

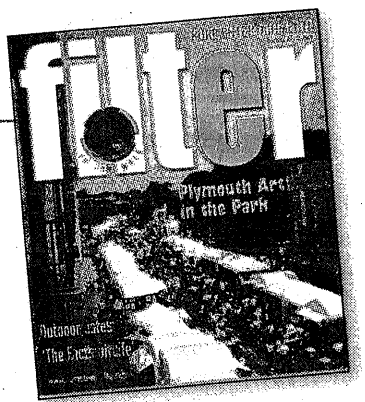
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## Masters of mud

Dominic D'Angelo, 7, and Ben Greene, 7, both of Plymouth, enjoy getting down and dirty during the Hines Park Mud Day. The annual Wayne County event is held at Nankin Mills in the park. Visit [hometownlife.com](http://hometownlife.com) for an online photo gallery.

## Little change in school leadership

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

For the second year in a row, Judy Mardigian of Plymouth Township has been elected president of the Board of Education for the 2008-09 school year.

It's the third time in 11 years on the school board that Mardigian has been voted as president. Barry Simescu of Plymouth was re-elected vice president. Steven Sneiderman of Canton Township and Tom Wysocki of Plymouth traded positions, with Sneiderman now the board treasurer and Wysocki board secretary.

Mardigian said the idea was to have few changes on the board to help newly hired superintendent Craig Fiegel. "We wanted Craig to get off to the best possible start by having a sense of history to the district," said Mardigian. "Next year we'll have four seats up for election and we want

### WHO'S WHO

Here's who's who on the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education:

- President - Judy Mardigian
- Vice President - Barry Simescu
- Treasurer - Steven Sneiderman
- Secretary - Tom Wysocki
- The rest of the cast - Nancy Eggenberger, Dianne Gonzalez, John Jackson

everyone to be well-trained and ready to go. When everybody is on the same page, lots of good things happen in the classroom."

Mardigian said the budget, which has been cut by \$15 million the past six years, will once again be a top priority in the 2008-09 school year.

"We made great strides last year under (Deputy Superintendent) Ken Jacobs, we are very close to a balanced budget," Mardigian said. "Now the challenge will be to meet our budget and continue to look for ways to do it smarter and better."

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## Incumbent, school trustee among supervisor field

### Reaume touts hard-earned experience in seeking second term

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Richard Reaume knew he had a lot to learn when he got elected Plymouth Township supervisor in 2004.

Now that he's put in four years of on-the-job training, Reaume believes he's built up the kind of experience that makes him the best choice to keep his job in 2008. Reaume will be on the Aug. 5 Republican ballot with current Clerk Marilyn Massengill, Plymouth-Canton school Trustee Dianne Gonzalez and former township trustee K.C. Mueller. The winner faces Democrat Mike Watts in November.

"I think I've worked diligently the last four years," Reaume said. "We've enhanced the financial abilities of the township. Even with the state economy



Reaume

down, the township has stayed strong." Reaume points to a couple of different indicators Plymouth Township is surviving despite the struggling economy. In a time when so many people are losing their homes to foreclosure, Reaume said only about 60 of some 8,600 residential units in Plymouth Township have faced that hardship.

He also points out companies such as Karmann and the Bosch Corp. are either locating or expanding existing facilities in the township. While companies like Visteon and Lear have also taken jobs

Please see **REAUME, A4**

### THE REAUME FILE

- Who: Richard Reaume
- What: Running for Plymouth Township supervisor
- Now: Incumbent Plymouth Township supervisor
- Family: Single father of three adopted children
- Education: Bachelor's degree, Wayne State University; master's degree, University of Texas
- In the community: Schoolcraft College trustee; Plymouth-Canton Educational Excellence Foundation; Plymouth Community Council on Aging; Plymouth Goodfellow; Little League coach (soccer, basketball, softball)

## Services and tax rate among contender's top issues

BY BRAD KADRICH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Dianne Gonzalez thinks there's a communication problem in Plymouth Township, not only between the township and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, but also between the current administration and its own staff.

She believes she's the right person to fix the problem, which is one of the reasons she put her name on the ballot for Plymouth Township supervisor in the Aug. 5 primary. Gonzalez, elected to the school board two years ago, is on the Republican ballot along with incumbent Richard Reaume, current Clerk Marilyn Massengill and former township trustee K.C. Mueller. The winner faces Democrat Mike Watts in November.

"There's a disconnect in communication



Gonzalez

between the school board and the township leadership," Gonzalez said. "Rather than complain about it, I'm a do-er."

Gonzalez said her top issues include maintaining the level of service township residents get, including keeping taxes low and maintaining a solid infrastructure. She also would like to see the township "brand" itself as a destination location. For example, she said, the Detroit YMCA is considering putting a facility in the city of Plymouth. Gonzalez said she contacted YMCA officials to encourage them to consider Plymouth Township if that deal can't be worked out.

Please see **GONZALEZ, A4**

### THE GONZALEZ FILE

- Who: Dianne Gonzalez
- What: Running for Plymouth Township supervisor
- Now: Co-owner of real estate business; school board trustee
- Family: Husband, Leo; children Louie, 5, Christina, 8, Mitchell, 10.
- Education: Bachelor's degree, education; master's degree, educational leadership, both from Wayne State University
- In the community: Country Club Village Homeowners Association (four years); PTO committee chair, Isbister Elementary; Children's International Villages volunteer; Make A Wish Foundation participant

## City streets to close for annual art fair

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Art in the Park, Plymouth's largest summer event, draws more than 300,000 people for the three-day fair, according to founder and organizer Dianne Quinn of Plymouth.

As a result, the city's Municipal Services Department will be closing a number of streets, beginning tonight and continuing through Sunday evening.

■ Main Street, from Church to Wing streets. Access to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home and Post Office will be available on southbound Main Street to Fralick.

■ Ann Arbor Trail, from Harvey to Union.

■ Penniman, from Harvey to Union.

■ Forest Avenue, from Ann Arbor Trail to Wing (closes at 6 p.m. Thursday).

"Parking in the downtown area will be extremely limited and several private and public parking lots will be charging a fee to park," City Manager Paul Sincock said. "In accordance with the city parking policy, there will be a fee charged for parking in the Central parking deck (on Harvey Street) and East Central (library) parking lots. The fee for parking in these municipal lots will be \$5 per entry. The Plymouth Community

Chamber of Commerce has discounted pre-paid parking passes available for \$3.

"Drivers can expect to have on-street parking in the downtown area limited starting Thursday night at 9:30 p.m. on most downtown streets," he added. "In addition, the city will be posting several additional no parking zones in and around the event area to accommodate emergency vehicle traffic."

Art in the Park will be running a free shuttle service to accommodate both visitors to the show and employees working in the downtown area. The shuttle will run approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the show and the last bus will leave approximately 30 minutes after the show closes. The shuttle will run from the ACH plant parking lot at Sheldon Road and M-14 to City Hall at Main and Church streets. Shuttles will run approximately every 20 minutes.

Information about Art in the Park or the free shuttle service is available at [www.artin-the-park.com](http://www.artin-the-park.com) or by calling (734) 454-1314.

The Plymouth Community Band Concert will go on as scheduled at 8 p.m. tonight in Kellogg Park. The Friday night concert in Kellogg Park and Saturday morning's downtown Farmers Market have been cancelled for this week only.

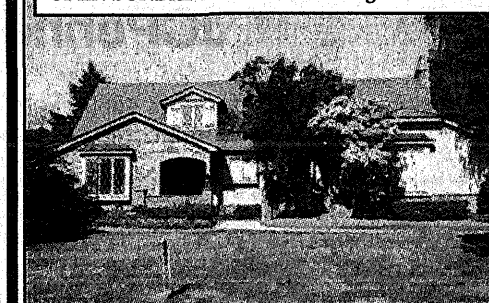
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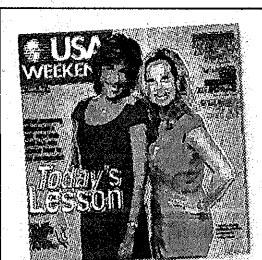


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Coming Sunday:

Morning TV's hot new duo, Kathie Lee Gifford and Hoda Kotb, give pointers on starting a job.



"Around Plymouth" is designed to announce upcoming events taking place in the community. Items will run on a space-available basis. Send details to bkdrich@hometownlife.com

**Candidate forum**

The Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce hosts a candidates forum for the Plymouth Township primary elections 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 23 at Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty.

The forum will feature candidates running in contested primaries for supervisor, trustee and clerk. The chamber's Government Affairs Committee decided to hold this forum to highlight issues important to the business community.

At the forum, the Chamber will be taking questions from the audience. The committee will also have some questions prepared that deal with business related issues. While not all the questions may relate to business concerns, many of

them will have that focus.

Residents from the Plymouth Township are welcome to attend the forum. Comcast Cable Channel 12 will broadcast the forum July 26-27 and Aug. 2-3. The forum will be broadcast on Saturdays four times between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. and five times on Sundays between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. WOW cable channel 10 will broadcast the forum July 28 to Aug. 4 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. On Sunday, Aug. 3 it will also be broadcast on WOW at 10 a.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.

**Money management**

The Plymouth District Library presents "Money Management: New Directions ~ Life Transitions" 7 p.m. Monday, July 14.

Participants will explore financial security strategies with Michelle Richards of Community Financial. Through a life transition like divorce or job loss, learn how

to review and plan finances, evaluate income sources and negotiate debt and expenses. Registration is requested; call the library, (734) 453-0750, Ext. 4.

**Chorale fund-raiser**

The BeckRidge Chorale is selling the 2009 Entertainment Books in order to fund their charitable and music education activities.

Special fund-raising price for the book is \$20. Those who order the 2009 book now get a 2008 book free of charge; supplies are limited; Call (734) 459-6829 to order. Books will be available Aug. 5.

**Voter guide**

The League of Women Voters of NW Wayne County has produced Voter Guides for the contested area races appearing on the Aug. 5 ballot. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that

encourages informed and active participation in government and which never supports or opposes any candidate. Voter Guides are available on the league's Web site at www.lwvnmw.org for the following area races: Canton Township Treasurer and Trustees, Plymouth Township Supervisor, Trustees and Clerk, Redford Township Supervisor, Trustees and Clerk Wayne County Commissioner (9th and 12 Districts); 11th District U.S. Representative; 3rd Circuit Court Non-Incumbent Judge; 16th District Judge; and 35th District Judge.

In addition to the Voter Guides prepared by the Local League of Women Voters, the League of Women Voters of Michigan will post an on-line Voter Guide for the contested Michigan House of Representatives races. A link to that Voter Guide will also be available at www.lwvnmw.org.

**Car-buying workshop**

Catholic Parishes Federal Credit Union hosts a free car-buying workshop 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 23, at the credit union, 8817 Sheldon (northwest corner of Sheldon and Joy).

Car buyers can arm themselves with information before setting out to buy their next new or used vehicle; receive a car inspection and test drive check list to evaluate the condition of the vehicle; determine how much car you can afford. Plus, hear some negotiating tips to get you the best car price and learn how to decipher financing options and warranties.

Handouts and light refreshments will be provided. For more information and to RSVP, call (734) 432-0212, Ext. 203 or e-mail member-service-cpfuc@twmi.rr.com

**Blood drive**

The Plymouth Post Office sponsors an American Red Cross blood drive 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 16 at the Clipper Street post office.

Appointments are available, but walk-ins are welcome. To make an appointment, call Barb Mitchell, (734) 453-6111.

**Ice cream social**

Plymouth Community Council On Aging will host the annual "Ice Cream Social" 1:30-3 p.m. Monday, July 14, at the Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail in the Pavilion overlooking the pond. Tickets are available at the PCCA Office, 201 Main Street. Edy's will again donate the ice cream for this event. Ticket prices are \$1 for PCCA members and \$3 for non-members and guests. For any additional information please call (734) 453-1234 Ext. 236.

**CORRECTION**

A story in the Sunday, July 6, *Observer* should have said the Plymouth community's Fourth of July celebration actually kicked off Thursday, July 3, with the 8 p.m. performance of the Plymouth Community Band. The band, started in 1960, plays Kellogg Park every Thursday at 8 p.m.

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By John Whitehead, Media Services

BioTech Research has announced EdenPURE™, the ultimate air purifier.

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You have probably heard about the remarkable EdenPURE™ on television across the nation and as heard on Paul Harvey News nationally.

It runs super quiet and requires no filter replacement.

Unlike typical air purifiers which have only 1 or 2 mechanisms of reducing pollution, the EdenPURE™ has 4 mechanisms which attack pollution.

There are many different types of pollution and many of them, especially the worst, cannot be effectively reduced with the limited mechanisms of old-style air purifiers. The EdenPURE™ 4-mechanism process destroys more types of pollution.

Some of the worst pollution comes from contaminated surfaces and fabrics. This remarkable air purifier not only attacks pollution from the air, but can also safely reduce pollution embedded in walls, ceilings, floors, carpets, furniture, clothing, and on countertops, as well as, other surfaces. It works to sanitize everything in the home.

The EdenPURE™ can bring relief from the symptoms associated with sinus, and other respiratory discomfort. When pollutants are removed from the air you should sleep better, and feel better in a cleaner environment. The result is reduced fatigue and improved mental abilities.

The air purification technology in the EdenPURE™ is that used by the federal government to purify air in the Space Shuttle and the International Space Station.

Old style HEPA type air purifiers only remove dust and some allergens. They do not remove the most harmful pollutants such as bacteria, viruses, mold and yeast.

And if you have one of those air purifiers that has no fan, beware. More will be explained on this as you read on.

The EdenPURE™ has a super advanced system of air movement that is so quiet that you would have to put your ear up next to it to know that it's even running. And the EdenPURE™ is virtually maintenance free.

For more on the new EdenPURE™, here is my remarkable interview with Julius Toth, Director of Product Development for BioTech Research.

**Q. BioTech Research has been in the air purification business for a long time and your previous air purifier model was the all-time best seller and was super effective. Why is the new EdenPURE™ air purifier so much better?**

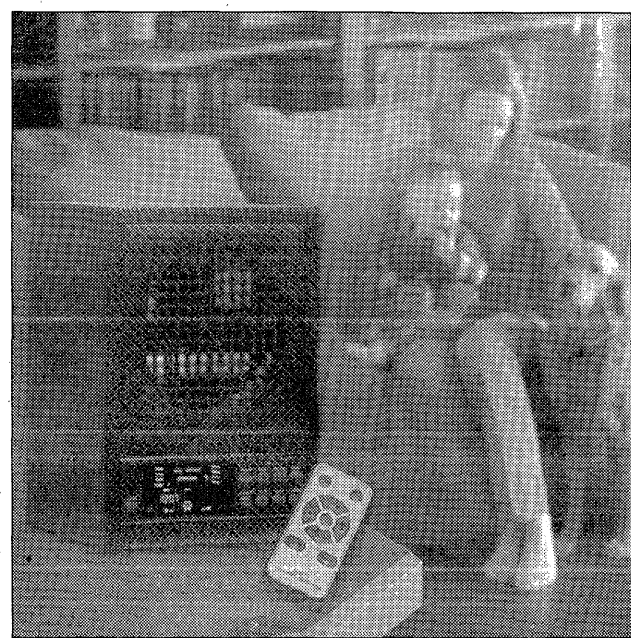
A. Yes, our previous model was an all-time best seller and in our opinion was the best air purifier on the market, which was also the opinion of our customers.

But the new EdenPURE™ is much more advanced. Our previous model used 2 very effective mechanisms to eliminate pollution, which were combinations of activated oxygen and ultraviolet light.

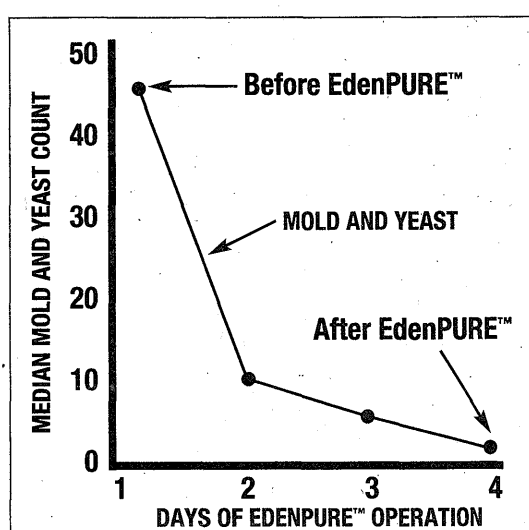
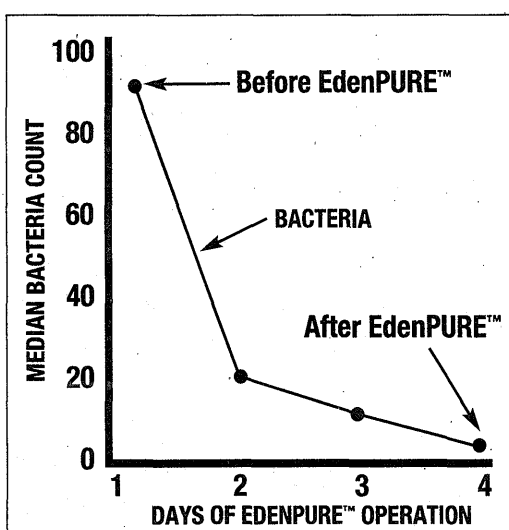
The EdenPURE™ utilizes 4 advanced electronic air purification mechanisms. I call it the EdenPURE™ process.

The advanced technology

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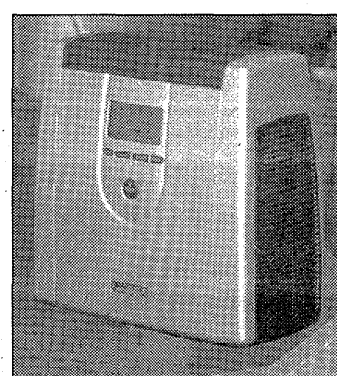
EdenPURE™ eliminates most pollution in 15 minutes. Bacteria, mold and yeast are among the most difficult pollutants to eliminate. Old style air purifiers rarely remove them to an acceptable level. The EdenPURE™ eliminated virtually all the bacteria, mold and yeast in only 24 hours. This independent laboratory test was conducted by Dr. Dee M. Graham, one of the leading air pollution experts in the world.

### Testimonies of a few of the many EdenPURE™ satisfied customers

The EdenPURE™ is the most remarkable product that I have tried in years. All of the claims hold true. Not only did it eliminate the dust in my house, I have not had a sinus headache or scratchy throat since I began using it. The whole house smells fresh and clean. You would never be able to tell that I have two dogs and a cat. It is also nice not to have to bother changing filters. You just plug it in, turn it on and forget about it. It is truly refreshing to use a product that does everything that it is supposed to do and more. *Michelle Goldsmith*

The EdenPURE™ that I used in my apartment for approximately a week was different than any air purifier that I have tried. Everyone was able to take deeper breathes than normal in the apartment. My cats now stay in the room more when someone is smoking. They would not before. My boyfriend's allergies were unnoticeable when he was inside. I personally like the fresh smell the EdenPURE™ let off. *Jenny Kico*

I have terrible sinus problems. I'm also allergic to dog and cat dander, grass, dust, and ragweed. Before using the EdenPURE™ I had to take antihistamines and use allergy/sinus nasal spray. I was embarrassed because my eyes were red and I always sounded like I had a cold. I then got the amazing EdenPURE™. I plugged in the EdenPURE™ and went about my daily duties when I suddenly noticed I wasn't coughing or wheezing or clearing my throat. This was incredible. The EdenPURE™ really works! I am so happy. My eyes are clear and I can breathe. I've tried many other air purifiers, they're all in my storage room with other failed products. The EdenPURE™ truly does what it claims to do. *Diane C. Vance*



The EdenPURE™ Area Model

tains live bacteria and viruses that can be harmful.

**Q. How does the EdenPURE™ eliminate pollution without requiring the air to go through the unit, and how does it eliminate pollution on surfaces and fabrics?**

A. The EdenPURE™ has 4 electronic mechanisms to attack pollution that mimic the way it is done by nature's thunderstorm. Thunderstorms produce highly activated oxygen which destroys pollution and puts negative ions in the air that also destroy pollution. The air is now ionized fresh and free of the most irritating pollutants, which promotes a healthier environment.

Three of the 4 electronic mechanisms in the EdenPURE™ go out and seek out pollution throughout the room, on surfaces, and in fabrics like guided missiles. The pollution cannot hide.

**Q. What is the range of pollutants that the EdenPURE™ takes out of the air?**

A. It removes nearly all airborne and surface organic and inorganic pollutants. Organic pollutants removed by the EdenPURE™ include: fungus, mold, bacteria, tobacco odor, pet odors and most other household odors. It can also kill viruses.

The EdenPURE™ removes inorganic pollutants including dust and many other chemical compounds present in the home too numerous to mention here.

The Wall Street Journal recently reported that there is 5 times more air pollution in a house than there is in the open air outside the house. Everyday you breathe all these pollutants into your lungs and many go into your body.

**Q. Does the EdenPURE™ require filter replacement like the old-style HEPA air purifiers?**

A. No. There is a small 4

inch by 8 inch pre-filter that you simply clean periodically by running water over it. This pre-filter is made of highly durable mesh that will last a lifetime.

**Q. So then the EdenPURE™ sanitizes everything in the house?**

A. It works to sanitize the air, walls, floors, ceiling, furniture, carpeting, countertop surfaces, sinks, bathtubs, toilets, and even sanitizes your clothes.

**Q. How well does the EdenPURE™ work on eliminating odors?**

A. The EdenPURE™ will work to eliminate all odors. It eliminates odors from cigarette smoke, urine, mildew, cooking odors, and any other odors in your home. The EdenPURE™ odor elimination is so powerful that it will eliminate the odor of a skunk in minutes.

After eliminating the odor from the air, the EdenPURE™ then goes to the source of the odor. It neutralizes embedded urine in carpet, and cigarette smoke that is embedded in carpet, furniture, wallpaper, and clothing. It also destroys mold and yeast.

**Q. What are the health benefits to the EdenPURE™?**

A. There are many. The EdenPURE™ will help relieve allergies, asthma and other respiratory problems. It also introduces extra oxygen into the air and puts healthy negative ions into the air. Therefore you will tend to sleep better at night. As a result you will be much more alert and experience less fatigue when you are awake.

The EdenPURE™ works to eliminate toxins so that they do not get into your body. Therefore you will look better, feel better, and live healthier. You will now have energy and be more mentally alert. The EdenPURE™ can change the mood of everyone in your home for the better.

The EdenPURE™ Area

Model purifies air in an area up to 1,000 sq. ft.

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End of interview.

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## REAUME

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away, Reaume said the township has seen some 1,100 new jobs come in since 2005.

"There has been some loss of jobs," Reaume said. "Then again, we posted those (building) openings and it's amazing how many inquiries we got about them."

Much of Reaume's effort has been focused on services, particularly for seniors. The township has expanded its senior center, Friendship Station. It's added a second bus to the senior transportation program, on which the township partners with the city of Plymouth. He also wants to work to keep seniors in their homes as long as possible.

"We're working with the Senior Alliance to expand services," Reaume said. "We also want to expand the Meals on Wheels program."

Many programs started under previous regimes have been finished the last four years, such as the new township hall, the Ann Arbor Road Corridor and the second water tower.

Critics claim Reaume is taking credit for programs he didn't start. Reaume acknowledged he didn't start them, though he pointed out he played a key role in their completion.

"Someone's got to get in there and get it done," he said. "There are obstacles to overcome, and someone has to overcome them. I was able to do that. The water tower was something they've been talking about for years. I got it done." Recreation has come up

during the campaign, and Reaume said he'd like to see the township do more, if it can. He said the township should work to "secure some of the green space" remaining in the township for potential future projects. He also said Hilltop Golf Course, which generates some \$75,000 to the township each year, could be a part of future plans.

"The golf course is still a great green space," Reaume said. "It's still bringing in money, although not like it used to. Maybe we can look at self-managing it."

The idea of reducing the supervisor's position to part time and hiring a professional manager has been a campaign issue, but it's one about which Reaume is skeptical. Proponents say it would add professionalism to township management and save the township money.

Reaume said the life expectancy of a manager is only four or five years, and he believes the voters will want more stability.

"There are some stability issues," Reaume said. "I would look at it, but you have to weigh the pros and cons. If the board wanted to study it, I'd study it."

As he goes door-to-door to talk to potential voters, Reaume touts his experience as a reason for returning him to office.

"There was a lot of learning that went into these first four years," Reaume said. "This is the most educational job I've ever had. I'm the known commodity here. We've moved the township forward, and we want to continue the success."

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## KNOW THE SCORE

check out the numbers in today's SPORTS section

## GONZALEZ

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"Leadership is networking," Gonzalez said. "It's about getting in touch with the right people."

Gonzalez was critical of the current administration for labor strife within the township, particularly the latest contract with the firefighters union, which took more than two years and binding arbitration to settle.

The negotiations reportedly cost the township more than \$100,000 in legal fees. Gonzalez believes the township could learn from the school district in how it negotiates, using interest-based bargaining tactics.

"In the school district, there's amazing labor peace," Gonzalez said. "I think it could be that way in Plymouth Township."

Other issues for Gonzalez include:

■ The master plan: Gonzalez said the township's master plan was last updated in 1990, which she claims "shows a lack of vision." For instance, she said, the master plan only shows two of the school district's three high schools, and ignores the last few elementaries built.

"I think just making it a living document is important so we know where we're going," Gonzalez said.

■ Imbalance of power: Gonzalez thinks the current administration may have what she called "an imbalance of power," with some board members involved in more areas than their duties require.

For instance, she said, the treasurer's office is involved with the accounting responsibilities in the clerk's office. "If you take a look at the role of the treasurer, it's much less than what the treasurer is actually doing," she said.

■ Political stepping stone: Gonzalez has heard the criticism she's using the township board as a stepping stone, perhaps to the state House of Representatives. The claim has been made by critics who note she's served only half her term on the school board.

"When I joined the school board, I had pure intentions," she said. "Things are going well there, and I think I can better serve the community this way."

■ Township manager: The suggestion has been made during the campaign the township should reduce the supervisor to a part-time position and hire a professional manager. Gonzalez said she's certainly willing to study it.

"If in fact we need a manager, I'm fine with that," she said. "I'm not doing this because I want a job. I want to give back to my community, and if that's what's best, I'm for it."

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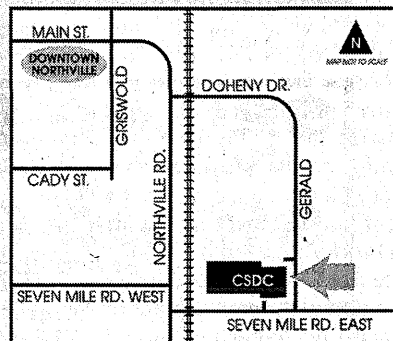
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# Half-dozen hopefuls take aim at district court

BY TONY BRUSCATO  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

The Aug. 5 primary race for 35th District Court judge is a crowded field with six local attorneys vying to become one of the two top vote-getters, resulting in a face-off in the November general election.

Among the candidates for the six-year term and \$137,000 salary are Cameron Miller, Joe Barone and Art Butler, all of Plymouth Township; Martha Snow and Jim Plakas, both of Northville Township; and Jim Malinowski of Canton Township.

