independence Park, Heritage Park, Griffin Park and at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

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## Sidelines

### Wade excels

Former Canton softball standout Rachel Wade has played a key role in leading Ferris State University to the NCAA Division II Softball Championships in Houston, Texas, earlier this month. Wade, a red-shirt freshman outfielder, started 38 games for the 35-18 Bulldogs, contributing one home run and 12 RBI. She did not commit an error in the field.

Ferris is currently ranked fifth in the country in DII.

### CSC registration

Registration for the Canton Soccer Club's fall season can be completed online from June 1 to July 1 at [www.cantonsoccerclub.com](http://www.cantonsoccerclub.com). The club offers leagues from U5 to U18.

### Canton Chiefs baseball camp

There's still time to register for the Canton Chiefs baseball camp, which is set for June 16-19 on the team's field.

Hitting instruction from ex-Chicago Cub Brent Sachs will be one of the highlights of the camp, which is offered to kids between the ages of 7 and 14.

The \$120 fee for the four-day camp includes instruction, lunch and a camp T-shirt.

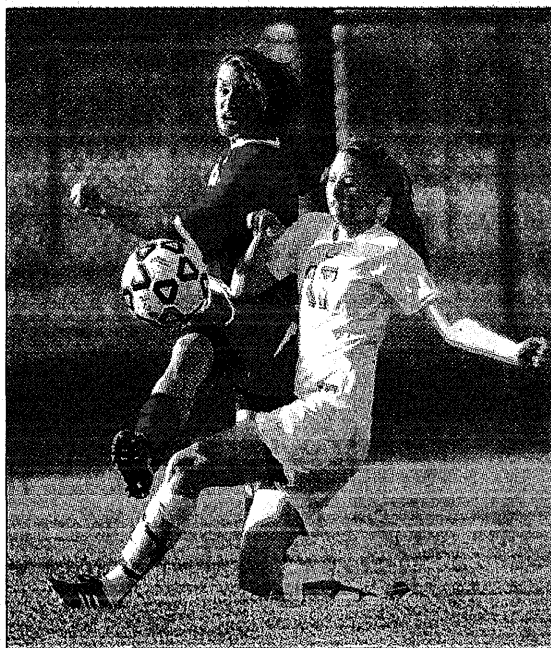
Interested parties can register by visiting: [www.eteamz.com/canton-chiefsbaseballclub](http://www.eteamz.com/canton-chiefsbaseballclub) and clicking on the "Summer Camp" link.

Information is also available by calling Diane Galanty at (734) 765-1255.

### Plymouth football

There will be a mandatory parents meeting for football players who will be playing for Plymouth High School in the fall.

The meeting is set for Tuesday, June 3, at 7 p.m. in the Plymouth High School gymnasium.



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Salem's Taylor Burgoon (left) and Canton's Megan Staub go all-out for control of the ball during Tuesday's Division 1 District game at the PCEP soccer stadium. Staub scored a goal in the Chiefs' 3-0 victory.

## Kickin' it into the next gear

### Canton ousts Salem in District soccer opener

Plymouth blanks Wayne. See story on Page B2.

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Tuesday night's Salem-Canton girls soccer match was about so much more than bragging rights at the "Park."

It was about survival — at least as far as the 2008 season was concerned.

The Chiefs survived in convincing fashion, securing a 3-0 victory to move into Thursday's

4 p.m. semifinal game against Westland John Glenn. A victory against the struggling Rockets would propel Canton into Saturday's noon title game against the victor of Thursday night's Northville-Plymouth showdown.

"I felt it was one of the most organized games we've ever played," said Canton coach George Tomasso, whose team improved to 11-4-4. "We kept our shape well and we won a lot of the individual battles."

"It's tough to have such high

energy all game long, especially against our biggest rival, but the girls did a great job. I give Salem a lot of credit for never giving up, always having a body on the ball and their high-intensity pressure."

The loss was a tough pill to swallow for the 7-7-5 Rocks, who said goodbye to six seniors.

"It's never easy playing the last game of a season, but it was especially tough tonight because this group of seniors was spe-

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cial," said Salem coach Joe Nora. "I thought Canton set the tone in the first 15 minutes. Their experience shined through and it seemed like they were first to every ball. I was very happy with our girls' work ethic, but Canton just seemed to want it a little bit more tonight."

Canton's Tracy Rymph had a hand — or a foot — in all three Chief goals. She converted the contest's first net-finder in the first half off an assist from Lisa Pierce before assisting Lindsay Winters a few moments later. Rymph then fed Megan Staub with a perfect centering pass in front for the final goal less than three minutes into the second half. The Rocks nearly lit up the

scoreboard during the 14th minute of the second half, but Kristina Klusek's 15-yard shot from wing and Stephanie Tankersley's header from the doorstep both hit the crossbar. Canton senior goalie Bry Bellovary notched her 14th shutout of the season. Salem senior goalie Kristen Dondzila played well in defeat for the Rocks.

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**Plymouth blanks Zebras, 3-0**

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

What advice did Plymouth soccer coach Jeff Neschich offer his team when Wayne Memorial packed the 18-yard box tighter than a sardine can during Tuesday's Division 1 District game at the PCEP stadium?

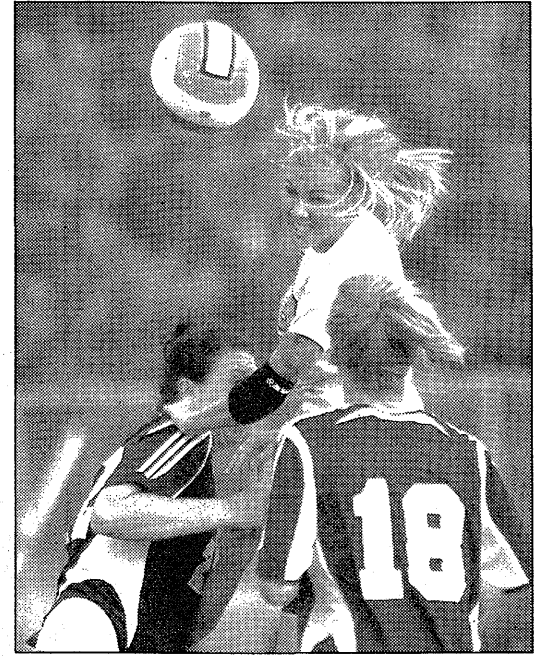
"I told them to be patient and use the outside lanes to create shots off crosses," the Wildcats' mentor said. The strategy worked as Plymouth registered a 3-0 victory to move onto Thursday's 6 p.m. semifinal game at Northville against the host Mustangs.

"They really stuffed everybody back there in the box," said Neschich, whose team improved to 8-7-3. "We didn't make as much out of the opportunities we had as I would have liked, but we scored early and they had zero scoring chances."

Plymouth led 1-0 at the half thanks to Kelly Dobb's goal from McKenzie Hengesh five minutes into the contest. Megan Quinlan doubled the Wildcats' lead early in the second half after converting a pass from Hengesh. Casey Webb capped the scoring off an assist from Jennifer Babcock.

One thing is certain about Thursday's semifinal game: The unbeaten and No. 1-ranked Mustangs won't be packing the box like the Zebras did.

"The girls are going to have to play the game of their lives, but they played super the last time we played Northville (a 1-0 loss)," said Neschich.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Plymouth's Liz Koet leaps high to win a 50-50 ball against Wayne's Jessica Kuder and Kristen Miller. The Wildcats advanced to this afternoon's 6 p.m. District semifinal game against No. 1-ranked Northville with a 3-0 victory over the Zebras.

Wayne finished the 2008 campaign with a 0-17-2 mark.

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**EXHIBIT A**  
**NOTICE TO ELECTORS**  
**OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH AND**  
**USERS OF THE CITY'S WATER SUPPLY AND**  
**SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM OF INTENT TO**  
**ISSUE REVENUE BONDS PAYABLE FROM THE**  
**REVENUES OF THE WATER SUPPLY AND**  
**SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM AND OF RIGHT**  
**OF REFERENDUM RELATING THERETO**



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Commission of the City of Plymouth intends to authorize the issuance and sale of Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System Revenue Bonds pursuant to Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, in the principal amount of not to exceed in total One Million Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,900,000), for the purpose of paying all or part of the cost of acquiring and constructing additions, renovations, improvements and upgrades to the Water Supply and Sewage Disposal System of the City, together with all necessary appurtenances and attachments.

The bonds will mature in annual installments not to exceed twenty-five (25) in number, with interest rates to be determined at sale but in no event to exceed such rates as may be permitted by law on the unpaid balance from time to time remaining outstanding on the bonds.

**SOURCE OF PAYMENT OF BONDS**

THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON THE REVENUE BONDS shall be payable solely and only from the net revenues derived from the operation of the City's Water Supply and Sewage disposal System. The revenues consist of rates and charges for services supplied by the System which may from time to time be increased in order to provide sufficient revenues to meet expenses of operating and maintaining the System and paying debt service on certain existing revenue bonds, the bonds referred to herein and any future revenue bonds payable from the net revenues of the system. Schedules of rates presently in effect for the System are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

**RIGHT OF REFERENDUM**

THE REVENUE BONDS WILL BE ISSUED WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS UNLESS A PETITION REQUESTING AN ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF ISSUING THE BONDS, SIGNED BY NOT LESS THAN 10% OF THE REGISTERED ELECTORS OF THE CITY, IS FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK WITHIN FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. If such a petition is filed, the bonds cannot be issued unless approved by a majority vote of the electors of the City voting on the question of their issuance.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Section 33 of Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION will be furnished at the office of the City Clerk upon request.

Linda Langmesser, City Clerk  
City of Plymouth

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**CANTON CUP RESULTS**

- 2008 CANTON CUP Championship Game Results**  
**BOYS RESULTS**  
**Under 9 Blue**  
Canton Celtic Red 2, Michigan United FC 0  
**Under 9 Red**  
Scor Red 4, Windsor Selects Thunder 1  
**Under 9 Green**  
Tsi Dragons 4, DH Mustangs 921  
**Under 9 Orange**  
Shooters 98 2, Hartland Sporting Club 0  
**Under 9 Yellow**  
BASC Lightning 4, South Lyon Sting 0  
**Under 9 White**  
Canton Blue Dragons 2, Plymouth Heat 0  
**Under 9 Gray**  
Lasalle Stompers 3, Phoenix Minis 2  
**Under 10 Blue**  
Michigan Unified FC 6, Pass Impact 1  
**Under 10 Red**  
Canton Celtic 98 White 4, Salvo 98A 3  
**Under 10 Green**  
Revolution Arsenal 1, Canton Celtic Blue 0  
**Under 10 Orange**  
Scor Weidenteller 1, Howell Revolution 0  
**Under 10 Yellow**  
Canton Sharks 2, Force 0  
**Under 11 Blue**  
Windsor Lightning 5, Plymouth Reign 1  
**Under 11 Red**  
GPSA Salvo 97 3, Wayne Westland Titans 2  
**Under 11 Green**  
Dexter Falcons 5, Plymouth Reign 3  
**Under 11 Orange**  
Mich. Revolution 5, Mich. Strikers 3  
**Under 11 Yellow**  
AA United Strikers 6, FC International 2  
**Under 12 Blue**  
Ole SC UI2 "A" 6, Reign 98 Green 3  
**Under 12 Red**  
Canton Celtic 97 Red 5, Inter Elite FC 2  
**Under 12 Green**  
Screaming Eagles 2, Farm. Flash Back 0  
**Under 12 Orange**  
CW3 Extreme White 3, A.A. United Magic 2  
**Under 12 White**  
Canton Tornados 5, Blue Bombers 1  
**Under 13 Blue**  
A.A. Arsenal Blue 2, Canton Celtic Red 1  
**Under 13 Red**  
Carpathia Gold 4, Canton Celtic White 0  
**Under 13 Green**  
Pass Impact 2, Farmington Flash 0  
**Under 13 Orange**  
Scor Hull 1, BASC Storm 0  
**Under 13 Yellow**  
Plymouth Reign Gold 1, South Lyon Sting 0  
**Under 13 White**  
Canton Cougars 3, Lasso 2  
**Under 14 Blue**  
Waza FC 94 Kelly 2, Mavericks-Johnson 1  
**Under 14 Red**  
Scor-Potter 2, Westland Wolves 1  
**Under 14 Green**  
Flint Steelers Fire 2, East Lansing 1  
**Under 15 Blue**  
NMSC T-Birds 2, Rose City Rangers 1  
**Under 15 Red**  
Crew Jrs. 3, Windsor Caboto Strikers 2  
**Under 15 Green**  
A.A. United Magic 1, Flushing Thunder 0  
**Under 15 White**  
Canton Crew 4, Rush Blue BU 14, 1  
**Under 16 Blue**
- CW3 Extreme 2, Flint Steelers-Arsenal, 0  
**Under 16 Red**  
Pennine United 4, Mavericks-Bergman 2  
**Under 16 Green**  
Pass Impact Soccer 1, GRCJ Gold 0  
**Under 17 Blue**  
Celtic 91 Red 3, Celtic 92 Red 2  
**Under 17 Red**  
Misfits 3, BASC Sting 2  
**Under 17/18 Red**  
Plymouth Reign, 5, Farmington Fury 4  
**Under 18 Blue**  
Kingdom Reserves 3, Canton Celtic 2  
**GIRLS RESULTS**  
**Under 9 Blue**  
Canton Celtic Red 7, Canton Celtic White 0  
**Under 9 Red**  
Hartland Hotshots 2, Canton Celtic Blue, 0  
**Under 9 Green**  
La Black Lions 1, Canton Celtic White 0  
**Under 9 White**  
Canton T-Birds 2, Roadrunners 1  
**Under 10 Blue**  
Hawks 4, CW3 Extreme Red 2  
**Under 10 Red**  
Celtic White 2, Waterford Lady Warriors 1  
**Under 10 Green**  
Scor Johnson 3, A.A. United 0  
**Under 10 Orange**  
Springboks-Way 3, Downriver Swoosh 2  
**Under 10 Yellow**  
Phoenix Soccer 2, Plymouth Reign 1  
**Under 10 White**  
Chargers 4, SGSC 1  
**Under 11 Blue**  
Plymouth Reign Green 1, Scor Red 0  
**Under 11 Red**  
Celtic White 2, Plymouth Reign White 1  
**Under 11 Green**  
Saline Swarm 1, Michigan United 0  
**Under 11 Orange**  
SCS Spitfire 4, HVSC Lightning 2  
**Under 12 Blue**  
TNT Dynamite Red 4, Waza FC Kelly 1  
**Under 12 Red**  
Pass Impact 7, BBSC Blazers 2  
**Under 12 Green**  
Livonia Meteors 3, Plymouth Reign, 0  
**Under 12 Orange**  
CW3 Red Red 2, NW Screaming Eagles 1  
**Under 12 Yellow**  
CW3 Redhawks 3, Bombers 2  
**Under 12 White**  
RYSL Revolution 2, Novi Parks Green 0  
**Under 13 Blue**  
Canton Celtic Red 3, Phoenix Soccer 0  
**Under 13 Red**  
Plymouth Reign 1, Howell Revolution 0  
**Under 13 Green**  
Perrysburg Black 5, CV Dragons 0  
**Under 13 Orange**  
Waza FC 95 Gold 4, Clawson Strikers 0  
**Under 14/15 Blue**  
Canton Celtic Red 1, Pennine United 0  
**Under 14 Red**  
Fraser Flames 3, Canton Celtic White 1  
**Under 14 Green**  
Pepper's Force 2, Magic MP 0  
**Under 14**  
Orange Pass Impact 1, Caboto Voyagers 0  
**Under 14 Yellow**  
Godiko All-Stars 4, Canton Colts 0

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Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188  
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON**  
**INVITATION TO BID**

• Base repair and asphalt resurfacing of approximately 1 mile of roadway on Sheldon Road between Palmer and Cherry Hill

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S, Canton MI will accept sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "LOCAL ROAD MAINTENANCE - 2008 CANTON TOWNSHIP", along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 3:00 pm, Thursday, June 12th, 2008 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

- Concrete pavement repair patching of approximately 6.35 miles of roadway
- HMA pavement repair patching & overband crack sealing of approximately 13.33 miles of roadway

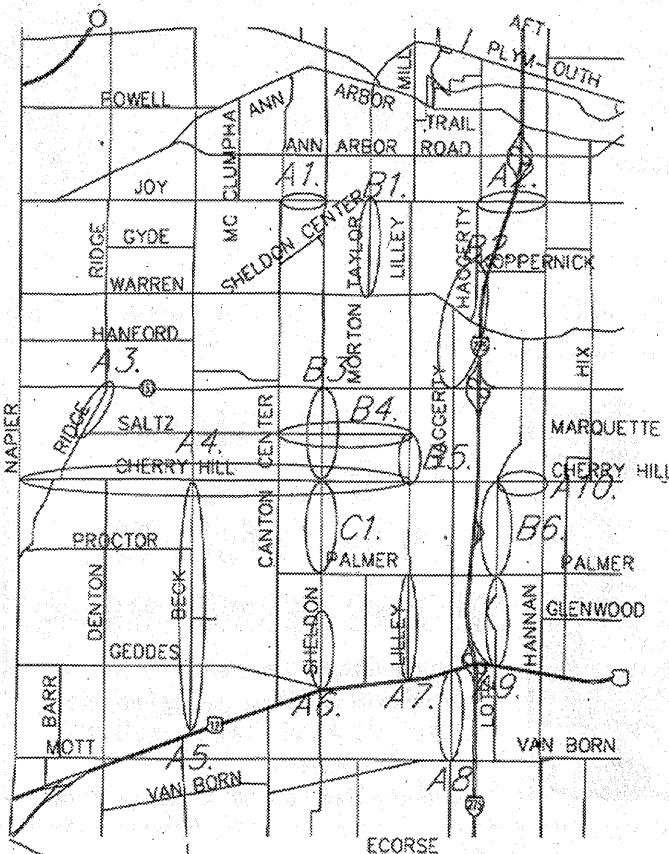
Bid documents are available to pick up at Canton Township Hall, Engineering - 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5150. A nonrefundable fee of \$45.00 will be charged for the bid packet. A 5% bid bond will be required. Bid documents are on file and available for review at 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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- A7. Litley (Michigan-Palmer)
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- B4. Saltz (Canton Center-Litley)
- B5. Litley (Blue Springs Ct.-Saltz)
- B6. Lotz (N. of Palmer-Cherry Hill)

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- C1. Sheldon (Palmer-Cherry Hill)

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**Sweet 16**  
**'Cats hammer Chargers**  
**with 16 runs, 16 hits**

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

If Saturday's Division 1 District tournament goes as well as Tuesday's pre-District game against Livonia Churchill, Plymouth's softball team will be having quite a post-District celebration sometime Saturday afternoon.

The Wildcats were hitting on all cylinders Tuesday as they routed Livonia Churchill, 16-1, in a five-inning, mercy rule-shortened contest at Salem. Plymouth will take an 18-14-1 record into Saturday's noon semifinal showdown against PCEP neighbor Canton.

The other semifinal match-up, which is set to start at 10 a.m., will pit Salem against Livonia Stevenson. The championship tilt is set for approximately 2:30 p.m.

"It was nice to see the players come together as a team today," said Plymouth coach Val Canfield. "Hopefully, we can carry over the momentum we got from this game over to Saturday."

The Chargers, who dropped an 11-1 decision to the Wildcats earlier this month, finished 12-22.

Plymouth led just 2-1 after two innings before busting loose for two runs in the third and fourth innings and 10 in the fifth.



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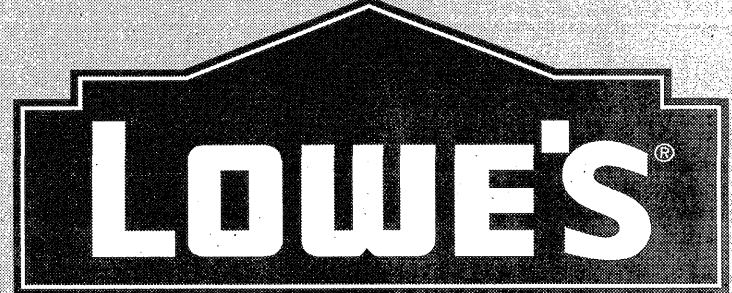


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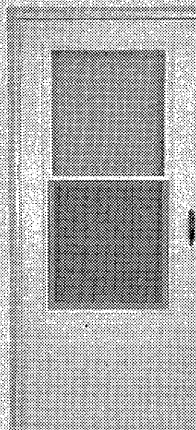
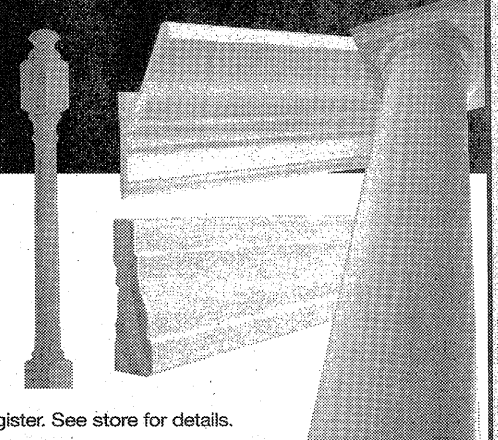
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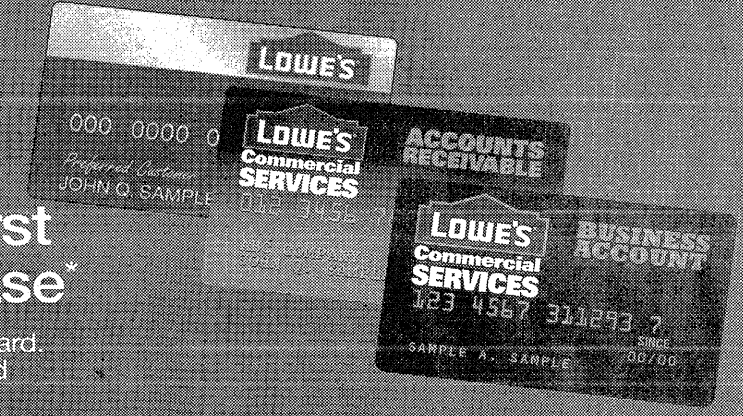
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# 'Cats oust Chargers with late plate explosion, 12-5

BY ED WRIGHT  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

## PREP BASEBALL

Plymouth's hitting attack resembled a Fourth of July fireworks show during Tuesday afternoon's pre-District baseball game against Livonia Churchill.