The eventual winner will succeed 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald, 72, who will retire at the end of this year after 24 years on the bench.

## JOE BARONE

Barone said as a judge in the local court, the main concern is public safety when working on cases such as drunk driving and domestic violence.

"But you have to look at the individual and say 'What can I do that's different, how can I get to that individual to curb their behavior,'" said Barone, 36, who has been a practicing attorney for 11 years. "I'm a big proponent of judicial discretion. There's numerous sentencing options ... every individual that comes before the court is different, and you can't lose sight of that."

Barone said as a judge he'd like to have more discretion in drunk driving cases, especially in those cases involving a second offense when the Secretary of State's Office prescribes a mandatory one-year revocation of the defendant's driver's license.

"You can't take away their driver's license and still expect them to be productive," said Barone. "We have a way where we can put these people back in a car ... they blow into a device and if it's registering alcohol the car doesn't start. Those are safeguards we have to allow those people to still be productive, but at the same time make sure they're not driving while drunk."

## ART BUTLER

Butler began his adult life in the U.S. Coast Guard and believes becoming a District Court judge would allow him to come full-circle in a life of



Barone



Butler



Malinowski



Miller



Plakas



Snow

public service. "A judge has to look at the victim, the perpetrator and the needs of the community and balance the three together," said Butler, 60, an attorney since 1982. "If you're looking for any criticism I've seen of 35th District Court, I think they rely too much on pre-sentencing reports from the probation department. The judge should be the one making the determination, with the probation department a tool."

Butler said he'd be in favor of night or Saturday court hours for the convenience of residents who live in the court's jurisdiction - the Plymouths, Northvilles and Canton Township.

"The problem for most people is they have to take time off work, and that's a burden and problem," added Butler. "I don't think it's necessary to make a person lose a day's work to show the court's authority."

## JIM MALINOWSKI

Malinowski, 62, said the operation of 35th District Court could use a belt-tightening.

"You walk into 35th District Court on any given day and see a lot of confused citizens trying to figure out what to do," said Malinowski, who has practiced in 50 district courts throughout the state in his 35 years as an attorney. "I think a citizen going into that building is intimidated."

"I think scheduling is probably one of the worst things in the court system, everybody is scheduled at the same time," he said. "Schedule cases every seven minutes and it will operate much more efficiently." Malinowski said he'd like to see technology at the local court upgraded.

"I think the court is a little bit behind in technology," Malinowski said. "Rather than key in a case, they can scan the number with a bar code."

"Technology can be improved, but it comes with expense," he said. "It's just a

matter of being able to make those improvements."

## CAMERON MILLER

As the prosecutor for the City of Plymouth, Miller touts himself as the local attorney who has represented the most cases in 35th District Court.

"As a prosecutor my hands are somewhat limited in what I can do, but I can make the most positive difference in the world as a district court judge," said Miller, 51, who passed the bar exam in 1989. "I'm aware of the specialty courts; I like the teen court to adjudicate juvenile offenders locally and sobriety court, which is a much more intensive probation."

"There is a need to expand the sobriety court to more than one afternoon a week," he said. "I would like to see a mentoring program at the court or the schools. I think it's very, very valuable the work they do with the kids, and I think it pays dividends down the road."

## JIM PLAKAS

Plakas has spent the last 13 years as a prosecutor in Westland's 18th District Court. He's also practiced criminal defense at the district court level.

"It's the people's court ... there's a cause and effect to everything," said Plakas, 40. "Our legislature passes laws and we're trying to make more money, so we hit people with fines and reinstatement fees."

"Not everything is about making money," Plakas added. "There are things that people could plead guilty to where there's still a fine and it doesn't get extracted to their record. It's a case-by-case basis."

Plakas said, as a judge, he would like some leeway in determining sentences for the two offenses seen most times in district court, domestic violence and drunk driving.

"All the people who come before the judge on a drunk driving case aren't alcoholics," Plakas said. "It seems to me, more often than not, it's the

people who — for a moment in time — exercised real bad judgment or discretion. If there is a problem, let's get to the root of it, not automatically assume you're an alcoholic and put you in a program."

## MARTHA SNOW

While Snow lives in the 35th District Court jurisdiction, she doesn't spend any of her professional time practicing in the court. While some see that as a disadvantage, Snow believes it's really an advantage if she's elected to replace MacDonald.

"It's going to be a fresh look and a fresh perspective on philosophies on the processes of that court," said Snow, 45, a 17-year lawyer. "I'm not too young that I don't have the life experiences that enrich me as a person. It gives me intuitiveness that my opponents don't have because of their lack of experience."

"I'm the only woman in the race, and there's never been a woman on this bench," added Snow. "I think I'll bring a deeper and richer perspective to that court because it's just not representative of our community. It has a great reputation in Wayne County, but I think it has lacked a few more layers of perspective."

Snow said she would like to make 35th District Court more "green."

"It doesn't make sense in this economic climate and high gas prices to have an attorney and litigants all come to court for a pre-trial conference that lasts 10 minutes," Snow said. "Maybe we could use the telephone ... and green the court up by not having people drive."

"For too long the legal system and courts have wasted people's time," she said. "We make them sit and the judges aren't punctual. Each of them have their respective rights and I think there needs to be a balance."

More information on the 35th District Court judge candidates is available at [www.thevoterguide.org](http://www.thevoterguide.org).

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### AROUND TOWN

#### Ice cream social

Plymouth Community Council On Aging will host the annual "Ice Cream Social" 1:30-3 p.m. Monday, July 14, at the Plymouth Township Park, 46640 Ann Arbor Trail in the Pavilion overlooking the pond. Tickets are available at the PCCA Office, 201 Main Street. Edy's will again donate the ice cream for this event. Ticket prices are \$1 for PCCA members and \$3 for non-members and guests. For any additional information please call (734) 453-1234 Ext. 236.

#### Good Grief golf

New Hope Center for Grief Support hosts its 10th annual "Good Grief" Golf Outing Saturday, Sept. 6, at St. John's Golf & Conference Center in Plymouth with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. The proceeds from this outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. New Hope provides free grief support services and resources to men, women, teens, and children throughout southeastern Michigan. The cost for this four-person scramble, which includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, dinner, contests, and prizes, is \$125 per golfer. Dinner only is \$35 per person. Channel 4's newest weatherman, Eric Braate, will be special guest and emcee. For information about sponsorship opportunities or for registration information, contact Pattie Bingham at (248) 348-0115 and visit New Hope's Web site at [www.newhopecenter.net](http://www.newhopecenter.net)

#### 'Memory Lost'

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#### Summer Peace Camp for Kids

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## ON STAGE

### Plymouth Community Band

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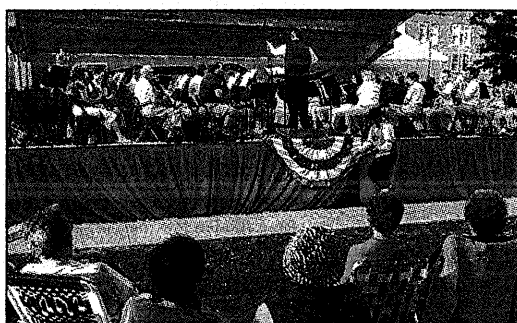
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- The schedule:
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  - July 23 - Jan Krist
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  - Aug. 6 - elm0Thumm
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**Neighborhood Bible time**  
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**Moms wanted**  
Tables available to rent for \$20 for Mom 2 Mom sale 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, July 19, at Full Gospel Temple, 34033 Palmer Road, Westland. Call Debbie at (734) 891-8693.

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

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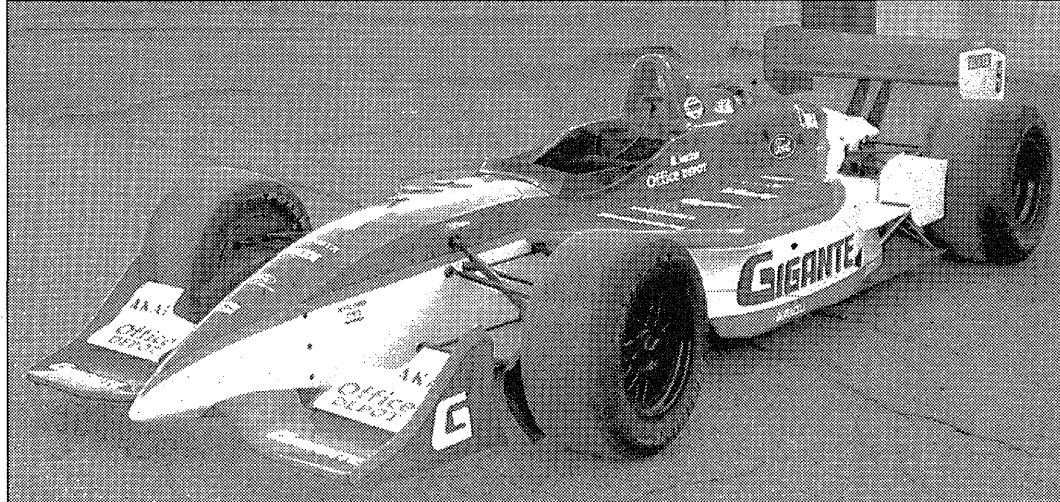
**Rummage sale**  
9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, July 11, and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, July 12, at Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Rd., Livonia.

**Bethany Suburban West**  
Fireworks at Heritage Park in Taylor Friday, July 11. For details, call Elsie at (313) 563-1142.

**Jesus kids concert**  
Starring Rob Evans, The Donut Man, 11 a.m. Saturday, July 12, at Sacred Heart Banquet Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, east of Middlebelt, Livonia. Admission \$8.50, kids age 2 and under free. Hot dog luncheon available after show, \$4 per person. Call (734) 522-3166.

**Red Cross blood drive**  
8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, July 13, in the parish hall at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh, Livonia. Walk-ins welcome. Call (734) 464-1222, Ext. 309.

**Anniversary celebration**  
11 a.m. Sunday, July 13, to honor Community Free Will Baptist Church Pastor James Lawson and his 10 years serving the church, 33031 Cherry Hill, west of Venoy, Westland. The church offers services at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Sunday. Sunday School is 9:45 a.m. Wednesday prayer and Bible study is 7 p.m. Youth fellowship every other Friday at 7 p.m.



Running the Right Race

Kids are welcome to climb up and get their photo taken on this Team Rahal Indy car, which will help illustrate "Finding the Finish Line," a sermon by Pastor Herschel Ele, 10 a.m. Sunday, July 20 at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road. Call (734) 421-6913.

**Vacation Bible school**  
9 a.m.-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.

**Vacation Bible school**  
SonAdventure Vacation Bible School 7-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, July 14-17, at Livonia Church of Christ, 15431 Merriman, Livonia. Call (734) 427-8743, or visit www.livoniachurch.net. Free for children age 3 through 6th grade includes a class for adults Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, singing and fun.

**Bible study**  
All are invited to A Word for You Bible Study which continues 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, the one hour study

includes praise and worship and the Word in the Green Room at the Bailey Recreation Center, 36651 Ford Road, Westland. Call (313) 289-8336.

**Free Summerfest**  
Free Summerfest featuring food, inflatables, clowns, face painting, mimes, balloons, pony rides, "Ask the Doctor" and health screenings, 1-7 p.m. July 19 at Harvest Christian International Church, 26360 Stephenson Hwy., Madison Heights. Community welcome. Call (248) 582-9700.

**Crafters wanted**  
The Women's Guild of St. Michael Catholic Church of Livonia invites all interested crafters to participate in their annual Crafter Fair and Bake Sale 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, in the cafeteria of St. Michael's School, 11441 Hubbard, south of Plymouth Rd. 8-foot-long tables are available for rent at \$25 each. Applications available at parish office or on-line at www.livoniastmichael.org. A photo of the item(s) sold must be submitted.

**Open house**  
For Hosanna-Tabor Lutheran School 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 16, and Thursday, Aug. 14, at 9600 Laverne, Redford. The school offers infant day care, preschool for 3-4-year olds, full day kindergarten and first-eighth grades. Call Laura at (313) 937-2233 or e-mail lgozman@hosanna-tabor.org.

**Mom's retreat**  
St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Livonia invites all Catholic Moms in the area to take personal time for prayer and relaxation, coupled with adult discussion of topics relevant to daily faith life. 8:30-10:45 a.m. Wednesday, July 16, Aug. 13, and Aug. 27. Children's Ministry offered while moms enjoy Mass, continental breakfast, and discussion. Cost is \$8 per session with an additional \$2 per child for Children's Ministry care. Call (734) 261-1455, Ext. 200 or visit www.livoniastmichael.org.

**Eucharistic adoration**  
St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia, continues its monthly program of Prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on the third Wednesday of each month. The church will be open for prayer and private worship from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Benediction service in the evening. All are welcome. Call (734) 261-1455.

**Rummage sale**  
8 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday-Friday, July 17-18, and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, July 19, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile, west of Farmington Road, Livonia.

**Used book sale**  
Noon-7 p.m. Friday, July 18; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, July 19; and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, July 20, at Unity of Livonia Church, 28660 Five Mile. Visit www.unityoflivonia.org.

**Bethany Suburban West**  
Monthly Breakfast Meeting 9:30 a.m. Saturday, July 19, at Leon's 30149 Ford Road, Garden City. All separated, divorced and singles welcome. Call (734) 513-9479.

**Jazz worship**  
11 a.m. Sunday, July 20, Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church conducts a special Jazz Worship service featuring instrumentalists and singers leading hymnody and liturgy in a format that is easy and very uplifting to sing, 14175 Farmington Road, north of I-96, Livonia. Call Mark at (734) 522-6830.

**Carillon concert series**  
10 a.m. and noon Sunday, July 20 and 27, and Aug. 3, 17, 24 and 31, at Kirk in the Hills, 1340 W. Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 625-2515 or visit www.kirkinthehills.org.

**Indy car sermon**  
Pastor Herschel Ele of Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt Road, will present "Finding the Finish Line," 10 a.m. Sunday, July 20 at the newly dedicated outdoor gazebo. To illustrate his theme, a Team Rahal Indy car will be on display. Photos welcome. Call (734) 421-6913.

**Fall craft show**  
Applications are now being accepted for the Fall Craft Show noon to 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Riverside Park Church of God, 1171 Newburgh, Livonia. For details, call (734) 464-0990.

**Seekers of spiritual intelligence**  
Beacon Hill Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ) examines if God, Christ and the Holy Spirit are tied into one and what it means to us during the 1 p.m. Sunday worship service in July 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 beaonhillccdoc@aol.com.

**Summer camp**  
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Early Childhood Program for Summer Camp continues 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.

**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, Grandchildren ages 6-17 \$90 each, 5 year olds free. Call (248) 374-7400.

**Clothing bank**  
Canton Christian Fellowship Clothing Bank 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 26, 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 and is held on the fourth Saturday of every month. Donations are also accepted. For information, call (734) 404-2480 or visit www.CantonCF.org.

**Vacation Bible school**  
Registrations due July 27 for Aug. 4-7 (for 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.

**Vacation Bible school**  
Loving God and Serving Others runs 9 a.m. to noon Monday-Friday, July 28 to Aug. 1, at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, between Merriman and Middlebelt, Livonia. Cost is \$15. To register, call (734) 422-6038, for information visit www.stmatthewslivonia.com.

**Family movie night**  
A Man for All Seasons 6:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, July 30, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., north of Six Mile, Livonia. No charge. Please RSVP at (734) 425-5950. Popcorn and beverages provided.

**Water works park**  
For families needing all-day activity, Ward offers SHINE day camp with drop-off hours available as of 7 a.m. and lasting until 6 p.m. SHINE day camp is \$115, and requires pre-registration. Information at wardchurch.org.

**Summer day camp**  
Offered by Ward Church in Northville for children entering grades 1-6, continues to Aug. 24. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., with extended care available at an extra cost. Campers will participate in one field trip per week with additional local outings and weekly water days. Daily elective classes will include sports, drama, music, and foods. SHINE is a fully-licensed day care through the State of Michigan Department of Human Resources. Weekly full-time registrations range from \$135 to \$165. Information available at wardchurch.org, or by calling (248) 374-5975.

UPCOMING

**Vacation Bible School**  
9 a.m. to noon Monday-Thursday, Aug. 4-7, at Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Call (734) 422-0149.

**Tent revival**  
Join radio personality Robin Sullivan, vocalist Ruth Naomi Floyd and other Christian musicians along with Detroit preachers 2-7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, at Resurrection Lutheran Church on Kelly Rd., one block south of 8 Mile. Health screenings will be offered. There is no charge for any portion

of the event. Call (313) 372-4902 for more information.

**Exploring the Catholic faith**  
Starts 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2, in Bixman Hall (church building) at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia. Call (734) 425-5950.

**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**  
The doctrines and teachings of solid, Reformed Protestantism are preached by the Rev. Sean Humby 3:30 p.m. Sundays at the Detroit Preaching Station of the Free Church of Scotland (Continuing), at Cherry Hill School, 50440 Cherry Hill, corner of Ridge, Canton. For information, call (734) 402-7186, send e-mail to sean.humby@att.net, or visit www.members.aol.com/rsiworship/detroit.html.

**Sanskrit chanting**  
An ongoing, weekly class taught by Ania Kopczynski, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, at Renaissance Unity, 11200 E. 11 Mile, Warren. No pre-registration required. A free-will collection 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.

**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**  
Want a unique church experience? Join in Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for a service that will lift your entire family, but be prepared for what will happen after just one service at Riverside Park Church of God, 11771 Newburgh (corner of Plymouth Road), Livonia. Call (734) 464-0990 for information.

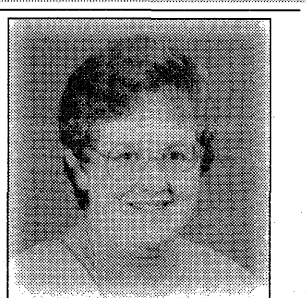
**Thursday fellowship dinner**  
All are welcome, 6 p.m. dinners catered by The Cookie Lady, Susan Navarro, at St. James Presbyterian Church, 25350 W. Six Mile, Redford. Cost is \$6. Call (313) 534-7730.

**Thrift store**  
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, Please see CALENDAR, A7

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**BEVERLY JEAN WISE**  
Age 80, of Plymouth, passed away July 7, 2008. Loving mother of Penny (Marcel) Guilloux, Nancy (Ed) Werner-Otrembiak, Deborah (Michael) Desantis and Timothy (Kathy) Wise. Proud grandmother of Eric (Natalie), Francois (Kellee), Christopher, Rachel (Maguel), Levi (Tara), Chrissy, Travis, Kristen, Emilee, Leslee, and Frank. Great-grandmother of Gracelyn. Funeral from the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main, Plymouth, Friday 11:00am. Visitation Thursday 2-9pm. Interment Silver Lake Cemetery, Wilmet, MI. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice. Share memories at: schrader-howell.com



**JONELL E. LINDHOLM**  
Age 53, July 6, 2008. Resident of Reisterstown, MD. Beloved daughter of Rev. William and Patricia Lindholm. Dear sister of William Jr. and Jana (Carleton) Britt. Jonell was a graduate of the University of Michigan and was employed with Unilever Margarine as a Process Engineer. She also played French Horn with several orchestras in the Baltimore area. Visitation at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 W. Six Mile, Livonia, Saturday from 10 AM until Funeral Service at 11 AM. Memorial contributions may be directed to Holy Cross Lutheran Church. R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home (734) 422-6720 in charge of arrangements. Please sign the online guestbook at: rggfharris.com

**HARRY EVERETT MORGAN**  
Passed away July 4, 2008 at the age of 84. Veteran of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II serving in Europe. Married his bride of 65 years Barbara Sweeney. President of Morgan Associates, a machinery manufacturing consultate firm. Loved to play golf and was a member of the Plymouth Elks. Beloved husband of Barbara. Dear father of Cher (Michael) Holliday, Daryl Morgan and Candy (Greg) Sicilia. Grandfather of Danielle (Patrick) Sinnott, Brett (Diana) Holliday, Michael, Steven (Kristen), Mark (Malisa) and Eric (Christina) Sicilia and Briana (Devin) McLaughlin. Also leaves nine grandchildren. Military Honors were rendered on Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West. Contributions are suggested to Henry Ford Oakland Hospice, 26900 Franklin road, Southfield, MI 48034. Share your special thoughts and memories at: schrader-howell.com

**IRENE E. SHERIDAN**  
Dec 18, 1929 - June 30, 2008. Irene went home to Heaven to start her eternal life with Jesus, her late husband Kenny and a host of friends and family. She leaves behind six brothers & sisters; her children Pam Blanchard (Steve), Deborah Smith (Dan) & Patrick Sheridan (Cheryl); grandchildren Deedee, Lisa, Cheryl, Casey, Kelli, Kendall, Kayla, Colin, Aaron & Tyler; great-grandchildren Ashley, Emma, Hanna, Gavin, Owen & Ashton. She will be sadly missed by all of us. Come join us as we celebrate her life with a memorial being held at Harvest Christian Church in Detroit on Thurs. July 17th at 11 am.

**JAMES DICK CRAWFORD**  
Age 58, Farmington Hills, MI, passed July 4, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

**MARY IRENE TYLER**  
Age 89, Farmington Hills, MI, passed away July 5, 2008. Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, MI

**THOMAS F. DONNELLY**  
Age 81, of Bethesda, OH. Grew up in Garden City, died Saturday, June 21, 2008. Born Feb. 11, 1927, son of the late Thomas and Mary Donnelly. Served in the US Navy during WWII. Survived by his wife Clara Jordan Donnelly, daughters Mary S. Donnelly and Carol A. Donnelly. Also survived by sister Barab J. (Ralph) Harris.

**VERA B. TAYLOR**  
Age 82, of Boca Raton, FL, passed away on July 3, 2008. Born in Detroit, MI, she had been a resident of South Florida since 1988 after moving from Bloomfield Hills, MI, where she had lived for 17 years. Predeceased by her husband, Donald A. Taylor, she is survived by three sons: Donald Andrew (Bettina) Taylor, Peter B. (Ruth) Taylor, and Robert M. (Pamela) Taylor; by seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service is pending in Boca Raton and private interment will take place at Acacia Park Cemetery, Beverly Hills, MI. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Kingswood/Cranbrook Schools, 39221 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304. In memory of Vera Brethen Taylor. Arrangements were made by Kraeher-Becker Funeral Home, 217 E. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach, FL 33441. Phone No. 954-427-5544

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CALENDAR

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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 continue every Monday. Cost per class depends on number of participants.

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.

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.

den, 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.

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.holycrosslivonia.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.holycrosslivonia.org.

Visitors welcome.

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 With theme scripture, He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire

(Luke 3:16), is organizing in Livonia at 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.holy-crosslivonia.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.

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For Information regarding this Directory, please call Donna Hart at 313-222-2333 or e-mail: dhart@hometownlife.com



OUR VIEWS

## Reaume gets nod in supervisor race

Richard Reaume had a lot to learn when first elected Plymouth Township supervisor four years ago.

Reaume still has a lot to learn, but we believe he's done well enough to earn a chance at a second term when voters go to the polls in the Aug. 5 Republican primary. Reaume's name appears with three other Republicans — current clerk Marilyn Massengill, current Plymouth-Canton School Trustee Dianne Gonzalez and former township trustee K.C. Mueller. The winner gets to battle Democrat Mike Watts in the November general election.

Reaume has proven adept at certain aspects of the job even as he's undergone a great deal of on-the-job training. He works well with the Michigan Economic Development Commission to make it convenient — and, more importantly, profitable — for businesses to make Plymouth Township their home. Since 2005, more than a dozen companies have either located or expanded here, retaining nearly 3,000 jobs and adding 1,100 new ones.

Reaume works very hard, and long hours, to get his job done. While the township hasn't undertaken a great number of new plans in his first term, Reaume is responsible for shepherding existing ideas such as the new township hall, the Ann Arbor Road corridor and the second water tower.

While those ideas pre-date Reaume's administration, he correctly points out they still needed someone to make sure they got done. Reaume has proven effective at that.

There are definitely areas for improvement, particularly in communication. Reaume needs to work harder at keeping his fellow board members informed of steps he's taking. There is some labor strife; for instance, there's no excuse for negotiations with the firefighters to have taken some 30 months and binding arbitration to arrive at a contract.

Perhaps most importantly, Reaume — whose micro-managing style is notorious within township hall — must learn to trust his employees and let them do their jobs. We believe Reaume will find trust and a kind word will do more for furthering employee morale than an uptight, micro-managing style.

While Reaume certainly has some adjustments to make, we believe the township would be at best hindered — and at worst harmed — by the election of a third consecutive first-term supervisor.

Voters can save the township from that fate by returning Richard Reaume to his job as supervisor.

## Plakas our choice for district court

When voters go to the polls for the Aug. 5 primary and vote to replace retiring 35th District Court Judge John MacDonald, they'll find a strong field of candidates.

The top two primary vote-getters will face off in the general election in November for the six-year term, which pays \$139,272. Voters can select only one candidate. We believe that candidate should be **Jim Plakas**.

Plakas seems to have been training for this particular job most of his career. He's been a prosecutor, a city attorney and a defense attorney. He's handled all manner of cases in a variety of courtrooms.

He comes from an experienced legal background, has a sound judicial temperament and has the backing of many judges. His list of endorsements includes MacDonald, who has served with distinction; the Hon. Robert Brzezinski of Livonia's 16th District Court; and the Hon. Chuck Bokus — three of the most respected district court jurists in the area.

We admit to a little concern about his political backing because, after a contentious campaign two years ago, the 35th District Court could use a little less politics. Plakas will also need to swallow any animosity remaining from his loss to Chief Judge Ron Lowe in that election, and function as part of the team led by Lowe.

On the other hand, Plakas is a lot like Lowe was when he was originally elected: A young, hard-charging, community-minded attorney with a young family. Lowe turned out to be a good judge, and we believe Plakas will, as well.

The other five candidates are all qualified to do the job. Art Butler is the only one who has actually sat as a judge, serving as a military judge during his time in the Coast Guard; Cam Miller is very familiar with the 35th, since he spent years as the city of Plymouth prosecutor; Joe Barone has tried more cases in the 35th than any candidate, and he's heavily involved in the community; Martha Snow's practice covers all manner of legal issues, and she was appointed a special assistant attorney general for the prosecution of seriously delinquent child support obligations; Jim Malinowski has the most experience (35 years) in the field.

We believe Plakas' breadth of experience and his passion for the job lift him above the others.

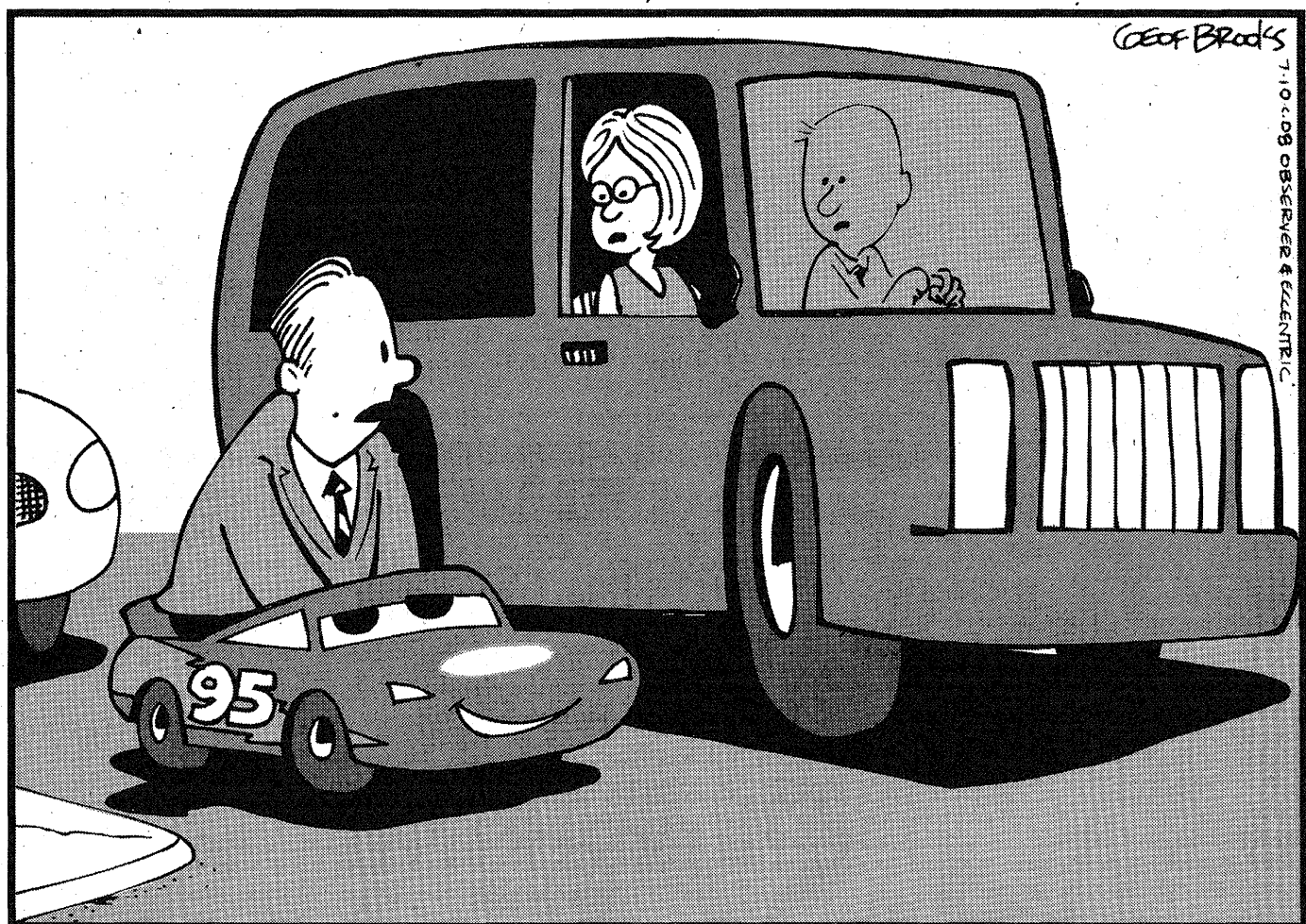
We recommend Jim Plakas for 35th District court judge.



Reaume



Jim Plakas



"Oh, it gets fantastic mileage. The only cost is hearing the blood-curdling screams of my four year-old as I leave the driveway."

### LETTERS

#### Supporting Bridgman

As a long time resident of Plymouth Township I feel it is important to have a strong local government.

I have known Joe Bridgman for many years through his work in Kiwanis. Joe is a hard-working individual and has the knowledge and experience to be the next township clerk. He has served the township well in his current position and the transition to the clerk's job would be seamless.

His opposition states that she can learn the job. Do we really want to elect someone who will have to learn the job? Experience counts and I hope you will join me in electing Joe Bridgman our next township clerk.

George Thompson  
Plymouth Township

years and have been a very active MEA-Retired member for the last 15 years. I am and have always been very supportive of MEA. This is the first time I have felt it necessary to question any actions or decisions made by MEA.

Jeanette Burman  
Plymouth

#### Supporting Barone

I am an attorney who is supporting Joe Barone in his race for 35th District Court judge.

I first met Joe when he was opposing counsel who represented the buyer in the sale of a business. (I represented the seller). Joe was tough but fair during the negotiations. We were able to close the deal to the mutual satisfaction of our respective clients.

There are far too many ill-tempered attorneys who rant and rave or pursue questionable tactics while representing a client. I am always impressed with attorneys like Joe who maintain their professionalism while vigorously advocating on behalf of clients.

Joe's work ethic and mild-mannered temperament would serve our community well on the bench.

Jason Bank  
Canton

#### Barone for judge

Joe Barone has been my business attorney for the last several years, and has also successfully counseled or represented a number of my patients and friends.

Joe is reliable, hard-working and ethical. He puts others before himself as he generously gives his time and money to more community organizations and good causes than I can count.

Joe will serve us well as our newest 35th District Court Judge.

Dr. Tom Gerou  
Canton

#### Gonzalez right choice

I attended the recent League of Women Voters Candidate Forum. I was very impressed with the eloquent responses given by Dianne Gonzalez for the Township Supervisor position.

She is very well educated and she had vision in all she said. In order to continue to get the right services in these difficult economic times we are going to need more leaders like Dianne who think out of the box in order to find solutions to our financial shortcomings, especially since Lansing is not coming to our rescue any time soon.

Pam Zelazny  
Plymouth

#### Questioning MEA choice

After reading the recent front-page article concerning MEA and Firefighters endorsements in the local political arena ("Educators, firefighters endorse in local races," *Observer*, June 29), I felt it necessary to respond.

Since the Michigan Education Association states that they have never been active in endorsing candidates for local office, I cannot help but question some of the rationale for their recent endorsements, and that possibly MEA should not have gotten involved in this race.

Two years ago, you did not feel Ms. Gonzales was acceptable to serve on the school board but now you want to let her run Plymouth Township. I also question how her knowledge of education issues would make her a better township supervisor. How much involvement does the township supervisor have to do with the running of the Plymouth/Canton School District?

In addition, my question to the firefighters — the article states that Ms. Gonzales called and ask for their support. Is that all a candidate needs to do — just ask? I do hope that there is missing information in this article to support that quick decision.

Before anyone thinks that I am an anti-union troublemaker, you need to know that I was a MEA member for 25

ability, as well as the desire, to do an exceptional job as clerk.

In order to continue the excellent service we have been receiving from our township clerk's office, and to maintain the integrity of our elections, let's elect someone to the position of clerk who knows election laws and processes thoroughly, as well as having experience in the other functions of the clerk's office.

Joe Bridgman is by far the best-qualified candidate for this position. Why should township residents pay for the on-the-job training of a new clerk, when we already have Joe, a knowledgeable deputy clerk with five years' successful experience?

Please give the township clerk's office the serious consideration it deserves, and vote an experienced, qualified person into the office.

Yvonne Carl  
Plymouth

#### Bridgman for clerk

Having observed first-hand Joe Bridgman's qualifications as deputy clerk in the township clerk's office, I fully support him for the position of Plymouth Township Clerk.

Joe Bridgman served as deputy clerk for five years. He has performed effectively over this period of time with hands-on experience in all functions of the township clerk's office. Joe Bridgman's performance, coupled with his acceptance of increasing responsibility, and his ability to work with all levels of departments in the township as well as the residents, will achieve a smooth interface in the accomplishment of governmental objectives on behalf of the township residents.

With his work experience and knowledge as deputy township clerk, township officials and residents can expect a high-level of dedication from Joe Bridgman as a seamless transition in the township clerk's duties and responsibilities. His effectiveness should be recognized by all whom and have been served by Joe Bridgman.

Barbara Siedlaczek  
Plymouth Township

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"It's a little overwhelming. You certainly think about that as you're leaving familiar surroundings and getting hugs and tears and realizing I won't be back tomorrow. It's felt comfortable, it's felt like the right time and the right place. It's good to stretch yourself and do more unfamiliar things and grow from that."

Craig Fiegel, new Plymouth-Canton school superintendent, on what it's like moving from a district with 1,900 students to one with more than 18,000

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## Reform of state's prison system requires fresh thinking, new ideas

We've been talking for years about Michigan's need to cut unnecessary spending. So let's talk about our state's expensive practice of tossing criminals in the slam and throwing away the key.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm's 2009 budget calls for \$2.06 billion for the Department of Corrections. That's up dramatically from 1999, when we spent \$1.4 billion on warehousing felons.

And the situation is likely to just get worse. Last month, the highly respected, non-partisan Citizens Research Council (CRC) concluded that we'll probably spend another \$600 million over the next few years as the prison population both increases and ages.

Michigan also incarcerates far more people than nearby states — but despite popular myth, Michigan has a crime rate no higher than our neighbors.

According to the CRC, the average stay in Michigan prisons is 42 months, much higher than the Great Lakes state average of 29 months. Michigan also spends some 30 percent more per inmate than our neighbors. The CRC concludes if we cut our prison spending down to the average amount our neighbors spend on prisons, we'd have an extra \$500 million to save or divert to other priorities.

By contrast, Michigan public universities will get around \$1.5 billion for fiscal year 2009. That's the same as they got in 1999 — actually considerably less, when you factor in inflation.

Over the last six years, Michigan has had the unwelcome distinction of leading the nation in reducing state spending on educating young people — or, in other words, on our future. Those are odd priorities indeed for a state desperately in need of bright, highly educated young people to jump-start our ailing economy.

Any real chance of doing something about it? Nope.

Why? Simple; politicians are scared stiff of being called "soft on crime." They are terrified of being blamed if a single inmate is paroled early and commits a terrible crime, even though around 10,000 prisoners are released each year.

Peter Luke, the respected Lansing analyst for *Booth Newspapers*, suggests that prison funding is such a hot potato that the only practical way to get somewhere is to do what the U.S. Congress did with military base closings. Pick a distinguished commission, ask it to make a series of recommendations and then put the whole thing up for a year-or-nay vote in the Legislature.

Here's another idea, contributed by

my cousin, Tom Power, a circuit judge in Traverse City. He wrote to me that prison population is determined by two factors: The circuit judges who send people to the prison system and an appointed state parole board that controls who leaves the prison system — and when.

Noting that the state must provide the number of prison beds required by these decisions, he said: "I suggest we allow each circuit court a set number of beds, give that court parole responsibility for its prisoners, and thereby put the responsibility for prison utilization and the need to control (population) in the same hands."

He would like to see the number of prison beds provided by the Department of Corrections determined by the Legislature and governor through the appropriations process. Those beds then would be distributed among the 57 circuit courts, with each one having a set percentage of the beds made available.

Judge Power points out that "the most important and politically explosive problem would be how to allocate prison beds among the various circuits. Allocation of beds proportionate to population is the most obvious method. But circuits with a history of higher crime will argue they should receive more beds than their populations would warrant. So in addition to population, beds could be allocated based on historic prison use or number of felonies reported to the police."

He goes on to point out that Michigan's prison capacity has risen from around 10,000 in the early 1980s to more than 50,000 today — the consequence of "lock 'em up and throw away the key" attitudes that prevailed in the 1980s and 1990s.

Nor has harsher sentencing alone been to blame. "While it has been popular in some quarters to blame sentencing practices, a recent study found that there are thousands of prisoners held in the prison system beyond their first parole eligibility date. This indicates the expansion in prison use over the last two decades may be due as much to toughened parole standards."

His suggestion of putting both prison entry and release in the same hands — the circuit judges — is a sensible and elegant solution to a very hot political potato.

Both ideas — newsman Luke's and Judge Power's — are complimentary. Together, they offer a simple, comprehensive, common-sense way to deal with exploding prison costs. The smart people in our Legislature should look closely at both.

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Phil Power

## LETTERS

### Polls manipulate opinion

All along, it has been said Michigan has an abundance of unemployed mostly due to layoffs, well-educated, experienced and talented workforce, certainly true, available and eager to be productively employed.

What we need is companies, manufacturing, research and other, taking advantage of the availability of this much-desirable workforce to choose Michigan for their businesses.

In his column ("Some news is gloomy, but most residents still have hope for state," *Observer*, June 26) the author says that people (whoever they are) want, among other things, "a great quality of life attracting talented people to Michigan," as if we didn't have more than enough of them of our own.

How would the "attracting to Michigan" benefit our own talented unemployed, urgently needing jobs? Great quality of life comes when people enjoy fair and adequate incomes from having productive and satisfying employment. Why, then, while having a great quality of life,

would we want to attract people from outside?

About the thriving economy that we had here but no more, we Michiganders cannot do much, if anything. This is the problem created by decision-making politicians in Washington, promoting Globalism policies obviously detrimental to our people, and the country.

The poll numbers quoted in the column may or may not reflect true opinions. In polling, responses depend to a considerable extent on how questions are formulated, often suggestively, whether those who are being polled are chosen purposely, how familiar with the issue the respondents are, etc., perhaps even sometimes are falsified or picked from thin air to fit the aims of pollsters.

Many polls, perhaps most, are taken for the purpose of manipulating public opinion for the advancement of interests of the entities sponsoring them, and should be viewed with a grain of salt.

Joseph Wira  
Plymouth

## Michigan's vertical license program marks five years of safe innovation

Five years ago, Michigan began to approach the problem of underage drinking in a different way — vertically, rather than horizontally.

A law went into effect July 1, 2003, requiring the issuance of vertical (portrait) style driver's licenses or personal identification cards to individuals

under the age of 21. As a result of this major change, purchasing alcohol has become more difficult for minors in our state.

Every driver under 21 in Michigan now has a vertical license. The horizontal format has been gradually phased out over the last several years for minors as their licenses came up for renewal. The new format has been welcomed by many parents as a smart innovation.

The vertical card gives restaurants, bars, convenience stores, casinos and law enforcement an instant visual cue to correctly determine a license-holder's age and to immediately spot those not old enough to purchase alcohol. It also has a more tamper-resistant design to thwart attempted alterations or forgeries.

There are more than 731,000 people under age 21 who currently possess a Michigan vertical driver's license or personal ID card. I'm pleased to say it's less likely these young

adults will succeed in using their ID to obtain alcohol than if they were using the old horizontal cards. That difference can save lives.

One indicator of the Vertical Identification Program's success is the steady decline in convictions under Michigan's "zero tolerance" law. The law prohibits underage drivers from having any alcohol in their systems. In 2004, the first full year of the vertical license program, there were nearly 1,700 convictions. The number has fallen each year to about 1,340 in 2007.

During the transition to the new license, the Department of State has teamed with a broad coalition of retailers, law enforcement groups and other organizations to highlight the law on a public awareness campaign called "We Check to Protect!"

Our objective remains to protect youths from obtaining alcohol, as well as other age-restricted products like tobacco. It is important to their health and safety that we keep these potentially harmful things out of their underage hands. We must continue to work diligently to ensure the young people of Michigan know the law and respect it.

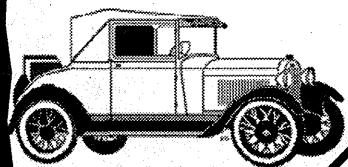
Deterring underage drinking is a significant challenge for our state, but with the vertical driver's license, we are heading in the right direction.

Terri Lynn Land is Michigan's secretary of state.

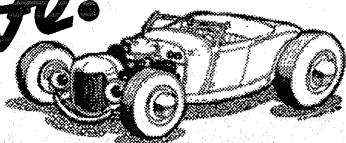


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## Look at more than bottom line on statements

There is no doubt the last nine months have been brutal for investors — particularly for those who do not actively follow their investments and who receive only quarterly statements. They will no doubt notice their accounts have declined over the last quarter. Many will either put the statement into the drawer and never look at it again or have the knee-jerk reaction of selling everything. As far as I am concerned, both courses of actions are wrong.

### Money Matters

Rick Bloom

Whenever an investor receives a statement, he/she cannot just look at the bottom line number. As much as it hurts to see accounts go down, review it for accuracy. For those receiving 401(k) or other

types of salary deferral program statements, it is essential to review the statement. At a minimum, look at the ending balance of your last statement to make sure it's the beginning balance of the current statement. In addition, confirm that all contributions have been properly credited to your account. Review withdrawals to make sure these are accurate.

You cannot assume financial institutions don't make mistakes, they do and it is up to us to make sure mistakes are corrected. The other reaction many people will have when they receive their quarterly statement is just to sell. Although that will make you feel better for the short run, it is the worst strategy for the long run.

After all, we always tell investors the goal is to buy low and sell high, not the other way around. Don't let fear dictate investment decisions. Instead, look at the statements and decide if adjustments are needed. Adjustments should be made based on long-term goals and objectives, not

what is currently happening in the market. When deciding whether to retain a fund, judge it on how it is performing against investments in the same category. Don't compare an energy fund to a small company growth fund. Compare small company growth to other small company growth funds.

It has been a tough year for investors. The three major indexes are down substantially. If our investment goal was only six months, there would be problems. However, goals should be long term. After all, the markets can change relatively quickly, giving you a different perspective.

When investors have a knee-jerk reaction, it offers temporary relief, but causes long-term problems.

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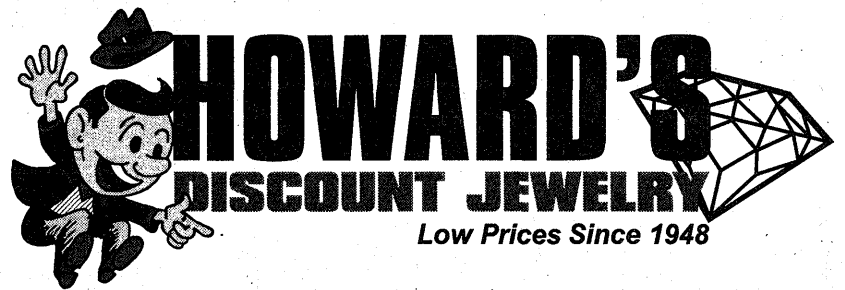
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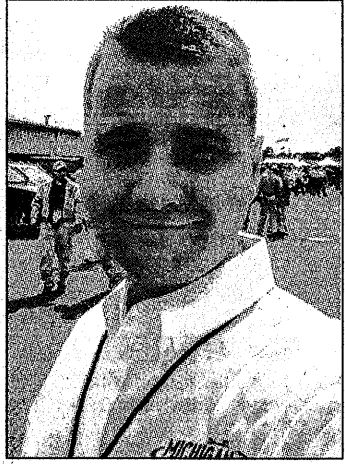
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## GC grad stars in scoreboard circuit



Garden City alum Jason Lynch proudly enjoys the successful unveiling of the brand new scoreboard at Michigan International Speedway in June. Lynch was at the controls of the scoreboard, orchestrating a wide array of sights and sounds for thousands of racing fans.

### LYNCH-PIN

**Who:** Jason Lynch.

**What:** The 1998 Garden City graduate operates the brand new three-paneled vertical scoreboard at Michigan International Speedway. He also programs the audio-visual boards at Comerica Park and Joe Louis Arena.

**College:** He earned a bachelor's degree in communications from University of Michigan-Dearborn.

**Family:** His parents are Jaylee (former Garden City mayor) and Tom.

**Back in the day:** Jason was a member of the yearbook and newspaper staffs at Garden City High School.

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Never the all-star jock at Garden City High School, Jason Lynch found a way to shoot higher in the wide world of sports than any of his former classmates.

The 27-year-old Lynch is a budding computer stalwart whose golden touch in the world of sports scoreboards has landed him prestigious gigs working no less than the Super Bowl, baseball's All-Star Game and World Series, the Stanley Cup Finals and — just last month — the NASCAR Sprint Cup at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn.

"It beats having a real job," said Lynch during a recent interview, just days after his latest accomplishment. "I've done the

nine-to-five office and basically everything in between.

"Then ... you get all of these really cool jobs that they pay you to be at the same thing you'd be home watching anyway."

Lynch also is a regular working video and audio boards at Joe Louis Arena and Comerica Park in Detroit, along with a behind-the-scenes technical post for Detroit Lions games and other events at Ford Field.

### A NEW WORLD

It was while working a Supercross race at Ford Field that the son of former Garden City Mayor Jaylee Lynch and businessman Tom Lynch landed his latest and perhaps most-heady job — being the first to orchestrate all the sound and vision on a \$2.35 million scoreboard at MIS.

By the way, the 110-foot, three-sided board is unique, with vertical columns providing constant information to the race fans seated in the oval stadium.

Still, he had to learn how to format the board, to present all pictures, letters and numbers in a newfangled fashion.

"Most of them (scoreboards) are wide, from left-to-right, but this is a column board," Lynch said. "So it's a really different board to program for."

"Because, when you're used to a world that's wide and you now go to a world that's tall, if you have really long words you have to go to a smaller font."

### MAKING IT HAPPEN

Lynch works at the controls like someone handling stage

Please see **LYNCH, B3**

## Signlines

### Junior Olympics

Let the games begin, with a musical twist. The 50th annual Junior Olympics, hosted by Redford Parks and Recreation, is slated for Saturday at Hilbert Middle School in Redford Township. Hilbert is located one-half mile north of Five Mile and one-half mile west of Beech Daly at 26440 Puritan.

To toast the milestone, there will be a live DJ and additional family events.

Following registration (9-10 a.m.), events will begin promptly at 10 a.m. with various field events and races.

Field events will include high jump, long jump and softball throw for four divisions (Bantams, age 6 and under; Squirts, age 7-8; Pee Wees, age 9-10; Midgets, age 11-12). After field events are concluded, "Family Fun" activities will commence at about 12:30 p.m. Bantams and Squirts will compete in the 35-, 50- and 75-meter dashes at the east end of Hilbert.

Those in the Pee Wees and Midgets divisions are slated to take part in the 35-, 50-, 75- and 100-meter dashes at the opposite end. There will be ribbons presented to places 1-6 in each heat per running event.

Registration is free for Redford residents, with a \$5 fee for non-residents (proper ID must be shown).

As is customary, parents should be present at all times, no organized teams are welcome and no spikes will be permitted on the field.

In the case of rain, the event will be cancelled.

For more information, call (313) 387-2650.

### Hole-in-one club

■ Peter Williams, 47, of Redford, used a 5-wood to ace 189-yard, No. 2 hole, July 4, at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford.

Williams shot a 42 for nine holes. He recorded his first hole-in-one in 34 years.

■ John Beher, 52, of Canton, used an 8-iron to ace the 148-yard, No. 4 hole, July 2, at Fox Hills' Strategic Fox.

### Junior golf divots

On July 2, Canton's Zach Conrad shot 80-75-155 to finish runner-up in the Boys 11-15 age division on the Adams Golf Junior Tour (event No. 10) at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth.

Carson Castellani of Okemos took first with a 76-72-148.

In the Boys 16-and-up division, Plymouth's Tyler Jeleniewski shot a 77 to place third, only a stroke behind Nolan Maezes of Ann Arbor, who carded a 76.

## Northern exposure

### Atlanta native Pierce pursues hockey dream

BY BRAD EMONS  
OBSERVER SPORTS WRITER

Craig Pierce felt his youth hockey career in Atlanta had pretty much burned out.

So the 16-year-old decided that if he was going to be able to pursue his dream of playing for a Division 1 collegiate program, he had to leave his Georgia roots and head north.

Pierce just finished his junior year of high school living in Plymouth with his grandparents, attending a new school and playing for Compuware, an 18-and-under AAA Midget Major team in the Midwest Elite Hockey League.

The 5-foot-11, 170-pound center, who counts former Red Wing Steve Yzerman as his favorite player, will return to the same squad next season, his senior year, and eventually graduate from Plymouth High School.

"I figured if I wanted to keep playing I had to move out," said Pierce, who played this previous year with the Atlanta Fire. "I played 16-and-under AA and tried AAA, but there was not a lot of competition around in the south. We played all over in places like Florida, in Michigan, Canada and Dallas, but being here last year was a real good experience. It's great hockey. I was not used to every game being competitive. Every game was hard-fought and every league game counts. You had to 'bring it' every game."

Pierce dabbled in baseball, but

started out in roller hockey at age 6 and was a regular as a youth at Michigan State University's summer hockey schools. His father Joe, a Salem High grad, graduated from MSU.

And East Lansing is where the seeds were originally planted about making the transition.

"I started to get acquainted with some of the players (at MSU) like Jim Slater (now of the Atlanta Thrashers) and Jared Knightengale," Pierce said. "They thought it would be a good idea to go north."

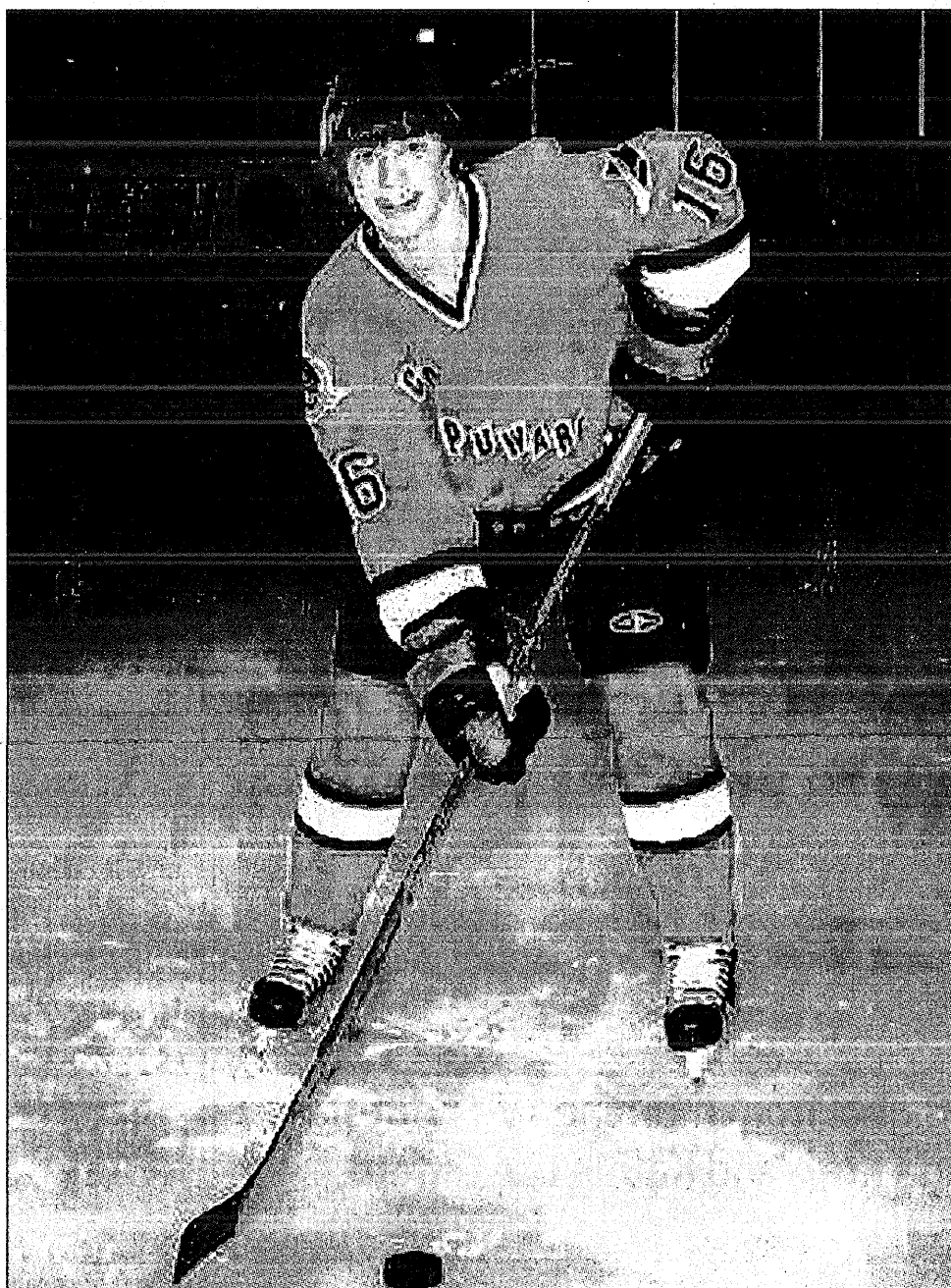
Craig Pierce eventually rewrote his own script and called it, "Gone Like The Wind."