The Wildcats were solid in the batter's box for the first five innings before producing an awe-inspiring grand finale over the final two.

Trailing 4-3, Plymouth followed up a five-run sixth frame with a four-run seventh to post a decisive 12-5 victory over the Chargers at Salem.

The win advanced coach Chuck Adams' 23-10 squad into Saturday's 10 a.m. Division 1 District semi-final contest against PCEP rival Canton. Churchill's season ended with a 15-17 record.

Adams said he didn't sense any panic in his team's dug-out when Churchill erased the Wildcats' early 3-0 advantage with a three-spot in the third — compliments of Tyler Bledsoe's three-run home run — and a single run in the fourth.

"Probably seven of our nine guys are hitting over .300, so we know we can strike at any time and we feel like we're never totally out of the game," Adams said. "Although, when we got to the sixth inning today and we were behind, you get a little worried — especially when you're facing a big sophomore like Churchill had out there today

putting up a bunch of zeros against us."

After yielding three first-inning runs, Charger sophomore hurler Josh Payzant was cooler than a cucumber from the second through the fifth, retiring 12-of-14 batters.

"I thought Josh really settled down and pitched well after the first inning," said Churchill coach Ron Targosz. "He got the ball up a little bit in the sixth. When you do that against a good-hitting team like Plymouth, they'll make you pay."

Senior catcher Garrett Rebain ignited the Wildcats' 13-hit attack with a 2-for-4, four-RBI effort. Three of his ribbies came on a bases-loaded triple in the seventh.

Matt Skubik (3-for-4, two RBI, two runs), Travis Mewton (2-for-4, two RBI, two runs), Ronnie Goble (2-for-4, two runs, two RBI) and David Harvey (2-for-3, two runs) all made major contributions to the winners' offense.

Junior right-hander Cliff Buttermore was steady on the mound, scattering seven hits and two walks while striking out six in six innings of work.

Kyle Sanders pitched the seventh for the Wildcats.

After grounding into an inning-ending double play in the first, Bledsoe was unstoppable for the Chargers.

Along with his three-run blast in the third, he singled in Tyler Cotter in the fourth, and singled and scored in the seventh.

Ricky Scully added two hits to the Chargers' cause.

**CANTON AGAPE 7 YPSI CC 3:** On Tuesday at Griffin Park in Canton, the Wolverines prevailed in a Division 4 pre-District showdown.

Senior Jared Miller sparked on the mound and at the plate, earning the win with five solid innings of work (three hits, two runs, nine strikeouts) while going 2-for-3 with three runs scored at the dish.

Aaron Graham suffered the loss for Calvary Christian.

Senior Daniel Walker also had a stellar game at the plate, delivering a two-run single in the third and the drove home the tying and go-ahead runs.

Leading 2-1, Agape tacked on two runs in the fifth and three more in the sixth. Ypsi scored twice in the bottom of the seventh.

Agape outthit Ypsi, 7-5.

The Wolverines will take on Ann Arbor Greenhills in Saturday's District semifinal game at 10 a.m. A victory would vault them into the 3 p.m. final against the winner of Saturday's 12:30 p.m. semi contest that will pit Plymouth Christian Academy against Washtenaw Christian.

The tournament will be played at Concordia College.

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Notice is hereby given that on June 13, 2008 on or after 9:30 a.m. that Simply Self Storage will be offering for sale under the Judicial Lien Process by Public Auction the following units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. Terms of the sale are cash only. Simply Self Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: 34333 E Michigan Ave. Wayne MI. 48184. 734-728-8204.

Deanna Boisclair - D112 - Stereo, 25 Boxes, Dresser  
Margaret Pulley - C149 - Desk, Chair, Shelf

Publish: May 25 & 29, 2008

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, June 16th, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. (noon), Tate & Co. Auctioneers, Executive Administrator for Extra Space Storage, will be offering for sale under the judicial lien process by public auction, the following storage units. The goods to be sold are generally described as household goods. The terms of the sale will be cash only. Extra Space Storage reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be at the following location: EXTRA SPACE STORAGE, 6729 N. CANTON CENTER RD., CANTON, MI 48187 AT 12:00 P.M.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton 1150 Canton Center S, Canton MI will accept sealed bids, enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "2008 SIDEWALK GAP CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM", along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 until 3:00 pm, Thursday, June 12th, 2008 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project:

**2008 SIDEWALK GAP CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

Project includes the installation of 3,400 square feet of 4-inch thick sidewalk that is 5 feet wide, relocate signage, and restoration along the west side of Sheldon Road from Warren Road to approximately 650 north to 7437 N. Sheldon Road.

Bid documents are available to pick up at Canton Township Hall, Engineering - 2nd Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188 (734) 394-5150. A nonrefundable fee of \$30.00 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.

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TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK

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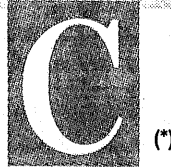
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## Realtors praise U.S. House effort to boost market

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Legislation's been introduced and in some cases approved, both at state and federal levels, to help homeowners to cope with mortgage woes.

The National Association of Realtors May 9 congratulated House Committee on Financial Services Chairman Barney Frank, D-Mass., on his leadership and the U.S. House of Representatives for voting to pass H.R. 3221, The Foreclosure Prevention Act. Their actions will help bring stability to the housing market and stem the rising rate of foreclosures, according to the NAR Web site.

Furhad Waquad, president of the Metropolitan Consolidated Association of Realtors and a Realtor with Max Brook Realtors in Bloomfield Hills, has thoughts on the bill.

It offers a first-time buyer a credit of \$7,500 within certain income limits, less than \$70,000 for a single or \$140,000 for a couple. "It will encourage those sitting on the fence to move on," said Waquad. "That alone should be a good stimulus to our oversupply of homes."

FHA limits were to expire in December 2008, he noted. If the federal legislation becomes permanent, standards of 125 percent of median home prices or 175 percent of \$417,000 would become permanent.

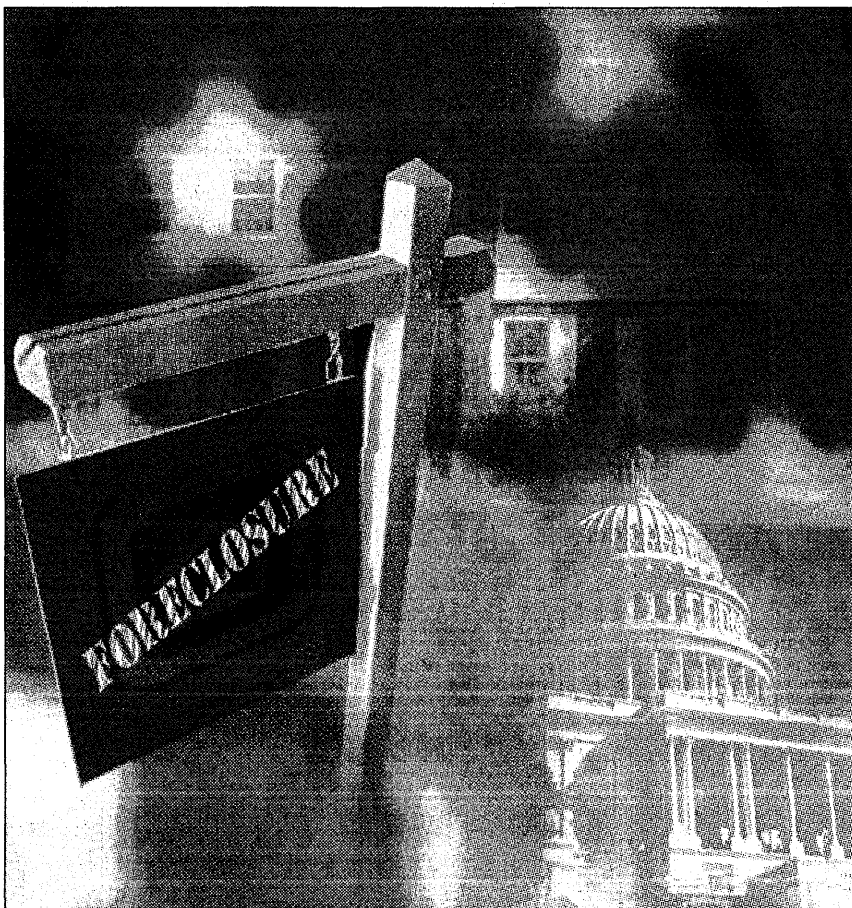
"Whichever is lower would be the limit," Waquad said, comparing buying in Oak Park or Hazel Park vs. more affluent communities in Oakland or Macomb counties, which are served by MCAR Realtors.

"It is a vacuum in the marketplace for the buying public," Waquad said. Banks don't want to incur more losses, which is understandable, but getting financing for a home is now difficult if credit is less than ideal.

"It prevents flipping of houses," the MCAR president said of the legislation, citing a hypothetical house bought in Oak Park for \$100,000 and flipped for a profit. "This is to provide help to those who need it, and not to the speculators. It has a nonflipping measure."

The Federal Housing Administration's the financing hope for those without other options, Waquad said.

"People who need them the most are the ones who should benefit from this," President George W. Bush has



said he will veto the bill, and Realtor groups aren't sure of its fate in the Senate.

"Right now, it looks like a good bill. It looks like a bill that will definitely help the economy," Waquad said.

This legislation applies to all major financial institutions, which are national. State legislation is important too, he noted, such as sunseting of the Single Business Tax and its subsequent replacement. "They are both important, but this one has got a much wider range for those who are in trouble," Waquad said of the federal bill.

He hears about big names like the Chase bank being bailed out, while people have trouble making monthly mortgage payments. "People feel very hurt because they are suffering. This is something that will help them."

It's hard to get refinancing from conventional lender "unless you have all your ducks in a row," he added, "Hence the importance of this bill."

"If it retains some of the incentives that are there to jumpstarts the housing market, that's definitely going to be useful for us in Michigan," Waquad said.

The National Association of

Realtors has expressed ongoing support for all the major features in the House housing package.

"We are hopeful this will pass with its positive points," Waquad said, noting easier refinancing also helps existing homeowners. "The sooner this comes out in the marketplace the better for all."

"An FHA's a very good program for first-time buyers." There are also Michigan State Housing Development Authority loans, but with lower income limits.

"This bill puts more money with FHA for refinancing." That will aid those trapped into subprime loans who can't afford their payments, said Waquad, speaking from a professional conference in Washington, D.C.

The series of bills originating with Rep. Frank come from a "real ally" in the mortgage crisis, said Dale E. Smith, executive vice president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors. One aim is to limit liability of mortgage companies on buyout efforts, which previously lacked a clear definition.

"This helps define their role," Smith said.

The foreclosure area's been in the works for a long time. "This is probably going to be the closest opportunity," Smith said, noting it's comprehensive and strengthens FHA standards with maximum mortgage amounts. Mortgages would be government-insured and more in line with standards of four-five years ago.

"You're looking at helping somebody get into a home," especially a first-time buyer, Smith said. Industry leaders would like to see interest rates on mortgages that correspond to the risk, stabilizing the market with securely underwritten mortgages.

"Both the House and the Senate have indicated a desire to do what this package of bills set out to do," said Smith, who anticipates it will be signed by the president if differences are worked out in the U.S. Senate.

"Our Realtor members appreciate the House's hard work and bipartisan effort in bringing forth legislation that will go a long way toward helping people become and remain homeowners," said NAR President Dick Gaylord, a broker with RE/MAX Real Estate Specialists in Long Beach, Calif. "We are pleased with the comprehensive nature of this bill."

Realtors have long advocated modernizing Federal Housing Administration programs that will simplify and make FHA-backed mortgages more available, and expanding FHA to allow more homeowners to refinance their mortgages. Additional bill components that NAR has long supported include reform to the government-sponsored enterprises (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac) and permanent increases to both GSE (government-sponsored entities) and FHA loan limits. The proposed tax credit of \$7,500 for first-time homebuyers would help stimulate a weak housing market, and FHA stabilization should help thousands of families to refinance existing mortgages and keep their homes, according to the NAR.

"This is meaningful legislation that can have a major impact. We look forward to working with the House and Senate to finalize an aggressive bill that will ensure that every American who can afford to own a home and aspires to do so will have that opportunity, and that every American who responsibly owns a home is able to keep it," said Gaylord.

The NAR Web site contributed to this report.

## Mandatory arbitration not always way to go

**Q. Our firm has been asked to enter into an arbitration agreement with a condo association and we generally believed that it was appropriate to do so. What do you think?**

**A. After years of making mandatory pre-dispute arbitration boilerplate**

provision in all contracts, companies are now rethinking the use of mandatory arbitration in business-to-business, consumer class action



Robert Meisner

and employment cases. The reason is that the increase in discovery, motion and appeals in arbitration practice has caused arbitration to lose its main attractions — speed, cost and finality. You are best advised to consult with an experienced community association attorney as to whether or not it is the best avenue for you to take.

**Q. We have a current president who has made a recent decision that all board meetings be closed, except for its annual meeting. All communications with the board must go through the president and he then relays it to the board. A number of association members are upset with this and wish to address the board; however, they have been barred access to do so. Are there any laws that we can cite that the board may be breaking? Our bylaws do not address this issue.**

**A. While it is important for board members to maintain communications with their co-owners and to allow the co-owners to express their concerns, there is no open meetings act in Michigan with respect to the board's actions and/or meetings. It may be different in other states. You are best advised to write to the Board of Directors and express your concerns about the fact that they should at least open the meetings for a short period of time to hear co-owners' concerns and/or complaints. You may also wish to consider amending your bylaws.**

**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.**

### BRIEFS

#### Golf event

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#### Real estate investing

"What Every Investor Should Know About Condominiums" by Robert Meisner, presented by the Real Estate Investors of Oakland 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 12, at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members, \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747-6742. (www.REIAofOakland.com)

#### BIA

■ Building Industry

Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) presents Green Built™ Training on Wednesday, June 11, from 9-10:30 a.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway in Farmington Hills.

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### HOMES SOLD

These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of Feb. 4-8, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

Canton	
8496 Allon St	\$127,000
42973 Arlington Rd	\$227,000
42441 Barchester Rd	\$200,000
7797 Chichester Rd	\$239,000
234 Cornell St	\$225,000
8551 Elmhurst St	\$200,000
48859 Ivybridge Way	\$497,000
1464 Liberty St N	\$384,000
1951 W Arbor Way Dr	\$90,000
48142 Red Run Dr	\$322,000
48129 Royal Pointe Dr	\$330,000
45069 Rudgate Rd	\$180,000
43917 Southampton Dr	\$174,000
364 Sylvan Dr	\$376,000
Farmington Hills	
38436 Lynwood Ct	\$160,000
29632 Middlebelt Rd	\$87,000

Garden City	
33511 Alta St	\$153,000
28845 Dawson St	\$78,000
32731 James St	\$140,000
30734 John Hawk St	\$117,000
33025 John Hawk St	\$86,000
Livonia	
15953 Brentwood St	\$128,000
15405 Brookfield St	\$151,000
28050 Curtis Rd	\$102,000
8962 Deering St	\$90,000
37944 Donald St	\$152,000
9102 E Bassett Ct	\$155,000
11792 Farmington Rd	\$152,000
9950 Harrison St	\$129,000
11751 Hunters Park Ct	\$105,000
9271 Lathers St	\$150,000
14317 Merriman Rd	\$155,000
32944 Middleboro St	\$188,000
38605 Morningstar St	\$300,000
30180 Orangelawn St	\$155,000
39142 Pinetree St	\$186,000
39380 Ross St	\$212,000
31605 Saint Martins St	\$149,000
32676 Scone St	\$170,000
9106 Stonehouse Ave	\$241,000
14215 Stonehouse Ave	\$176,000

33105 W Chicago St	\$140,000
17020 Abby Cir	\$360,000
44683 Broadmoor Cir N	\$382,000
750 Carpenter St	\$500,000
19457 Meadowbrook Rd	\$316,000
16025 Morningside	\$143,000
19060 Oak Leaf Ln	\$475,000
41595 Sunnydale Ln	\$208,000
19295 Surrey Ln	\$123,000
17206 Tall Pines Ct	\$435,000
42349 Westmeath Rd	\$270,000
Novi	
50805 Drakes Bay Dr	\$605,000
1727 E Lake Dr	\$184,000
45643 Marlborough Pl	\$364,000
Plymouth	
46070 Amesbury Dr	\$310,000
610 Blunk St	\$248,000
698 Herald St	\$208,000
497 Irvin St	\$348,000
13122 Karl Dr	\$100,000
1300 Linden St	\$478,000
40110 Newport Dr	\$123,000
433 Pacific St	\$205,000
12405 Pinecrest Dr	\$199,000
11347 Russell Ave	\$135,000

41460 Schoolcraft Rd	\$78,000
866 Simpson St	\$138,000
9199 Westbury Ave	\$134,000
Redford	
16934 Delaware Ave	\$100,000
18851 Fox	\$105,000
9045 Hemingway	\$125,000
18689 Indian	\$86,000
19177 Olympia	\$40,000
26520 W Chicago	\$85,000
26436 Westfield	\$130,000
14124 Winston	\$117,000
18681 Woodworth	\$109,000
12819 Wormer	\$109,000
South Lyon	
1056 Birchway Ct	\$290,000
60587 Gary Ct	\$275,000
Westland	
39197 Armstrong Ln	\$175,000
33727 Cowan Rd	\$109,000
7279 Floral St	\$111,000
35046 Florence St	\$67,000
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Unique 3 bd, 2 bath ranch on gorgeous lot w/1.5 acres of trees & streams. Open floor plan, custom kit, finished bsmt, hwd floors, & great location.  
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**GREAT LOCATION**  
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**CANTON RANCH CONDO**  
Are you ready for this? Move right into this beautiful 2 bd condo feat: large Master, cath cell's, big bsmt, fresh paint & new carpet, & close to everything.  
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**GREAT CONDO**  
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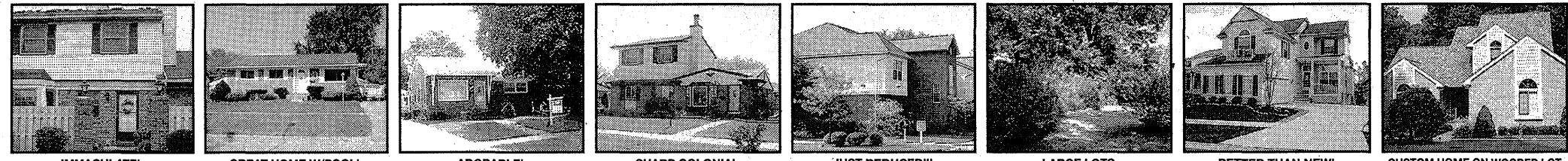
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**IDEAL CANTON COLONIAL**  
In walking distance to parks & the Summit. 2 story Foyer, hwd entry, 2 story Great Rm, huge Kit, 1st fl laundry, gas marble frpl, new paint, 1st fl Master, & large bsmt.  
\$269,000 (C-634NO)

**PRIME RESIDENTIAL LOTS**  
Fab building sites in Wash Crk. & Salem Twp. Wooded WO w/ravines & stream, gated communities, private roads, underground utilities, & more. Builders plans avail or bring your own.  
Call for prices (P-000VA)



**IMMACULATE!**  
Turn key 2 bd, 1.5 bath condo w/ excellent Canton location. Huge Master w/WIC, open floor plan, neutral decor, updated carpet, full bsmt, new windows, hwh, Patio, & more.  
\$122,900 (C-599AR)

**GREAT HOME W/POOL!**  
1300 sq ft ranch offering a Fam Rm w/frpl, great Kit, privacy fence, new roof on garage, brand new furnace, updated C/A, & in-ground pool - just in time for summer!  
\$128,500 (C-046CA)

**ADORABLE!**  
Very cute & clean brick ranch located in great neighborhood! This home offers an updated Kit, remod bath, newer carpet, fresh paint, fin bsmt, newer windows, & large landscaped yard.  
\$87,900 (C-032CE)

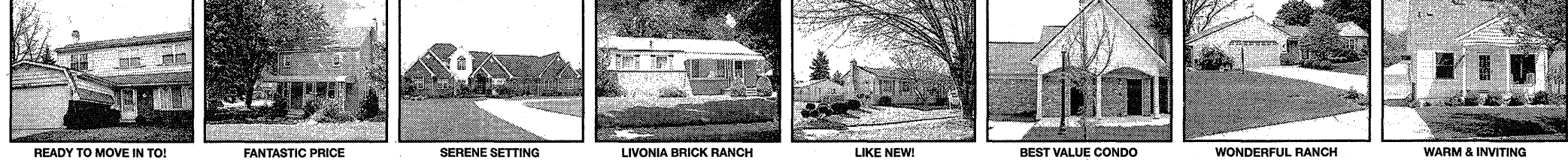
**SHARP COLONIAL**  
2020 sq ft, 4 bd, 1st fl Master, 2 baths, Fam Rm, LR/DR, oak Kit, updated roof, furnace, hwh, & C/A. Oversized lot w/shed, 2.5 car Garage & Home Warranty!  
\$144,900 (C-259FE)