"I did not want to stand in the way of his dream," said Joe Pierce, Craig's father. "To lose him at 16 from home was a tough sacrifice. It was very difficult for my wife (Nancy) to let him go, but when he made the (Compuware) team he was extremely excited. But first he wanted to go home and tell his mom face-to-face. Even at 16 years old he felt that was the mature thing to do."

Craig not only felt the maternal pull, but he also missed his friends. He is now back home for the summer in Atlanta and will report back to Compuware for practice in August.

During a spring tournament in 2007, Compuware coach George Daniel got his first glimpse of the Southern icer. His initial encounter

Please see **PIERCE, B3**



Craig Pierce moved in with his grandparents in Plymouth from his home in Atlanta during his junior year of high school to pursue his dream of playing Division 1 college hockey.

## Casting call

### Redford bass angler set to test waters at FLW Tour

BY TIM SMITH  
OBSERVER STAFF WRITER

Redford's Kevin Barrows plans on casting a line into the Detroit River this weekend, hopeful of landing a big one.

It remains to be seen whether hooking a bass during the annual Wal-Mart FLW Tour's Chevy Open on the Detroit River lands him a big payday, too.

But the 39-year-old Barrows, a graduate of Garden City High School, is thrilled to again be one of 200 amateur bass fishermen — known as co-anglers — working with one of 200 anglers (professional bass fishermen) during the event, which runs from today through Sunday.

Also in the co-angler field are Philip Borsa of Redford and Tod Soop of Livonia, while Livonian David Reault is listed among the pro anglers.

There will be \$1.5 million in prize money on the line as well, with \$200,000 going to the bass pro finishing with the biggest catch; amateurs such as Barrows are going for a top prize of \$20,000.

Each boat will pair a pro with an amateur. The pros will determine where to take the boat and the strategy for defeating the competition. Pros also call the shots as to where they'll cast their lines and co-anglers follow suit.

"You win by your total weight and you want to bring your five biggest to the

scale (each day)," Barrows emphasized. "But where I'll be going depends on where my professional takes me. We're here for the ride and to fish against the other co-anglers."

All 400 participants will compete today and Friday, with the field being narrowed down to the Top-10 pairings (one pro and one co-angler). Barrows said the champion co-angler will be determined Saturday, but the professionals have to return to the water again on Sunday to wrap up that part of the lucrative tourney.

In 2007, tandems needed to reel in 38.5 pounds over the first two days to crack the Top 10 and Barrows said more than 80 pounds of bass yielded the Chevy Open champion.

"This year, I would expect to see the same figures to win the event," he continued.

### WORTH IT

According to Barrows, anglers could decide to motor north through the Detroit River up to Lake St. Clair or head the opposite direction toward Lake Erie and Cleveland.

"Lake St. Clair has a lot more fish than Lake Erie," Barrows noted. "But the fish in Lake Erie are bigger."

Although the fee to sign up for the Chevy Open is kind of steep (\$4,000 per pro and \$800 per co-angler), the potential reward

still makes it an exercise worth pursuing. "It's a better chance than buying a lottery ticket," said Barrows about participating in the Chevy Open.

He said to essentially break even (earning a check for \$1,000), he needs to place in the top 50.

Barrows did give a shout out to his wife, Shawn, and son McClain, for their ongoing support and to several sponsors for helping him continue to take part in such events. He cited top sponsor Kellerin Equipment Sales of Livonia, as well as Westland-based Case Plastics. Other sponsors include Champion Boats and Nemesis Baits.

Barrows actually didn't know which pro he'd be teaming up with until last night, after this edition of the *Observer* went to press. But he is more than willing to wait and go from there, hopefully to land a prize bass worth thousands of dollars.

Although it would be great to successfully punch that ticket, Barrows said the biggest lure for him is just having the chance to hit the water in the name of sport.

"A lot of people like to fish," he explained. "They enjoy competition of some sort. You're competing against other people, but you just have to be smarter than the fish."

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## Rams pitchers prove efficient in DH sweep

The Michigan Rams crossed the border Monday and came away with a sweep in a Michigan Collegiate Baseball League doubleheader against the host Tecumseh, Ontario Thunder at LaCasse Park.

The games were a makeup from June 9.

Aaron Wick, a left-hander from Oakland University, pitched a complete-game four-hitter in the opener.

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He struck out six and walked only one in seven innings in a 5-1 triumph.

Rob Cooper's solo homer in the bottom of the seventh broke up Wick's no-hit bid.

Losing pitcher Max Sprague gave up five runs on nine hits, four walks and two hit batters in six innings. He fanned three.

Canton's Shawn Little (Madonna University) and Frank Persichino each collected two hits and two RBI for the victori-

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## Warner, Smith qualify for match-play round

Two area golfers – Plymouth's Ashley Smith and Livonia's Shannon Warner – advanced to Wednesday's match-play round of the 92nd Golf Association of Michigan Women's Amateur Championships being held at Walnut Hills Country Club in East Lansing.

Smith, a graduate of Salem High who just completed her sophomore year at Grand Valley State, finished stroke play tied for 14th with a two-round total of 76-81-157. She

was scheduled to face Enid Gage of Wyoming in the opening round of the 16th and 17th seeds.

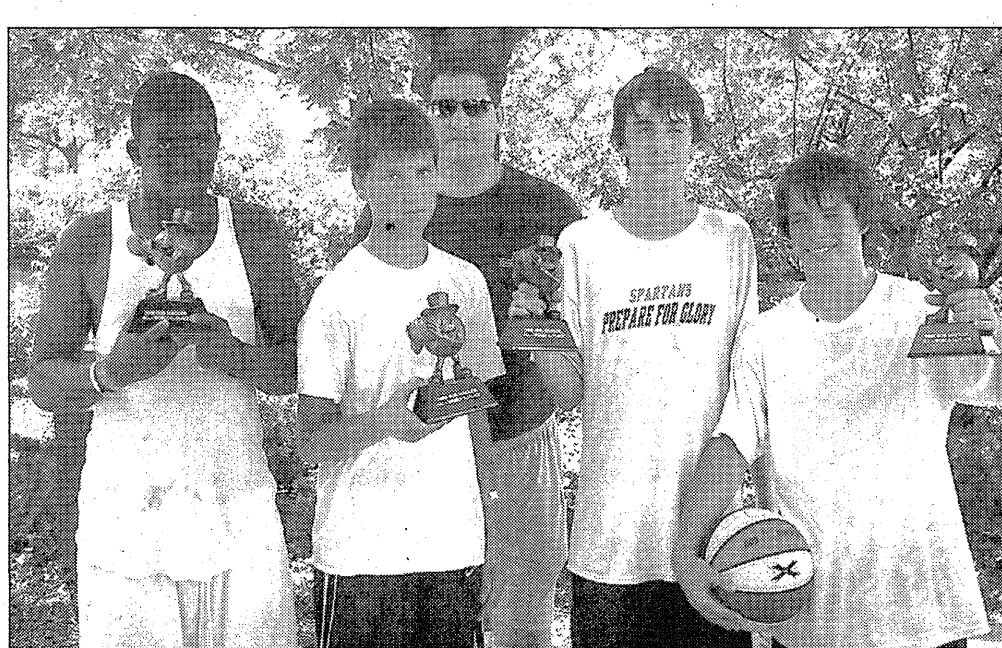
Warner, a two-time Division 1 individual medalist who recently graduated from Livonia Churchill, was 25th in stroke play with an 80-79-159.

The Michigan State signee was scheduled to meet Michelle Bowles of Davison in the first round. Warner will also be teeing it up in Monday's \$40,000 Century 21 Michigan PGA Women's Open,

a 54-hole event which starts Monday at Crystal Mountain's signature Mountain Ridge Course.

Unable to make the cut Michigan Amateur cut was Jennifer Kubert (Livonia), 47th (82-88-170); Jamie Siedlaczek (Canton), 47th (85-85-170); and Lauri Ponikiewski (Livonia), 69th (88-90-178).

Flint's Shasta Averyhardt was medalist with a 74-73-147. The top 32 advanced into match play.



### Macker champs

The Livonia foursome of (front row, from left) David Tharpe, Damon Bogich, Austin Bumpus and Bobby Snyder captured the Boys 13-14 age division with a 4-0 record at the Gus Macker 3-on-3 basketball tournament held June 28 in Southfield. The four players, who all will be entering Stevenson High in the fall, are coached by Greg Bogich (back row).

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## Bucks come from behind to clinch postseason berth

BY DAN STICKRADT  
& GREG STAFF WRITER

Coming from behind has become a habit for the Michigan Bucks this season.

The Premier Development League leaders pulled that trick off again Saturday night.

After falling behind in the seventh minute, the Bucks rallied for three unanswered goals and picked up some fine goaltending and defense to thwart the Cincinnati Kings, 3-1, at the Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac – Michigan's fourth straight come-from-behind victory.

The win gave Michigan a PDL Central Conference-leading 33 points entering the final three weeks of the regular season. But more importantly, the Bucks became the first franchise in the 67-team PDL to clinch a postseason berth.

Michigan (11-2-0, 11-1-0), which has outscored its league opposition 31-8 in 12 games, has advanced to the postseason for the 12th time in 13 seasons and is one win away from clinching the Great Lakes Division for the seventh time.

It was the Kings (3-9-1, 3-8-1) who drew first blood, when David Lopez-Cepero beat Bucks netminder Steve Clark from close range just under seven minutes into the

contest. Tony Ray drew the assist with a looping pass into the box.

Clark did not get beat again, finishing the night with six saves – five in the second half, – to remain 11-0 in his PDL starts this summer.

It took the Bucks 20 minutes into the contest to net the equalizer. Dave Hertel's long pass to Ty Shipalane was chased down with Shipalane banging home a shot from the top of the box.

Shipalane scored his third goal in two games just seconds before halftime, going in on a 2-on-1 with Nate Jafta, who fed the ball back to Shipalane for the go-ahead goal. Shipalane beat three Kings defenders on the play.

"Ty Shipalane has been our best offensive threat the last 3-4 games," said Bucks coach Dan Fitzgerald. "He's been involved in most of our goals."

Kenny Uzoigwe gave Michigan its two-goal lead and capped the scoring with his team-leading ninth tally of the season. Off a steal, Uzoigwe beat three defenders before depositing his shot into the back of the net.

"This is nice because we've won three in a row using a lot of different players and line-ups," said Fitzgerald. "We have a lot of good players and some versatile guys. We've had some

guys that are gone and we've had other guys just slide in and do a good job."

Michigan outshot Cincinnati 14-13 overall, but the Kings held a 7-5 edge with shots directly on goal.

### Bucks notebook

Michigan only needs three more points or one more win in its final regular season games . . . The Bucks play July 10 at Fort Wayne Fever, have home games against the Chicago Fire (July 12) and Kalamazoo Outrage (July 16) before wrapping up the regular season on the road at the Toronto Lynx (July 20). The Lynx are the sole team in the PDL to defeat Michigan this season . . . The top seed in the Central Conference, which makes up three divisions, will earn a first-round bye in the postseason . . . Playing in 10 of the Bucks' 12 league games, Uzoigwe is currently tied for ninth in the PDL with 19 total points and nine goals, which is tied for fifth in the country. Jafta has 17 points and is tied for 12th, while he has nine assists, which is tied for second . . . Midfielder Shipalane was named to the All-PDL Team of the Week. He had three goals and two assists in the Bucks' three-game win streak. He has six goals and three assists this season.

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## RAMS

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ous Rams.

Brett Mazmanian also had an RBI, while Josh Kirsten scored a pair of runs.

The 20-and-under Rams, scoring five times in the sixth inning, improved to 15-7 in the MCBL with a 10-0 six-inning mercy victory over the Thunder, which dropped to 1-14.

Winning pitcher Colin O'Connell, a lefty from Spring Arbor University, pitched five scoreless innings to pick up the win. He struck out eight,

walked only one and allowed just three hits. Livonia Stevenson's Matt Tuttle (Adrian College) struck out all three batters he faced in the sixth.

Offensively, Stevenson's Nick Plinka (MU) led the way going 3-for-4 with an RBI.

Mazmanian added two hits, two RBI and scored a pair of runs. Ryan Abraham also went 2-for-2 with an RBI. Tim Cross doubled in a pair of runs, while Dan Augustine and Persichino each added an RBI.

Cooper went 2-for-3 in a losing cause. Losing pitcher Chris

Morand gave up five runs on six hits and walked five in his four-inning stint for the 22-and-under Thunder. Jared Ferrand and Kyle Trudell each pitched an inning.

The MCBL standings as of Monday include: 1. Michigan Monarchs, 16-4-1 (33 points); 2. Michigan Bulls, 15-4-1 (43 points); 3. Michigan Rams, 15-7-0 (30 points); 4. Michigan Dodgers, 12-8-0 (24 points); 5. Michigan Blue Knights, 10-10-1 (21 points); 6. Detroit Eagles, 6-14-0 (12 points); 7. Mid-Michigan Trailblazers, 2-16-1 (5 points); 8. Tecumseh Thunder, 1-14-0 (2 points).

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**PIERCE**

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left quite an impression. "He was on another team, they beat our team, and it opened my eyes," Daniel said. "Number one — what struck me about Craig was how good a skater he was, even though he was a kid from the South with a roller hockey background. "And number two, he competed. He didn't like to lose battles." Pierce was more of a role player last season, playing on a checking line and killing penalties for Compuware. "He was our key to winning faceoffs and he wanted to be the guy on the ice at the end of the game," Daniel said. "Some guys have that quality, and there are others who do not, even though they think have it. "I'm sure the transition last year was not easy being away from his family and friends, but he proved he could cope. We're lucky to have him. Craig is an incredible character kid." Pierce, only one of two players returning on the Compuware squad, will most likely have additional duties for the upcoming season. "He'll be expected to fill a leadership role," Daniel said.

"And he's in a unique spot because he's older and still in high school, which will make it a bigger burden." Pierce, who has been catching up with old friends this summer, has been skating and working out on a regular basis in Atlanta in preparation for the 2008-09 season. "Last year I was more of an energy guy, get the team pumped up and make a big hit," he said. "This year I want to be on the power play, in every situation where I can put more points up. "Our spring team this year was more of a team. Last year we had a lot of good individual players, but this year I think we'll be stronger all-around because we have two good goaltenders, a solid defense and scoring forwards." Pierce is looking forward to his second year in the North. Michigan's harsh winter left him undeterred. "At first I was wearing multiple sweat shirts, two pairs of socks, but I got used to it," he said. And it didn't hurt that he had a solid support network of relatives, which not only included his grandparents, but also two uncles and an aunt who live in the Plymouth-Canton area as well.

Pierce excelled academically, maneuvering around a massive and sprawling, three-pronged high school campus — Plymouth, Canton and Salem — while posting a 3.7 grade-point average. "It was a different experience, walking in the snow class-to-class," he said. "At first I got lost, but I had friends that helped me out. I just tried to focus on my grades and hockey." Craig credits his grandmother Lynn, a nurse, for her unyielding support. "You could say I'm her favorite grandson since I've been living with her," he said. "I got a letter from her the other day and she said she misses me. She's a great lady. She helped me out with a lot of projects, she cooks, she does my laundry and she's at most of my games. She's been a big help. It's been a great experience to move in with my grandparents and live on my own." Meanwhile, his father Joe certainly will continue to pile up his frequent flyer miles. Last season he came up for games on a monthly basis, driving by car once all the way from Atlanta to Sarnia, Ontario, for a tournament, and surprising his son on another occasion when he flew in for a tournament in Chicago. Craig also has an older brother

Brett, 21, who played hockey and now is a film major at the Art Institute of Atlanta. Brett also paid a visit to see Craig play. Joe, meanwhile, realizes he'll go through more of the same this season. Craig talks with his parents on a daily basis via cell phone conversations or text messaging. "Part of the reason and accepting of Craig being away from home is being with my mom and dad (Malcolm) — they have his best interest," Joe said. "I owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to our family in Michigan. I'm extremely proud of his passion to leave home and pursue his dream. He's doing well in school and he's proven to be self-reliant, organized and able to budget his time." Craig already knows where he'd like to be a year from now. "Hopefully I'll sign with a junior team after this year and I'll know what junior team I'll be with," he said. "It will be a higher tempo, higher league with older guys. And from there I'll be playing college hockey with a Division I scholarship." And Pierce's desire to continue his hockey dream burns bright — all the way from Atlanta.



Grandmother Lynn Pierce (left) has become Craig's biggest supporter while playing for the 18-and-under Compuware Midget Major AAA team.



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**LYNCH**

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lighting and arena sound at a rock concert. He's the man to get everything up to speed, so to speak. There's up-to-the-second place positions of 43 drivers, not to mention their average speed and distance from the front. All of that information and more is front-and-center for spectators to peruse. Meanwhile, the former scoreboard at MIS could only keep people posted on the top five entries. It is an increasingly daunting task for Lynch and others in similar jobs, but it's what people expect in today's increasingly wired world. "Technology is advancing and it certainly is great for the fans," Lynch said. "But sometimes you long for the old ways of doing things." Even so, Lynch relishes the new ways, too. doesn't want to do anything but the demanding sports media else. He talked about what got the ball rolling a decade or so ago. First on his resume was a job working Garden City's municipal cable Channel 18. There, he directed cablecasts of council meetings and worked on the production of various video programming. "I did everything." Before long, he met Channel 18's Dan York, who also handled broadcasts of Detroit Rockers professional indoor soccer games at Joe Louis Arena back in the late 1990s. (York still does the PA at Garden City High School football and basketball games.) "He (York) was the announcer at Rockers games and he got me a DJ job (for the Rockers)

and that kind of gave me an opportunity to work with the Red Wings," Lynch noted. "That led to a summer job with the Tigers." **PERFECT FIT** And those kinds of connections continue today, keeping Jason's impressive resume in a constant growth pattern. "The MIS job came to me because the guy in charge of it (Dennis Bickmeier, vice president of consumer marketing and sales for MIS) was attending Supercross at Ford Field," Lynch explained. "He walked into the control room and basically said 'I'm looking for someone to run this brand-new video board.' "I happened to know this type of equipment (LED, Light Emitting Diode) and he basically hired me on the spot." Jason added that Bickmeier was looking for somebody "familiar with the equipment (who does) things on the fly." There were a couple months of practice runs leading up to the June 15 unveiling, of course. But the actual event day went better than Lynch could have expected. "There were some bugs," he said, smiling. "But none of the bugs appeared to anyone." And now, the independent contractor plans on keeping his plate full with the local teams until something bigger comes along. "I've done five Stanley Cups, the (baseball) All-Star game, the Super Bowl and World Series," Lynch said. "Now, what is there? Maybe I could do some sports packages and travel with ESPN." Did someone say The Ultimate Highlight?   
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The PC Pride girls fastpitch organization will stage tryouts and skill evaluation for the 2008-09 season on Saturday-Sunday, Aug. 23-24, and Tuesday, Aug. 27, at the Canton Sports Center, located on Michigan Avenue.

**PC Pride fastpitch tryouts**

Participation on all three dates is not required. For tryout times and a tryout application, visit the Pride Web site at [www.eteamz.com/pepride](http://www.eteamz.com/pepride).

The Pride offers three levels of play for 10-, 12-, 14-, 16- and 18-and-under divisions for Western Wayne County, Community Travel and Premier travel leagues, and is the girls fastpitch arm of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball and Softball Association.

For more information, call Rick Hayes at (734) 367-2557.

**Whalers add Ronayne to staff**

Compuware Arena President Mike Vellucci announced the hiring of Denise Ronayne as Director of Sales and Marketing for the Compuware Arena and the Ontario Hockey League's Plymouth Whalers, effective immediately.

Ronayne comes to Compuware Arena and the Whalers after working as the Vice President of Sales and Marketing for SKM Marketing, a custom publisher based in Bloomfield Hills.

Prior to that, Ronayne worked for Doner Advertising in Southfield, working directly in the automotive industry with Ford and Mazda.

"Denise has been successful in sales in the Detroit-market for a long time," Vellucci said. "Her presentation and ideas during our interviews were outstanding. With her passion for sales and the Whalers, Denise is

a good fit for our organization."

Ronayne grew up in Farmington and attended Farmington High School before attending the University of Michigan and earning an MBA in Marketing from Wayne State University in Detroit.

Ronayne became familiar with the Whalers when relatives became land-parents for the team.

"We started attending four or five Whaler games a season as a family," Ronayne said. "And then we started following Catholic Central High School hockey, who also plays out of Compuware Arena. So we came to Compuware Arena all the time."

Ronayne is excited to start spreading the word about the Whalers and everything that Compuware Arena offers.

"There are a lot of things here to be extremely excited

about," Ronayne said. "It's a great organization with really good people. The Whalers are good players who grow up in the community. Our hockey families love this place, and there are reasons for other families to begin to love this place."

"At heart, I'm a hockey fan. I love the noise, I love the background. Compuware Arena provides a great backdrop to do a lot of fun things for everyone involved."

After opening up the 2008-09 season on Friday, Sept. 19 in Kitchener, Plymouth will face-off against the Erie Otters 7:05 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20 in their home opener at Compuware.

Season-tickets, FLEX packages, group rates and single-game tickets can be purchased by calling the Compuware Arena Box Office at (734) 453-8400.

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Hester Barksdale I316 10x15 Circular Saw, 6 ft Aluminum Ladder, Wooden Buffet Table, 15+ totes of misc. household goods/collectables, 100+ boxes of misc. household goods and collectables.

Denise Marcellino F217 5x10 6+ Bags of clothing, 4 misc. totes, 2 Briefcases, 1 fax machine, misc. unpacked clothing.

Denise Marcellino J351 10x10 Computer Table, 6+ Totes, Curio Cabinet, Bag of Doll Collectibles, Very-large floor fan, MANY Misc. boxes/totes etc. of household goods and/or collectibles.

Claud Stopchinski E196 10x10 Wood Desk\*, Caribbean Chair\*, Sofa\*, Box Springs, Mattresses, Coffee Table, Vacuum, trail bike, 2 antique chairs and matching table, Tiffany Lamp, Dresser\*, Refrigerator with vertical doors\*, Misc. household goods.

Note: Items marked with an asterisk (\*) are wrapped in cellophane.

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**Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.**  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 2500 S Industrial Hwy Ann Arbor, MI 48104-6130 (734)973-5584 on 7/31/08 at 12:30 Noon. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Personal property described below in the matter of:  
1058 - Jonathan Rose - 4 Chairs, 50 Boxes, 4 Filing Cabinets  
2035 - Greg Cannon - Desk, Loveseat, Dresser  
3018 - Sean Smith - TV, Stereo, Desk  
3045 - Danisha Herrod - 3 Chairs, Trunk, TV  
4050 - Rosario Lionidakis - Printer, Chair, TV  
4088 - Jerry Taylor - Dresser, TV, 20 Boxes  
4090 - Natalla Gamble - 4 Chairs, Lamp, 2 Boxes  
9006 - Rodrick Wado - TV, 4 Totes, Misc Items

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**Notice of Public Sale of Personal Property.**  
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 4 of the Self Service Storage Facility Act, State of Michigan, **PS Orangeco, Inc. and/or Shurgard TRS, Inc.** will conduct sale(s) at Public Storage (formerly Shurgard) located at 41889 Joy Rd Canton MI 48187 (734)254-0243 on 7/31/08 at 11:00 am. Sales are for cash only. Removal within 24 hours. For sale and storage units in which rent and fees are past due.

Persona  
1056 - Keith Urban - Couch, Desk, Refrigerator  
2014 - Samuel Bruce Horste - 20 Totes, 10 Boxes, 5 Bags  
2032 - Tydala Brown - Sofa, Loveseat, Microwave  
2046 - Michael McFadden - Dresser, Couch, Mattress  
4002 - Scott Laser - 10 Boxes, Toolbox, 2 Totes  
4036 - Sefina Ali - DVD's, 10 Boxes, Misc Items  
4035 - George Gallo - Jensen Automobile vin1255269, Car Parts  
4047 - George Gallo - Studebaker Automobile, Car Parts  
5032 - George Gallo - 1967 Mercedes Benz vin 10801212047788, car parts, misc items  
5036 - Henry C. Klann - Bicycle, Dinning Table, Air Hockey Table  
5037 - David Hieb - 40 Boxes, Coffee Table, File Cabinet

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON INVITATION TO BID**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 24, 2008 for the following:

**PURCHASE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT WEAPONS**

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org), or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. 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.

**TERRY G. BENNETT, CLERK**

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**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a **Bid for New Projector Power for Salem and Plymouth High Schools**. Bidding documents prepared by TMP Associates, Inc. will be available for public inspection at the office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI, 48335 or (248) 427-8400; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit; and the Builders Exchange, Lansing.

There will be a **pre-bid meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 15, 2008** at the Canton High School Construction Trailer located at 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, 48187. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the bidding requirements, schedule, project scopes of work, and to answer any question that bidders may have. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.** This Bid Package will consist of sealed bids for **Bid Division: #143: Electrical**.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a Bid Security in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid, payable to the Plymouth Canton Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, the bidder will execute the contract and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of contract. Bid securities may be in the form of a Bid Bond or Certified Check.

Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McCarthy & Smith Inc. with the corresponding bid division identified on the outside of the envelope. All submissions should include 1 original and 1 copy and the Proposal Execution Form provides a space for the bidder to disclose any familial relationship as required by the State of Michigan and this form must be signed and notarized in order for the bid to be accepted. **Bids are due to the PCCS EJ McClendon Educational Center on or before 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 23, 2008 where they will be opened and read publicly.** This project is to be bid and the work performed at the Prevailing Wage Rates. For additional information, phone Dan Phillips, Assistant Director of Finance & Purchasing at (734) 416-2746. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

Board of Education  
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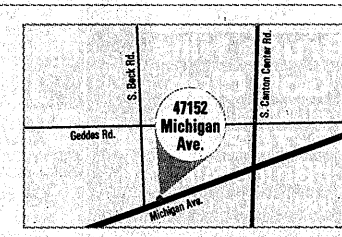
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# Lush lawn takes more than lots of luck

Want your lawn to look lush and green this summer? Kevin Frank, of Michigan State University's Department of Crop and Soil Sciences, offers these tips:

## NEWLY ESTABLISHED TURF AND IRRIGATION

Make sure to give some tender loving care to all of those newly established turf grass areas that were seeded this spring. These new seedlings might need some special care to make it through the summer. Established turf can survive extended periods of time without irrigation or rain and still bounce back when moisture returns. If the summer really drags on with high temperatures and no rain for three-four-week periods, it's probably a good idea to give the turf a "mercy" irrigation of about 0.5 to 0.75 inch of water to prevent the plant from dying. However, young seedlings that are still gaining a foothold are not going to be as hardy for surviving the heat and lack of moisture. If the decision on the established turf areas are to only irrigate sparingly or not at all, make special considerations for the newly established areas so you don't end up renovating again in the fall.