**JUST REDUCED!!!**  
Awesome Livonia condo w/all the features you want! New carpet & hwd floors, & appl's inc. Priced to sell, nearly 20% under SEV. Motivated sellers say bring offers.  
\$119,900 (C-860FI)

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

**BETTER THAN NEW!**  
Built in 2002, this beautiful colonial has everything you desire. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, newer carpet, hwd floors, freshly painted, fin bsmt, 1st fl laundry, gas marble frpl, new paint, 1st fl Master, & large bsmt.  
\$184,000 (C-185HU)

**CUSTOM HOME ON WOODED LOT**  
Popular Huron Hills sub boasting custom features like circular round top windows, 2 decks, oversized garage, paver walkways, & more. Great Cape Cod floor plan w/3 bds, 2.5 baths.  
\$279,900 (C-630HU)



**READY TO MOVE IN TO!**  
Hurry on this 4 bd, 2.5 bath immaculate home. 3 season room, updated Kit, some new carpet, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl, part finished bsmt, & home warranty.  
\$204,900 (C-425OR)

**FANTASTIC PRICE**  
3 bd farmhouse w/updated windows, doors, hwh, covered ceilings, hwd floors, Pottery Barn colors, large fenced yard, & close to parks & library.  
\$119,000 (P-824PA)

**SERENE SETTING**  
Stunning cape cod situated on 7+ acres in Salem Twp offering a 1st fl Master w/bath & WIC, stunning Kit w/butler's pantry, 72x62 Pole Barn, 1st floor laun, walkout bsmt, & on a private road.  
\$1,399,900 (C-610PR)

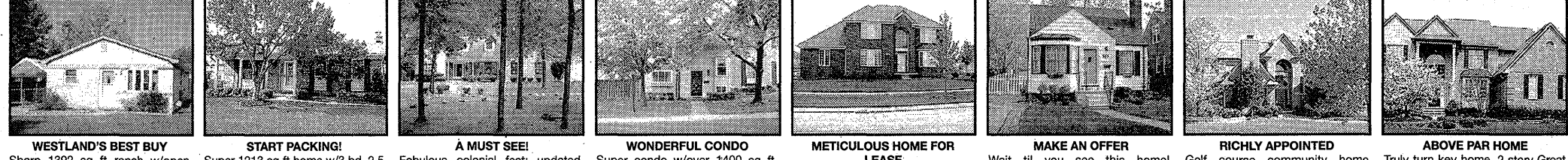
**LIVONIA BRICK RANCH**  
Lovely area w/park, shopping, & schools nearby. Solid home w/3 bd, 1.5 baths, hwd flrs under neutral carpet, finished bsmt w/1/2 bath, & immed occup.  
\$124,900 (P-698RI)

**LIKE NEW!**  
Impeccably clean & well maintained home. Family Rm w/frpl, French doors lead to Deck, updated windows, new furnace, hwd C/A, & gutters. Walk to school's park.  
\$179,900 (C-611WH)

**BEST VALUE CONDO**  
Nature's resort condo w/3 large bdms, spacious floor plan w/ views of lake, appl's stay, convenient location, 1434 sq ft, 2 full baths. Clubhouse w/pool & walking trails.  
\$92,000 (P-850AM)

**WONDERFUL RANCH**  
Spacious ranch in Northville Commons. Park-like lot, 3 bd, 2.5 baths, fin bsmt, large open Kit, updated windows, siding, gutters, & more. Don't miss this one!  
\$275,000 (P-109BA)

**WARM & INVITING**  
Great bungalow offering newer siding, paver walkway, nice landscaping, paver Patio, garden area, updated bath, Master w/ bath w/WIC, & model-like decor & colors.  
\$141,900 (P-166BA)



**WESTLAND'S BEST BUY**  
Sharp 1592 sq ft ranch w/open floor plan, 3 large bdms, appl's stay, 70x135 fenced lot w/2 sheds & 2 driveways. Minutes from everything.  
\$114,900 (C-807BE)

**START PACKING!**  
Super 1219 sq ft home w/3 bd, 2.5 baths, new vinyl siding, trim, fin bsmt w/4th bd, custom maple Kit, tear off roof, Fam Rm w/frpl & drvl to covered Patio.  
\$164,900 (P-638BO)

**A MUST SEE!**  
Fabulous colonial feat: updated island Kit, Florida Rm, fin bsmt w/ wine cellar, 2.5 acre lot backing to bird sanctuary, oversized Deck, & too much more to list.  
\$469,900 (P-895BR)

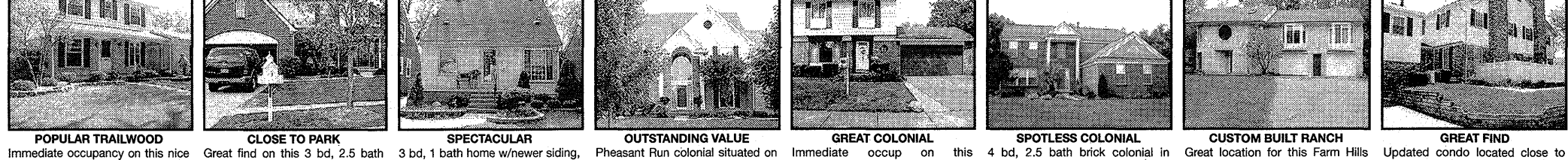
**WONDERFUL CONDO**  
Super condo w/over 1400 sq ft. Boasting 2 large bdms, huge loft area, large LR, great complex w/ clubhouse & common pool, full bsmt, & priced to sell fast.  
\$99,900 (P-613BU)

**METICULOUS HOME FOR LEASE**  
4 bd, 2.5 bath Canton beauty offering gourmet Kit w/granite & ss appl's, vaulted Fam Rm, vaulted Master w/bath & jetted tub. Great location, a must see!  
\$2,300/mo (P-502CA)

**MAKE AN OFFER**  
Beautifully maintained & decorated w/beechwood flrs, LR w/frpl, newer hwh, fenced yard, cedar Gazebo & Deck, bsmt, Master w/ WIC, & much more.  
\$164,900 (P-929CO)

**RICHLY APPOINTED**  
Golf course community home features 3 fireplaces, formal LR/DR, separate Fam Rm, island Kit w/laund & hwd flrs, & Master w/sit rm, 2 way frpl, wic, & spa bath.  
\$359,900 (P-241CO)

**ABOVE PAR HOME**  
Truly turn key home. 2 story Great Rm w/soaring cell & bridge, gourmet Kit w/granite & all appl's, Master w/WIC & spa bath. Fin bsmt w/wet bar & rec area. A must see!  
\$369,900 (P-971CR)



**POPULAR TRAILWOOD**  
Immediate occupancy on this nice 4 bd, 2.5 bath home in popular sub. 2340 sq ft, great location, & ready for you now!  
\$294,900 (C-015DE)

**CLOSE TO PARK**  
Great find on this 3 bd, 2.5 bath home in Walled Lake. Located on almost 1 acre backing to woods. Limestone Kit, recessed lights, Fam Rm w/frpl, & professionally fin bsmt.  
\$260,000 (P-894DO)

**SPECTACULAR**  
3 bd, 1 bath home w/newer siding, awesome fin bsmt w/glass block, newer windows, doors, roof, furnace, C/A, oak Kit, ceramic tile, & moldings. Pride of ownership show!  
\$115,000 (P-632DU)

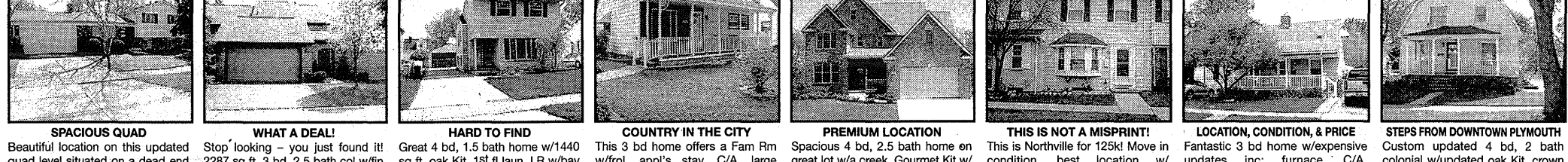
**OUTSTANDING VALUE**  
Pheasant Run colonial situated on low traffic street w/no direct neighbors. Hard to find floor plan w/2 story Fam Rm, spacious Kit, formal LR/DR, Den, Master w/bath, & more.  
\$309,999 (P-887EA)

**GREAT COLONIAL**  
Immediate occup on this wonderful Plymouth home w/3 bd, 1.5 baths, Fam Rm, 2 car Garage, fenced yard w/large shed, full bsmt, updates in the last 4 years, & more.  
\$139,900 (P-127EC)

**SPOTLESS COLONIAL**  
4 bd, 2.5 bath brick colonial in move in condition! Large LR/DR, Fam Rm, island Kit w/all appl's, new carpet, Master w/soaking tub, full bsmt, 2.5 car Garage, & on a acre lot.  
\$249,900 (P-440EM)

**CUSTOM BUILT RANCH**  
Great location for this Farm Hills ranch boasting over 1800 sq ft. Vaulted cell's, massive Great Rm, 3 baths, Master w/jetted tub, fin bsmt, Deck & Gazebo, & on a acre lot.  
\$129,900 (P-551GE)

**GREAT FIND**  
Updated condo located close to shopping & schools. Hwd flrs, LR w/gas frpl, updated hwh, C/A, windows, recessed lighting, 6 panel doors, crown mold, fin bsmt, & more.  
\$148,900 (P-029GL)



**SPACIOUS QUAD**  
Beautiful location on this updated quad level situated on a dead end street. Kit w/new counters & sink, nook overlooks huge Fam Rm w/frpl, bsmt w/office, Patio, & more.  
\$160,000 (P-876GO)

**WHAT A DEAL!**  
Stop looking - you just found it! 2287 sq ft, 3 bd, 2.5 bath col w/fin daylight bsmt, Master w/frpl & veranda, wooded lot, 1st fl laun, granite Kit, home warranty, & immed occup!  
\$259,900 (P-925GR)

**HARD TO FIND**  
Great 4 bd, 1.5 bath home w/1400 sq ft, oak Kit, 1st fl laun, LR w/bay window, newer bath, huge Master w/2 walk-ins, Patio, fenced yard, & tons of storage space.  
\$135,000 (C-120HA)

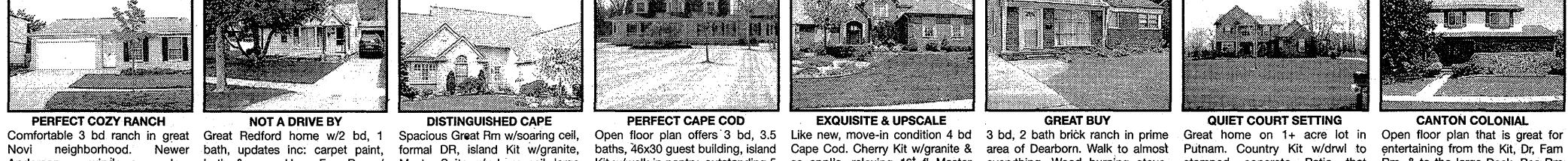
**COUNTRY IN THE CITY**  
This 3 bd home offers a Fam Rm w/frpl, appl's stay, C/A, large covered patio, updated furnace & roof, huge Garage, & more.  
\$129,900 (C-946HE)

**PREMIUM LOCATION**  
Spacious 4 bd, 2.5 bath home on great lot w/a creek. Gourmet Kit w/ marble & granite, hwd plank flooring, bonus room, & fabulous 2nd floor w/frpl.  
\$340,000 (C-989HE)

**THIS IS NOT A MISPRINT!**  
This is Northville for 125k! Move in panoramic view of Crystal Lake from your Fam Rm & Kit. Updated t/o, pool, tennis, & more. A must see!  
\$125,000 (C-630IR)

**LOCATION, CONDITION, & PRICE**  
Fantastic 3 bd home w/expensive updates inc: furnace, C/A, windows, tear off roof, hwh. Extra large Kit, hwd under carpet, covered porch, 2.5 car Gar, fenced yard, & close to parks.  
\$99,000 (C-310JO)

**STEPS FROM DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH**  
Custom updated 4 bd, 2 bath colonial w/updated oak Kit, crown mold, furnace, roof, plum, & elec. Open floor plan, built-ins in upstairs bdms, hwd flrs, & neutral decor t/o.  
\$199,900 (C-575KE)



**PERFECT COZY RANCH**  
Comfortable 3 bd ranch in great Novl neighborhood. Newer Anderson windows, low maintenance yard w/nice view. Close to everything, & more.  
\$198,900 (P-560KI)

**NOT A DRIVE BY**  
Great Redford home w/2 bd, 1 bath, updates inc: carpet paint, bath, & more. Huge Fam Rm w/wood burn stove, LR w/crown mold, fenced double lot, & convenient location.  
\$100,000 (C-890LE)

**DISTINGUISHED CAPE**  
Spacious Great Rm w/soaring cell, formal DR, island Kit w/granite, Master Suite w/volume cell, large WIC, spa bath, Den could be 4th bd, & fin bsmt.  
\$324,500 (C-057MO)

**PERFECT CAPE COD**  
Open floor plan offers 3 bd, 3.5 baths, 36x30 guest building, island Kit w/walk in pantry, outstanding 5 acre lot w/in-ground pool, Deck, & too much more to list!  
\$595,000 (C-136NO)

**EXQUISITE & UPSCALE**  
Like new, move-in condition 4 bd Cape Cod. Cherry Kit w/granite & ss appl's, relaxing 1st fl Master Suite, nice court location, & 2800 sq ft.  
\$399,900 (P-060NO)

**GREAT BUY**  
3 bd, 2 bath brick ranch in prime Cape Cod. Cherry Kit w/granite & ss appl's, relaxing 1st fl Master Suite, nice court location, & 2800 sq ft.  
\$125,900 (P-611PE)

**QUIET COURT SETTING**  
Great home on 1+ acre lot in Putnam. Country Kit w/drvl to stamped concrete Patio that overlooks private yard. Fam Rm w/frpl, Master w/cath cell & bath, 3 car Garage, & more.  
\$245,000 (P-777PO)

**CANTON COLONIAL**  
Open floor plan that is great for entertaining from the Kit, Dr, Fam Rm, & to the large Deck. Rec Rm in bsmt, over 2000 sq ft, appl's stay, 2.5 car Garage, & nice corner lot.  
\$197,000 (C-210PR)



**SERENE SETTING**  
Beautiful Salem Twp offers this 4 bd, 2.5 bath ranch on an oversized lot. Newer roof, siding, & drainfield. Fin walkout bsmt, Horse Barn, & close to everything.  
\$315,000 (P-160SA)

**REDFORD RANCH**  
Perfect starter home on a quiet dead-end street. Updates galore, finished bsmt w/rec room & bar, Pergo flooring, all newer appl's stay, Patio in fenced yard, & a storage shed.  
\$124,900 (P-083SE)

**TRANQUIL SETTING**  
1 bd condo w/generous sized rooms. Overlooks courtyard, area heated pool & clubhouse, lots of updates t/o, private bsmt, & more. Senior Community.  
\$66,700 (P-199SH)

**NEWER CANTON RANCH**  
Pulte built home w/1620 sq ft, 3 bd, 2 bath home located in the middle of the sub. Built in 1998, 3 bds, 2 baths, Deck, Great Rm w/frpl, neutral decor t/o, & priced for quick sale.  
\$169,900 (P-282SH)

**PERFECT FOR ENTERTAINING**  
Great 4 bd, 2 bath Canton home w/huge island Kit w/ss appl's, Fam Rm w/frpl, LR/DR w/hwd flrs, prof landscaped, & priced to sell!  
\$190,000 (P-652ST)

**SUPERB SETTING**  
Beautifully decorated t/o this 3 bd, 1.5 bath Plymouth home featuring stamped concrete Patio, paver porch & walkway, newer windows, siding, carpet, doors, fin bsmt, & more.  
\$209,900 (P-060TA)

**GORGEOUS COLONIAL**  
4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial w/large island Kit w/din area, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl & wet bar, oversized Deck, fin bsmt, 1st fl laun, 2 car Garage, Master w/bath, newer furnace & C/A.  
\$324,900 (P-612TE)

**LOADS OF AMENITIES**  
2624 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 bath brick colonial w/extra large bsmt w/high ceiling, 3 car heated Gar, private yard, large oak Kit w/granite, cent vac, nice landscaping, & home warranty.  
\$339,900 (P-480VA)



**BRAND NEW CONTEMPORARY**  
Gorgeous views of all sports Commercial Lake w/lake access. Custom details t/o, granite, asian walnut hwd flrs, Master w/balcony, 2 person jetted tub, daylight bsmt, Deck, & Garage.  
\$300,000 (P-432VA)

**ON THE 7TH TEE!**  
Great Northville location in this popular golf community. Kit w/ extended island & granite, large Master w/frpl & drvl to Balcony, prof fin bsmt w/bath, & too much more to list.  
\$275,000 (P-517VI)

**GORGEOUS BUNGALOW**  
Totally updated & just a few doors away from Quarry Park. Updates inc: furnace, driveway, patio, hwh, Kit w/appl's, crown mold, refin hwd, windows, A/C, bsmt, fresh paint, & the list goes on!  
\$125,000 (P-601WA)

**BEAUTIFUL RANCH**  
Outstanding home in great sub in Farm Hills. Great Rm w/frpl, formal DR, French doors to Patio w/ private setting, fin bsmt w/frpl, hwd flrs, & close to everything.  
\$176,900 (P-441WA)

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**NOVI OPEN SUN. 1-4PM**  
40891 Kingsley Ln., located SW/14 Mile & M-5, follow the signs. Very well kept 3 bdrm, 2.1 bath, 1st flr master, formal dining rm. w/ butler pantry, dbl. oven in kitchen, 2 way fireplace in kitchen & great rm.  
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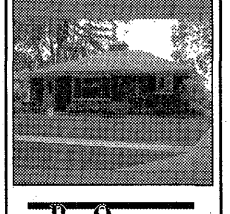
**PLYMOUTH TWP** Sunday, 1-4pm. 9401 McClumpha, S of Ann Arbor Rd. 3 bdrm 2.5 bath 2 story home w/2 car garage on 3 rolling wooded acres. Just like up north! 3 possible lot splits. JC Enright Realty, 734-516-4267

**DEARBORN WEST** 3 Bedroom ranch, 2 car, partially finished bsmt, fenced yd, \$115,000 or lease option. (313) 333-7531

**Garden City 3170**

**BUNGALOW-F.S.B.O.**  
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**Livonia 3250**



**By Owner**

**Gorgeous Brick Ranch**  
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**COMPLETELY RENOVATED**  
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**IMMACULATE 3 BEDROOM.**  
2 bath brick ranch in Westland Schools, many updates, \$129,000.  
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**LOTS OF VALUE**  
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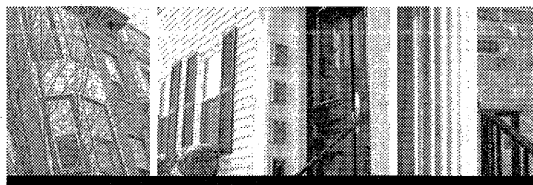
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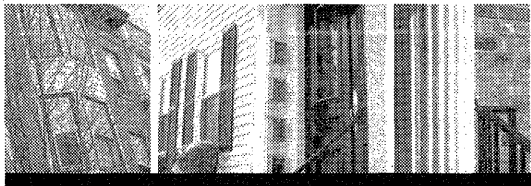
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<p><b>HAMBURG</b> <b>\$685,000</b> On Huron Rvr w/700' of water frontage. 2.7 acres, energy eff &amp; maint free. New gran t/o, hwd fir in FR, remod BAs w/travertine tile. Park-like setting. MLS# 28080777 248-347-3050</p>	<p><b>HIGHLAND</b> <b>\$550,000</b> Beautiful cape cod on wooded lot! 2 stry foyer, ff mstr w/tp &amp; glam BA w/jacuzzi. Gnt kit w/maple cabs, gran &amp;SS. 3.5 car gar, tile, sprinklers &amp; more! MLS# 28042256 248-347-3050</p>	<p><b>HOLLY</b> <b>\$469,000</b> New Const.on nearly 4 acres/SKitchen&amp;IslandCooktop w/views of pond/LL 2 bdrm-3rd Rm 550sf plumbed to finish Unfin.LL.Plumbed"Walkout"FP"Close to I-75 MLS# 28071571 248-360-1425</p>	<p><b>HURON</b> <b>\$350,000</b> Homeste opportunity in desirable Huron Twp community w/ Woodhaven Schools. Close to hwy's, shopping, schools, but still has country atmosphere. MLS# 28055829 734-453-6800</p>	<p><b>LAKE ORION</b> <b>\$334,900</b> Beautiful 4 bedroom colonial w/ two staircases. Greatroom w/natural fireplace and hardwood floors. Updated kitchen w/granite. Sunroom off kitchen. MLS# 30592059 Joseph Rich 313-886-4200</p>	<p><b>LIVONIA</b> <b>\$169,000</b> Summer time enjoyment 21x43 pool w/decking &amp; covered patio FR 33x13 lower level w/gas fireplace, carpet &amp; interior paint 07. Large eat in kitchen. MLS# 28079208 734-453-6800</p>
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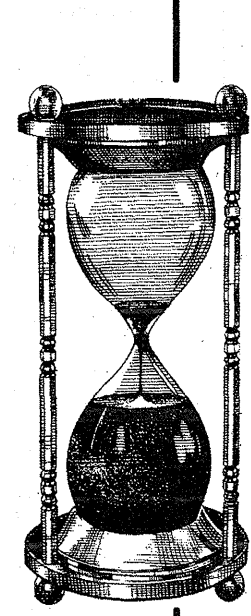
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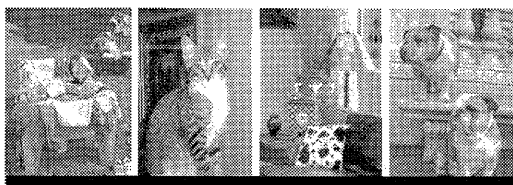
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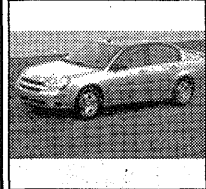
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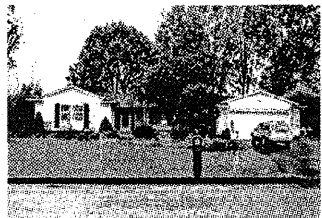
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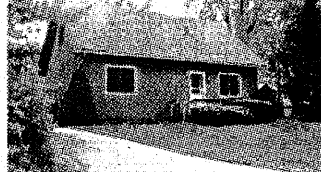
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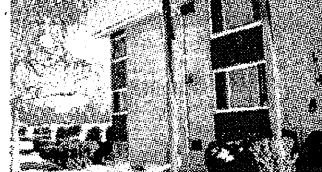
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Charming Cape Cod Fully remodeled in 2007 w/updated kitchen cabinets & counters, bathrooms, hardwood flrs, new carpet, new roof, HWI and more! Turn key condition. Priced to sell  
(28083790) \$139,900