## SUMMER FERTILITY

The aim of fertilizer programs during the summer months should be to sustain turf grass quality without excessive top-growth. The use of fertilizers with the majority of nitrogen being slow release is desirable to achieve a consistent feeding of the turf over time. There is certainly a wide selection of fertilizer products with different slow release technologies and often the choice of products depends on personal preference or past experience. In addition to the various synthetic slow release fertilizers the natural organics will also provide a gradual feeding of the turf during the summer months. Natural organics rely on microbial activity for nitrogen release and microbial activity, assuming we have some soil moisture, will be higher during the warm summer months than the cooler spring or autumn. Avoid single, heavy dose applications of water soluble fertilizers such as urea, they'll give you that quick response but may result in reduced drought hardiness and increased susceptibility to diseases.

## MOWING IN THE HEAT

Consider bumping the mowing height up a notch or two during the summer. The more top growth the plant has the more leaf area it has to harvest sunlight and ultimately grow roots. Also, although it seems basic, avoid mowing during the heat of the day. Last year I witnessed several incidents of tip burn on turf grass simply from mowing during the hottest part of the day. Typically this type of damage happens when mowing occurs on heat or drought stressed turf. When the turf is close to wilting and you apply any sort of impact,



especially from hot black tires on mowers, you will likely get tip burn. The plant hasn't been killed and will recover rather quickly but the fact is the damage has been done. Unless you like telling your neighbors that it was an alien landing creating turf circles on your lawn, it's best to avoid mowing during the hottest part of the day when the turf is under stress.

MSU colleagues G.T. Lyman and P.E. Rieke add the following lawn care advice:

## MOWING FREQUENCY

A general rule of thumb is not to remove more than one-third of the total leaf surface when mowing your lawn. This may require mowing every four to five days during rapid growth in the spring. Removing more than one-third of total leaf surface can severely injure the grass plant by decreasing its ability to support its underground portions.

## DEALING WITH CLIPPINGS

Current Michigan law

restricts many residents from dumping yard wastes such as grass clippings and leaves into landfills, so it is best to manage them on your site. Return clippings to the lawn whenever possible. When the lawn is mowed so that less than one-third of the total leaf surface is removed, grass clippings can easily be returned to the lawn. Excessive accumulation of clippings from infrequent mowing may smother the turf and should be removed. A common misconception is that clippings left on the lawn will promote thatch buildup. This is not true.

Clippings do not make significant contributions to thatch and should be returned to the lawn whenever possible. These leaves contain mostly water and break down rapidly, releasing nutrients back into the system. Returning grass clippings means that nitrogen applications can be reduced by as much as 1 pound per 1,000 square feet per year. To accommodate this practice, mulching mowers are now available that chop clippings

into small pieces and distribute them back to the turf surface.

If clippings are removed, they can be used in compost piles or as mulch. Backyard compost stations are becoming increasingly popular, and grass clippings are a welcome addition. An important concept for composting is to create the correct carbon to nitrogen balance ("browns" to "greens") in the pile. Many experts suggest an ideal ratio of 30:1 carbon to nitrogen for best compost results. Grass clippings are relatively high in nitrogen, with an approximate 13:1 ratio for green clippings.

Combining or layering grass clippings with tree leaves, straw, soil or other materials considered to have a high carbon content will be effective. Many gardeners use grass clippings as a mulch in vegetable or ornamental gardens. This is an excellent use for this material, but caution is required if weed control products have been applied recently. In tests conducted at MSU, researchers applied several weed control

products to lawn turf, then mowed at two and 14 days after application and used the clippings as mulch around a variety of annual flowers and vegetable plants. Some of the weed control products injured the plants when clippings were used as mulch up to 14 days after application. Insect or disease control products did not cause any noticeable injury.

The conclusion: allow at least two weeks after applying weed control products before using clippings as mulch. These clippings can be returned to the lawn or directed toward the compost pile. The weed control products will degrade quickly during the composting process.

## MOWING TREE LEAVES

Mowing tree leaves in the autumn and returning them to the turf system is an outstanding alternative to raking and bagging (the same landfill constraints also apply to tree leaves). MSU studies have evaluated the effects of mowing tree leaves into lawns. In these studies, up to 6 inches of various types of tree leaves were mowed into lawns. No adverse effects were detected on the lawns.

Reports from professional turf managers who have been practicing this technique on golf courses and commercial turf have been positive. Homeowners interested in an alternative to raking leaves might want to try mowing them. A couple of passes with the mower will break the leaves down into small pieces. The leaf residue will be evident after mowing, but it will sift into the turf within a few weeks and will be unnoticeable in the spring. You can even rake leaves that accumulate in planting beds, fence lines or other areas out into the lawn and mow them. For best results, raise your mowing height to better accommodate the tree leaves, and mow when the leaves are dry.

## MOWING EQUIPMENT

The key to a quality cut with any style mower is to use a sharp, well-adjusted mower. Dull, poorly adjusted equipment tears rather than cuts the grass, leaving a ready site for disease invasion and giving the lawn a frayed, brownish look. An easy way to accomplish this task is to purchase an extra mower blade for your machine so you can always keep a sharp blade on hand.

The frequency of changing the blade is up to you. Many professional turf managers change blades daily, but once a month would be a good start. For best results, mow when the turf is dry; this will also eliminate clumping. Varying the mowing direction from time to time can reduce wear patterns. Recent industry advances in mulching mowers have made them increasingly popular. They differ from the side discharge and reel mowers by recirculating the grass within the mowing chamber to produce smaller pieces.

For more information on lawn care, visit [www.turf.msu.edu](http://www.turf.msu.edu).

## Let lawyer advise on lien issues

**Q: What does a co-owner do when a builder does not pay his bills and a lien is placed on his/her unit?**

**A:** A lien should not have been placed on a unit if the unit has been sold unless the buyer was negligent in not getting adequate title insurance or a title update with



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respect to liens that were pending at the time of closing. After the closing, a lien on the common elements should not attach to the unit itself, but only to the co-owners' ownership interest in the common elements. You are best advised to consult with an attorney as soon as possible.

**Q: I have a very difficult condominium association where the bylaws are strictly enforced in some instances but not in others. I have a bird feeder and there were no rules against bird feeders. Therefore I placed mine in a small flower planting area between my Unit and my neighbors. A new owner moved in and asked me to move the bird feeder because it bothered her. I refused and she then became a board member and I have now received a complaint letter about the outdoor cooler that she has said is bothersome to her and now I have to remove it. What can I do?**

**A:** Obviously the association documents need to be reviewed and if there is no prohibition against bird feeders, it should not be precluded. As to your outdoor cooler, it depends upon the documents. You are best advised to have a community association lawyer write to the board for clarification and articulate your legal position.

**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](http://bmeisner@meisner-associates.com). This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.



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 <p><b>PARK LIKE SETTING</b>                  A premium tree lot tucked away in a great Bloomfield sub. Well built home w/hwd floors, wet plaster, built-ins, 2 Patios, &amp; situated on almost an acre.  <b>\$430,000 (P-674CO)</b></p>	 <p><b>TO UNIQUE TO DESCRIBE</b>                  Start w/11,000 sq ft, 4 bd, 6 full &amp; 2 half baths, extremely private lot surrounded by woods, custom details w/ 4 frpl's, walkout bsmt w/wine cellar, &amp; inground pool, sauna, &amp; hottub!  <b>\$1,950,000 (P-775ST)</b></p>	 <p><b>VACANT LAND</b></p>	 <p><b>BUILD IT YOUR WAY!</b>                  Here's a chance to have the home you want! Great lots avail w/67.5 ft frontage located in residential area of established homes. These lots are hard to come by and won't last long.  <b>\$44,900 (P-853GA)</b></p>	 <p><b>COUNTRY LIVING</b>                  Lovely 4 bd home situated on 5+ acres. Open floor plan, large Master w/balcony, oversized Garage, many updates w/oversized lot, &amp; convenient location.  <b>\$209,500 (P-765CA)</b></p>	 <p><b>WOW</b>                  If you desire privacy &amp; a beautiful yard, this is it. Huge mechanic's dream Garage, newer roof &amp; pool. Private entry, carpet, C/A, nice Kit, &amp; great Plymouth location.  <b>\$129,900 (C-453FL)</b></p>	 <p><b>55+ COMMUNITY</b>                  2 bd, 1 bath ranch condo w/many updates. Private adult community offers clubhouse w/activities &amp; a pool. Private entry, carpet, C/A, nice Kit, &amp; great Plymouth location.  <b>\$116,500 (P-352NE)</b></p>	 <p><b>DON'T MISS THIS ONE!</b>                  Completely updated 3 bd home w/ lake frontage. Gourmet Kit w/ pergo, drwl leading to relaxing tiered Deck, LR w/marble hearth frpl, fin walkout, &amp; updated drive &amp; windows.  <b>\$199,900 (P-084BR)</b></p>		
 <p><b>VACANT LAND</b></p>	 <p><b>LINCOLN SCHOOLS</b>                  10 acres &amp; can split lots. Close to 94 x-way, Ann Arbor, Eastern, &amp; Eagle Crest golf course. Lots are surrounded by new subdivisions. Ready for your builder! Call today.  <b>\$599,000 (P-000CA)</b></p>	 <p><b>FANTASTIC HOME</b>                  This home offers 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Great Room w/soaring ceiling, skylights, &amp; too many updates to list. Great location, an absolute must see!  <b>\$186,500 (C-260LA)</b></p>	 <p><b>6 BEDROOM MANSION</b>                  Well maintained home in historic Boston Edison District. Large LR w/frpl, 3rd flr in-law suite, newer roof, freshly painted, 2 car Garage, Patio, fenced yard, &amp; so much more.  <b>\$175,000 (P-217LO)</b></p>	 <p><b>GORGEOUS RANCH</b>                  Beautiful Livonia ranch - ready to move into! Open spacious rooms, neutral décor &amp; carpet, oak cabs, newer roof, updated Kit, Bath, &amp; awesome neighborhood.  <b>\$169,900 (C-668BA)</b></p>	 <p><b>NEW CONSTRUCTION</b>                  Breathtaking estate backing to protected nature preserve. Gourmet Kit w/granite, 3 car Garage, Master w/jetted tub &amp; his/her WIC's. Still time to pick your ceramic, carpet, or hwd!  <b>\$699,900 (P-258MA)</b></p>	 <p><b>VACANT LAND</b></p>	 <p><b>GREAT FIND</b>                  Valuable piece of land zoned MX (mixed zoning/indust or comm). Currently being used as a residence by owners, if new owners want as residence - home needs to be brought up to code.  <b>\$75,000 (C-324VA)</b></p>	 <p><b>SUPER STARTER HOME</b>                  3 bd, 2 bath home in Westland. LR w/frpl, appl's stay, newer siding, windows, furnace, C/A, roof, cement, large Florida Rm, shed, &amp; fenced yard.  <b>\$74,900 (P-118AR)</b></p>	 <p><b>PRICED RIGHT</b>                  This 4 bd home features good sized rooms, newer furnace &amp; hwh, almost 1200 sq ft, &amp; is priced to sell. Would make a great starter or investment property.  <b>\$48,900 (C-248BA)</b></p>
 <p><b>OWN INSTEAD OF RENT</b>                  Be proud of the money you've spent on your new start in this brick ranch. Move right in to this brick ranch located close to Parks, Golf Course, &amp; Schools, &amp; appl's stay!  <b>\$64,900 (P-668BE)</b></p>	 <p><b>MOVE IN AND ENJOY</b>                  Curb appeal abounds w/this picture perfect Garden City gem. Great location, double lot, many updates inc siding, oak Kit, carpet, glass block, 2.5 car Gar, &amp; room for an RV.  <b>\$119,900 (P-543BI)</b></p>	 <p><b>GREAT VALUE</b>                  3 bd, 2 bath home w/finished bsmt, fireplace, hwd flring, newer windows, fenced yard, glass block windows, newer tile in Kit, freshly painted interior, &amp; so much more.  <b>\$90,000 (P-602DE)</b></p>	 <p><b>BUILDABLE LOT</b>                  Large lot for a home of your choice. City allows modular or manufactured home. Seller will consider land contract.  <b>\$49,900 (C-008EC)</b></p>	 <p><b>CLEAN &amp; WELL MAINTAINED</b>                  Updates thru-out! Euro style Kitchens, recessed lighting, coved ceilings, hwd flooring, oversized Garage, 2 tiered Deck, &amp; nicely finished bsmt. Home Warranty included.  <b>\$113,750 (C-874GL)</b></p>	 <p><b>BRICK COLONIAL</b>                  4 bd, 1.5 bath home w/1725 sq ft, natural frpl in LR, formal DR, part finished bsmt, new roof, new driveway, plenty of storage space, &amp; 2 car Garage.  <b>\$149,900 (P-418HA)</b></p>	 <p><b>CLOSE TO PARK</b>                  This home has it all! 3 bd, 1.5 baths, updated Kit w/all appl's, hwd frs in bd rms &amp; LR, finished bsmt w/ bath &amp; 50' TV included, 2 car Garage, &amp; more.  <b>\$125,000 (C-995IN)</b></p>	 <p><b>AMAZING VALUE</b>                  Perfect starter home offering an open floor plan, Kit w/pergo, Fam Rm w/hwd frs, part fin bsmt, Ply-Cam Schools, &amp; just steps from downtown Plymouth.  <b>\$135,000 (C-942IR)</b></p>		
 <p><b>GREAT CONDO!</b>                  Nice 2 bd, 1 bath, 1st floor condo features some new carpet, remodeled bath, new stove &amp; fridge, fresh paint, newer windows, &amp; nice open floor plan.  <b>\$49,895 (C-720JO)</b></p>	 <p><b>LARGE LOT IN PLYMOUTH</b>                  Great price on this home that offers 3 bd, 2 baths, Fam Rm w/ frpl, Florida Rm, extra storage space, ceramic baths, tear off roof, &amp; att Gar. Great lot on a dead end street.  <b>\$169,900 (C-191MI)</b></p>	 <p><b>GREAT INVESTMENT</b>                  Priced to sell multi-family home. 2 car Garage, corner lot, newer roof, each unit has 2 bd rms, LR &amp; DR. Separate entrances, furnaces, 2 balconies, large attic, &amp; more.  <b>\$59,900 (C-690PE)</b></p>	 <p><b>PERFECT CONDO</b>                  Great for 1st timers! Crown moldings, decorator paint, Pergo, neutral carpet, all appl's stay, balcony, spacious bedrooms, &amp; great location.  <b>\$99,900 (C-419SA)</b></p>	 <p><b>OUTSTANDING CONDO</b>                  Great location in complex near pool &amp; clubhouse. Private courtyard entrance, newer windows, updated Kit, new molding, blinds, roof, hwh, &amp; sump pump.  <b>\$110,000 (C-382SO)</b></p>	 <p><b>COUNTRY SETTING</b>                  4 bd, 2 bath ranch situated on 2 acres &amp; features 2 Garages, finished bsmt, new shingles, new carpet, 4 doorwalls, gazebo off master &amp; large Island Kitchen.  <b>\$269,900 (C-660TU)</b></p>	 <p><b>HANDYMAN SPECIAL</b>                  Great opportunity in Westland. Almost a half acre of land, convenient location, some updates inc: furnace, hwh, Kit &amp; bath. Needs some TLC but has loads of potential.  <b>\$87,000 (C-270WA)</b></p>	 <p><b>10+ ACRES</b>                  Close to Ann Arbor &amp; ready to build on! Motivated Seller offers 10+ acres w/utilities &amp; engineered field. Can be split into two 5 acre lots. Call for further details.  <b>\$249,900 (C-000WI)</b></p>		
 <p><b>UPDATED RANCH</b>                  Sprawling home on a deep wooded lot. Enormous Fam Rm, lots of updates inc furnace, A/C, roof, windows, &amp; more. Move in condition &amp; lots of charm.  <b>\$139,900 (C-573WO)</b></p>	 <p><b>GREAT BUY</b>                  Relocation forces sale on this great Plymouth colonial w/4 bd, 3.5 bath, island Kit, 2 tier Deck, oversized Master, Patio, fin walkout bsmt, &amp; more.  <b>\$362,500 (C-854CH)</b></p>	 <p><b>DESIRABLE LIVONIA LOCATION</b>                  Situated on a quiet tree lined street, this spacious quad is perfect for entertaining! Open floor plan, formal LR/DR, maple Kit, Fam Rm w/frpl, bsmt, Garage, &amp; more.  <b>\$219,900 (C-305CR)</b></p>	 <p><b>EMERALD POINTE BEAUTY</b>                  Squeaky clean 2 bd, 2 bath detached condo near shopping center &amp; xways. Great Rm, formal DR, island Kit, open floor plan, Deck, 1400 sq ft, &amp; home warranty.  <b>\$125,900 (C-596DE)</b></p>	 <p><b>WHAT A DEAL!!</b>                  Beautiful end unit w/2 bd, 2 baths, Great Rm w/cath ceiling, roomy maple Kit w/all appl's, Master w/ bath &amp; WIC, 2 car Garage, &amp; great location.  <b>\$120,000 (C-952EL)</b></p>	 <p><b>BEAUTIFUL CONDO</b>                  In walking distance to everything! Completely updated Kit, baths, windows, C/A, hwh, interior doors, crown mldg, finished bsmt, 2 bd, 2.5 baths, &amp; neutral décor.  <b>\$179,900 (C-153FA)</b></p>	 <p><b>MUST SEE!</b>                  3 bd brick ranch w/2 fireplaces, dual staircase, 2 Kit's, newer windows, 2 grills for outside entertainment, hwd frs in most rooms, &amp; nice Farm Hills sub. Seller must sell!  <b>\$160,000 (C-961GR)</b></p>	 <p><b>DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH</b>                  Have it all, character, cutting edge style! Over 2000 sq ft, bright, updated 4 bd, 3 bath cape cod w/ vaulted ceiling, skylights, Kit w/ granite, huge Master, acre lot, &amp; great location.  <b>\$359,900 (C-964HA)</b></p>		
 <p><b>OUTSTANDING VALUE</b>                  Newly renovated Canton ranch w/ 1400 sq ft, hwd frs, modern black &amp; white Kit, freshly painted, Fam Rm w/frpl, 2 car Garage, &amp; more.  <b>\$173,900 (C-672HO)</b></p>	 <p><b>WALK TO THE LAKE</b>                  This Walnut Lake estates 3 bd ranch is just a short walk from the lake. Freshly painted, new roof, bright Kit, &amp; great lot. Move right in!  <b>\$199,900 (P-185LA)</b></p>	 <p><b>NO PLACE LIKE HOME...</b>                  Spacious 3 bd colonial in desirable Canton sub. Newer floor to ceiling windows in 1 story Great Rm, Kit w/all abundance of cab's, large lot, new roof, home warranty, &amp; more.  <b>\$184,900 (C-202LO)</b></p>	 <p><b>SPACIOUS CANTON COLONIAL</b>                  3 bd, 1.5 bath home w/open floor plan, large Kit overlooks Fam Rm w/frpl, LR w/bay window, 1st flr Laun, 2 car Gar, part fin bsmt w/ 4th bd or study, &amp; great sub.  <b>\$177,900 (C-766MA)</b></p>	 <p><b>CHECK THIS OUT!</b>                  Great Canton condo for under 100k! All neutral décor, 2 bd, 1.5 baths, finished bsmt, Patio, skylights, fireplace, &amp; so much more.  <b>\$99,900 (P-629AR)</b></p>	 <p><b>UPDATES GALORE</b>                  Nice 3 bd, 1.5 bath home w/stain steel appl's, nook w/drwl to Deck &amp; brick paver Patio, formal LR, vaulted Fam Rm w/frpl, &amp; fireplace, &amp; part fin bsmt.  <b>\$150,000 (P-025AR)</b></p>	 <p><b>FANTASTIC VALUE</b>                  Beautiful West Bloom. Colonial in prestigious Wyndham Pointe. New carpet, dual stairs, huge Master w/ Jacuzzi tub, fin bsmt w/rec room, 3 car Garage, &amp; more.  <b>\$374,900 (P-253BE)</b></p>	 <p><b>NESTLED ON AN ACRE</b>                  4 bd, 3.5 bath, elegant Cape Cod w/outstanding quality! 0/2 2 story entry, cherry hwd frs, Great Rm w/ stone frpl, 1st flr laun, walkout bsmt, &amp; too much more to list.  <b>\$498,000 (P-191CA)</b></p>		
 <p><b>HOME SWEET HOME</b>                  Fantastic 3 bd home offers a nice floor plan, hwd floors, huge Master bed, part finished bsmt, great location, &amp; close to everything.  <b>\$134,900 (P-431CO)</b></p>	 <p><b>NEW CONSTRUCTION</b>                  Immed Occup on this 5 bd, 3.5 bath home w/over 3500 sq ft, fin walkout w/wet bar, maple Kit, skylights, huge Master w/Den &amp; 2 wic's, &amp; 2 year golf membership incl!  <b>\$625,000 (P-544CR)</b></p>	 <p><b>HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER</b>                  Carrington model home in upscale Central Park offers formal LR/DR, Library, 2 story FR w/wall of windows &amp; frpl, gourmet Kit, Master w/volume cell, WIC, &amp; spa bath.  <b>\$424,990 (P-780DE)</b></p>	 <p><b>BACKS TO WILLOW PARK</b>                  3 bd, 2 bath home w/custom maple Kit, huge pantry, FR w/frpl, breezeway w/Pergo frs, 32x16 pool, &amp; nice backyard.  <b>\$250,000 (P-281DU)</b></p>	 <p><b>SHOWS LIKE A MODEL</b>                  Sparkling clean colonial w/over 2600 sq ft, cherry cabinets, gas frpl, no maintenance Geo-Deck, extra deep bsmt, huge side entry Garage, &amp; priced to sell.  <b>\$254,900 (P-711FI)</b></p>	 <p><b>WHAT A DEAL!</b>                  Priced to sell, well maintained 2 bd, 1 bath bungalow w/hwd frs, bonus space on upper level, LR &amp; DR, motivated seller says bring all offers.  <b>\$82,900 (C-460GI)</b></p>	 <p><b>CANTON CONDO</b>                  Beautifully decorated 3 bd, 2 bath condo has an awesome Kit, maple crowned cab's, ceramic tile, oak fring, 1st flr laun, 9 ft cell's, bsmt w/bath, Garage, &amp; more.  <b>\$224,500 (C-484GL)</b></p>	 <p><b>NORTH CANTON CONDO</b>                  Great floor plan awaits you in this spacious 3 bdrm condo w/large LR &amp; Kit w/dining area. 1st flr laun, updated bath, &amp; oak cabinets. Great storage space, &amp; much more.  <b>\$88,900 (P-964HARV)</b></p>		
 <p><b>NEARLY NEW CONDO</b>                  2 bd, 2.5 bath townhome w/private entrance, 2 car Gar, full bsmt, over 1400 sq ft, Great Rm w/soaring ceiling, separate DR, spacious Kit, drwl to Deck, &amp; so much more.  <b>\$150,000 (P-282HE)</b></p>	 <p><b>AFFORDABLE RANCH</b>                  Sharp brick ranch w/3 bd, 1.5 baths, 2 car Gar w/newer door &amp; opener, large eat-in Kit, appl's stay, updated roof, windows, hwh, fin bsmt, hwd frs, prof landscaped, &amp; more.  <b>\$124,900 (P-505HI)</b></p>	 <p><b>WATERFRONT RANCH</b>                  Fabulous Belleville home on all sports lake. 2 Patio's &amp; Deck, 95 ft of frontage, newer Kit, windows, furnace, carpet, &amp; paint. Finished walkout bsmt, 3 car Gar, pole barn w/220, &amp; 1.76 acre parcel.  <b>\$450,000 (P-037I-94)</b></p>	 <p><b>ROSEDALE GARDEN RANCH</b>                  Bright &amp; cheerful home w/3 bd, updated Kit, new carpet in Master, updated hwh, elec, plumb, windows, &amp; more. Close to library, park, &amp; schools.  <b>\$144,900 (C-434LO)</b></p>	 <p><b>PLYMOUTH COLONIAL</b>                  Desirable Hough Park offers this wonderful 4 bd, 3 bath home feat 2 fireplaces, Great Rm, 3 car att Garage, 1st flr laun, formal Dining, &amp; much more.  <b>\$514,900 (C-490MA)</b></p>	 <p><b>PRICED RIGHT</b>                  Westland ranch in nice neighborhood. 3 bd, 2 baths, full bsmt, Garage, 16x16 Fam Rm addition, corner lot w/fenced yard, price to sell.  <b>\$60,000 (C-888MA)</b></p>	 <p><b>FAIRWAYS GOLF COURSE</b>                  Gorgeous 5 bd, 3.5 bath Cape Cod w/frin bsmt, huge 1st flr Master w/bath &amp; WIC, 3 car Garage, updated carpet &amp; paint, great neighborhood, &amp; backs to golf course.  <b>\$349,900 (P-475MU)</b></p>	 <p><b>ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS</b>                  2 bd, 2 bath condo feat high ceilings, open floor plan, Great Rm, granite Kit, awesome Deck, Master w/bath. Area clubhouse w/ pool &amp; tennis, &amp; too much more to list.  <b>\$125,000 (C-2080A)</b></p>		
 <p><b>WELCOME HOME</b>                  Nice colonial feat: 2 story Foyer w/ hwd frs, formal LR/DR, Den, island Kit w/built-in appl's, spacious Fam Rm w/frpl &amp; bridge overlook, large Master, central vac, &amp; fin bsmt.  <b>\$384,900 (P-907PA)</b></p>	 <p><b>IT'S ALL HERE!</b>                  Great Livonia location on this 3 bd, 2 bath 1632 sq ft home w/a long list of updates. Refin hwd frs, newer carpet, fresh paint, maple Kit, low traffic street, &amp; more.  <b>\$169,900 (P-930PE)</b></p>	 <p><b>FIXER UPPER!</b>                  Nice old home that needs some work. 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial w/ nice room sizes, convenient location, &amp; priced to sell.  <b>\$79,900 (C-357PI)</b></p>	 <p><b>PLYMOUTH BARGAIN</b>                  Wow - live in the city for only \$165k! Open floor plan, refinished hwd frs, eat-in Kit opens to LR, fin bsmt, updated baths, fenced yard, &amp; close to parks.  <b>\$165,000 (C-650PR)</b></p>	 <p><b>LIVONIA SCHOOLS</b>                  This 4 bd, 2.5 bath colonial will knock your socks off! Many updates inc: Kit, carpet, roof, C/A, windows, doorwall, driveway, &amp; Patio. Master w/bath, huge closets, &amp; more.  <b>\$199,900 (C-939SC)</b></p>	 <p><b>BECOME A HOMEOWNER!</b>                  Great Opportunity to own this great home w/open floor plan w/ vaulted ceilings, eat-in Kit, good size bd rms, neutral carpet &amp; décor, walk to parks &amp; tennis, close to everything.  <b>\$48,500 (P-061ST)</b></p>	 <p><b>MOVE IN READY</b>                  1190 sq ft, 3 bd, 1.5 bath home in Farm Hills. New paint &amp; carpet, finished bsmt, newer furnace, C/A, hwh, updated landscaping, &amp; more.  <b>\$159,900 (P-028TR)</b></p>	 <p><b>NEW CONSTRUCTION</b>                  New condos in South Lyon. Great floor plans, starting at 1480 sq ft, oak Kit's, neutral décor, walkout bsmt avail in some units, South Lyon schools, &amp; close to everything. Starting at \$164,900  <b>\$164,900 (P-572TW)</b></p>		
 <p><b>MAYFAIR VILLAGE</b>                  Traditional colonial feat lead glass entry, inviting Foyer, formal LR/DR, updated carpet, 2 tier Deck, updated furnace, C/A, windows, fin bsmt, sprinkles, &amp; fenced yard.  <b>\$239,900 (P-256WE)</b></p>	 <p><b>PERFECT SETTING</b>                  Great floor plan on this traditional colonial in Mayfair Village. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, updated flooring, windows, furnace, fin bsmt, huge Master, lovely Patio, &amp; great location.  <b>\$199,000 (P-490WE)</b></p>	 <p><b>WHY RENT?</b>                  Best price around on this Westland condo offering 2 bd rms, 2 baths, &amp; Livonia schools. LR w/frpl, balcony, nice sized bd rms, nice view of pond, &amp; close to everything.  <b>\$49,000 (P-475WO)</b></p>	 <p><b>DON'T PASS THIS UP!</b>                  3 bd, 2 bath home w/2 Kit's, finished bsmt, appliances stay, &amp; Livonia schools. LR w/frpl, priced for very quick sale. Don't wait too long on this one!  <b>\$109,900 (P-812WO)</b></p>						

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These are the Observer & Eccentric-area residential real-estate closings recorded the week of March 17-21, 2008, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses, and sales prices.