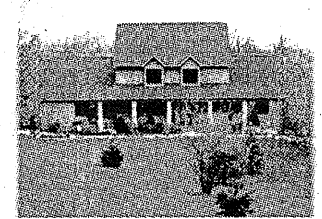
**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Large Novi Condo with Basement! 3 BRs, 1.5 Bas! 1,300sqft+! Fin'd bsmt! Novi Schools. Assoc fee includes gas, water, pool, tennis usage. Home Warranty! All appliances included! Lots of Storage!  
(28024155) \$119,900



**Wayne** 734-284-5400  
HISTORIC LIKE HOME IN WAYNE Established neighborhood. Has been updated inside and out. 3 BD & kitchen. Has new cabinets, sink, countertop, and tile. Too many to mention. Call today.  
(28086340) \$134,700



**Brighton** 248-437-3800  
BEST VALUE IN BRIGHTON Living rm, Family rm w/fireplace. Perfect for 1st home. Pergo in bedrooms, living rm. Fenced in private yard. Room for future garage.  
(28039808) \$139,900



**Fenton** 248-684-1065  
Custom home on 10 acres! Gourmet kit, granite T/O, 1st flr mstr, dbl-sided stone FP, Fin. LL w/ bar, Den/exercise RM, Tile/stone Flrs, Deck/gazebo, 2nd garage.  
(28010834) \$500,000



**Livonia** 248-348-6430  
Shows Like A Model, Lovingly Cared For! Don't let the address scare you - Home on Service DR. LG burn eliminates street noise. Updated roof, wndws, siding, KIT, fenced yard, HDWD Fls, WIC & more! FR W/FP, Lav, Hrdwd Flrs, 3 season rm; Newer Wins.  
(28073578) \$214,888



**Northville** 248-851-4100  
FORMER MODEL IN STONEWATER! 4 BR, 4.1 BA, 1st flr MBR suite w/glamour spa bath, hearth rm w/2 way FP. Walls of windows, princess suite. Granite kit & baths, 3 car garage, fin. daylight bsmt.  
(28080182) \$627,500



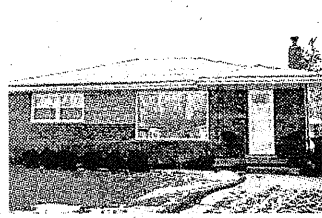
**Novi** 734-455-7000  
CHECK THIS ONE OUT! Enjoy this summer in the awesome pool in Country Place. Updated carriage house has newer windows, carpet, furnace/AC, bath & more! Private garage and basement.  
(28078578) \$94,900



**Wayne** 734-455-7000  
CHARMING CAPE COD ON A LARGE LOT awaits right buyer looking for a living room w/ fireplace, family room and full basement. 1-1/2 baths, central air and a 2-1/2 car garage.  
(28080415) \$124,900



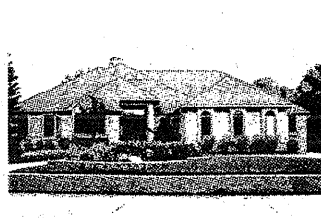
**Canton** 734-455-7000  
BEAUTIFUL BEST DESCRIBES THIS COLONIAL wall the bells and whistles: C/A, lg kitchen & formal dining rm, mstr ste w/jetted tub and separate shower, family rm w/FP, full basement and attached garage.  
(28056028) \$249,900



**Garden City** 248-851-1900  
3 BR RANCH WITH BEAUTIFUL NEW KITCHEN Stainless appl., ceramic flr, beautiful backsplash & countertops. 2 new baths, finished bsmt w/berber carpet, bar, office. Walk to elementary school. Across from park.  
(28032625) \$129,900



**Livonia** 248-851-1900  
UPDATED RANCH ON A COURT IN LIVONIA 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full finished basement. Hot tub, fenced yard, 2 car garage, sidewalks. Move right in!  
(28071438) \$143,500



**Northville** 248-851-4100  
CUSTOM ESTATE WITH ALL THE AMENITIES Gourmet granite kitchen, natural stone decor. Open floor plan. Elegant MBR w/WIC, luxury granite bath w/jacuzzi. Fin. walkout w/2 BR, great rm & office. Woodland views.  
(28084764) \$596,000



**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
TWO PLYMOUTH HOMES FOR THE PRICE OF ONE! Two separate houses on one lot in downtown Plymouth. Live in one - rent the other! Numerous updates in main house. Other home continually rented.  
(27097266) \$199,900



**Westland** 734-284-5400  
PERFECT FAMILY HOME! Just pack your bag & move on in. New construction home w/ 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Lots of upgrades to make your life more comfortable and to impress your friends.  
(28082397) \$249,900



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
OPEN FLOOR PLAN RANCI! Many updates in this much sought-after ranch. Great location near park and close to everything you need. Huge basement, private patio and extra deep fenced lot.  
(28084210) \$184,000



**Garden City** 734-591-9200  
STUNNING, TOTALLY REMODELED KIT; 3 BDRM Brick ranch; fin bsmt w/minor bar & FP. lg fenced yard; no maint deck; 2.5 car garage; newer windows, roof, furn, BA, refin hrdwd flrs, C/A/Int & Ext Doors all appls.  
(28079955) \$119,900



**Livonia** 734-455-7000  
PICTURE PERFECT! Great ranch w/outstanding new kit. Totally updated bath. Other updates: siding, copper plumb, roof, A/C, HWH & more! Fin. bsmt. All appl including washer & dryer.  
(28078408) \$138,000



**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Northville Colony Home Backs To Commons Located deep in sub. LG eat-in KIT w/warm oaks cabs & flrs, open to FR. Updates: new roof, C/A, carpet, KIT/BA counters, new appls, brick paver patio. Immaculate!  
(28069965) \$300,000



**Plymouth** 734-455-7000  
TOTALLY REMODELED PLYMOUTH BUNGALOW! Newyaws across back; mstr BA, WIC, newer flrs, brzway w/laundry, storage & 1/2 BA; 2.5 car gar; appls; fenced bk yd.  
(28039773) \$185,000



**Farmington** 248-348-6430  
A Great Upper! Spacious 3 bedroom brick ranch with Florida room overlooking huge backyard, walk to downtown Farmington & elementary school, sold 'as is'.  
(28032250) \$141,900



**Canton** 734-591-9200  
Beautiful Home in Cherry Hill Village Walk to parks & all village activities & theater. Neutral decor, gorgeous kit w/maple cabs & corian cntrs, 9' clngs, great MBR w/cath ceiling & lge Mstr BA.  
(28083836) \$177,500



**Hartland** 248-348-6430  
Beautiful Home Nestled On Huge Lot! Beautiful 1 1/2 story home nestled on .78 acre huge manicured lot, 2 sty GR, light & bright KIT & breakfast area, 1st flr mstr, awesome fin'd bsmt. Great home!  
(28064670) \$239,500



**Lyon** 248-437-3800  
J4.82 acres w/creek running on property. Ranch home features living rm w/large front window, country kitchen w/snack bar, 3 BR, 2 BA, 1st flr laundry, W/O bsmt.  
(28012308) \$259,900



**Northville** 248-348-6430  
Under \$125,000 in Northville! Beautiful home with many updates new paint throughout. Ready to move in. Large living room w/gas cabs & flrs, open to FR. Updates: new roof, C/A, carpet, KIT/BA counters, new appls, brick paver patio. Immaculate!  
(28072916) \$121,900



**Redford** 734-591-9200  
Need extra Property? 92 Acres; 3 BDRM Ranch w/ den/office. Xtra lg MBR, vaulted clng, full brzway across back; mstr BA, WIC, newer flrs, brzway w/laundry, storage & 1/2 BA; 2.5 car gar; appls; fenced bk yd.  
(28078480) \$169,900



**Westland** 734-591-9200  
Larger Affordable Home Just Under 1500 SF. Nice size BRs, 1.5BA; kit w/Dining area & DW to paver patio. 2.5 gar; newer drying room; motion garage on front & side doors; 4 Clng Fans; Newer roof, HW Htr 07.  
(28077414) \$112,500



**Commerce** 248-684-1065  
Overlooking golf course w/scenic view. Move in condition. Ceiling/window upgrades, wood floors, custom cabs, granite counters, granite counters, window seats.  
(27153401) \$329,000



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Walkout ranch on over 6 acres w/ 40x40 pole barn w/ 12x12 office w/heat & AC. New gourmet kitchen. Mst suite w/ jet tub/WIC. Fr doors to FR w/ FP. Much more!  
(28025713) \$269,000



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Secluded setting/English-European flair. Castlstone/cedar ext; curved stairway, lib w/ coffered ceil. Viking appl/granite. ingrdn pool; much more!  
(28080905) \$1,449,000



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Island Lake 5 BR, 3.1 BA w/1st Fl Mstr BLT in 2002. Prof decorated. Open floor plan, 4007 sqft, LG lot w/deck & stamped patio, 2 staircases, 2 furnaces, 2 a/c, daylight BSMT, close to schools & X-way.  
(28045290) \$639,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
JUST LISTED! Well kept home in Popular Carriage Trace. Seller has \$440,000 invested. Granite kitchen w/cerby cabinets, ceramic backsplash. GR w/hrwd flrs, soaring ceiling.  
(28085461) \$369,900



**White Lake** 248-684-1065  
Fabulous ranch w/ high vol. ceilings. Many extras. Fin. walk-out/LL w/ cedar closet. 4-car garage. Screened porch. Gas corner fireplace. On cul-de-sac.  
(28012052) \$379,900



**Commerce Twp** 248-348-6430  
All-Sports Long Lake, COLNL On 1/2 Acre Charming home w/many updates: kitchen w/granite, windows & doorwlls, 1st flr bath, electrical, plumbing, steel seawall, 80' dock, 2nd garage, huge family room.  
(28074077) \$649,900



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
1341 Sq Ft 3 bd, 1 ba bungalow in Seven Harbors sub. All brick exterior w/ large back yard, 2+ car heated garage with water, lake privs on White Lake.  
(28019474) \$157,000



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Home with 3.9 acres. First floor laundry. Unfinished basement. Two car attached garage with side entry. Dining, living and family rooms. Library/study.  
(28059738) \$344,900



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Beautiful 2 Story Condo 1,936 sq ft of comfortable condo living! Charming KIT, elegant 2 sty DR, den w/bay window, lg mstr, daylight basement, 2 car att'd side entry garage & deck.  
(28068729) \$259,900



**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Spectacular Family Home Open floor plan, great room w/soaring ceilings, stone natural fireplace and built in entertainment center. Beautiful corner lot! A must see!  
(28004027) \$264,900



**White Lake** 248-348-6430  
Super Opportunity! White Lake Privileges Large addition 2005! Huge master BR w/2 skylights, 2 WICs! Sub has beach! Access to All-Sports White Lk! Newer roof! Nice FR! Convenient to M-59. Home Warranty!  
(27193222) \$125,000



**Dearborn Heights** 248-348-6430  
Charming Bungalow Why rent when you can own this BFL BNGLW on corner lot in quiet NBD for less! Updates galore, lots of storage. GRT price. Grab this one quick!  
(28035712) \$99,900



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Relax on covered deck and enjoy peaceful hilltop setting from lakefront ranch. Numerous updates. Move in condition. W/O Bsmt w/ natural FP. Access to 5 lakes.  
(28026471) \$146,750



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Country setting. Room to ride the horses on 4.44 acres. New paint & grading, furnace, roof. Side entry W/O bsmt w/ new ba, carpet, thermostat, fp.  
(27121042) \$249,000



**Novi** 248-684-1065  
Charming colonial. New oak kit w/ SS appls. FR w/ hrdwd flrs & nat fp. 1st flr laun. Huge mstr w/ new ba. New 2 tier cedar deck. Part fin bsmt w/ office.  
(28081118) \$230,000



**Southfield** 248-437-3800  
Birmingham Schools!! Clean brick ranch featuring hardwood floors. Kitchen is spectacular. Lower level features suana for you to relax in after a hard days work. Mr. clean lives here.  
(28019621) \$165,000



**Whitmore Lake** 248-437-3800  
Charming 3 Bedroom ranch! Perfect for the first time home buyer. 3 bedroom ranch with great curb appeal. Doorwalk from breakfast nook to deck. Convenient location!  
(27111186) \$165,500



**Farmington** 248-348-6430  
Superb Condo With Custom Amenities! 2 sty condo w/fin W/O BSMT & 2 car. Too many amenities to name. Oak doors & trim, LRF, FF wet bar, pool, water paid in assoc fee. Must see. Not your run of mill.  
(28074579) \$199,900



**Howell** 248-437-3800  
Lake Living Community Large Spacious Rms. Extended Hardwood Flrs. Formal Dr & Sep Liv Rm. den. Lovely Master Has Separate Sitting Rm. Wrap Around Porch, 2 Tier Paver Patio Off Back.  
(28037091) \$269,900



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Move in ranch condo. Large eat-in kit opens to GR w/ vaulted ceiling. Large MBR. Lib. w/ private backyard.  
(28079246) \$189,900



**Novi** 248-851-1900  
END UNIT CONDO W/UPGRADES GALORE! Great kitchen w/stainless steel appliances, ceramic floors, lights & windows. Both bedrooms w/baths. Attached garage, private entry & basement & 1st floor laundry.  
(28067426) \$200,000



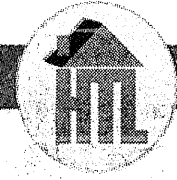
**Southfield** 248-348-6430  
Super Clean And Updated! Brand new kitchen and bath in this 1,100 sq. ft. ranch. 1/2 acre lot, close to everything. Don't miss this one.  
(28072809) \$100,000



**Wixom** 248-348-6430  
Nice Home in Fine Neighborhood Nice Home, within walking distance to Loon Lake, HDWD floors, entry, kitchen & living room, family room w/w/ fireplace, great wooded lot, deck & quick possession.  
(27184865) \$184,900

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## Banfi looms larger than life

Castello Banfi, owned by the Mariani family, is a vineyard estate and winery in the Montalcino region of Tuscany. With its sister estates in Italy's Piedmont, Vigne Regali and Principessa Gavi, it looms larger than life on the Italian wine scene.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

Additionally, a literal constellation of single vineyards with more than three dozen different subsoils, affords the Castello Banfi estate an unparalleled opportunity to capitalize on the expression of both the brunello grape and its storied Tuscan homeland, Montalcino.

### BANFI TUSCANY

Because they are crisp, fresh and light on the palate, the following Tuscan whites from Banfi are outstanding warm weather wines: the 2006 Fumaio, sauvignon blanc and chardonnay blend (\$9.50) and 2006 Le Rime, pinot grigio and chardonnay blend (\$9.50).

Banfi manages to craft sangiovese into lighter-style reds, perfect for warm weather when bigger, bolder wines don't make it. Try the 2006 Col di Sasso,

Please see WINE, D2

## Get tech support; contest winners listed

Question: Who won the Tech Savvy 200th-column contest from a few weeks ago?

Answer: First, let me thank everyone who entered the contest. I don't know if you all thought gushing praise would help your chances (it didn't — winners were chosen totally at random), but I appreciate it all the same. A certain famous quote from Sally Field comes to mind.

Congratulations to the following contest winners: Kathryn Hagen of Rochester, who won the MagicJack phone gizmo;

Claudine and Jamal Merib of Canton, who won the Logitech QuickCam Pro for Notebooks; Keith Poisson of Livonia, who won Norton Internet Security 2000;

and Cindy Simmons of West Bloomfield, winner of the Verizon LG Voyager multimedia phone.

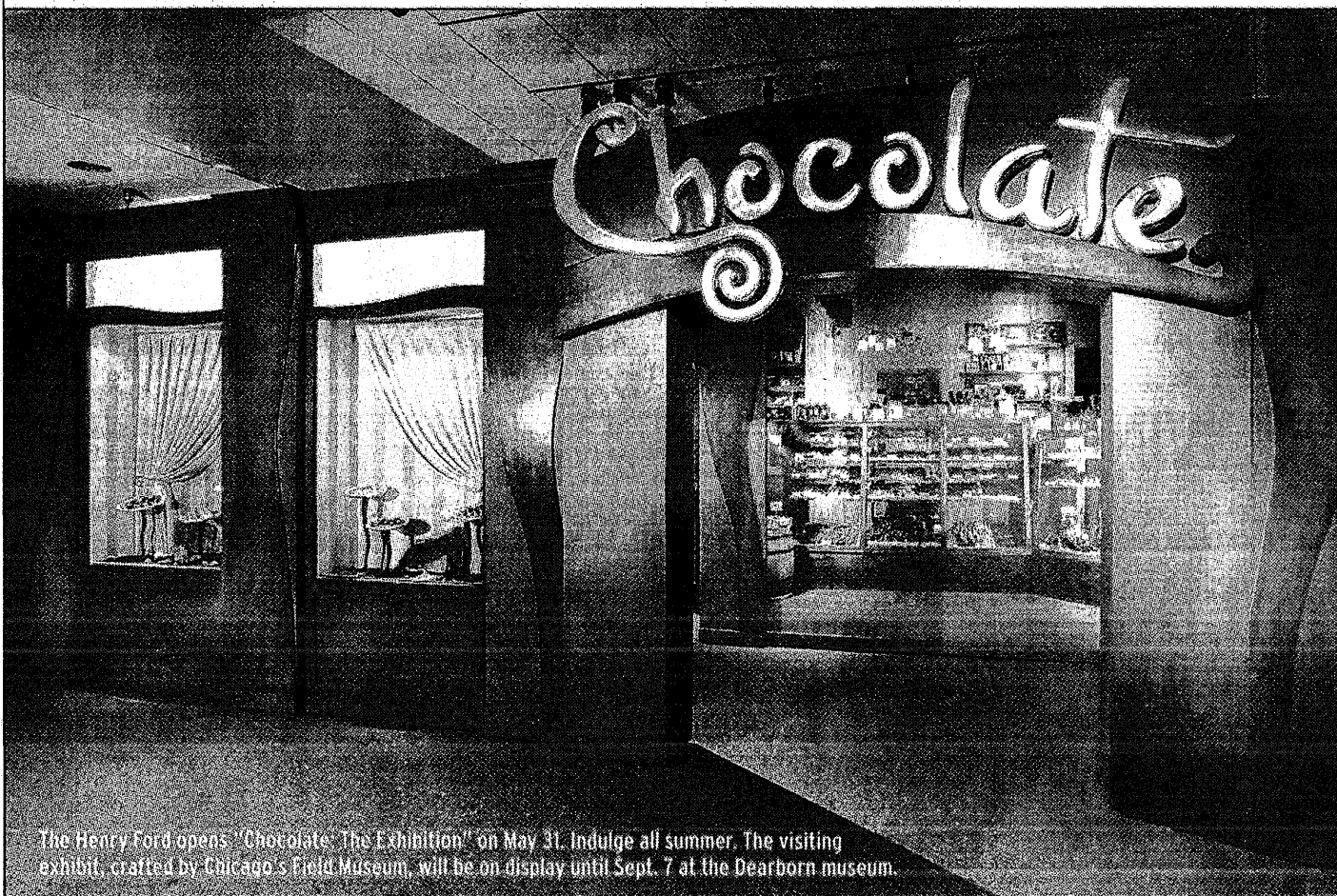
Question: I took your advice and bought a media-center PC, complete with TV tuner. How can I stream audio and video content to my TV, which resides in a different room?

Answer: Don't want your desk-top sitting in your living room, huh? I don't blame you one bit. Fortunately, there are several ways to bridge the gap between PC and TV, even if they're several rooms (and floors) apart.

What you need is an extender,

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## Feed the craving



The Henry Ford opens "Chocolate: The Exhibition" on May 31. Indulge all summer. The visiting exhibit, crafted by Chicago's Field Museum, will be on display until Sept. 7 at the Dearborn museum.

## The Henry Ford sinks its teeth into one sweet exhibit

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Willy Wonka would be proud. While an onslaught of Oompa-Loompas won't be included, Dearborn's Henry Ford Museum promises a sweet summer with *Chocolate: The Exhibition*.

This traveling exhibit was created by Chicago's Field Museum opens May 31 and runs through the summer. Donna Braden, curator of Public Life for The Henry Ford, said the detailed elements allows the exhibit's visitors to feel as

Move from the discovery of cacao in Mayan and Aztec civilizations to the introduction of chocolate in Europe and eventually the mass production of the product.

though they're walking into different worlds. "It sweeps you back to a certain time and place," she said. Move from the discovery of cacao in Mayan and Aztec civilizations to the introduction of chocolate

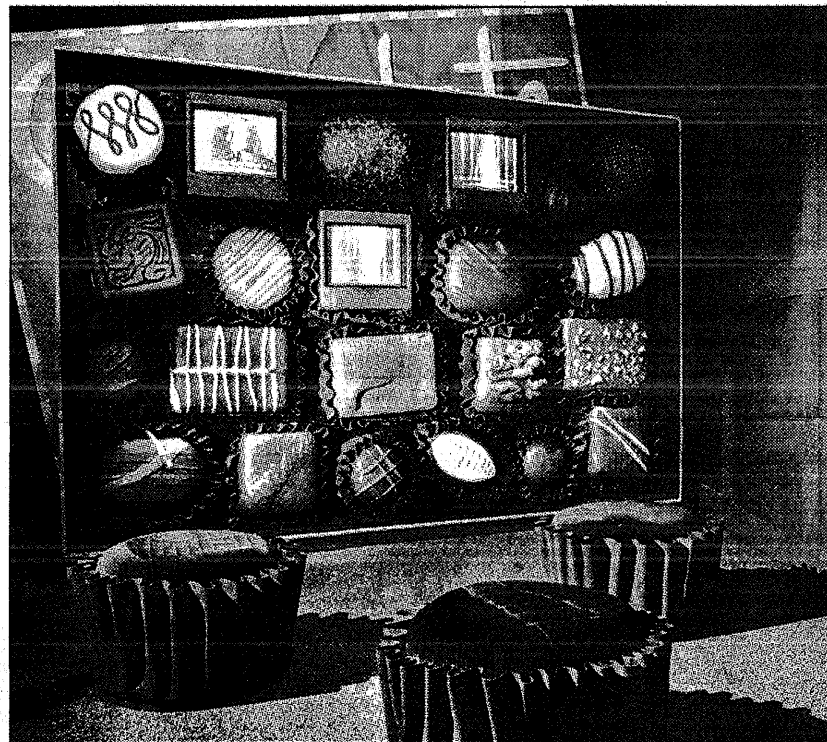
in Europe and eventually the mass production of the product.

*Chocolate* marks a first major exhibition based around food. Braden said *Chocolate: The Exhibition* is sure to evoke memories and common experiences among its visitors. "It's very nostalgic," Braden said.

It also seemed a suitable fit for The Henry Ford. "We look, especially in the summer, for a kind of mass media exhibit that will appeal to a wide variety of people," she said. And *Chocolate* began causing a stir even as it was being constructed.

"Because it came from the Field Museum, there tends to be a lot about world cultures, where it comes from and how it's made," said Braden. "It's very nicely presented."

To coincide, she has curated additional elements that will surround the exhibition



Chocolate lovers may find it difficult to resist the newest exhibit at The Henry Ford.

and augment the experience with a specific focus on American chocolate innovations. Drawing from the museum's own collection, Braden thoroughly researched the growth of the chocolate industry and culture in the United States.

Experience the introduction of chocolate first as a beverage and later as it's developed into chocolate candy. "To some extent it started in Europe," said Braden. "But a great innovator here was Milton Hershey."

By using an assembly-line technique Hershey developed milk chocolate bars everyone could afford - and sold them for just 5 cents a piece in 1905. "He made chocolate for the masses and was known as the Henry Ford of American chocolate," Braden said.

The museum will showcase holiday chocolates, too, from vintage molds used to make it to specialized candies that are sold only at certain times of the year. The confection moved

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## Accents

### TOUR PLYMOUTH HOMES

The Plymouth Symphony League presents its Spring Home Tour, "To Renew or Redo?" May 31-June 1.

The tour runs noon to 6 p.m. both days. It features three renovated historic properties in the city of Plymouth and three newly constructed or rebuilt estates in Plymouth Township.

The homes include exquisite detail, including one with marble, granite and travertine floors, another with a complete "redo and renew," a home built in 1898, another with a 100-year-old fireplace, one with a stone foundation and wide wood floor moldings and a Cape Cod with a large master bedroom.

Tickets are \$18 per person in advance, \$20 the day of the event, and may be purchased at Gabriela's, 322 S. Main St.; Michigan Made, 830 W. Ann Arbor Trail, and the Plymouth Symphony office, 18 Forest Place in Plymouth, and at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main in Northville. Proceeds from the League Home Tour support many programs of the Plymouth Symphony.

### WILDFLOWERS FOR SALE

Looking for native Michigan wildflowers and plants? The Six Rivers Regional Land Conservancy (formerly Oakland Land Conservancy) features its 10th Annual Spring Native Plant Sale 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday, June 1, at the Auburn Hills Community Center.

More than 150 species of native wildflowers, grasses, trees, shrubs, ferns and vines will be available, along with advice about how and where to plant them.

"Native plants are pretty self-reliant," says Heather Huffstutler, land steward for the Conservancy.

"They are the ultimate low-maintenance landscape feature," Huffstutler said that native plants are cheaper to buy than exotics, or "ornamental" garden plants, and unlike their exotic neighbors, they rarely need replacing. The Conservancy will be selling both shade-tolerant and sun-thriving plants, with Conservancy staff and volunteers on hand to answer questions about planting and care.

Individual plants range in price from \$3 to \$28, depending on size and species.

For more information about the plant sale or a list of plants available, call (248) 601-2816 or e-mail info@sixriversrlc.org.

## Art placement depends on room aesthetics

Question: "Do you have any general advice about where to hang pictures on a wall? I'm not sure how high to hang pictures or how close together to hang frames in a grouping."



Design Solutions

Terri Guastella

Answer: Generally speaking, when placing art work, you will need to consider whether or not your art will be viewed from a seated or standing position.

This information will help you to set the height of the art work and its placement on the wall. For example, in the dining room, you and your guests will be seated when viewing your art work, whereas, in the foyer, the art will only be viewed from a standing position. The height at which wall art is placed in these two areas will be vastly different.

Hang your framed art work so that whether seated or standing, the center of the art is eye level. Of course, if you are 5-foot, 2-inches tall and your spouse is 6-foot, 2-inches, the eye level placement is much different for these standing areas. I use eye level for a person about 5-foot, 4-inches to 5-foot, 7-inches tall. When in doubt, err to the lower placement.

When using groupings of framed art work, the size of the individual frames will contribute to the distance between the frames. If the frames are around an 8- by 10-inch size, the pictures will be hanging only 1-2 inches apart from each other. The larger the frame size, the more space may be required between each frame. (Keep in mind that this is very subjective to the art work itself, and the size of the wall on which the pieces will be hanging.)

Do not be afraid to bring groupings of art very low near the floor or even to place framed art work behind a table lamp or plant. When

part of the picture is interrupted by something else, it can make the piece more intriguing to look at.

When hanging framed art over a sofa or other piece of furniture, it needs to be close enough to the furniture to remain part of the vignette. I often see art work hanging quite high over the furniture it is intended to work with, and the art becomes completely disconnected from the overall vignette, destroying the effect.

As with many interior design questions, I encourage you to look through design magazines and tour high end model homes to see how art placement affects the aesthetics of a room. You will train your eye so you can creatively hang your framed art.

Terri Guastella, an interior designer and a Canton resident, specializes in space planning, design and color consultation. Do you have a question about interior design or decorating your home? Contact Terri Guastella at www.exclusiveinteriordesign.com.



Don't be afraid to interrupt your art by placing a table lamp in front of it to add interest.



**WINE**

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sangiovese and cabernet sauvignon blend (\$9.50), 2006 Centine, sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon and merlot (\$11.50)

and 2006 Chianti Classico, 100 percent sangiovese (\$15).

**BANFI ESTATE WINES**

Not every warm weather day is hot. Then, it's time to grill a steak and open any of the following from Castello Banfi:

2006 Rosso di Montalcino (\$22) and 2003 Brunello di Montalcino (\$75).

A Rosso di Montalcino is sometimes referred to as a "baby brunello." Although it's true that both a Rosso di Montalcino and a Brunello di Montalcino are both made from the sangiovese clone known as brunello, the Rosso is made from younger vines and not given the barrel or bottle aging of a Brunello di Montalcino.

Some wine reviewers have written that if you purchase and age a Rosso, it becomes, over time, the equivalent of the Brunello di Montalcino.

It will not. If you're an avid reader of wine press, all the hype about Brunello violations is a tempest

in a teapot!

2003 Cum Laude (\$36) takes its name from the Latin "with honors," and is a blend of the four top red varieties on the Banfi estate: cabernet sauvignon, merlot, sangiovese and syrah.

2003 Summus (\$73), a blend of sangiovese, cabernet sauvignon and syrah, takes its name from the Latin for "highest," and as such is one of the best Super Tuscan.

**VIGNE REGALI**

Under the Vigne Regali brand, Banfi makes two wines not to be missed.

2006 Principessa Gavi (\$14) is a dry white made from the cortese grape that's a winner with seafood.

2007 Rosa Regale (\$22) is

**WINE PICKS**

Planning a trip Up North? The Leelanau Peninsula Vintners Association introduces the first Premium Pour, a unique event 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 7, featuring a special tasting of one or two rare, library and estate wines from each of nine Leelanau Peninsula wineries: Longview, L. Mawby, Cherry Republic, Shady Lane Cellars, Chateau Fontaine, Bel Lago, Chateau de Leelanau, Black Star Farms and Forty-Five North. This is a high-touch, more intimate tasting designed for the wine taster looking to learn more about the superior, award-winning wines that are the hallmark of those produced in the Leelanau Appellation. Advance tickets at \$25 per person include a commemorative glass and a premium wine at each winery are available now at: www.lpwines.com.

a ruby-hued, highly-aromatic (rose, strawberry and raspberry) off-dry sparkler made from the brachetto grape. Serve it well chilled as an aperitif with fruit and light cheeses. Eleanor & Ray Heald are contrib-

ing editors for the internationally respected Quarterly Review of Wines and Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, and restaurants for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Contact them by e-mail at focuswine@aol.com.

**TECH**

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a device that, well, extends the Windows Vista Media Center interface to your TV and streams all your media (music, videos, live and recorded TV, etc.) straight from your PC.

Remember a couple months ago when I said that the best Blu-ray player you could buy was a Sony PlayStation 3? Well,

it turns out that one of the best extenders is an Xbox 360. Microsoft's popular game console has extender capabilities built right in—plus it can play DVDs and download movies and TV shows.

The Xbox 360 sells for \$349.99, though you might want to spring for the \$449.99 Elite model, which offers an HDTV-friendly HDMI interface.

Slightly cheaper, though also

slightly less capable, is the D-Link DSM-750 MediaLounge Extender. Designed to look like a glam stereo component, it should blend seamlessly into your entertainment center.

The DSM-750 lacks a DVD player (and idiotic copyright restrictions prevent it from streaming DVDs from your PC), though it can download movies from CinemaNow.

Both extenders require a wired or wireless connection

to your home network. Wired is best if you plan to stream a lot of video, especially high-definition video. Don't want to string Ethernet cable through your walls? Try a powerline networking kit like the ActionTec MegaPlug AV, which you can find online for around \$129.

Rick Broida writes about computers and technology for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Broida, of Commerce Township, also writes the Cheapskate blog for CNET (blogs.cnet.com/cheapskate). He welcomes questions sent to rick.broida@gmail.com.

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# CHOCOLATE

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into tasty fads like fondue or campfire s'mores and has been famously paired with ice cream. As such, visitors can check out displays of hot fudge warmers and a dry-ice-fueled eskimo pie dispenser.

Braden said the museum has been planning for over a year to host this chocolate extravaganza - and it was a project that inspired ideas galore.

Related events include an artist who paints in chocolate and a food expert who will host a chocolate tasting party. Area chocolatiers - including Schokolad, Sanders and Morley Candy Makers - are sponsoring the exhibit and a chocolate cafe will be featured.

"People will be in the mood for chocolate," said Braden, "no matter what."

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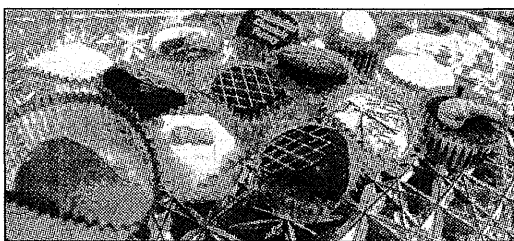
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Compiled By Stephanie A. Casola, Staff Writer

# Test your cocoa IQ

In time for The Henry Ford's candy-coated summer installment, *Chocolate: The Exhibition*, see how much you really know about the sweet stuff in our chocolate-flavored quiz:

1. What Detroit confectioner became synonymous with hot fudge after opening his first candy store in 1875?
2. In what year was Nestle Quik instant chocolate powder introduced?
3. What chocolate process did Holland chemist Coenraad Van Houten invent to give chocolate a darker color and milder flavor?

4. What chocolate contains no cocoa solids at all?

5. Who introduced the first box of chocolates?

6. Who crafted America's first chocolate assembly line process making 5 cent milk chocolate bars available to the masses, and earning the title "The Henry Ford of chocolate makers?"

7. What movie made Hershey's Reese's Pieces famous?

8. Name the unprocessed seeds from which chocolate is produced.

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Answers: 1. Fred Sanders 2. 1948 3. Dutching 4. White chocolate 5. Richard Cadbury 6. Milton S. HERSHEY 7. E.T. The Extraterrestrial 8. cacao.

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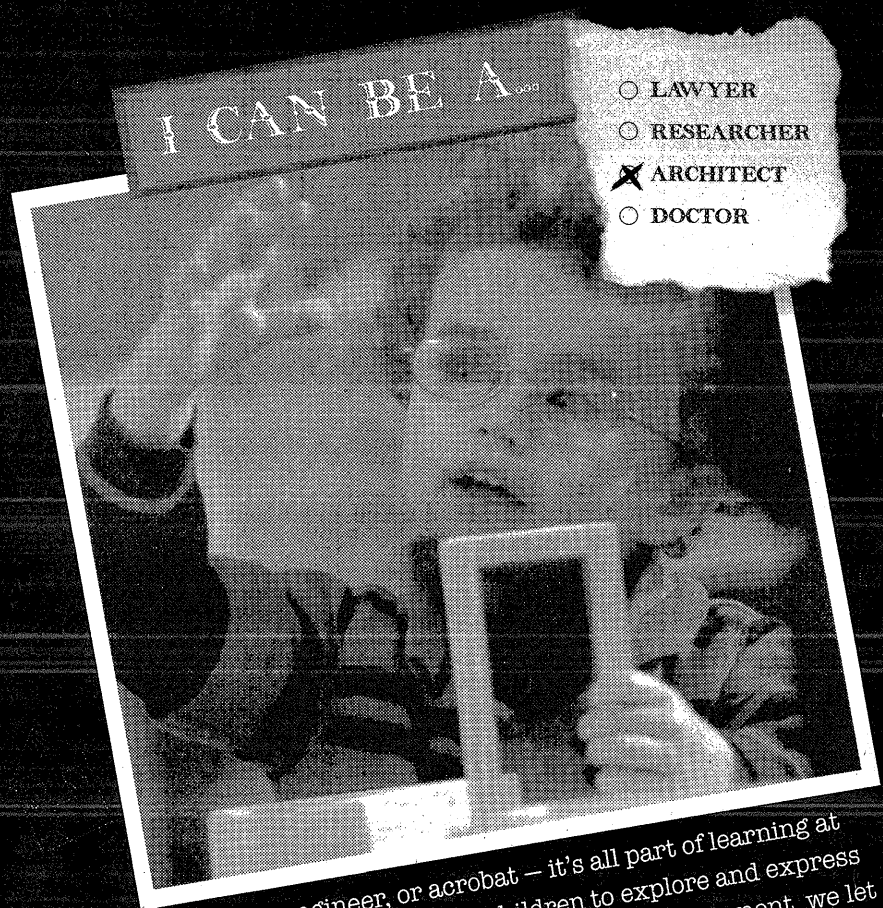
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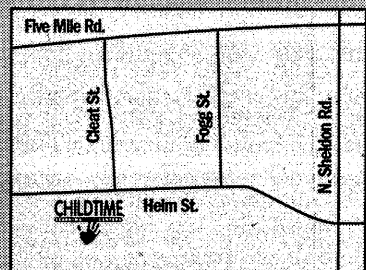
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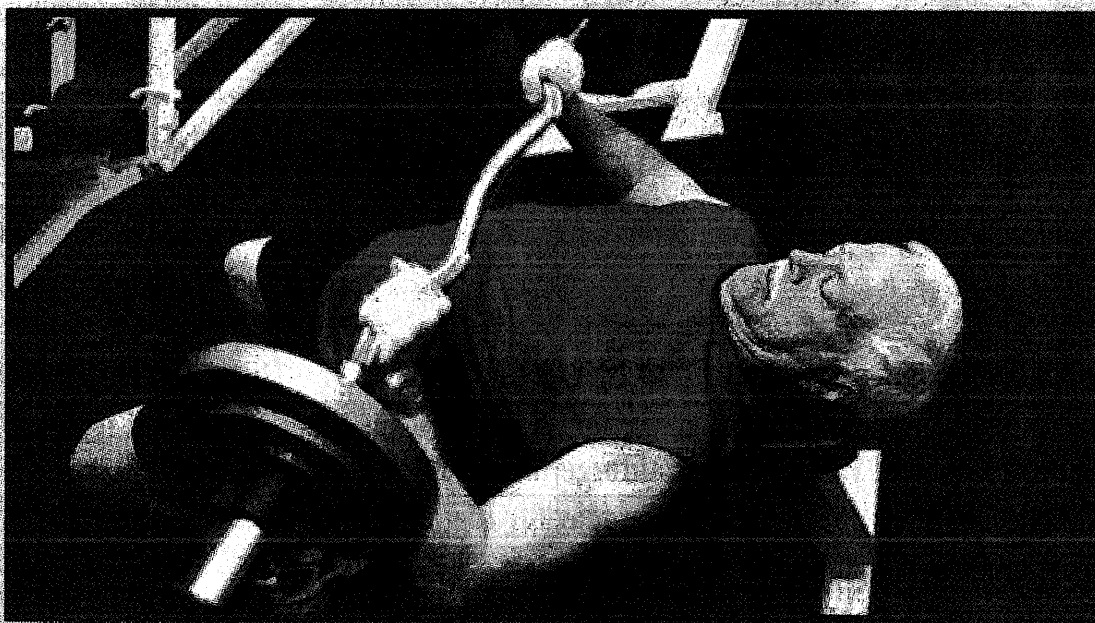
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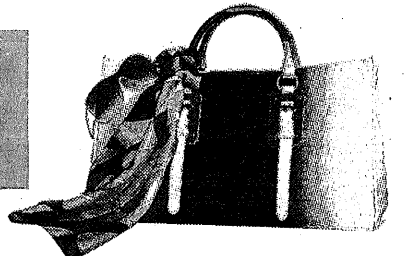
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## pink picks

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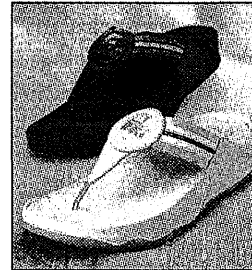
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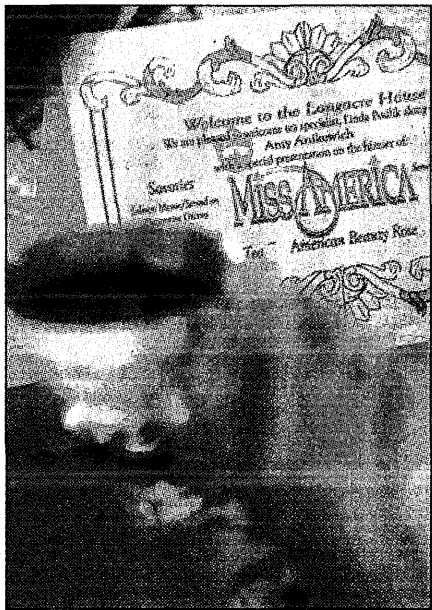
### Experience It!

Baby Loves Disco at Eden Nightclub in Ferndale



Volunteer Deanna Grace pours some tea for Pat Semerjian of Farmington Hills, left, and Alicia Moskal of Livonia during the Miss America afternoon tea at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills.

## Miss America Tea Time



The tea blend, featuring American Beauty Rose, was selected to celebrate hometown girl Kirsten Haglund's 2008 Miss America victory.

The History of Miss America™ was the topic of Traditional Tea at the Longacre House on May 21. Tea enthusiasts sipped a special 'Miss America' blend as local hospitality expert Amy Anikewich recounted the history of the pageant, from its humble roots to the crowning of 2008 Miss America Kirsten Haglund, who hails from Farmington Hills.

The Traditional Tea Series is offered through the Cultural Arts Division of the City of Farmington Hills Special Services Department.

Themed teas are served once each month in the main dining room of



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Tea specialist Linda Pudlik talks to tea goers during the Miss America afternoon tea at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. Pudlik chose a menu — complete with a "Miss America" tea blend — to reflect the afternoon's theme.

the Longacre House, located at 24705 Farmington Road, just south of Eleven Mile in Farmington Hills. Teas are \$20 for residents of Farmington/Farmington Hills, \$25 for non-residents.