**Canton**  
1612 Brookdale Dr \$238,000  
50508 Coolidge St \$198,000  
46712 Glengarry Blvd \$325,000

863 Harrison St \$252,000	28924 Glenarden St \$149,000
47593 Lindenhurst Blvd \$327,000	29324 Parkside St \$274,000
39843 Lynn St \$142,000	24411 Ridgeview Dr \$227,000
48389 Manor Bridge Dr \$46,000	29548 Sierra Point Cir \$170,000
8332 Newbury Ct S \$538,000	29914 White Hall Dr \$292,000
590 Pinehurst Dr \$309,000	
2042 Preserve Cir W \$159,000	
1262 W Crystal Cir \$242,000	
43181 Washington Way \$178,000	
	<b>Garden City</b>
	28843 Elmwood St \$100,000
	<b>Livonia</b>
	35176 Banbury Rd \$305,000
	37611 Grantland St \$189,000
	37975 Grantland St \$190,000
	15056 Pere St \$200,000
	31769 Perth St \$150,000
	<b>Farmington</b>
23167 Farmington Rd \$105,000	
	<b>Farmington Hills</b>
31084 Applewood Ln \$235,000	
35575 Forestville St \$185,000	

14081 Riga St \$140,000	
14858 Sunbury St \$90,000	
	<b>Northville</b>
17025 Carriage Way \$360,000	
17843 Parkshore Dr \$1,050,000	
49031 Rainbow Ln S \$406,000	
43524 Scenic Ln \$370,000	
43531 Scenic Ln \$378,000	
	<b>Novi</b>
47647 Cheltenham Dr \$637,000	
26070 Clark St \$155,000	
22653 Foxmoor Dr \$270,000	
27999 Hopkins Dr \$155,000	
45030 Huntingcross Dr \$230,000	
23571 Meeting Hall Ln \$70,000	
26979 Victoria Rd \$85,000	
24045 Westmont Dr \$425,000	
	<b>Plymouth</b>
42035 Clemons Dr \$154,000	
44815 Deer Run Rd \$300,000	
12431 Howland Park Dr \$335,000	
13104 Karl Dr \$355,000	
11369 Morgan Ave \$170,000	
14331 Northville Rd \$145,000	
12429 Pinecrest Dr \$178,000	
11179 Terry St \$168,000	
12339 Wendover Dr \$330,000	
	<b>Redford</b>
14375 Brady \$145,000	
11412 Crosley \$125,000	
15522 Delaware Ave \$145,000	
14117 Dixie \$95,000	
9136 Garfield \$105,000	
18256 Indian \$105,000	
15085 Seneca \$167,000	
25725 W Seven Mile Rd \$255,000	
	<b>South Lyon</b>
725 Cape Cod \$88,000	
22357 Dean Ct \$189,000	
516 N Reese St \$150,000	
964 S Parkwood Dr \$197,000	
21260 Los Palamos St \$181,000	
29847 Spring Hill Dr \$195,000	
	<b>Westland</b>
362 Brookfield Dr \$130,000	
31016 Geraldine St \$105,000	
1324 Mar Ann Dr \$126,000	
8599 N Hubbard St \$124,000	
1525 Sarah Ln \$174,000	

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If I had a hammer ...

State Sen. Tupac Hunter, Rep. Richard LeBlanc and Rep. Gino Polidori will join efforts of Habitat for Humanity of Western Wayne County on July 10 in Inkster. They will take up a hammer to help Habitat build a house at 26110 Dunning St.

"Legislative Build 2008 is an opportunity for legislators to see what is going on in the area of affordable housing and community improvement right in the districts they serve," said Alice Dent, Habitat executive director.

The legislators will perform construction work on a house being built for a family with five children. As part of the Legislative Build 2008, nearly 90 percent of the Michigan Legislature signed on to work on an affordable housing or community development project in or near their district sometime this summer.

The Legislative Build 2008 is a partnership between many statewide groups who work for affordable housing, neighborhood improvement and community development. The partners include Habitat for Humanity

of Michigan, Community Economic Development Association of Michigan, Community Economic Development Association of Detroit, Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness, Michigan Association of Home Builders and Michigan Community Action Agency Association and Michigan Housing Council.

Real Estate Investors

Learn about the resources that are available to individual business owners and to the investment properties that you own from the "Oakland County Main Street Initiative." Sponsored by the Real Estate Investors Association of Oakland on Thursday, July 10, at 5:30/9:30 p.m. at MSU Management Education Center, 811 W. Square Lake Road, Troy. Seminar free to members. \$20 nonmembers. Call (800) 747 6742, www.REIAofOakland.com.

BIA

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will host its "Macomb County Golf Spectacular" on Thursday, July 17, at Cherry Creek Golf Club, 5200 Cherry Creek Drive (24 Mile and Van Dyke), Shelby Township.

Registration and continental breakfast will take place from 9-10 a.m. Shotgun start is at 10 a.m. Steak dinner is at 3 p.m. The complete golf package includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch, three drink tickets, dinner, golf competition contests and door prizes.

Registration fees are \$130 for a complete golf package for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, guests and nonmembers or \$45 for dinner only. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033 or register online at www.builders.org.

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Heating seminar

Would you like to save two-thirds on your pool and water heating bill this summer? Upland Hills Ecological Awareness Center, in northern Oakland county, will be offering an opportunity to do just that. From 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 12, UHEAC will host a seminar titled "Solar Pool and Hot Water Heating" with Donna Napolitano. Napolitano has been involved in the solar industry since 1982. She is co-owner of Mechanical Energy Systems, located in Canton, which specializes in solar applications including day-lighting, water heating, air heating and pool heating systems.

Registration is recommended but not required. To register for the seminar, send an e-mail to [clifford@uheac.org](mailto:clifford@uheac.org) with the contact information for each attendee. A minimum donation of \$10 is requested at the door. For directions or further information, visit [www.uheac.org](http://www.uheac.org) or call (248) 693-1021.

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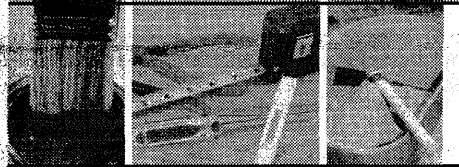
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#### ACROSS

- 1 Rudder's place
- 4 Join, as hands
- 9 Back again
- 12 — Lanka
- 13 Devotee of Krishna
- 14 Guanabara Bay port
- 15 With ease
- 17 Economize
- 19 Santa — winds
- 20 Brake pad
- 21 Graceful wrap
- 24 Mozart or Bach
- 28 Rubbish
- 30 Proceed turbulently
- 31 Behold!
- 32 Time period
- 33 Adjust the wheels
- 35 Hedge shrub
- 36 Oz aunt
- 37 Ta-ta in Turin
- 38 Audio
- 40 Decorating a wall

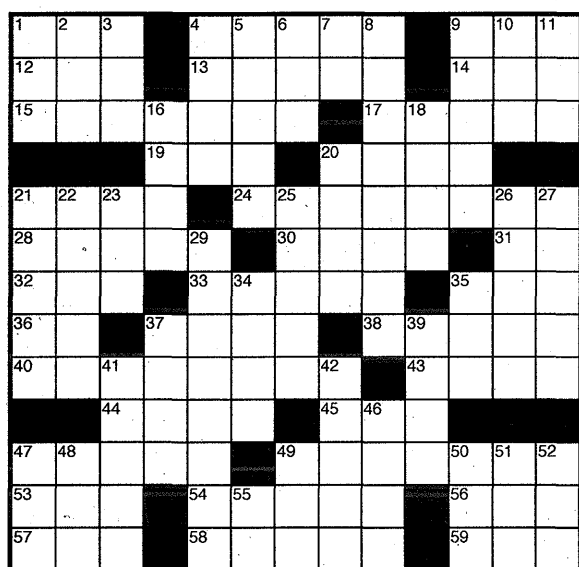
#### DOWN

- 1 Volcanic emission
- 2 Monk's title
- 3 Shiny metal
- 4 Goat site
- 5 Flowery scent
- 6 Your choice
- 7 Pierre's st.
- 8 Bulletin board items
- 9 Burger partner
- 10 Crater edge

#### Answer to Previous Puzzle

O	H	O	M	E	A	D	T	A	N	G
F	O	G	A	C	R	E	O	D	I	E
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- 11 Alley from Moo
- 16 Rostrum
- 18 — Aid
- 20 Metro haze
- 21 Hard to climb
- 22 Bakery lure
- 23 Took part in a 10K
- 25 Hunter of myth
- 26 Ms. Verdugo
- 27 Like a frontier town
- 29 Most dangerous
- 34 Set down
- 35 Mongkut portrayer
- 37 Penny
- 39 Receptive
- 41 Rings out
- 42 Complete range
- 46 Like crayons
- 47 Chimpanzee
- 48 Pump abbr.
- 49 Dawn goddess
- 50 Say more
- 51 Undershirt
- 52 Conger
- 55 Des Moines loc.

### SUDOKU

	8							
			7	1				
					8	4	3	1
	3		1					5
5			2	8			6	7
			5	7				2
2	1	9		5				
		8				2		
	7	8	4	2	9			

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 Z C B M M B U C U R  
 O P E N B E G E A A  
 I U R Y E N U D R M  
 S F E B R U A R Y A  
 S A W R T J J U L Y

#### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

9	1	6	4	7	8	3	5	2
4	5	2	7	1	8	6	9	3
7	8	3	9	6	1	2	4	5
2	1	4	7	5	6	9	8	3
3	9	6	8	2	4	5	1	7
5	6	8	9	1	4	2	3	7
8	9	1	2	9	5	1	6	4
1	8	3	7	8	1	5	6	2
6	1	8	5	9	6	3	7	4

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S	A	V	E	R	I	L		
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V	A	R	I	N	E			
M	A	R	D	E	R			
R	A	M	B	E	R			
C	A	M	B	E	R			
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By Kevin Koloian  
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While this vehicle is fairly new to the Pontiac line, it's not new to General Motors. It's a version of the Chevrolet Equinox, which was introduced four years ago, and the Saturn Vue, which debuted six years ago.

Although essentially a twin to the Equinox, the Torrent shares the same sharp lines and beefy styling cues such as pronounced wheel arches, there are a few minor differences.

Separating the two is Pontiac's signature twin-port grille and faux skid plates on the front and rear ends.

The Torrent is available in two trim levels - the \$22,855-priced base and \$28,980-priced GXP.

Standard equipment on the base Torrent includes 16-inch alloy wheels, air-conditioning, a CD/MP3 player with an auxiliary audio jack, cruise control, full power accessories, OnStar, a trip computer and three 12-volt power points.

Besides getting more power when you upgrade to the Torrent GXP, you also get performance-tuned suspension and steering, 18-inch wheels, unique hood and body-color bumpers, dual exhaust outlets, privacy glass, remote vehicle starting, a sport instrument panel, front sport seats with multilevel heating, a power driver seat, steering-wheel audio controls and an auto-dimming rearview mirror.

Some of these upgrades plus extras like leather upholstery are available on the standard Torrent in the Preferred and Premium packages. The Sun and Sound Package adds a premium Pioneer audio system with an in-dash CD changer and a sunroof.

Stand-alone options include a navigation system, a rear-seat DVD entertainment system, satellite radio, a towing package and 17-inch wheels on the standard Torrent.

For even more personalization, the 2008 Torrent is available with a chrome exterior package that includes a chrome grille, chrome front and rear skid plates, chrome roof rails and chrome door handles. There are also three new exterior colors to choose from: Deep Blue Metallic, Teal Metallic and Carbon Black Metallic.

The base Torrent is equipped with a 3.4-liter V6 good for 185 horsepower and is mated to a five-speed automatic transmission. The GXP gets a 3.6-liter V6 that pushes out 264 horsepower and comes with a six-speed automatic transmission with manual shift control.

The base Torrent offers a fuel economy of 17 miles

The Pontiac Torrent, now in its third year, has found a fan base in buyers who want a vehicle with rugged good looks, easy-to-drive road manners and ability to haul a family of four.



per gallon in the city and 24 on the highway, which are respectable numbers for a vehicle of this size.

The Torrent is not an off-road vehicle, but the all-wheel-drive system will come in handy in bad-weather driving. And by giving the Torrent a sports suspension and unibody design, it handles more like a car than a bulky SUV, GM says.

The vehicle can be easily reconfigured for cargo hauling. The second seat can be moved back to create ample legroom, or it can be moved nearly a foot forward to increase the length of the cargo area. And the front passenger seat can be folded to accommodate longer items, such as skis.

To ensure comfort for backseat passengers, the rear seat reclines. This is a rare feature in SUVs of this size or price. The Torrent, along with the Equinox, has the widest rear door openings in its segment, making entry and exit easier.

The cargo area features a clever tray that pulls out of the floor and can be slotted into one of three height levels, so it can be used for different things, even a hidden compartment. This design allows two levels of storing things like groceries.

In the area of safety, the Torrent comes standard with StabiliTrak, GM's electronic stability control system, tire pressure monitoring system, and front and rear disc brakes.

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The technology upgrades also spilt into its cabin via the new electronic Driver Information Center. Located in the instrumental panel cluster, it includes more than 20 personalization and vehicle information features, such as trip odometer, fuel range and outside temperature display.

OnStar-equipped Torrent models feature dual-mode equipment. OnStar's digital equipment also includes enhanced hands-free voice recognition capabilities. Using the GPS satellite network and wireless technology, OnStar features core safety services and OnStar Hands-Free Calling, which allows drivers to make and receive voice-activated phone calls using an externally mounted antenna for greater reception.

OnStar's Directions & Connections Plan with Turn-by-Turn Navigation is also available on the Torrent. The new service allows OnStar customers to talk to a live advisor, who in turn sends complete step-by-step directions to customers' vehicles through their OnStar system. Audio directions are then automatically played through the vehicle's stereo as they are needed, triggered by the OnStar system's GPS capabilities.

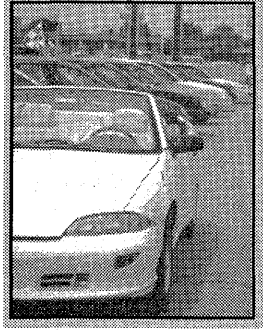
The 2008 Pontiac Torrent is certainly worth a look if you want a reasonably priced family vehicle with a long list of available features and enough seating and cargo options to accommodate most road trips.

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**2008 Pontiac Torrent**  
Vehicle class: Crossover SUV.  
Power: V6 engine.  
Mileage: 17 city / 24 highway.  
Where built: Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada.  
Base price: \$22,855.

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(28085367) \$115,000



**Commerce** 248-684-1065  
Oak Brook Village condo end unit w/ view of trees & lake. Open flr plan. Vaulted ceilings. Warm/inviting great room w/ FP & skylights. Neutral colors.

(28091076) \$175,000



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
Lovely updated lakefront home in Seven Hills Sub. Open floor plan, Oak kitchen, wood floors, loft, custom fireplace, ceramic BA, and much more!

(28094981) \$399,900



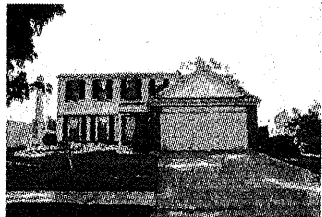
**Livonia** 248-851-1900  
SAY HELLO TO A GOOD BUY! 3 BR RANCH New roof & vinyl windows, updated electric & copper plumbing. New cabinets in the bathroom. Large kitchen. HWF throughout. Totally fenced large backyard. FR addition.

(28104478) \$97,900



**Plymouth** 734-591-9200  
Great In Town Plymouth Location. Stoll to town for shopping, cones & more. Ready for new owner. Completely repainted in neutrals tones. Hdwd flrs T/O; nice size kit/nook area. Full bsmt; patio.

(28062863) \$169,900



**Westland** 734-591-9200  
Lovely brick/aluminum home in quiet area. Home is spotless. Seller offering a home warranty. 1870 sq ft 4 bedroom colonial has two baths, new kitchen with stainless steel appliances that stay.

(28106192) \$195,000



**Brighton** 248-437-3800  
Great Home To Entertain In Wide open floor plan w/ soaring ceilings, fireplace & lots of windows. 1st flr mstr suite w/ jetted tub. Large kit w/ hardwood floors. Prof fin bsmt.

(28027847) \$279,900



**Dearborn** 734-591-9200  
BEAUTIFUL NEWER CONSTRUCTION HOME Prime location! Tiled foyer, lg open kit w/ island overlooks GR and FP. MSTR STE w/ jetted tub, LR, DR; 2 car det gar w/ elect, full BSMT, 2.5 BA's, great curb appeal.

(28073307) \$175,000



**Highland** 248-348-6430  
Prime Lakefront on All Sports Duck Lake Completely rebuilt in 1997. (2x6) constr. Corian counters in KIT w/ island MBR has 2 WICs. MSTR BA w/ jetted tub & skylite. FF Ndry, Mechanics dream garage (32x24).

(28095535) \$389,900



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Great flr plan! 2 story entry w/ oak flrs, foyer, den w/ french drs, granite kit, nook. LR w/ fp. Lg mstr w/ WIC. Fin bonus rm over gar. \$25K in upgrades free.

(28084731) \$360,000



**Plymouth** 248-348-6430  
Beautiful Updated Condo With FIN BSMT Updated 2 BR, 1.5 BA, new KIT cab, HWD FLR, large open DR & GR w/ picture win & DW to priv deck. Fin BSMT w/ tiled laun, wet bar, & cosy FR. Tons of stor. All appliances stay.

(28096045) \$133,900



**Westland** 734-591-9200  
PRICE REDUCED - Affordable home just under 1500SF. Nice size BRs, 1.5 BA; kit w/ Dining area & DW to brick paver patio. 2 car gar; motion lites frnt & side; 4 Cing Fans; Newer Roof & driveway; HW Htr 07.

(28077414) \$105,500



**Canton** 248-348-6430  
OUTSTANDING LOT! Fabulous 4 br, 3.2ba colonial backing to woods, hrdwd flrs, spacious kitchen w/ granite, 3 car garage, large deck, garden windows in basement.

(28045550) \$615,000



**Dearborn Heights** 248-851-1900  
AWESOME! TOTALLY REDONE 3 BEDROOM RANCH Updated roof & windows. Huge all brand new oak kit. w/ brand new appliances. New Pergo flrs thru-out. Freshly painted. New 100 amp circuit, new HWH. 1.75 car garage.

(28060516) \$112,900



**Highland** 248-684-1065  
3 acres w/ pines for privacy. 2 mstr stes on main flr w/ jet tubs/ceramic flrs. 3rd br w/ bit-in shelves. Open upper loft w/ full ba for 4th br. 2 fp. Huge kit.

(28005789) \$274,000



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Close to Kensington Park! Perfect for horses -2.5 acre parcel. Custom 1 1/2 story w/ covered wrap-around porch. GR w/ soaring ceiling. 1st flr MBR.

(28084912) \$289,000



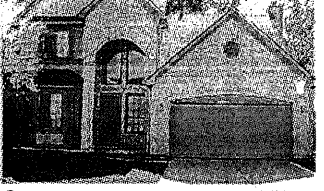
**Redford** 248-684-1065  
Quaint brick home on tree lot. Knotty pine kit cabs, part fin bsmt adds 910 sq.ft and rec room. 3 BDRM/ 1.1 BA. Fenced yard. Lovely neighborhood.

(28094937) \$135,000



**Westland** 734-284-5400  
HOME SWEET HOME 3 bd, 1 ba ranch. Updated kitchen w/ appliances. Newer roof, windows, & C/A. Great screened porch over looking large nicely landscaped corner lot. A Must See!

(28105263) \$94,500



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
UPDATED COLONIAL ON PRIVATE WOODED LOT! 2 story brick, premium elevation, 2 story foyer, family rm, formal liv rm w/ bay window. Newer marble flr in kitchen, new roof, newer 2nd flr carpet. Home warr!

(28107820) \$250,000



**Dexter** 248-437-3800  
Charming 3 bedroom ranch situated on a large lot, close to Ann Arbor but lower taxes. Finished bsmt and bonus 4-season rm and the Price!

(28035156) \$179,900



**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  
Great location-walk to downtown. Cathedral ceilings, open kitchen w/ ceramic floor & snack bar. All appl. stay. Deck. Carpeted Bsmt. Lots of storage.

(27147273) \$149,900



**Redford** 734-455-7000  
PICTURE PERFECT & PRISTINE! Cute ranch! Numerous updates: roof, kitchen, C/A, windows, bathrm, back porch, carpet & paint. Partial fin basement. Master BR currently used as family rm.

(28106431) \$118,000



**White Lake** 248-437-3800  
Lake Front Home! Over 150' of frontage on Round Lake! Home is very unique. Built in 1930. 3 BR, plus a full basement. 3 car garage features a basement and an upstairs.

(28108950) \$259,000



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
FABULOUS LOT WITH A VIEW! Immaculate home w/ fabulous mstr ste, great island kitchen w/ outside vent for spicy cooks. Many extras & upgrades, convenient 2nd floor laundry. Hurry!

(28104869) \$239,800



**Farmington Hills** 248-348-6430  
Canterbury Common Spacious 2958 SF colonial in Canterbury Common. 4 could be 5 BR, 2 1/2 BA. New roof & HWH. HW Flrs under all carpeting, huge FR w/ FP.

(28068507) \$229,000



**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) \$139,900



**Milford** 248-684-1065  
Open flr plan. Cathedral cells in GR & mstr br. 3 WIC's, 2 doorways to deck. Kit has ceramic flrs. New gar door. Plenty of storage. Close to village.

(28059353) \$129,900



**Royal Oak** 248-348-6430  
Fantastic Home with Updates! Wonderful living rm w/ large front window, country cabinets w/ plenty of counter space! Newer siding/gutters, furnace 06. Fresh paint t/o. FR w/ gas brick FP.

(27211898) \$205,000



**White Lake** 248-684-1065  
Immaculate home with cozy living room, spacious kitchen, family room w/ nat flr. Fin. bsmt. LG fenced yard w/ pool. Shed & extra parking area.

(28092818) \$155,000



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
SUMMER FUN ON GREAT CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION! 4BR/2.1BA, over 2100' open flr plan. Hardwood flr, newer carpet, family rm w/ wet bar & FP. lg living/dining rms, private backyd, pool, clubhouse, tennis ct.

(28110725) \$219,900



**Farmington Hills** 248-348-6430  
Featuring 2 Full KITS, 2nd in LL With 27x15 FR, 3rd BA, 4th LB, DR, BR. Possible Mother-In-Law Suite. Ranch w/ open floor plan & 1st flr laundry. Newer roof. Large wooded .47 acre lot offers privacy.

(28047484) \$190,000



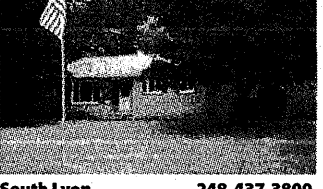
**Howell** 248-437-3800  
STUNNING 2 STORY Shows like a model. YOU'll love the layout. Premium wooded lot w/ wildlife is very peaceful. Stamped patio and a 3 car garage.

(28037285) \$259,900



**Northfield** 248-437-3800  
Lake Front Home! Over 90' frontage on All Sports Whitmore Lake. Magnificent full body lake view. Lrg frnt yrd w/ plenty of parking. Newer maint. free trex deck & newer seawall.

(28064000) \$269,900



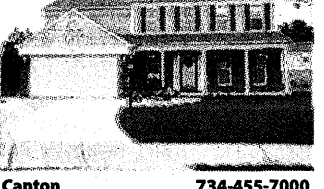
**South Lyon** 248-437-3800  
Country Living At Its Best! 4.82 acres w/ creek running on property. Ranch home features living rm w/ large front window, country kitchen w/ snack bar, 3 BR, 2 BA, 1st flr laundry, W/O bsmt.

(28012308) \$249,900



**Wixom** 248-348-6430  
Backs To Protected Wetlands, Great Lot! Entry Leads To Study/den On To Beautiful LR & Dr. Maple Kit, Wood Flrs & Natural Flrs In The Fr. Add Seasonal Warmth. Lg Mstr w/ deep Tub, Sep. Shower & dual Sinks.

(27201529) \$317,000



**Canton** 734-455-7000  
BRIGHT & INVITING! Nice curb appeal; quiet cul-de-sac. Eat-in kitchen. Family rm w/ cathedral ceiling & fireplace. Loft/office overlooking family rm. Lg deck & paver patio.

(28099775) \$215,000



**Fenton** 248-437-3800  
Get Away From The Hustle And Bustle Over 5 acres of enjoyment. Watch wild-life from your multi-tiered deck. Swim in the pool, or enjoy the gardens. Plus a heated 26x42 workshop! Well maintained.

(28108926) \$335,000



**Livonia** 248-851-1900  
BETTER THAN NEW CONDITION 2005 built 3 bedroom colonial features a large yard, second garage workshop, granite, ceramic, marble and upgrades.

(28094393) \$234,500



**Novi** 248-348-6430  
Great location in Novi! Mint cond home has kit w/ maple, Pergo, security system and new stainless appl. Cozy gas fp w/ brick. Fin lot adds 200 SF liv space. Fin bsmt dds add liv space!