To find out more about future teas, call (248) 473-1859.

For an online photo gallery from the Miss America Tea, visit [www.hometownlife.com](http://www.hometownlife.com).



Bethany Shorb creates every tie in her Cyberoptix lab.

## Naka Hosts Spring Trunk Show

Looking for the perfect gift for dad? Father's Day is fast approaching, and Naka hopes to help you get prepared. The Ferndale boutique will host a special trunk show 6-9 p.m. Thursday, May 29 featuring father-friendly gifts by Cyberoptix TieLab and Phantom Limb.

### CYBEROPTIX TIELAB

Founded by Cranbrook Academy of Art alumna Bethany Shorb, Cyberoptix offers neckwear like you've never seen. If your dad likes to look hip at the office, check out these ties featuring wishbones, clipper ships, engine parts and exhaust pipes.

Shorb, who has been featured on *The Martha Stewart Show*, designs and hand-screens prints each necktie, using eco-friendly processes and water-based ink.

Selections from the Cyberoptix TieLab can be found locally at Naka in Ferndale; The Museum of Contemporary Art in Detroit; Design 99 in Hamtramck, The Store at Cranbrook Art

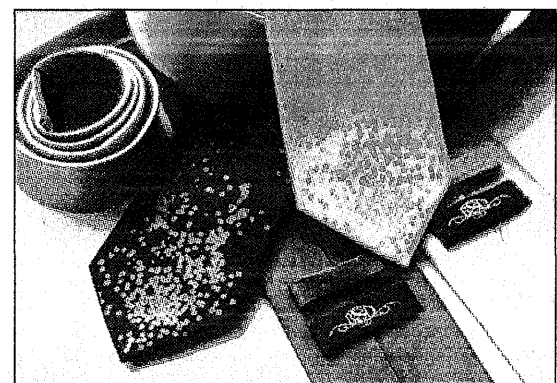
Museum in Bloomfield Hills, or online at [www.cyberoptix.com](http://www.cyberoptix.com) and [www.toybreaker.etsy.com](http://www.toybreaker.etsy.com).

### PHANTOM LIMB

If pops likes to write, encourage him to record his fond memories of fatherhood — or his dreams of getting away from it all — in a journal by Phantom Limb.

Stephanie Tardy of Pleasant Ridge (who works here at the Observer & Eccentric) creates colorful paper goods under the motto "The Stuff You're Missing." Many of Phantom Limb's products are made from re-claimed paper culled from unusual sources. Tardy also will debut a 15-piece grouping of the playful, mixed media art at the Naka Trunk Show as well as a new series of Michigan collages, inspired by her popular Michigan mixed-paper notebooks. Visit [www.phantomlimb.typepad.com](http://www.phantomlimb.typepad.com) for more.

Naka, owned by Kelly Pettibone, is located at 171 W. 9 Mile Road in Ferndale. Call (248) 582-9113 or visit [www.nakastore.com](http://www.nakastore.com).



Skinny ties by Cyberoptix TieLab.

## Locals gather for 'Sex and the City' soirees

In fashion circles, there hasn't been so much buzz over a movie since *The Devil Wears Prada*. I've heard of several parties being planned around the premiere of *Sex and the City: The Movie*, and tickets seem to be selling out fast.

I'll be going to a Fashion Group International-Detroit party that starts with cosmopolitans at Forté Restaurant, then heads to the Birmingham Uptown 8 for the 7 p.m. showing.

According to Alicia at Uptown 8, several S&TC showings have already sold out on opening night, and David at



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Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda. Will Carrie marry Mr. Big? Is Charlotte finally expecting? Is Miranda adjusting to family life? Is

Forté (located right next door to the theatre) is busy organizing parties at his restaurant around the movie.

Seems like many of the show's fans are eager to catch up on the latest adventures of

Samantha as daring as ever? We'll soon find out!

There's still time to organize a girl's night out of your own! Most theatres sell tickets in advance, so round up your friends and make the night festive. Your significant other will be glad he's off the hook from having to see the biggest chick flick of the year ...

By the way, I personally loved the crazy hat Sarah Jessica Parker wore to the movie's London premiere, complete with plumes of grass, fabric flowers and butterflies reaching toward the sky. I recognized it immediately

as the work of London millener Philip Treacy, who visited metro Detroit when he exhibited his hats at Cranbrook a couple years back.

Only the most daring fashionistas can pull off his creations ... and SJP is certainly one of them.

Don't we all wish we could take wardrobe risks like that? Isn't that one of the main reasons we love watching S&TC in the first place?

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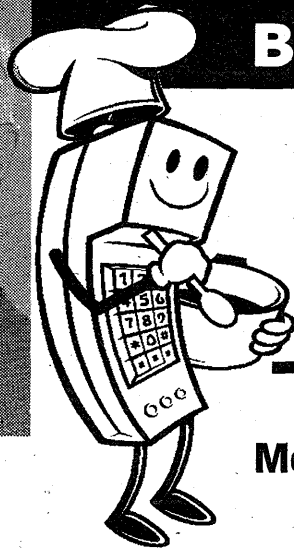
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*Filter picks the best in entertainment for the weekend of May 29.*

**29** Time travel to downtown Plymouth for the final installment of **May is Musical Month**. Every Thursday the Penn Theatre offers a classic flick and this week's pick is *My Fair Lady* (1964) starring Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison. The movie begins at 7 p.m. and tickets cost \$3. The theater is at 760 Penniman, in Plymouth. Call 734-453-0870 or visit [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com).

**30** All right *Sex and the City* fans. The highly-anticipated movie, serving as a sequel to the popular HBO series, is set to hit theaters today. Here's what we know — Carrie has left Paris and her beau Mikhail Baryshnikov to reunite with Mr. Big — whose name will finally be revealed as John James Preston. Charlotte is sporting a baby bump, Miranda might be in for marital woes and chances are Samantha's just as daring as ever. Jennifer Hudson enters onto the scene as Carrie's assistant, Louise. The film is not yet rated.



Petty

**31** Tom Petty and his **Heartbreakers** are still "runnin' down a dream" and they'll hit The Palace May 31 with opener Steve Winwood. Tickets are \$55-\$99, at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). The Palace is at 1 Championship Drive in Auburn Hills. Call (248) 645-6666.

**1** Today's 2 p.m. matinee of *Sister Amnesia's Country Western Nonsense Jamboree* starring **Lee Meriweather** will include a special performance by Miss America 2008, **Kirsten Haglund**. Look for her at the beginning of the second act. The show is now in production at Meadow Brook Theatre, on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Tickets are \$26-\$28, call (248)



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377-3300 or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Meet Haglund at a benefit reception following the show at Europa Bistro in downtown Rochester. Tickets for the benefit are \$15 for ticketholders, or \$30 for the reception only.

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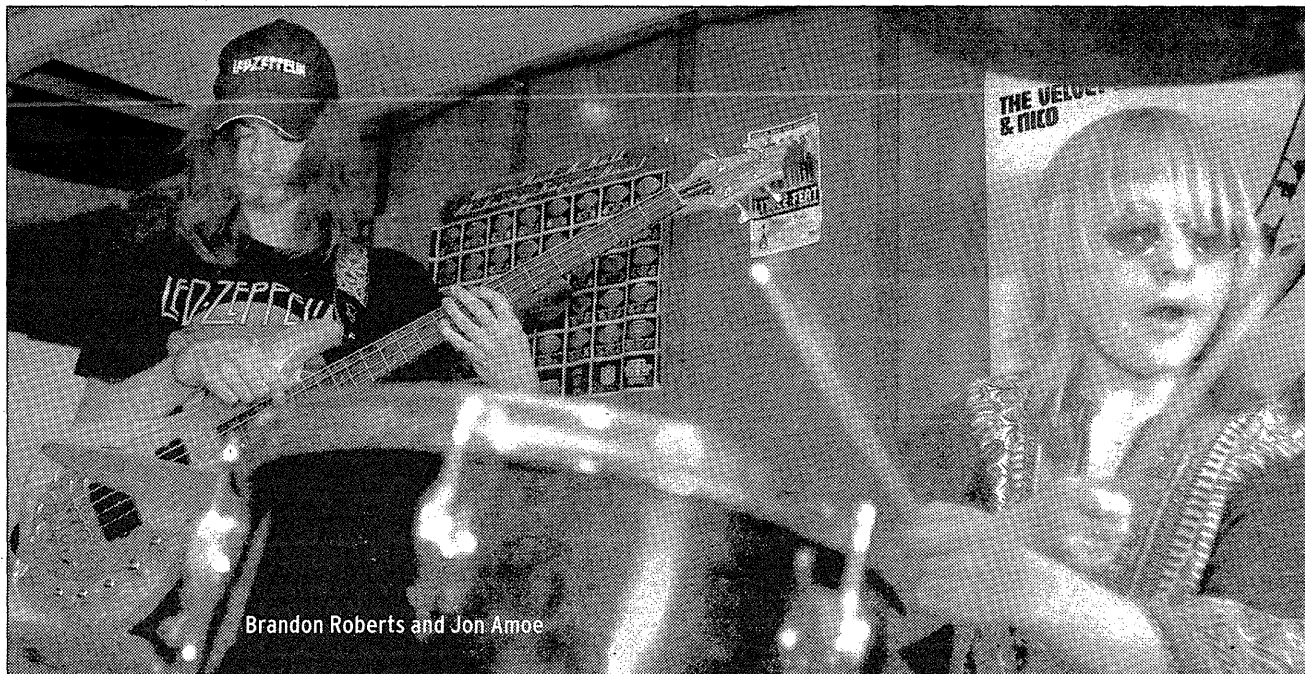
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# Teen band doesn't mind being Underground

## Young musicians play rock from the '60s with a vision of the future

BY LANA MINI  
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How many 13-year-olds can identify psychedelic music?

How many 12-year-olds know The Doors, The Animals and Jimi Hendrix?

And how many teens ages 12 to 16, can play songs from those musicians?

The boys from the band The Underground Sun can.

While other teenagers spend their time playing video games or texting friends, The Underground Sun members are honing their musical skills, writing lyrics and marketing themselves throughout metro-Detroit and all over the Internet.

How many teenagers even understand the concept of marketing?

Musician Jesse Stringer, 13, of Livonia, does. He spends his free time booking gigs for his band.

The band is Stringer, lead guitarist and singer; Jon Amoe, drummer and backing vocalist, 12, of Sterling Heights; Alex Lovat, rhythm guitarist and backing vocalist, 16, of Troy; Brandon Roberts, bass player and backing vocalist, 16, of Fraser; and Sean Fershin, keyboard and guitarist, 12, of Warren.

The Underground Sun is playing on Saturday, May 31 at the Token Lounge in Westland. Whenever they perform, the crowd is surprised.

"Last time we walked on stage in our velvet hippie pants and psychedelic shirts and the crowd, who was older, kind of laughed and turned their backs," Stringer said. "All the other bands were screamo and emo. Then we started to play and the crowd turned and looked at us, really surprised and really into it."

Stringer plays his guitar 12 hours a day. And, when his classmates who don't understand his passion tease him, he shrugs it off.

"I don't care what anyone thinks about me," Stringer said. "My family, teachers and friends are all I care about ... nothing is going to deter me from making music. Music is everything. They think it bugs me when they call me a hippie, but I don't care. I am a hippie."

He doesn't care, because he knows what the definition of a hippie is, and most teens may not. A hippie is derived from the word hip, and means someone against war. A hippie

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is also someone who seeks spontaneity and expanded consciousness.

The Underground Sun is extremely heavily influenced by hippies like The Doors and also Led Zeppelin, Jefferson Airplane (not Starship), The Beatles, The Who, Cream, Jimi Hendrix, Motown and Bubblegum rock (but not hair bands from the '80s) and anything psychedelic.

"But not drugs," Stringer stressed. "We think drugs are totally stupid and we don't need them to enhance our creativity. Just because we idolized Jim Morrison, Janis Joplin and Jimi Hendrix's music doesn't mean we'll copy the stupid mistakes they made. No one is perfect and we know where drugs got them. Dead."

Most of the band met at Camp Jam

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## ART

**555 Gallery:** Westland's Kelly Darke, through May 31, 4884 Grand River Ave., Detroit, (313) 894-4202.

**Arnold Klein Gallery:** "A Cabinet of Curiosities" through May 31, 32782 Woodward Ave., Royal Oak, (248) 647-7709.

**Art Leaders Gallery:** The sculpture of Frank Hart, "An American Legacy: Beauty, Truth and Goodness," through May 31, 33030 Northwestern Hwy., West Bloomfield, (248) 539-0262, www.artleaders.com.

**ArtServe Michigan:** Accepting nominations for 2008 Governor's Awards for Arts & Culture through 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 24. Call (248) 912-0760 or visit www.governorsart-andcultureawards.org for complete rules and entry forms.

**Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center:** 2008 Michigan Masters Series, George Vihos "Spiritual Flesh," through May 30, 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

**Birmingham Unitarian Church:** Tag, The Art Group, through June 23, reception, 6-9 p.m. June 5, 38651 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills, (248) 647-2380.

**D&M Art Studio:** Sharon Lee Dillenbeck "Friends & Flowers," opens June 2, 28691 N. Lilley Road, Canton; "Chalk the Wall," (Golden Gate Shopping Mall) 10 a.m.-3 p.m. June 7, (734) 453-3710, www.dmartstudio.com.

**Focus HOPE Gallery:** Focus on the Mission, teen photography, May 29-Aug. 29, reception, 6-9 p.m. May 29, on the second floor of the Center for Advanced Technologies, 1400 Oakman Blvd., Detroit, (313) 494-4376.

**Kresge Art Museum:** "Silk Road to Clipper Ship: Trade, Changing Markets, and East Asian Ceramics," through Aug. 1; Michigan State University, East Lansing, (517) 355-7631, www.artmuseum.msu.edu.

**Lawrence Street Gallery:** "9 Women Painters," through May 31; "Invitational," June 4-28, reception 6-9 p.m. June 6, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

**Lemberg Gallery:** Mark Fox "Paper Bulls," through June 21, 23241 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 591-6623, www.lemberg-gallery.com.

**Paint Creek Center for the Arts:** "James Parker: Photographs documenting a disappearing agrarian landscape," through June 21; PCCA Student & Faculty Show, May 30-June 21, reception 6-8 p.m. May 30; 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

**Paul Kotula Projects:** Jim Chatelain "Further Down the Road," through June 21, 23255 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3020, www.paulkotula.com.

**Pewabic Pottery:** "Six Ceramic Artists: Pioneers of the German Studio Craft Movement," through July 6, 10125 East Jefferson, Detroit. (313) 822-0954, www.pewabic.com.

**Picasso Cafe:** "The Muses," May 31-June 30, 39915 Grand River Ave., Novi 48375, (248) 427-0600.

**Susanne Hilberry Gallery:** Chris Hyndman, Gordon Newton, Barry Roth, through June 14, 700 Livernois, Ferndale (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberryygallery.com.

**Warren Tri-County Fine Arts:** Artist of the Month Carter L. Coss of Rochester Hills, May, Warren City Hall Gallery, One City Square, Warren, (586) 791-4047.

## BOOKS

**Borders Birmingham:** Peter Leonard, joined by his father, Elmore Leonard, signs his first book "Quiver," 7 p.m. May 29, 34300 Woodward Ave., (248) 203.0005.

## CHAMBER

**Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival:** 19 concerts



throughout southeast Michigan. Featuring music by French school of composers, June 14-29, (248) 559-2097, www.greatlakeschambermusic.org.

## CLASSICAL

**Detroit Symphony Orchestra:** 8 Days in June Festival, "The Power of Change" June 13-21; Salute to America at Greenfield Village, July 2-5, www.detroitssymphony.com.

**Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival:** Music of French School of Composers, 19 concerts with works ranging from Franck to Ravel, with appearances by John Harbison, Joan Tower, William Bolcom and John Corigliano, June 14-29, www.greatlakeschambermusic.com, (248) 559-2097.

**Plymouth Symphony League:** Entertainment book sale, with coupons for entertainment purposes, purchase a 2009 book and get a 2008 book free while supplies last, (734) 451-2112, www.plymouthsymphony.org.

## CLUBS

**The Ark:** Lizz Wright, June 4; Nels Cline Singers, June 5; Christine Lavin, June 7; Marcia Ball, June 8; Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, June 11; The John Cowan Band, June 13; The Straws, June 15; Junior Borwn, June 22; Ari Hest, June 23; Eilen Jewell, June 25; Mayra Andrade, June 27; 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. www.theark.org.

**Bullfrog Bar:** Exoskeleton Rock Show, May 29; Jay Graves, May 30; The High Water Showcase, May 31; KulaYd's Backstage Pass, June 1, 15414 Telegraph Road, Redford, (313) 533-4477, www.bullfrogrocks.com.

**Cliff Bells:** Tracy Kash Thomas quartet, June 12, 2030 Park, Detroit : (313) 961-2543

**Edison's:** Remedy, May 29; Bazooka Charlie, May 30-31, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham (248) 645-2150.

**Ginopolis on the Grill:** Don Swindell and Shuffle Play, with Swindell, Sheila Brown, Mike Lorenz and Jake Reichhart, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 27851 Middlebelt at 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, no cover, (248) 851-8222.

**Magic Bag:** Lez Zeppelin, June 15; Echoes of Pink Floyd, June 28; Hayden, June 29, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

**MGM Grand Detroit:** Paris Band, May 29; Dre Delano & Second Ave., May 30; The Brother's Groove, May 31, www.mgmgrand-detroit.com.

**The Shelter:** One Man's Opinion CD Release party w/ Rotation and Stereo Goes Stellar,

May 31, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (313) 961-MELT.

## COMEDY

**Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase:** Chrissy Burns, May 30-31; Comedy Jamm, 8 p.m. June 5; D.J. Hazard, 8 & 10:30 p.m. June 6-7; Comedy Jam 8 p.m. June 12; Mike Green, 8 & 10 p.m. June 13-14; Comety Jam, 8 p.m. June 19; Stephen Kruser, 8 & 10:30 p.m. June 20-21, 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080, www.aacomedy.com.

**The Fillmore:** Carlos Mencia, \$42.50, Nov. 22, 2115 Woodward Ave., Detroit. (248) 645-6666.

**Fox Theatre:** George Lopez, Sept. 20, \$49.50-\$59.50, at 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

**Historic Holly Hotel Comedy Club:** Rico Bruce Wade, May 30-31; 110 Battle Alley, Holly (248) 634-5208.

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

**Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia:** Chili Challis, through May 31; Kenny Rogerson, June 4-7, 36071 Plymouth Road, (734) 261-5500, www.kickerscomplex.com.

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle:** Tommy Johnagin, May 29-31, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

**Maxie's Sunday Night Comedy Shoppe:** 2500 W. Hill (just west of U.S. 23), Flint (810) 232-2500.

**Michigan Theater:** Bill Maher, Aug. 15, \$45-\$55; 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (248) 645-6666.

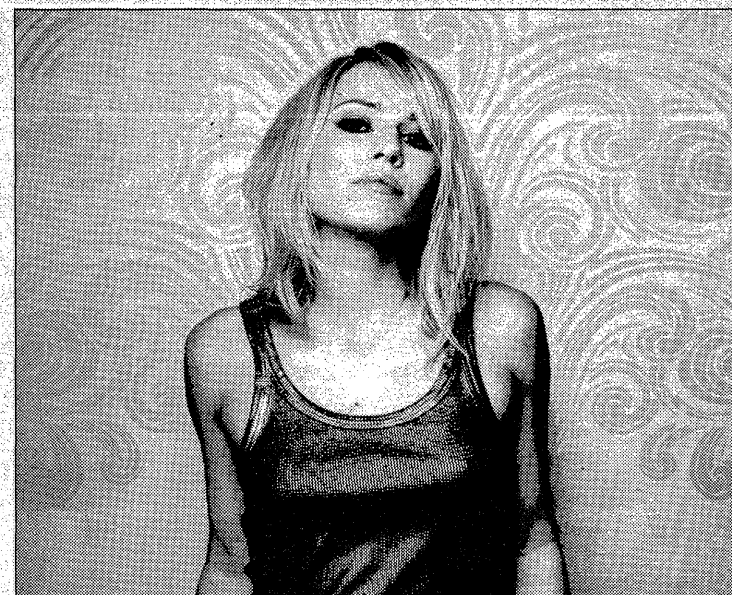
**Royal Oak Music Theatre:** Craig Ferguson, June 13, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. (800) 919-6272

**The Second City:** Sex and Second City, ongoing, 42705 Grand River Avenue in Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

## CONCERTS

**Clutch Cargo:** Badfish, a tribute to Sublime, May 30; Alkaline Trio, July 8; Rancid, Aug. 1, 65 E. Huron, Pontiac. (248) 645-6666.

**Comerica Park:** Van's Warped Tour, July 18, featuring The Academy Is..., Relient K, Gym Class Heroes, Reel Big Fish, Everytime I Die, Norma Jean, From First To Last, Anberlin, The Bronx, As I Lay Dying, Street Dogs, Pennywise, Against Me!, Say Anything, Bouncing Souls, Story Of The Year, Cobra Starship, Angels And Airwaves, more, \$32-\$35, 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit,



## Natasha Bedingfield

See British pop star Natasha Bedingfield on her first-ever American tour, which stops at St. Andrew's Hall in Detroit at 8 p.m. June 4. Bedingfield, whose latest hits include 'Pocketful of Sunshine' and 'Love Like This' is joined by Kate Voegele and The Veronicas. Tickets, \$20, are available at any Ticketmaster outlet, or by phone at (248) 645-6666.

call (313) 471-6611.

**DTE Energy Music Theatre:** Dave Matthews Band, June 9; Jimmy Buffet, June 10; True Colors Tour with Cyndi Lauper, Rosie O'Donnell, B52s, Tegan & Sara, June 11; Stevie Nicks and Boston, June 15; Jack Johnson, June 18; Bachman Cummings, June 20; Chicago and the Doobie Brothers, June 21; Stevie Wonder, a Wonder Summer's Night, June 24; Steve Miller, June 27; The Temptations and The Four Tops, June 29; Ted Nugent, July 4; Jonas Brothers, July 5; Martina McBride, July 11; Crue Fest with Motley Crue, Buckcherry, Papa Roach, Sixx:AM and Trapt, July 15; John Mellencamp with Lucinda Williams, July 18; Kid Rock with Rev. Run, July 19-20; Cinderella, Warrant, July 21; Earth Wind and Fire, July 27; Three Doors Down, July 30; Tony Hawk's Boom Boom Jam, July 31; Sheryl Crow, James Blunt, Toots and the Maytals Aug. 5; Rod Stewart and Bryan Adams, Aug. 6; Backstreet Boys, Aug. 8; Rockstar Energy Drink Mayhem Festival with Slipknot, Disturbed, Dragonforce, Mastadon, Machinehead, Underoath, more, Aug. 9; Brooks & Dunn with ZZ Top, Aug. 23; Maroon 5 and Counting Crows, Aug. 29; Third Day and Switchfoot, Aug. 21; Journey, Heart, Cheap Trick, Sept. 9, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. (248) 645-6666.

**The Fillmore-Detroit:** Stone Temple Pilots, June 3; The Raconteurs, June 7-8; Boys Like Girls, Aug. 2, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666.

**The Fox Theatre:** Death Cab for Cutie, Rogue Wave and Sea Wolf for 89X B-Day Bash, June 4; Robert Plant and Alison Krauss, June 17, 2211 Woodward, Detroit, Ticketmaster.com (248) 433-1515.

**Freedom Hill Amphitheatre:** Dropkick Murphys, July 8; Return to Forever, June 21; Yes, July 19; Poison with Dokken, Sebastian Bach, Aug. 9, 14900 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights. Call (248) 645-6666.

**Joe Louis Arena:** Raven-Symone, June 6; Rush, June 10; American Idols Live, July 24; Def Leppard with REO Speedwagon and Styx, Aug. 23, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

**Majestic Theatre:** 2008 Rock City Festival with

Matt and Kim, Thunderbirds are Now, The Javelins and DJ Franki Chan, June 12, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-9700. **Masonic Temple Theatre:** Raven-Symone, June 6, 500 Temple, Detroit. (313) 433-1515. **Meadow Brook Music Festival:** James Taylor, June 4; Trace Adkins and Kellie Pickler, July 17; Weird Al Yankovic, July 18; OAR, July 25, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. (248) 645-6666.

**The Palace of Auburn Hills:** Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, May 31; Alicia Keys, June 6; Coldplay, July 5; Bon Jovi, July 7; The Police with Elvis Costello, July 26; Neil Diamond, July 31; Nine Inch Nails, Aug. 23; Celine Dion, Sept. 26, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

**Ren Cen Riverfront Plaza:** Rockin' on the Riverfront free classic rock concert series - Pat Benatar, June 27; Mark Farner and Mitch Ryder, July 11; Starship featuring Mickey Thomas, July 18; Rick Derringer and the Classic Rock All Stars, July 25; The Guess Who, Aug. 1; Kansas, Aug. 8; Blue Oyster Cult, Aug. 15; Foreigner, Aug. 22, www.gmrencon.com.

**Royal Oak Music Theatre:** Kids in the Hall, May 30; Craig Ferguson, June 13; Peter Murphy, June 18; Mike Birbiglia, June 26; Xtreme Cagefighting: Rumble in Royal Oak II, June 28; Less Than Jake w/Goldfinger, July 1; Squeeze w/Aimee Mann, Aug. 29, 318 W. Fourth Street, Royal Oak. (800) 919-6272, www.royaloakmusictheatre.com.

**St. Andrew's Hall:** Natasha Bedingfield, June 4; She Wants Revenge, June 5; Ours, June 8; Fresh Rhymes Tour with Dilated Peoples, June 21; All Time Low, July 16, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

## DANCE

**Detroit Dance Collective:** Auditions, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. June 7, Ford Community & Performing Arts Center Dance Studio, 15801 Michigan Ave., Dearborn. (810) 444-4553, www.detroitdancecollective.org.

**Ferndale Hawaiian Dance Extravaganza:** Pop singer Scott Katsura, "Elvis" review, Polynesian Fantasy Dancers, etc., 3 p.m. June 14, Ferndale High School Auditorium, 881 Pinecrest, \$10/\$5 seniors & students/children under 12 free, (248) 547-3109, www.polynesiandancers.us.



# 'The Color Purple' proves weighty but wonderful on stage

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Fans of Alice Walker's prized novel *The Color Purple*, and its film translation by Steven Spielberg, can watch the stunning saga of Celie come to life on stage at Detroit's Fox Theatre. Staying true to the original tale, the Oprah Winfrey-produced lavish stage show evokes the strength of the human spirit, the power of believing in one's self and the significance of family — in all of its forms.

On stage, we meet sisters Celie and Nettie as young girls, clapping, singing and dreaming of a better life amid a giant pink and amber sky. The two are brutally torn apart once Celie (Jeannette Bayardelle) is married off to an abusive farmer named Mister. After Nettie declines his advances, he forbids Celie to have any contact with her sister. Instead he keeps his wife working her fingers to the bone in his home, caring for his children. We watch as she scrubs the floor while he barks orders.

That is until the arrival of Sofia — portrayed larger than life and with attitude to spare by Felicia P. Fields. She marches on stage, arms flailing at each side, evoking cheers from the audience. For it's Sofia's tirade, titled *Hell No*, that offers Celie her first taste of strength, and the courage to begin to stand up for herself amid a life that has always held her down.

Mister's longtime mistress and sultry singer Suge Avery offers an even stronger dose of independence. Nursed back to health by Celie, Suge shows her what its like to live fearlessly. Angela Robinson portrays the bombshell just that same way — never shying from a revealing bathtub scene or the resulting clandestine affair. Her ode to Celie, *Too Beautiful for Words*, comes across as



On stage

Scenes like this danceable tug-o-war between the men and women of 'The Color Purple' give a heavy story a solid dose of humor.

just that — reassuring and lovely.

The three-hour performance glides along in two heavy acts. But a solid infusion of comedy — in the way characters like Suge and Sofia deliver their lines with flair lightens the heady subject matter and carries Celie to a place where she ultimately finds her own way. Musical numbers like the

rousing *Push the Button* exude sex appeal while a dance routine choreographed to *African Homeland* blends elements of ballet with primal gymnastic rhythms.

The show translates well in a live setting, relying on a relatively simple set and characterized by the sheer strength of Celie's voice as she declares *I'm Here* to an opening night

crowd that just erupted in praise.

*The Color Purple* runs through June 1, at the Fox Theatre, 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Tickets cost \$39.50 to \$75, call (248) 433-1515 or visit [www.olympiaentertainment.com](http://www.olympiaentertainment.com)

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**University Musical Society:** Mark Morris Dance Group, Sept. 19-20; Batsheva Dance Company "Three," 8 p.m. Feb. 14, 2009, and "Deca Dance" 2 p.m. Feb. 15, 2009; Compagnie Heddy Maalem "Rite," 8 p.m. Oct. 15, 2009; Compagnie Marie Chouinard, "Orpheus and Eurydice," 8 p.m. April 25, 2009 and "Rite of Spring," 2 p.m. April 26, 2009; Rubberdance Group, "Elastic Perspective," 8 p.m. Jan. 9 and "Redux Phase II" 1 and 8 p.m. Jan. 10, 2009. [www.ums.org](http://www.ums.org).

## FAMILY

**Baby Loves Disco:** 1-4 p.m. May 31, \$12 per walking human; non-walkers free, Eden Nightclub and Ultra Lounge, 22061 Woodward, Ferndale, [www.babylovesdisco.com](http://www.babylovesdisco.com).  
**Canton Cinema:** Free matinees 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. Saturdays, 43555 Ford Road, (734) 844-3456.  
**Detroit Public TV Kids Club Live:** "Arthur's Storytime" performance, hands-on activities, games, face painting, fitness, book drop-off, be on TV, and favorite characters like Caillou, Clifford, Curious George and Super WHY, noon-3 p.m. or 4-7 p.m. June 18, Freedom Hill, Sterling Heights, \$15, (888) 809-8338, [www.dptv.org](http://www.dptv.org).  
**Exhibit Museum of Natural History:** Free dinosaur tours, 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, (734)

763-4190, [www.las.umich.edu/exhibitmuseum](http://www.las.umich.edu/exhibitmuseum).

**Jaws Jumbo Burgers:** Family Adventure Movies Saturdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m. "Spider-man," "Night at the Museum," "Wizard of Oz," etc. May 31, 29216 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (248) 855-2228, [www.myspace.com/jawsjumboburgers](http://www.myspace.com/jawsjumboburgers).

**Michigan Opera Theatre:** Auditions May 29-31 for Children's Chorus. Those accepted will perform in upcoming productions "I Pagliacci," "Carmen," and "The Nutcracker".

**Playhouse Disney Life:** Noon, Oct. 26, \$19-\$40, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or [Palacenet.com](http://Palacenet.com).

## FESTIVALS

**Detroit Festival of the Arts:** 4-11 p.m. June 6, noon-11 p.m. June 7, noon-9 p.m. June 8, free, [www.detroitfestival.com](http://www.detroitfestival.com).

## FILM

**Compuware Arena:** Drive-in theatre, open seven days a week June 13-Sept. 7, gates open at 7:30 p.m., movies at dusk (usually 9 p.m.). \$9, 13 and older; \$7, children 4-12 and students; free, children 3 and under, 14900 Beck Rd., Plymouth, (734) 927-3284, [www.compuwarearena.com](http://www.compuwarearena.com).

## Detroit Windsor International Film Festival:

Filmmakers called to register for 48-hour film challenge at [DIWFF.org/challenge](http://DIWFF.org/challenge). Entrants create a film from scratch June 20-22; the winner will claim a \$300 prize. \$50 registration fee.

**Detroit Film Theatre:** Reopens June 6-8 at the Detroit Institute of Arts, 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit (313) 833-7900.

**Ferndale Public Library:** Unsung Films of the 70s, "Harold and Maude," 7:30 p.m. June 5; admission, popcorn and drinks free, 222 E. Nine Mile Road, (248) 546-2504, [www.ferndale.lib.mi.us](http://www.ferndale.lib.mi.us).

**Jewish Community Center:** "Keeping Up With the Steins," 1 p.m. June 2, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 661-1000.

**Magic Bag:** Brew & View, "Semi Pro," May 29, doors 8 p.m., film, 9:30 p.m., 21 and over, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, [www.themagicbag.com](http://www.themagicbag.com).

**Penn Theatre:** Thursday Classics in May, "My Fair Lady," May 29; 760 Penniman, Plymouth 734-453-0870, [www.penntheatre.com](http://www.penntheatre.com).

**Redford Theatre:** "The Magnificent Seven," May 30-31; Three Stooges with "The Outlaws is Coming" and Warner cartoon "Stage Fright," June 13-14; "The Incredible Shrinking Man" with Warner cartoon "Dog Tired," June

27-28, "Pride and Prejudice" with Warner cartoon "Dog Daze," July 11-12; "Swiss Family Robinson," July 25-26; "The Adventures of Robin Hood," with Warner cartoon "Adventures of Rabbit Hood," Aug. 8-9; "The Scarlet Claw" with Warner cartoon "Rabbit Transit," Aug. 22-23, all at 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. [www.redfordtheatre.com](http://www.redfordtheatre.com).  
**The Green Screen:** Youth Environmental Film Festival, 9 p.m. June 2, Royal Oak Main Arts Theatre, [www.emecac.org](http://www.emecac.org).

## MORE MUSIC

**Callahan's:** Nick Moss & the Flip Tops, June 19; John Nemeth, June 28; Bernard Allison, July 12; Walter Trout and the Radicals, July 31; Jason Ricci & New Blood, Aug. 14; 2105 South Blvd., Auburn Hills, (248) 858-9508, [www.atcallahans.com](http://www.atcallahans.com).

**City Theatre:** The Definition of Soul Concert Series with Eric Roberson and Carol Riddick Friday and Frank McComb and Sy Smith on Saturday, shows 8:30 p.m. May 30-31, 2301 Woodward Ave., Detroit, \$29, (248) 645-6666.

**Jewish Community Center:** Violinist George Stepulla and Pianist Martin Mandelbaum, light classics and Yiddish favorites, 1 p.m. June 5, 6600 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, (248) 661-1000.

**Motor City Brass Band:** "Under the Big Top," 3 p.m. Sunday, June 15, Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, Dearborn, \$15/adults, \$12/students and seniors, (313) 943-2350, [www.mcbb.org](http://www.mcbb.org).

**Windsor Police Pipe Band:** Celtic Generations, w/ Scottish fare, beverages and kitchen atmosphere, June 7, Monaghan Knights of Columbus Council, Livonia, \$9-15, (248) 622-9730, [WPPBTickets@sandyanded.com](mailto:WPPBTickets@sandyanded.com).

## MUSEUMS

**Charles H. Wright Museum:** "Picture Perfect: Zella's Traveling Scrapbook, the legacy of Louise Lovette Wright" through June 1; You Grow Girl Girl Scout Day Camp, July 15-17; African World Festival, Aug. 15-17, 915 E. Warren Ave., Detroit, (313) 494-5800.

**Cranbrook Art Museum:** "William Massie: An American House," through Oct. 31, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (877) 60-CRANBROOK, [www.cranbrook.edu](http://www.cranbrook.edu).

**Cranbrook Institute of Science:** PGA Championship History Exhibit, golf artifacts and memorabilia, through July 30, free with museum admission, 39221 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills, (248) 645-3200, <http://science.cranbrook.edu>.

**Detroit Historical Museum:** "Ford and Kahn At



# The Traveling Fork offers culinary tour of America

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK  
O&E STAFF WRITER

LIVONIA — Whether you're from around the corner or across the country, The Traveling Fork wants you to feel like you're right at home.

Located inside the new Radisson in Livonia, The Traveling Fork offers a menu of specialties from across America. The food caters to out-of-towners staying at the hotel, as well as locals looking to take a quick culinary vacation.

"We want people to feel that if they're traveling around the United States, they can get that same fresh crab cake here as you can in Alaska, or the same wings you find in Buffalo, New York," said Kelli Petrena, assistant food and beverage director.

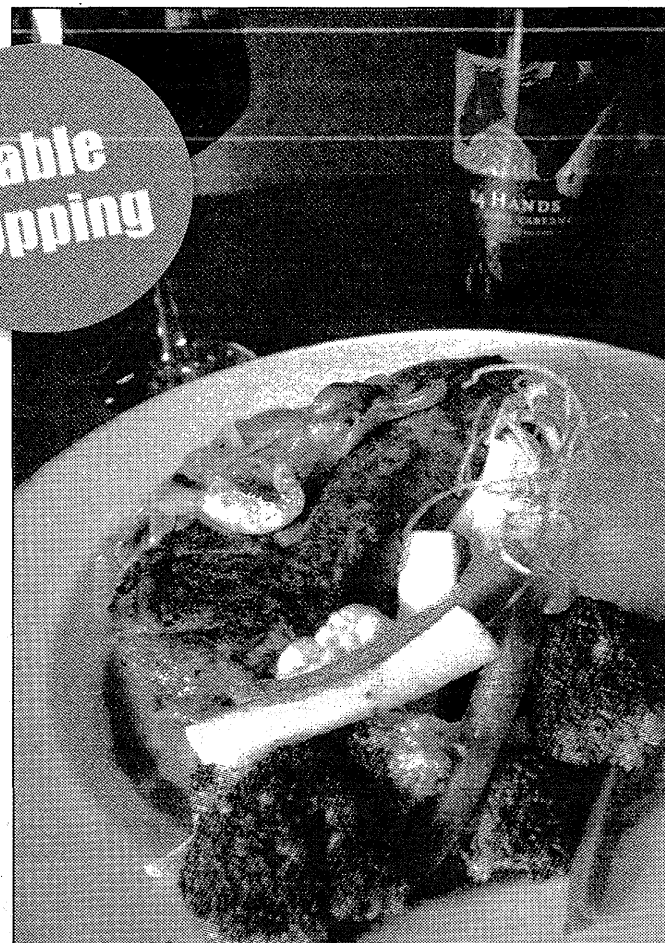
Radisson invested \$12.5 million to take over the existing Holiday Inn on Laurel Park Drive. A renovation gutted guest rooms down to the studs, updating decor and furnishing them with Sleep Number beds. Radisson also made changes to the pool area and gym, and installed a comfortable business lounge with high-speed Internet access.

"The hotel went from more of a family-type getaway resort to a destination for business travelers," Petrena said. "If you walk into the lobby, you immediately feel it's a step above what it was as far as amenities."

The renovations extended to the hotel's dining facilities. The Marketplace, a coffee bar, offers lattes, pastries, sandwiches and salads to travelers looking to grab a bite on the run.

The lobby lounge — named 'six' after Six Mile Road — was infused with a modern edge, complete with contemporary seating and a bar stocked with cognac, triple malt scotch and unique liquors.

And Shanahan's Irish Pub was transformed into The Traveling Fork. Renovations to the 105-seat restaurant's decor were minimal — Celtic designs can still be seen in the dark woodwork, and the stone hearth remains. A glass door now lets in more light and travel



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Texas Ribeye with a glass of 14 Hand 2005 Cabernet Sauvignon at The Traveling Fork in Livonia.

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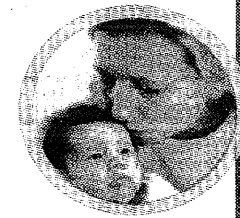
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# The Melting Pot helps hospital

The Melting Pot of Troy, operated by Aaron Van De Mark, will help raise funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at 7 p.m. Friday, May 30.

This event will include a wine tasting, appetizers, art show, silent auction and live music at the restaurant located at 888 W. Big Beaver Road. Guests can view an art show exhibited by Steve Zirwes. His collection of R.I.P. Resurrected in Paint will be exhibited, appetizers will be available and live music will be featured. A silent auction will take place for Steve Zirwes' collection and portions of the proceeds will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. There is a \$5 basic entry fee and a \$15 entry fee to participate in the wine tasting event. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (248) 362-2221 or email meltingpotevents@yahoo.com.

## ANOTHER TROY RESTAURANT OPENS

Ocean Prime, described as "a modern American supper club" and created by Cameron Mitchell, will open in Troy June 4.

Ocean Prime, located at 2915 Coolidge (at Big Beaver Road) in Troy, will showcase fresh seafood, prime steaks and cocktails.

Diners can enjoy dishes like Aged Wisconsin Cheddar Fondue, White Truffle Caviar, Deviled Eggs and Classic Oysters Rockefeller as well as modern dishes like the Asian-French inspired Salt N Pepper Tuna with Forest Mushrooms and Green Peppercorn Sauce.

Ocean Prime features an outdoor patio terrace and bar, complete with a fireplace. The retro elements of a supper club, reflected in the warm tan finishes and rich woods – all combined with contemporary styled sheer drapery, state-of-the-art lighting and granite bar tops – were designed to add to the energy of the restaurant. Reservations may be made online at [www.cameronmitchell.com](http://www.cameronmitchell.com), or by calling the restaurant at (248) 458-0500.

## ITALIAN WINE DINNER SLATED

Pi Restaurant hosts an Italian Wine Dinner at 7 p.m. June 10, presented by John Golematos and Scott Linquist with dishes prepared by executive chef Matteo Giuffrida.

The menu includes Antipasto Veneziano with soft-shell crabs, shrimp and octopus, Bis Di Pasta – Cavatelli Alla Boscaiola & Strozzapreti Alla Norcina (pasta with a mushroom cream sauce and pasta with a ragu and black truffle sauce), Quaglie Al Nido (quails with Taleggio polenta nest), and Cosciutto D'Agnello (lamb leg stuffed with water chestnuts and veal), with Tiramisu for dessert. The cost is \$65 per person or \$110 per couple. Pi is located at 28875 Franklin in Southfield. Reserve by calling (248) 208-7500.

Compiled by Ken Abramczyk

City bites



TOM HOFFMEYER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Radisson assistant food and beverage director Kelli Petrena stands in the dining room of The Traveling Fork with a plate of the restaurant's Greektown Salad along with the Black Bean and Navy Bean Dip.

## FORK

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posters and flat screen TVs hang on the walls, but the real changes were made in the kitchen.

Now, chef Gary Bradt recreates the cuisine of the country for The Traveling Fork.

Starters include Wisconsin Cheese Fondue and Gulf Coast Shrimp Cocktail. Seafood spans the oceans, from Hawaiian Ahi Tuna to Atlantic Salmon.

"From the Smoke House," The Traveling Fork offers Blue Plate Ribs and Texas Brisket. "From the Hot Iron" are Texas Ribeye, Kansas Strip Steak, Filet, and Marinated Chicken Breast – all prepared in a cast iron skillet for the perfect sear.

When it comes to sandwiches, a "Carnegie Style" Deli Reuben transports diners to the streets of New York, and "The Real" Philly Cheese Steak is made from

thin shaved brisket with grilled onions and peppers stuffed in a hoagie bun, topped with melted white cheddar and steak sauce. Soups include Fisherman's Wharf Chowder and Louisiana Gumbo.