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**South Lyon** 734-455-7000  
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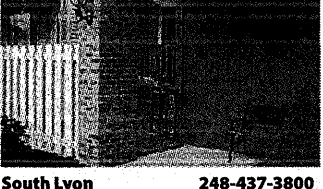
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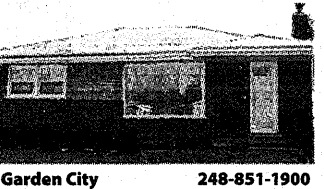
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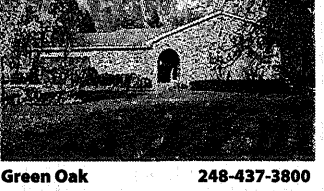
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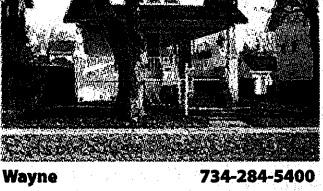
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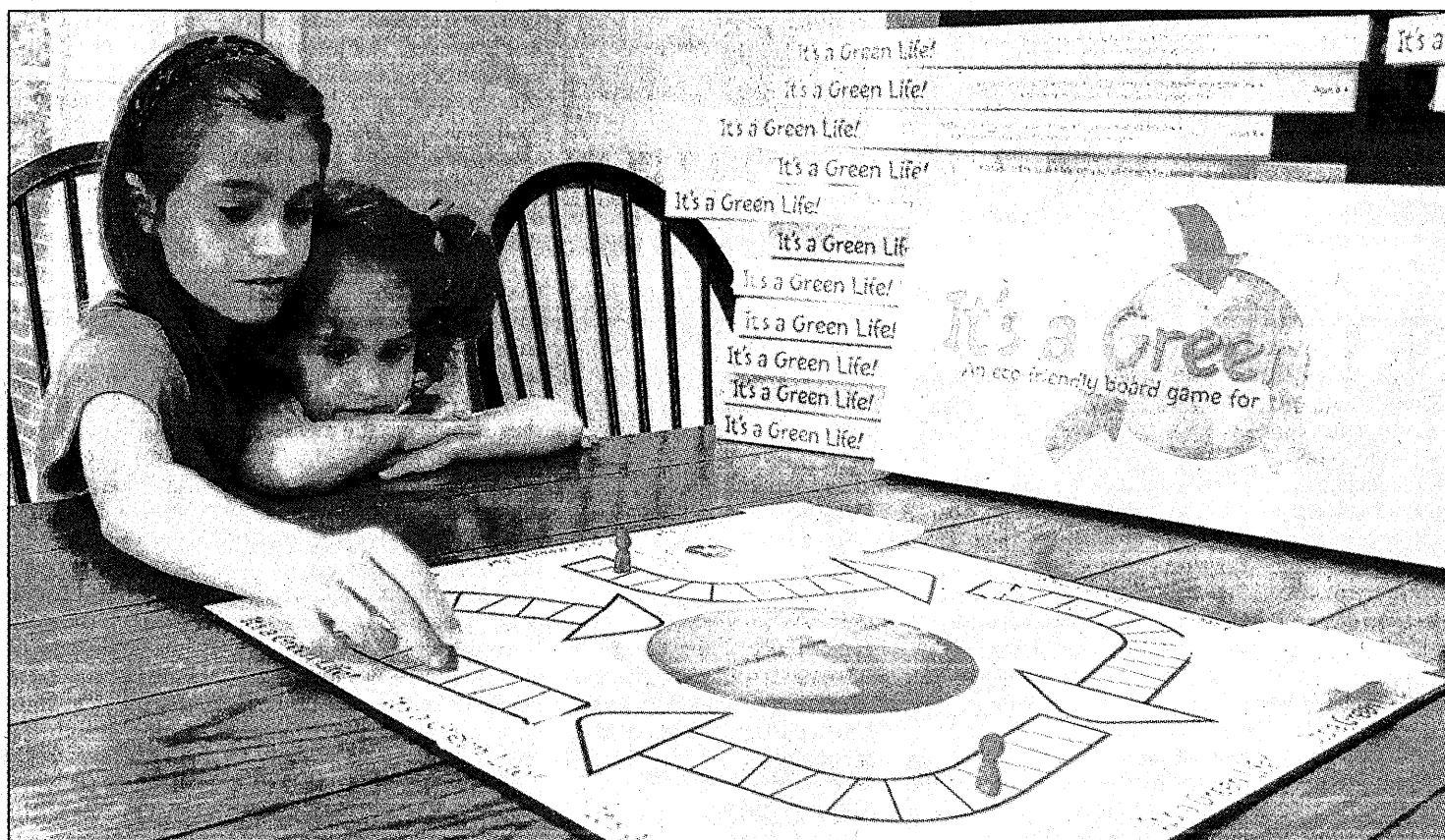
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## ACCENTS



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Kids like Caroline Allen, 8, and her sister Julia, 3, learn how to be environmentally-friendly while playing 'It's a Green Life,' a game their mom invented.

# It's easy being green

Locally-made game teaches kids eco-friendly tips

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK  
O&E STAFF WRITER

When Patty Allen heard about the recent toy recalls, she vowed to get rid of all her daughters' playthings that could contain lead or other hazards.

The task proved more difficult than Allen imagined.

As she and Caroline, 8, and Julia, 3, checked the labels one by one, they realized virtually all of their toys were 'Made in China.'

"My daughter was crying and begging me not to throw her things away," Allen said. "It was terrible."

The Bloomfield Township mom took unexpected action.

Allen founded Oh Happy Day Games and got to work on "It's a Green Life," a board game that's not

only Made in America and free of toxins, but also helps kids learn about the environment as they play.

Designed for 2-4 players, children eight and older start play in the Recycling Center and draw cards to advance through 52 spaces, representing each week of the year they can make a difference in the world.

"There are 100 cards in a deck. There are 26 'oops' cards but the rest are all pos-



Patty Allen and her daughters Julia, 3, and Caroline, 8, hold up cards from their board game "It's a Green Life" at their Bloomfield Township home.

itive little tips," Allen said. "I chose tips that I thought would benefit children and the parents who are playing with them."

The first person to reach Planet Earth wins. It's a Green Life takes about 20-45 minutes to play.

"I didn't want something that would take forever," Allen said.

Creating the game was quick as well. Allen first got the idea over the holidays, and with the support of her husband Michael, had a finished sample in hand by mid-May.

She did online research to write the game cards, and Caroline drew the logo — a picture of her and her sister.

Mosaic Media in Troy helped develop Allen's ideas into a working game, design the board and establish her website.

Ironically, Allen said it was difficult keeping the "Made in China" label off her own product. After much searching, she contracted DeLano Services in Alleghen to print and package It's a Green Life.

"The most challenging part of the pro-

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Jack Aronson of Garden Fresh Gourmet with the company's new Tigers Tortilla Chips.

### GARDEN FRESH UNVEILS TIGERS TORTILLA CHIPS

**FERNDALE** — Garden Fresh Gourmet of Ferndale has teamed up with Major League Baseball and the Detroit Tigers to produce Tigers Tortilla Chips. The chips come in two flavors, Salted and Nacho Cheese, and are available at Meijer Stores and specialty markets at \$2.99 for a 12-ounce bag.

They're also on sale at Comerica Park during Detroit Tigers game, served with Garden Fresh Gourmet's Jack's Special Salsa.

Garden Fresh Gourmet was formed in 1997 by Jack and Annette Aronson. The company produces award-winning salsas, guacamole, hummus, chips and dips, sold throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Visit [www.gardenfresh-salsa.com](http://www.gardenfresh-salsa.com).

### THE HENRY FORD HOSTS 'DOC CHOC'

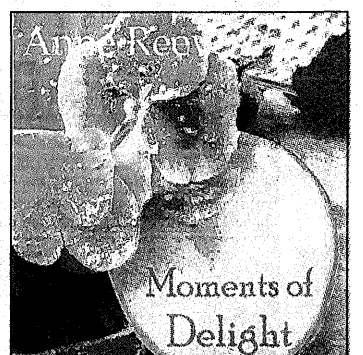
**DEARBORN** — Henry Ford Museum will present Chocolate Buzz: An Evening with "Doc Choc" from 7-9:30 p.m. tonight.

Dr. Patrick Fields, dubbed 'Doc Choc' by the Food Network, will discuss the wonderful world of chocolate as part of The Henry Ford's Ideas & Innovations Lecture Series.

He'll cover the history, science, myths and fads of the decadent dessert, while Henry Ford's culinary team suggests beverage pairings to complement various chocolates.

Tickets, \$35, include tastings. Henry Ford Museum is located at 20900 Oakwood Blvd. in Dearborn.

Call (313) 982-6126 or visit [www.thehenryford.org](http://www.thehenryford.org).



### CORRECTION

In an article last week, we failed to include the Web site for "Moments of Delight." The book is available for \$29.95. To order a copy, visit [www.anadesigns.com](http://www.anadesigns.com), or call (248) 425-0842.

# Myspace vs. Facebook: Readers speak about their preference

BY LANA MINI  
O&E STAFF WRITER

It's a common question for local people that's simply asked: Myspace or Facebook?

The two Web sites pretty much offer the same thing: social networking. Both have attracted millions of members worldwide.

Facebookers often hate Myspace. Myspacers seem more tolerant of both.

Myspace is still the king of popularity in membership numbers, but Facebook is catching up fast, especially internationally.

On both Web sites members make a profile about themselves and add friends to it. They post photos, list favorite movies, snoop on their boyfriends' and girlfriends' profiles and post comments on friends' cyber walls about how fabulous they look.

Sounds like no big deal, right?

Wrong. Myspacers say Facebook

is for boring people. Facebookers say their plain white profile page, and options to "poke" other members to say hello is more mature than Myspace.

When Myspace began, it was popular with teens — but now every age group is on it. Facebook started for college students — but now everyone is on that too.

So here's what readers prefer:

Artist Kelly Dattilio, of Redford, prefers Myspace.

"I use it to network for dance and photography," Dattilio said. "The only thing I don't like is the weird guys on it (who flirt), but I guess there's nothing much you can do about that. I'll admit Myspace is kind of juvenile sometimes, with all the crazy bulletins, but I use it to keep in touch with people I already know so that's not an issue."

Hipster Dan Haberman, owner of The Bosco Lounge in Ferndale, has a profile on both sites for his bar.

"It seems people are shifting toward Facebook," Haberman said. "Myspace is slow and clunky with endless sales pitches and promotions (and yes, we're guilty of some promotional bulletins). Facebook seems to have a more global reach for social networking."

Privacy on Facebook is also a concern for a lot of readers. When you post a comment to a friend, it tells everyone on your friend list that you did so.

"Facebook also seems to dig into privacy issues in ways that might cause concern in the future," Haberman said. "We're fairly new to Facebook ... so we're still building our base. It is cleaner and faster than Myspace, but requires constant updating for businesses."

For musicians, Myspace is still ruling.

Jeff Robinson, owner of Third Monk Records, an independent record label in

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**What:** Two social networking groups that are so popular they are forms of entertainment keeping people indoors

**The sites:** [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and [www.myspace.com](http://www.myspace.com)

**What they do:** Let you set up a profile about yourself and make friends

**The biggest differences:** Myspace is haven for music and art lovers, and people looking to meet new people. It's also popular for people who want to share creative ideas through blogging. Facebook is geared more toward those who want to re-connect with people they already know. Although you can meet "new people" on Facebook, most profiles are private. Facebook folks like the site to spy on their friends and find the parties, they say.

**Age difference:** While it's said that Myspace is for young and Facebook for older crowds, all generations now mingle on both sites.

**Creative or Clean:** Some complain that Myspace profiles are too cluttered with bold colors and huge graphics. Others enjoy the profiles that are often turned into cyber art galleries. Some consider Facebook pages clean and pristine, while others call them bland and lacking personality.

**Memberships:** Myspace has more, but Facebook is catching up fast



# Shady Lane scores on Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula

Winemaker Adam Satchwell explains why Shady Lane Cellars wines are unique among those from Michigan's Leelanau Peninsula.



Focus on Wine

Ray & Eleanor Heald

"It's apparent that a combination of light, sandy soils and mineral components, particularly the calcium compound content, makes Shady Lane's 41 vineyard acres different," he says. "No other Leelanau Peninsula vineyard has this combination."

### WINERY BACKGROUND

In the late 1980s, Grand Rapids, Mich., neurosurgeon Joe O'Donnell partnered with his sportsman pal Bill Stouten, a Michigan real estate broker. They purchased a century-old fruit farm outside Suttons Bay,

Mich., on Leelanau Peninsula. An appreciation for wine and the developing Michigan wine industry prompted a farm retrofit to wine grapegrowing.

International wine competition recognition fueled expansion, production from estate-grown grapes and the 1999 construction of a winery tasting room, an attractive conversion of a century-old fieldstone chicken coop. A state-of-the-art winery was built in 2001.

Since the year 2000, 49-year-old winemaker Adam Satchwell brings decades of experience to Shady Lane. In addition to his California studies in enology and viticulture at the University of California Davis, Satchwell apprenticed with his winemaker uncle Jed Steele, proprietor of Steele Wines in Kelseyville, Calif.

### WHAT TO BUY FROM SHADY LANE CELLARS

- 2006 Sparkling Riesling

### WINE PICKS

When it's hot, cooking techniques take to outdoor barbecues or pizza deliveries. In either case, ZINFANDEL is a great wine choice.

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- 2006 Girard Napa Valley Old Vine \$24
- 2006 Rosenblum Paso Robles Richard Sauret Vineyards \$25
- 2005 Sbragia Gino's Vineyard Dry Creek \$28
- 2005 Dry Creek Old Vine \$28
- 2006 Dutton Goldfield Russian River Valley \$30
- 2006 DeLoach Nova Vineyard \$32
- 2005 Dry Creek Somers Ranch Dry Creek Valley \$34
- 2006 Dutton Goldfield Morelli Lane Vineyard Russian River Valley \$40

### WALLET FRIENDLY:

2006 Kendall-Jackson \$13  
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(\$22) has a delicate mousse, fine bead and attractive peach, pear and apple aromas and flavors. Lovely.

■ 2007 Estate-Bottled Gewurztraminer (\$18) has all the correct varietal characters — honeysuckle and attractive spiciness among them. Generous viscosity and mouthfeel with spiced apple complemented by cinnamon and nutmeg characteristics make this dry style most attractive.

■ 2006 Semi-Dry Riesling (\$16) is delicate and pleasantly dry with outstanding fruit and acid balance. It represents the best in Michigan's wine strength

— delicious rieslings.  
■ 2006 Estate-Bottled Reserve Pinot Noir (\$32) charms with cherry-berry, rose petal, dried leaves and unique minerality.

A nice touch of new French oak balances fruit elements and makes it a good match to roast chicken, pasta, grilled pork and salmon.

Eleanor & Ray Heald are Contributing 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 focusonwine@aol.com.

## SITES

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Plymouth, says Myspace is his online home.

"Being a music guy, the benefits of Myspace are the fact that a band can sell songs directly from their page — and do not have to pay for hosting their material like many sites used to offer," Robinson said.

"Soundclick.com now allows users to offer paid downloads from the hosted page. Ourstage.com is increasing in popularity for bands to get feedback quickly on their material unlike Garageband.com," Robinson said. "I think the ultimate future will be a site like Ywive.com that profit shares its ad revenue with its users. Imagine, the best bands will get paid the most because they simply get the most legitimate streams."

But what about the non-musicians, the people who aren't artists? The accountants, attorneys, bankers, auto workers and stay-at-home parents? Where do they gravitate?

Accountant Karla Bouchar, of Oakland University, says her favorite is hands-down Facebook even though she also has a Myspace.

"I have accepted/requested more friends on Facebook, it seems easier to use, it's just more fun," Bouchar said. "I keep in touch with friends, use it to message people in classes when I don't have their e-mail addresses, share/view pictures, message people through new chat systems, see what new is going on with friends."

On Myspace she views artists' pages, though rarely.

Charissa Walker, a computer tech in Southfield, also spends more time on Facebook.

"I can honestly say that Facebook has changed my life. Facebook is more interactive. Your friends' info is more visible," Walker said. "Myspace tends to take a long time to load because of all the graphics, music, etc. Myspace profiles can get very distracting."

And she said Facebook seems more "adult."  
"The events on Myspace are not as visible. If you RSVP to an event you never see it again. But on FB when you RSVP it's on your homepage so you are less likely to forget about it. On Myspace if a friend has a birthday it notifies you once and I never remember to see it again."

Keith Thompson, of the Detroit rock band Johnny Headband, like many musicians, prefers Myspace and doesn't plan to open a Facebook. Many Myspacers just don't want to jump from site to site.

"We think as soon as (the band) sets up an account with the next social networking site, we will have to prepare for the next 'most important thing' and then it starts to feel like it never ends. We like to wait and see if it will last before setting up an account."

Thompson wants people to hear his music, that's why he stays on Myspace.

"With our band page, we want Myspace to be a place where people can find out about our music. My personal profile is just a place for me to log in and waste time." As it is with everyone else.

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**GREEN**

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cess was finding someone who would produce it beginning to end in the United States at a reasonable price," Allen said. "I now know why toys and games are produced in other countries. I feel very fortunate finding a company in the United States, let alone Michigan."

It's a Green Life is made with soy-based vegetable ink and recycled materials, and is mercury and lead-free.

Allen began selling her initial order of 1,000 games at local toy stores and through special events like a recent fund raiser at St. Hugo of the Hills, where her children attend school.

Last week she traveled to Connecticut to introduce the game at the ASTRA Toy Convention, and received orders from independent toy stores in New York,

**ENVIRONMENTAL MESSAGES**

In *It's a Green Life*, players advance by drawing cards with positive messages like these:

- Smile! You turned the water off when brushing your teeth!
- You're making a difference! You car-pooled with a co-worker to work this week!
- Good Job! You use a refillable mug at home and on the go!
- Your house smells good! You purchased green cleaners!
- Squeaky Clean! You took a short shower instead of a bath!
- Magnificent! You purchased items without excess packaging!

■ Be the first! You packed a garbage free lunch by taking a reusable container!

Players are set back by Oops! cards like these:

- Oops! You left the lights on when you left the room!
- Oops! You did not recycle this week!
- Oops! You watered your lawn during peak hours!
- Oops! You ran the dishwasher 1/2 full!
- Oops! You did not weather proof your home for the winter!

Massachusetts, Ohio, Connecticut and Oregon. "It was awesome! The feedback was so positive," Allen said. "It was great to have the game set up and have all the toy store owners play it for

themselves." It's a Green Life is available locally at The Doll Hospital and Toy Soldier Shop in Berkley, Froggy's Toy Stop in Rochester, and online at [www.ohhappydaygames.com](http://www.ohhappydaygames.com).

**Local entrepreneur creates card game for couples**

LIVONIA — In 2003, Lynn Baldwin wanted to give her then-boyfriend (now husband) a special gift to mark their first anniversary. Instead of searching for it, she designed it.



Baldwin

Drawing on her creativity, the local writer and marketer developed a game that featured significant moments of their budding relationship. Over time, Lynn expanded on this idea so that other couples, from newlyweds to those together for decades, could celebrate their

own relationships. Baldwin recently unveiled "Stop & Kiss: A Card Game for Couples" under the auspices of Lindsay Lou Games, LLC, her new company. "Stop & Kiss is a game for two people in love," Baldwin said. "In these hectic times, I think couples need a way to take time out for each other, explore their relationships and celebrate



Stop & Kiss is a card game for couples.

their love." Stop & Kiss features card categories from "Relationship Rev-Up" to "Complete the Thought." Each category directs players to have a conversation about a particular topic, or to ask or answer questions about themselves and each other. There's even a "Wild" card in the deck, inviting couples to show how much they love each other.

Stop & Kiss is a perfect gift for weddings, bachelorette parties, bridal showers, anniversaries, birthdays, or anytime two people want to say "I love you."

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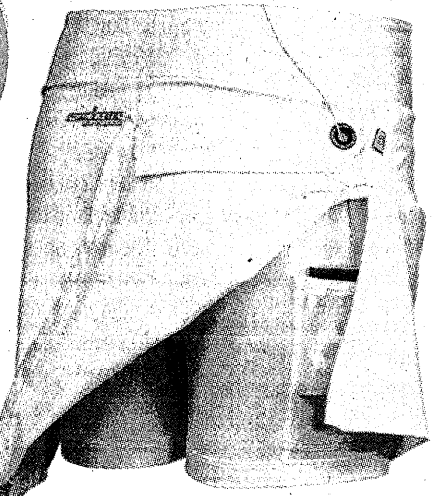
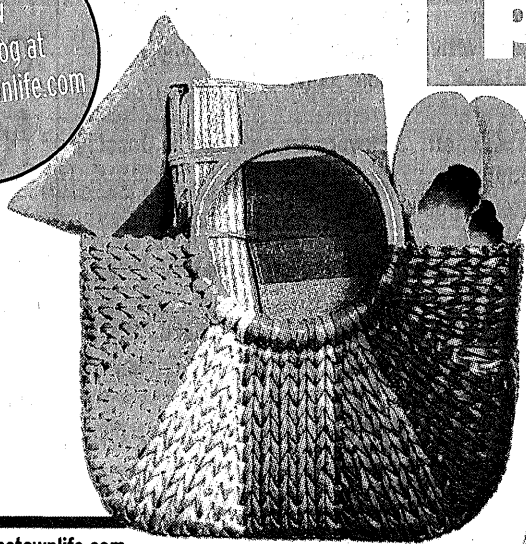


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## pink picks

By Wensdy



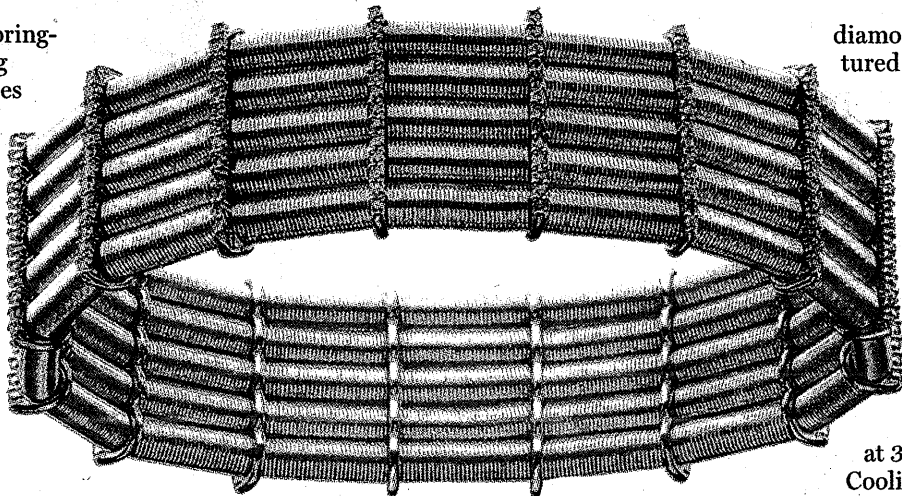
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## Gems and diamonds shine brighter in shades of the season

With vibrant colors springing up in everything from summer dresses to patent pumps, a PINK girl wouldn't want to neglect her jewelry box of striking gemstones in hot hues like yellow, pink or blue. For those with the means, it means investing in a one-of-a-kind item that will last. And chances are a robin's egg blue American turquoise-accented wood bangle bracelet or



diamond strands (pictured above). Even hoop earrings are more wearable. They come in an oval shape that's less severe and still stylish. Stop in for a peek and try not to feel like Holly Golightly gazing longingly through the glass cases. Jules R. Schubot's is located at 3001 W. Big Beaver at Coolidge in Troy.



Stephanie Casola

purplish-pink kunzite earrings will out-live a single season and become a treasured, timeless piece. Long-standing favorites — rubies, sapphires and citrines also provide a pop of color in earrings, a necklace or a bracelet.

Think fashion investment. Just ask Brian Schubot. He took over his family's business in December and is now president of Schubot Jewellers in Troy. The store, in its 91st year, has an established and loyal clientele — in some cases the third or fourth generation of family members keep coming back. It's known as the place to find that signature piece of jewelry. While clients keep Schubot Jewellers in mind for engagements, anniversaries and special occasions of all kinds, he said he's proud to be "part of their milestone, their celebration."

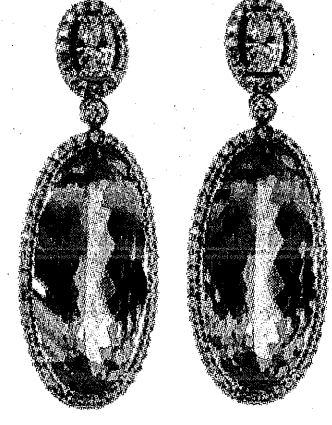
And what he aims to do, is simply offer something beautiful, something of the highest quality and something unexpected. So when you're seeking that ultra-rare pink diamond ring, chances are there are a few sparkling stones from which to choose. Slip on a three-stone ring that sizzles in shades of yellow and rose, set in a platinum band. Yellow diamonds can be found in much larger sizes, Schubot said, and are sure to catch attention.

Pretty-in-pink jewelry fans might opt instead for kunzite stones, set in earrings you'll have and wear for ages. Schubot said his clients are looking for "pieces that are wearable, not pieces they can wear once or twice a year."

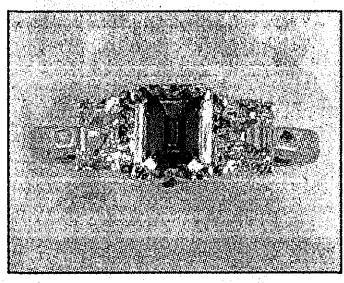
Schubot's staff designer Joe Campanelli is also on hand to craft just the precious gem adornment to reflect your personality.

If a burst of colorful bling just isn't your thing, there are plenty of other notable jewelry trends on the rise. As gold increases in value, its popularity has grown as well, said Schubot.

He carries an expandable bracelet made of gold coils and



These 13-carat oval kunzite and diamond earrings show that color makes a statement in jewelry too.



Nothing says summer quite like a sunshiney diamond three-stone ring.

Stephanie Angelyn Casola is a self-confessed shop-a-holic. She writes about beauty, fashion and pop culture for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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**Parisian hosts Chanel**  
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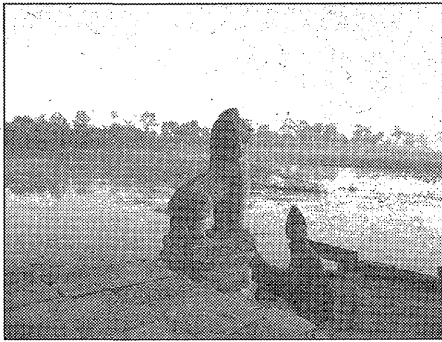
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# Pure Picks

Here are FILTER's entertainment picks for the weekend of July 10-15



Kenro Izu takes viewers to Sacred Places in a new DIA exhibit, featuring this work, "Srah Srang."



Mitch Ryder



Mark Farner

**11** Rockin' on The Riverfront presents local rockers **Mark Farner** and **Mitch Ryder**, performing 8-11 tonight on the Detroit Riverfront stage. Admission is free and parking is just \$5 at the GM surface lot at St. Antoine and Atwater streets. Or patrons can valet at the GM Renaissance Center's North Lobby.

**10** The Detroit Institute of Arts has opened a brand new exhibit, *Kenro Izu: Sacred Places*, inside the fully refurbished Albert and Peggy de Salle Gallery of Photography. Admission is \$4-\$8, members admitted free. The museum is located at 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit. Call (313) 833-7900 or visit [www.dia.org](http://www.dia.org).