The restaurant hasn't ignored "home-grown" specialties either. "From the Docks" comes Beer Batter Lake Huron Perch, desserts include a Sanders Hot Fudge Sundae, and Petrena said she will add more specialties from the Great Lakes State.

"We try to do cuisine from around Michigan, and I am working on a wine list to match wines with each of the dishes," she said. "I'll be going up to Traverse City in a few weeks to visit the wineries and see what they have going on."

The Traveling Fork just opened this month, but Petrena has big plans for the place, including wine tastings, entertainment and an outdoor patio.

For now, the restaurant will stay focused on bringing the best flavors of America to the tines of each and every fork.

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# A festival like no other

Detroit's Festival of the Arts expected to attract 300,000

BY LANA MINI  
STAFF WRITER

This isn't one of those festivals that's all about corporate logos, generic children's stages and a bunch of the same old, same old.

This is a festival that's so special, at least 300,000 people are expected to attend if the weather is stable. The Detroit Festival of the Arts, held June 6-8 in Detroit's cultural center area near the Detroit Institute of Arts, has many levels of entertainment.

Offerings include art for the most sophisticated arts lover; world music for knowledgeable music lovers ... and neighborhood art drawn by local kids to please anyone who likes to have fun.

Children can play with instruments from around the world. Adults can participate too.

From Cirque du Soleil-type performers to Africa's most legendary singer to French Gypsy punks to Latin vocalists, Bohemian cabaret, life-size dinosaur puppets, alt-country musicians, a street theater company from Spain, sand-castle carvers creating mammoth *Alice in Wonderland* scenes, stilt-walkers, fire-breathers and giant insects — whew!

"What unites everyone at this festival is that we are all people who value having art in our lives," Susan Mosey, president of the University Cultural Center Association (the group that presents the event) said. "It doesn't matter what level of art they prefer. This festival is for so many types of people. Whether they want to see Miriam Makeba or children's puppets."

Mosey and organizers preserve the 22-year-old festival's integrity by not allowing any "turn key" events, meaning there aren't outside companies hired to come in and "run" the stages or generic activity tents. Instead, every individual activity at the festival is planned by the UCCA. They want to make sure every activity is special, artistic and high quality.

"We want to welcome new people to the festival," Mosey said. "We have the die-hards who support the arts. But we want everyone to know that this is a very accessible festival."

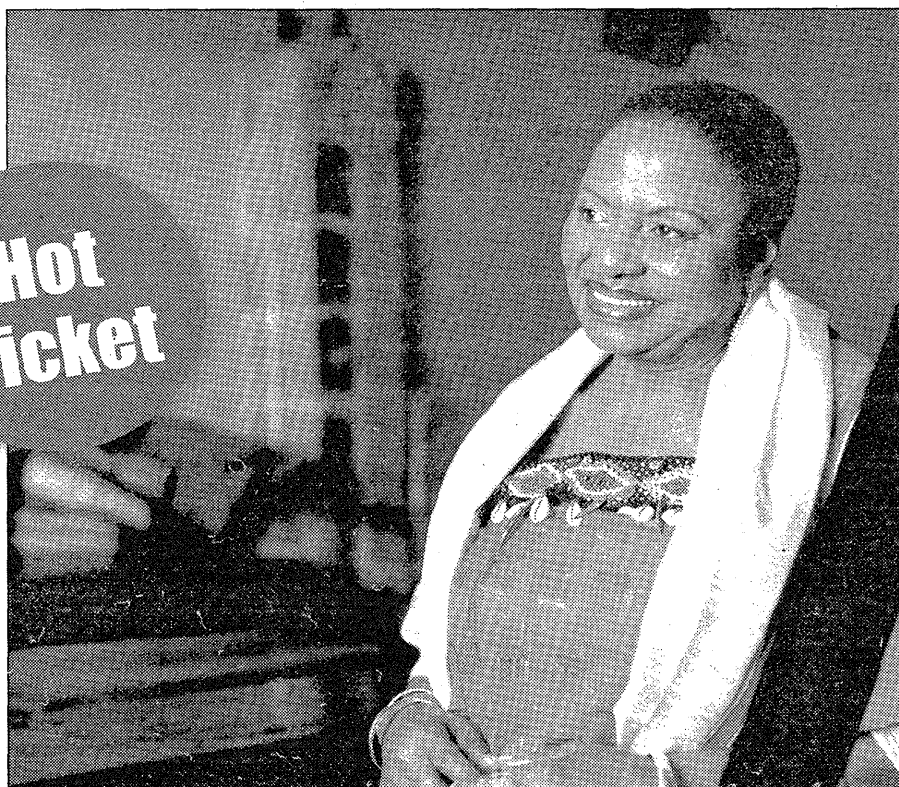
Giant ants? Heck yeah.

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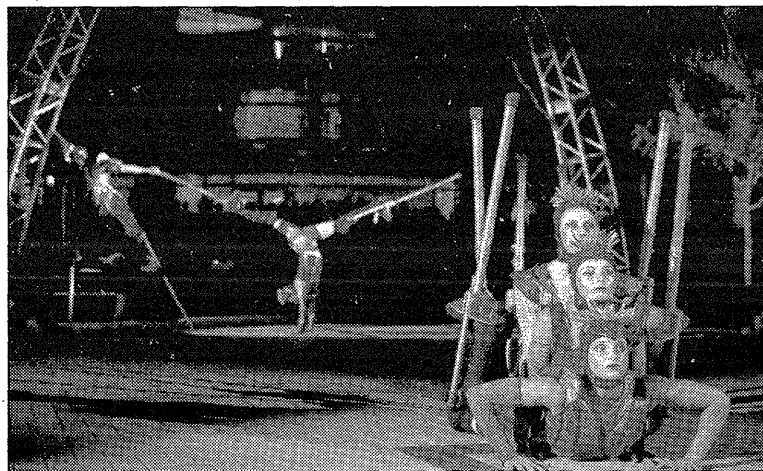
**MIRIAM MAKEBA:** Hailed throughout the entire world as *Mama Africa*, Grammy award-winning Miriam Makeba is only performing at two U.S. locations — probably forever: here and in New York.

Makeba is known for both her music and outspoken views against Apartheid. She brought African music to a global audience with Harry Belafonte in the '70s. In the '80s she joined Paul Simon during his popular *Graceland* tour.

She lived in exile for 30 years and finally returned to South Africa following



Miriam Makeba, who takes the stage 7:30 p.m. Sunday, is considered royalty in Africa. Known as 'Mamma Africa' she has stood against oppression, lived in exile, and through it all never stopped singing.



Wise Fool will present its show 'Flexion' — an aerial and stilt movement spectacle at 7 p.m. Sunday.

## THE 22ND DETROIT FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Where: Detroit Midtown's University Cultural Center (DIA area)

When: June 6-8

Hours: 4-11 p.m. Friday; noon to 11 p.m. Saturday; noon-9 p.m. Sunday

Web site: [www.detroitfestival.com](http://www.detroitfestival.com)

the prison release of Nelson Mandela. The concert is part of her "farewell tour."

"This performance is truly a gift," Mosey said.

**WISE FOOL:** Wise Fool New Mexico is described as a "cosmic, socially conscious Cirque du Soleil."

The show titled *Flexion* is an aerial and

stilt movement performance that will take place on the lawn and high above the DIA.

**VAGABOND OPERA:** With members from around the world, Vagabond Opera is "Bohemian cabaret: Paris hot jazz, gut-bucket swing, Tango, Ukrainian folk-punk ballads, Klezmer and street fun.

They call themselves "a riverboat of gambling queens, Turkish belly dancers plus elements of music from Kurt Weil, Duke Ellington and Edith Piaf." The operatic voices perform in 11 languages with a gritty Vagabond edge.

**RAUL MALO:** Co-founder of the Grammy-winning country band Mavericks, as a solo artist Malo blends Latin rhythms from his Cuban heritage with pop sounds of the '60s plus the deep-twang guitar of country music.

## 2008 DETROIT FESTIVAL OF ARTS STAGE SCHEDULE

See the complete schedule at [www.detroitfestival.com](http://www.detroitfestival.com)

### MASCO/METRO TIMES STAGE

#### FRIDAY

"All That Jazz!" presented by the Arts League of Michigan and sponsored by the Chrysler Foundation.

**6 p.m.** Arts League of Michigan Jazz Ensemble, ALM Artist Mentorship students

**7:35 p.m.** Loba Ensemble, Detroit/Abidjan Jazz guitarist

**9:45 p.m.** "To Donald with Love" Featuring the Detroit Jazz Orchestra, Under the Direction of Marcus Belgrave & Kenn Cox

#### SATURDAY

**3:30 p.m.** Rob Curto's Sanfona Project, Brazilian-beat accordionist

**5:30 p.m.** Thornetta Davis, Detroit Funky Blues Diva  
**7:30 p.m.** Raul Malo, Country/Latin vocalist extraordinaire

**9:45 p.m.** Babylon Circus, French ska/punk/reggae

#### SUNDAY

**3 p.m.** Grand Derangement, Acadian music & dance

**5 p.m.** The Budos Band, Horn-driven world roots funk

**7:30 p.m.** Miriam Makeba, Legendary South African songstress — supported in tribute to festival founder Dr. Arthur L. Johnson.

### NATIONAL CITY MUSIC CAFÉ

#### FRIDAY

**4 p.m.** The Orchid Ensemble, Chinese world music

**5:45 p.m.** Po' Girl, Canadian urban roots music

**7:30 p.m.** Brina, Contemporary Slovenian folk-pop

**9:30 p.m.** American Mars, Detroit alt-country

#### SATURDAY

**1 p.m.** Detroit Symphony Orchestra Ensemble, conducted by Jeff Tyzik

**3 p.m.** Steppin' In It, American roots music  
**5:15 p.m.** Marta Gomez, South American singer  
**7:15 p.m.** Tcheka, Cape Verde singer/guitarist  
**9:30 p.m.** Rob Curto's Sanfona Project, Brazilian-beat accordionist

#### SUNDAY

**1 p.m.** Moonsqualler, Detroit string band

**3:15 p.m.** Guy Davis, Folk/Blues trio

**5:15 p.m.** Chic Gamine, Winnipeg vocal supergroup

**7:30 p.m.** Slavic Soul Party, Balkan soul/Gypsy funk

### WAYNE STATE/WDET STAGE

#### FRIDAY

**4 p.m.** Midtown Underground, Michigan funk/soul collective

**5:45 p.m.** Lisa Lauren Smith, Detroit pop/rock

**7:30 p.m.** Pistolera, tin-alt-folklorico

#### SATURDAY

**12 p.m.** YMCA Deep River Choir, Detroit community chorus

**1:30 p.m.** The Orchid Ensemble, Chinese world music

**3:30 p.m.** Chic Gamine, Winnipeg Vocal Supergroup

**5:50 p.m.** Brina, Contemporary Slovenian folk-pop

**7:30 p.m.** Teddy Thompson, New York-London singer/guitarist

#### SUNDAY

**12:30 p.m.** Mosaic Singers, Detroit vocal ensemble

**2:50 p.m.** Vagabond Opera, Bohemian cabaret

**4:50 p.m.** Tcheka, Cape Verde singer/guitarist

**6:50 p.m.** Babylon Circus, French ska/punk/reggae

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# Summer film lineup at art houses exciting

BY LANA MINI  
O&E STAFF WRITER

The mega movies this year are *Indiana Jones*, *The Dark Knight*, *The Hulk* and *The Love Guru*.

At the art theaters — in Royal Oak, Bloomfield Hills and Ann Arbor — the summer lineup is one of the most interesting we've seen in a few years.

Topping the list is *The Fall*, by Tarsem, who also directed the *The Cell*.

*The Fall* opens on May 29 at the Landmark Main Art Theatre in Royal Oak and State Theatre in Ann Arbor and so far appears to be one of the most visually stunning and interesting films of the year.

The trailer alone made me gasp in excitement. See it at [www.thefallmovie.com](http://www.thefallmovie.com).

Then at midnight, the Main Art will show fun films this summer. On June 6 and 7, the midnight film is Alicia Silverstone's *Clueless*; and later in the season is *Rushmore*. I know I'll be at the Main the weekend of July 11 for the sing-along version of *Grease* — one of my "hate-to-admit-that-I-love-it" films and also for *Jurassic Park*, a film I saw twice on the big screen.

The midnight movie Friday and Saturday lineup is:

*This is Spinal Tap*, May 30 & 31; *Clueless*, June 6 & 7; Ridley Scott's Director's Cut *Alien*, June 13 & 14; Original version of *Grindhouse*, June 20 & 21; *Purple Rain*, June 27 & 28; *Rushmore*, July 4 & 5; *Grease Sing-Along*, July 11 & 12; Ridley Scott's *Blade Runner: The Final Cut*, July 18 & 19; *Amélie*, July 25 & 26; *Fight Club*, August 1 & 2; *Gremlins*, August 8 & 9; *Tron*, August 15 & 16; New 35 mm print of Peter Jackson's *Dead Alive*, August 22 & 23; and *Jurassic Park*, August 29 & 30.

Other films at these three art houses this season:

**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (Sony Pictures) at the Landmark Main, opening Friday, May 30.**

Can a photograph change the world? Photographs taken by soldiers at Abu Ghraib prison opened our eyes to things we didn't want to see. But, did the photographs "constitute evidence of systematic abuse by the American military, or were they documenting the aberrant behavior of a few bad apples?"

That's what filmmakers wondered as they examined the photographs and spoke with the soldiers who were both behind and in front of the cameras at Abu Ghraib. Rated R with disturbing images. 121 minutes Director Erol Morris.

**THE FALL (Roadside Attractions) at the Landmark Main in Royal Oak and State Theatre in Ann Arbor, opening May 30.**

Los Angeles, circa 1920's, an immigrant child (Catinca Untaru) is hospitalized, recov-

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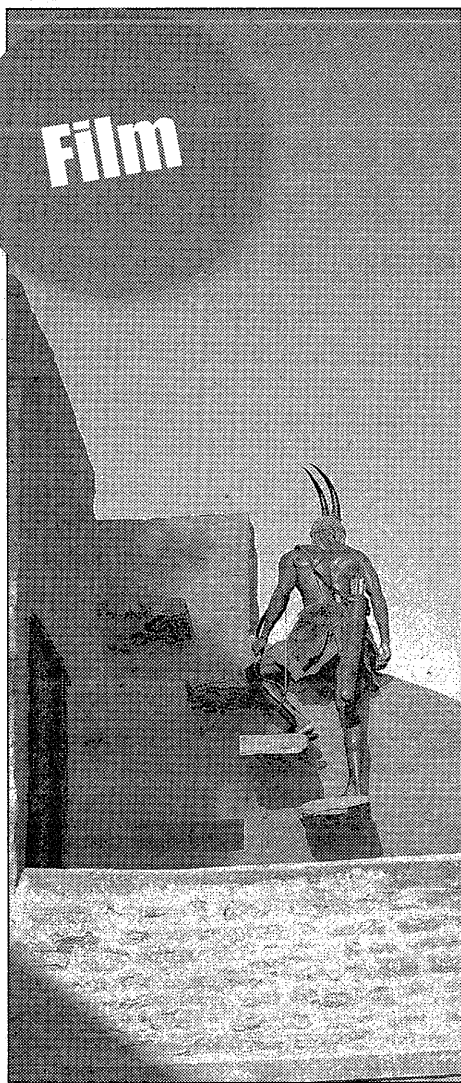


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Marcus Wesley as Otta Benga in 'The Fall,' a film by Tarsem.

ering from a fall. She starts a friendship with a bedridden man (Lee Pace) who tells her a whimsical tale that helps her forget boring hospital life. Her mind takes her to exotic lands like we've never before seen. The man interweaves her family and people she likes from the hospital into his tale to make it real for her. 117 minutes, rated R for some violence.

**MONGOL (Picturehouse) at The Landmark Maple in Bloomfield Hills, opening Friday, June 20.**

Award-winning Russian filmmaker Sergei Bodrov (*Prisoner of the Mountains*) depicts the legend of Genghis Khan in this historical epic. Based on scholarly accounts and written by Bodrov and Arif Aliyev, *Mongol* focuses on the early years of the ruler who was born in 1162 — from his childhood and then to the battle that sealed his fate. Is he an evil stereotype or a fearless and visionary leader? Or somehow, both? Starring Tadanobu Asano, Ying Bai, Khulan Chuluun, Bao Di. Rated R for bloody warfare. 124 minutes. [www.mongol.movie.com](http://www.mongol.movie.com)

**THE CHILDREN OF HUANG SHI, (Sony Pictures Classics), at The Landmark Main, opening June 20.**

Inspired by true events, it's a story of people who, when thrown into a desperate situation, discover their capacity for love and duty.

A young Englishman finds himself leading 60 orphaned boys across 1,000 miles across to the snowy Liu Pan Shan mountains.

His goal is to get them to safety on the edge of the Mongolian desert near the western end of the Great Wall of China. There, he learns to understand the meaning of courage. Directed by Roger Spottiswoode and starring Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Radha Mitchell, Chow Yun-Fat and Michelle Yeoh. Running time 12 minutes. Not yet rated.

**THE WACKNESS, The Main Art Theatre, opening Friday July 25.**

A problem high school student named Luke Shapiro (Josh Peck) who is also marijuana dealer, forms a bond with Dr. Jeffrey Squires (Ben Kingsley), the psychiatrist and kindred lost soul.

They trade marijuana for therapy sessions and together explore the levels of their sad-

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ness while adventuring through New York. Also starring Method Man and Mary Kate Olsen. Not yet rated. Directed by Jonathon Levine.

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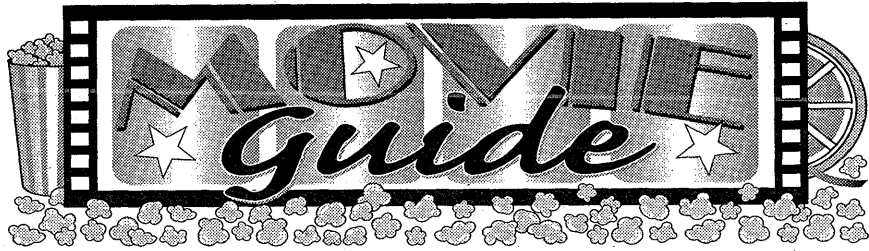
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# 'The Mist' is clear winner

Scientists who study quantum physics say there are as many as 27 different dimensions coexisting with the ones that make up our physical world. And judging by what we have seen of them in the movies it's best not to go poking around there.

The latest foray into the multidimensional arena comes in *The Mist*, a surprisingly good adaptation of a Stephen King story. The story is pretty standard stuff. The bad old military has been tinkering with another dimension and has opened a door that lets in a flood of mist populated by all kinds of ghastly creatures, including some dandy giant spiders.

I love giant spiders. We could spend all day talking about giant spiders going all the way back to when Clint Eastwood battled a mammoth see-through tarantula (special effects weren't very good)

in the movie *Tarantula*.

With the advent of computer generated special effects we can do much better spiders these days instead of relying on close-ups of real tarantulas. They're kinda gentle folks anyway and really aren't all that scary.

The spiders in *The Mist* are very nasty. They spit out sizzling web strands that burn as well as snare. There is a host of otherworldly critters populating the mist in *The Mist*, which appear only as indistinct forms.

Overall, *The Mist* is quite effective, and the ending, well, *The Mist* has one of the nastiest endings I've ever seen in a horror film. I highly recommend it. But as good as *The Mist* is, my all-time favorite other dimensional film is *From Beyond*.

This 1986 film is a follow-up to the amazingly good *Re-Animator* with much of the same cast. Both were directed by Stuart Gordon and drew loosely from the works of H.P. Lovecraft. In *From Beyond*, looney scientist Jeffrey Combs builds a machine that taps into another dimension that exists all around us.

Unfortunately, this dimension is populated by some more ghastly creatures that come chomping on everyone. Great fun.

Plus, there's a dandy brain-eating sequence. But that's a subject for another column. While *From Beyond* doesn't reach the outrageous heights of *Re-Animator* it is a worthy trip into the realm of another dimension.

Greg Kowalski has worked out a living arrangement with the spiders under the house. They don't come indoors, and he doesn't bother their webs. He can be reached at (248) 901-2570 or by e-mail at gkowsk1@hometownlife.com.

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## UNDERGROUND

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— Stringer says the best is in Beverly Hills. It's a camp for rockers and other serious musicians. It brought teens together who wouldn't normally meet.

"When I first met Fershin, I was like 'oh man, a metal head with his Converse shoes and earring,'" Stringer said. "But then I realized he could really play. Everyone in this band can really play, (Roberts) has won bass solo contests. Everyone is totally dedicated."

They practice at least once or twice a week together, and nearly every day on

their own. Their parents support their musical endeavors.

Stringer himself, one of the founders of the band along with Amoe and Lovat, started playing guitar at the age of 9 after he heard the "Sgt. Pepper" album.

"I listen mostly to music from the '60s, I don't think there's any good new music today except maybe Wolf Mother. I do like some '70s and '80s music like (guitarist) Randy Rhodes," Stringer said.

The kid knows his musical roots.

When the band writes lyrics they're influenced by poetry from legendary rock songs like The Doors' "Light My Fire," a song that they also perform live.

"(Amoe) is very talented and poetic in his writing," Stringer said. "We argue a lot, but don't all songwriters? Lennon and McCartney did."

"We don't like hair metal, it's too girly for our style."

When they aren't practicing, they're hanging out at the 7-Eleven, normal things like other teenagers do. But music is always on the band's mind.

"If I could only have one material thing in my life, it would be my guitar," Stringer said. "It's sort of your best friend. You play your secrets and emotions through it."

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