**12** The Redford Theatre will show Greer Garson in the film classic *Pride and Prejudice*, along with Warner cartoon *Dog Daze*, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$4 to see a movie in this historic theater, complete with a star-filled "sky." Located at 17360 Lahser Road, Detroit. Call (313) 537-2560 or visit [redfordtheatre.com](http://redfordtheatre.com).



Motley Crue

**13** Detroit Historical Museum is showing *Cinerama Adventure* July 12-13, at 5401 Woodward, Detroit. Visit [www.detroithistorical.org](http://www.detroithistorical.org) or call (313) 833-1805.

**15** **Mötley Crüe** rolls into town with *Crüe Fest 2008* featur-

ing special guests **Buckcherry**, **Papa Roach**, **Sixx:A.M.** and **Trapt**. Doors open at 5 p.m. at DTE Energy Music Theatre, at I-75 and Sashabaw Roads in Independence Township. Tickets are \$65.50-\$85.50 in the pavilion and \$30 on the lawn, visit [www.palacenet.com](http://www.palacenet.com).

Compiled By Stephanie A. Casola, O&E staff writer

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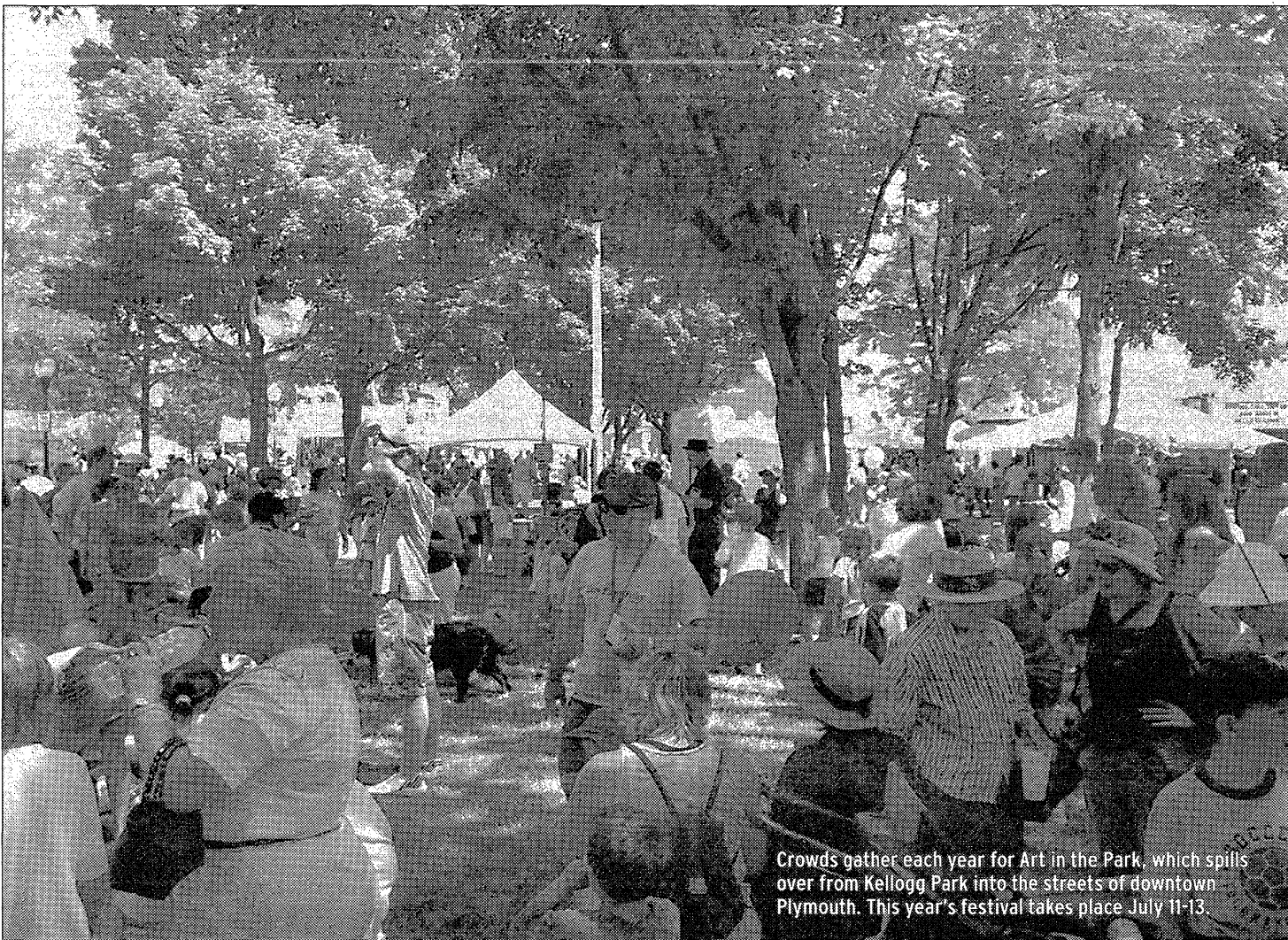
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Crowds gather each year for Art in the Park, which spills over from Kellogg Park into the streets of downtown Plymouth. This year's festival takes place July 11-13.

# Art and activities take over Plymouth

BY WENDSY VON BUSKIRK  
O&E STAFF WRITER

At this year's Art in the Park, Capri Sun's Respect the Pouch half-pipe will take center stage in downtown Plymouth.

Visitors to the 29th annual festival July 11-13 can take a break from browsing to enjoy free juice samples and watch as professional skateboarders and BMX cyclists do aerial stunts above the crowd.

The mobile tour will also feature a climbing wall, pouch wars, gaming tent, and Capri Sun Mom Zone where parents can relax.

If that doesn't sound like usual art fair fare, that's because it isn't.

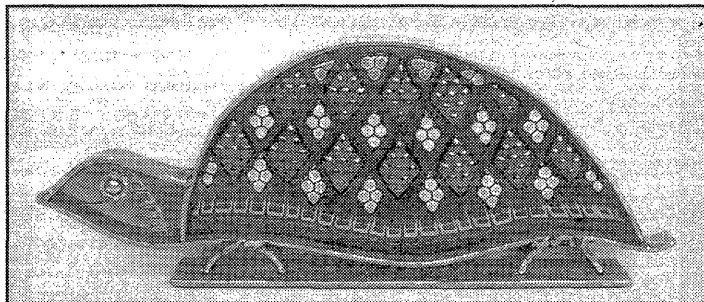
According to Raychel Rork, who organizes Art in the Park with her mom, Dianne Quinn, the tour is designed to offer festival-goers something different.

"The really exciting thing is they only chose 12 events to go to in the whole nation, and we're one of them. We're really excited to have them here," Rork said.

As Art in the Park gears up to celebrate a milestone anniversary next summer — 30 years in downtown Plymouth — organizers are constantly striving to keep the festival fresh, yet its longevity helps attract top notch artists and exhibitors each year.

Please see **ART, E9**

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Plymouth's own Joe and Jennifer Rutherford will sell pieces from their Keltic Fyre line of home and garden sculptures during Plymouth's Art in the Park.

## PLYMOUTH ART IN THE PARK

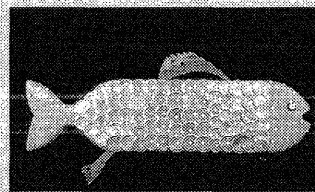
**When:** Friday to Sunday, July 11-13

**Hours:** Noon-8 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** Downtown Plymouth / Kellogg Park

**What:** 400 artists

**Information:** Call the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at (734) 453-1540 or visit [www.artinthepark.com](http://www.artinthepark.com).



Troy Thomas will travel from Woodstock, Ill. to exhibit his metalwork, like this decorative fish.

## MORE SUMMER ART FAIRS

### Royal Oak Outdoor Art Fair

**What:** Featuring 110 juried fine artists.

**When:** July 12-13

**Hours:** 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** Memorial Park, 13 Mile and Woodward

### Ann Arbor Art Fairs

**What:** Four art fairs in one, with 1,200 artists from around the world.

Expanded children's activities.

**When:** July 16-19

**Hours:** 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Wednesday through Friday; and 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday

**Where:** Throughout downtown Ann Arbor

**Information:** Park and ride shuttles available at Pioneer High School and Briarwood Mall for small fee. 1-800-888-9487, [www.annarbor.org/](http://www.annarbor.org/).

### Art on the Grand

**What:** During the Farmington Founders Festival, 80 juried artists, live music, living statue, children's exploration activities.

**When:** July 18-20

**Hours:** 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** Downtown Farmington

**Information:** (248) 473-1856, [www.foundersfestival.com](http://www.foundersfestival.com)

### Orchard Lake Fine Art Show

**What:** 150 artists, Youth Art Competition, live demonstrations, entertainment and kid's activities amid lush landscaping.

**When:** July 25-27

**Hours:** 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday (free);

Artist Preview Party, 6-9 p.m. Friday (\$25).

**Where:** Orchard Lake St. Mary's Schools, 3535 Indian Trail

**Information:** Parking, \$6, benefits Orchard Lake Schools, (248) 685-3748, visit [www.HotWorks.org](http://www.HotWorks.org).

### Summer Fine Art at the Village

**What:** More than 100 juried artists from around the country, outdoor food court, entertainment, children's activities.

**When:** Aug. 2-3

**Hours:** 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday; noon-6 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** The Village of Rochester Hills, 104 N. Adams Road

**Information:** [www.FineArtAtTheVillage.com](http://www.FineArtAtTheVillage.com)

### Chrysler Arts, Beats & Eats

**What:** The last signature art show of the season includes 150 vendors that set up in a tranquil corner of this Labor Day festival of food and fun.

**When:** Aug. 29-Sept. 1

**Hours:** 5-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday

**Where:** Downtown Pontiac

**Information:** [www.artsbeatseats.com](http://www.artsbeatseats.com)



# Go al fresco while the weather allows

Metro Detroiters treasure those warm sunny summer days — perhaps because the season seems to fly past. What better way to make the most of the sunshine season than by grabbing a table at your favorite outdoor dining spot. Al fresco, or “out in the open air” dining might mean everything from lounging on a rooftop high above the city to watching passers-by from a quaint outdoor patio. Whatever the case, Filter has compiled a host of must-try spots for a bite or a drink with outdoor appeal:

## BIRMINGHAM

**The Corner Bar**, 100 Townsend St., Birmingham, (248) 647-2958

Enjoy cocktails and sushi just steps away from Birmingham's Shain Park. Try the Asian inspired cuisine, a Brie Cheese Panini sandwich, Mango Mojitos or the refreshing Corner Signature Caipirinha (a Brazilian drink). The Corner bar attracts an upscale, designer crowd and the after-work business crowd.

**Dick O'Dow's**, 160 West Maple, Birmingham, (248) 642-1135

The outdoor seating area is new and it's small. But it's fun to watch the shoppers and business folk walk by on Maple Road while sipping on an Irish brew. Dick's is an Irish bar that was literally brought in, piece by piece, from Ireland. The food is traditional hardy fare and the atmosphere is light-hearted. The crowd is casual and friendly.

**220 at 220 East Merrill St.**, Birmingham, (248) 645-2150

It's a young professional crowd or packed with first dates. This restaurant with its outdoor seating has been a hotspot for years. The service is friendly and the steaks and Italian food are always good. Many people meander downstairs for a drink at Edison's afterward for its dark, moody atmosphere.

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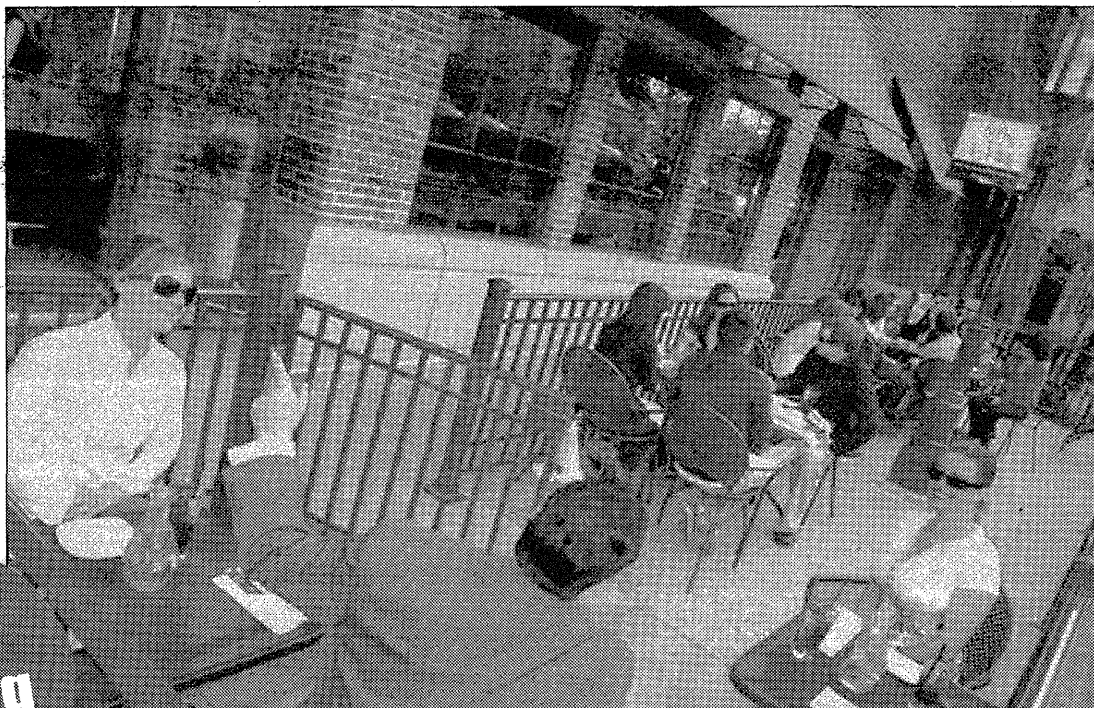
**Antonio's Cucina Italiana**, 2220 Canton Center Road, Canton, (734) 981-9800

Dine al fresco at this Italian restaurant that has warm garlic rolls and a hardy menu. There are daily specials, pizza, and robust salads.

## DETROIT

**La Dolce Vita**, 17546 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 865-0331

Oh the garden patio is charming — if you can find the place. This wonderful restaurant attracts a creative crowd. It's known for its quality Italian food, social atmosphere and its lush outdoor dining area tucked in back of a building in Detroit just north of Six Mile Road on the east side of the street. Look for the green ivy and the sign that reads “LDV.” Reservations recommended. Valet parking behind the building. Try the eggplant entree and the cocktail called The LDV



The Corner in Birmingham features outdoor seating. Also try Woodward Avenue Brewery or Dino's in Ferndale. In Royal Oak, try Mr. B's or Pronto.

Lemon Ice with a sugary rim, Absolut Citron, Lemoncello and lemon garnish.

## FERNDALE

**Anita's Kitchen**, 22651 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, call (248) 548-0680.

Building on a solid tradition of Lebanese fare at its Troy restaurant, this cozy counterpart offers a sheltered outdoor seating area where diners will feel shielded from any impending rain while sipping wine and noshing on Lemon Lentil soup, creamy Hommous, Tomato Kibbeh and much more.

**Como's Restaurant and Pizzeria**, 22812 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, call (248) 548-5005

Any time of day, the patio at Como's is buzzing. It's a great place to take the kids for pizza, or to grab late night steak bites and cocktails with friends. DJs help attract a young, hip crowd on the weekends, and the prices are reasonable. The pizza menu items are great with choices like fresh eggplant, fresh garlic, and portobellos.

**Via Nove**, 344 W. 9 Mile, Ferndale, call (248) 336-9936

Southern Italian cuisine is the specialty here and the outdoor grotto is the place to be at this swanky establishment. Start with a fennel, orange and walnut salad, and try an entree like Seared Chicken with Wild Mushrooms and Marsala Wine.

## LIVONIA

**Lakepointe Yacht Club**, 37604 Ann Arbor Road, Livonia, (734) 591-1868

Sandwiches, pizzas, burgers and a lovely lake view in Livonia. The service is friendly and fast and the atmosphere is very casual. You can wear shorts.

**Qdoba Mexican Grill**, 29515 Plymouth Road, Livonia, (734) 525-1055

If you spend summer days hankering to get

out of the office, try a lunch break at Qdoba. The chain's newest location in Livonia, along with other franchises throughout metro Detroit, offer patio seating and Qdoba's fresh Mexican fare — like 3-Cheese Queso Burritos and Nachos piled high with your choice of ingredients — are served up fast so you have more time to enjoy the great outdoors.

## PLYMOUTH

**Comari's on the Park**, 350 South Main St., Plymouth, (734) 416-0100

Reservations aren't required for the fun outdoor seating at Comari's. It's first come, first serve. The family owned restaurant caters to families, casual style. It's authentic Italian cuisine.

**Doyle's Tavern**, 860 Fralick St., Plymouth (734) 207-9656

Tavern-style food, daily specials and an outdoor area at this Irish pub make the atmosphere celebratory.

**Fiamma Grille Steak & Seafood Restaurant**, 380 S. Main St., Plymouth (734) 416-9340

Choose a bottle from Fiamma's award-winning wine list and take your time under the blue umbrellas on this romantic little restaurant's outdoor patio. Appetizers like Grilled Tenderloin Medallions, East Coast Crab Cake and Seafood Streudel with Lobster Cream Sauce are best enjoyed with a side order of people watching in downtown Plymouth.

**The Penn Grille**, 820 Penniman Ave., Plymouth, (734) 453-3570

It has a retro-style feel, big screen TVs, a jukebox, and outdoor seating that's friendly and laid-back — plus fresh air!

**Station 885**, 885 Starkweather, Plymouth (734) 459-0885

## A NEW GRILLE

**SOUTHFIELD** — **Café Kabob Mediterranean Grille & Catering**, a 2,400-square-foot restaurant serving Mediterranean food, opened in Southfield last week.

The bold-colored, tiled eatery has an outdoor patio and indoor seating, an electric indoor fireplace, “curb-n-go” delivery and eight plasma screens tuned to sports, business and U.S. news. A unique feature are granite sinks where customers can wash their hands without going to the restroom.

Executive chef and owner Ouse Gulli said his quality ingredients will set Café Kabob apart. High glass panels in the kitchen let customers watch as the chefs prepare the meals.

Gulli's father opened Mr. Kabob in Berkley in 2002 and the family is considering franchising the business.

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Who Wants Cake! takes the good and the bad in the new production "The Facts of Life: The Lost Episode," starring Joe Bailey (center) as Mrs. Garrett and (from left) Joe Plambeck (Natalie), Jamie Richards (Jo), Richard Payton (Blair) and Jerry Haines (Tootie).

On stage



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## Tootie 'wants cake'

# The Ringwald reveals 'The Facts of Life - The Lost Episode'

BY STEPHANIE ANGELYN CASOLA  
O&E STAFF WRITER

Grab the candles. Ferndale's Ringwald Theatre opened just over one year ago, on May 12, 2007. To celebrate, members of the resident theater troupe, Who Wants Cake? are reviving some familiar characters from an all-girls school called Eastland.

The summer show — set to open July 12 and run until Aug. 4 — is sure to make fans of the '80s sitcom *The Fact of Life* smile. While the comedy isn't connected to the TV show itself, Jamie Morris's parody, *The Facts of Life — The Lost Episode*, is best-described as *The Facts of Life* meets *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*.

The hitch is the show will be portrayed as Morris meant it to be, with an all-male cast of actors.

The lost episode in question, *The Best Little Whorehouse in Peekskill* finds budget cuts threatening to force Mrs. Garrett to leave Eastland, but Blair, Tootie, Natalie and Jo claim they'll do anything to raise enough money for her to stay.

Ferndale's Joe Bailey directs and stars as Mrs. Garrett — a dual responsibility he's taken on before. And get ready for a love story between — who else — Blair and Jo. The cast also includes Ferndale's Richard Payton, Jerry Haines of Royal Oak, and Jamie Richards of Birmingham. Joe Plambeck, also a Ferndale resident, takes on three roles — including Natalie.

The show features a few musical numbers: *Plenty Dirty Goin' On*; *Foolin' Around* and *Peekskill Has a Whorehouse in It*. It's a suggestive night of theater and meant for adult

### THE FACTS OF LIFE - THE LOST EPISODE

**Showtimes:** 8 p.m. Saturday, Monday; 3 p.m. Sunday

**When:** Saturday-Monday, July 12 through Aug. 4

**Where:** The Ringwald, 22742 Woodward Ave. in the Times Square of Ferndale

**Tickets:** \$20 Saturday, \$15 Sunday matinees, \$10 for Half-Off Monday. The first Sunday performance on July 13 will be pay-what-you-can.

**Reservations:** Call (248) 556-8581 or visit [www.WhoWantsCakeTheatre.com](http://www.WhoWantsCakeTheatre.com).

audiences. Think *American Pie*-style humor for '80s fans, but there's nothing too shocking and it won't contain nudity, said Plambeck.

"We think it's going to be a great summer show," he added.

Who Wants Cake? founding members Plambeck and Bailey initially met while touring with a production company that staged gay-themed shows around the country. When Bailey decided to return to metro Detroit, Plambeck joined him and together they hatched a plan to start their own theater company.

Who Wants Cake? — named for an episode of the off-beat cult comedy *Strangers With Candy* starring Amy Sedaris — kicked off with a weighty, dramatic production of the Larry Kramer play *The Normal Heart*.

Because the subject of the play dealt with the rise of HIV-

AIDS, the actors decided it should be staged as a fund-raiser for the Midwest AIDS Prevention Project. Then, WWC's second show took a lighter, campier route, offering up the one-act *Vampire Lesbians of Sodom* at a Ferndale coffeeshouse.

As interest began to grow, Who Wants Cake? members began scouting locations. They nabbed a modest 95-seat, 3,000-square-foot space along Woodward's business district. Seats are arranged in front of an intimate stage, and behind the curtains lies a simple Green Room filled with wigs and props and additional space for costumes and set materials.

From the onset Bailey said he wanted to offer something new to the theater scene. "Our mission is to blur the lines between income, sexuality, religion, class and race," added Plambeck. And the troupe isn't afraid to deal in racy material. But the group keeps audiences guessing, and returning, thanks to a wide mix of genres. Theater-goers of all ages attended *Debbie Does Dallas*, which surprised Plambeck since it's a play "based on a porno."

The Ringwald consistently offers some great incentives for theater-goers. The first Sunday performance of each production is a pay-what-you-can ticket price, while Monday shows are half-off, typically \$10.

Though neither Joe would confirm that the theater might be an ode to actress Molly Ringwald, of the '80s Brat Pack, the name was meant to be, well, playful. "We thought it would be a lot of fun," said Plambeck. "At first you think it's stuffy and then you think, wait, is it for Molly?"

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# Hot Club of Detroit celebrates new CD at 2 locations

BY LANA MINI  
O&E STAFF WRITER

One of the area's hottest young jazz bands is celebrating the release of its newest CD at two concerts over the next week.

Hot Club of Detroit is a band that celebrates Django Reinhardt. Members are: Julian Labro (Button Accordion) of Canton; Carl Cafagna (Tenor Sax/Clarinet) of Troy; Paul Brady (Rhythm Guitar) of Grosse Pointe;

Shannon Wade (Bassist) of Detroit; Founder Evan Perri (Lead Guitar) of Harper Woods, plus guest musicians.

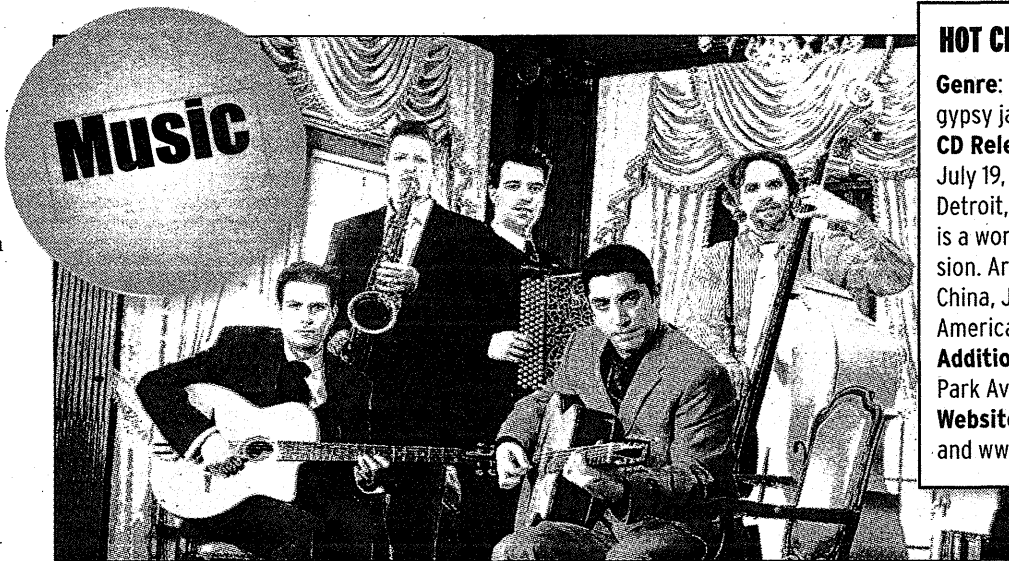
They are playing at Cliff Bell's Detroit and The Concert of Colors world music festival.

This CD, titled *Night Town*, consists of classic jazz pieces performed gypsy-style plus several original compositions.

"*Night Town* is mostly inspired by Django but it's very personal to us. It has our own stamp on it," rhythm guitarist Paul Brady said. "We've included a nylon string guitar, for example. We took a classic by Maurice Ravel, *Tzigane*, and recorded it gypsy style."

*Night Town* is out of the norm for bands who play Django-style jazz — purists are asked to be open-minded. Hot Club doesn't stray far from old-swing style purity, but it does add something new to the genre.

"We took an American songbook and made it into a Samba," Brady said as another



Hot Club of Detroit plays its gypsy jazz sounds this month in Detroit and Southfield.

example. "Also we included a song by Miles Davis, *Seven Steps to Heaven*, performed gypsy jazz style also."

Hot Club, like many jazz bands, has changed its lineup. Original members are Brady and founder/guitarist Evan Perri.

Brady said *Night Town* is a strong collaborative of the new team and the title comes from a Cleveland nightclub where Hot Club has always received a lot of love.

"I think the live shows are the best representation of the group," Brady said. "They are packed full of energy. There's a great chemistry between us because we're all pretty good friends. We don't expect people to sit and shut-up, we want the audience to have fun, talk and party with each other."

Unlike the instrumentation of Django's Paris-based quintet, Hot Club includes violinist Stephane Grappelli, two rhythm guitar-

## HOT CLUB OF DETROIT

**Genre:** Local musicians who play Django Reinhardt-style gypsy jazz

**CD Release Party:** Concert of Colors 4 p.m., Saturday, July 19, Max Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Ave., Detroit, between Mack and Warren, free. Concert of Colors is a world music festival, with a lineup heavy on percussion. Artists represent countries including Africa, India, China, Japan, the Caribbean, Europe, Native America Latin America, the U.S. and especially Michigan.

**Additional Gig:** Hot Club headlines at Cliff Bell's, 2030 Park Ave., Detroit, 9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 12, \$7.

**Websites:** www.hotclubofdetroit.com, www.cliffbells.com and www.concertofcolors.com

ists, a bassist, an accordionist, plus soprano and tenor sax.

The accordion tones of Labro, who is a native of Marseilles France, links Hot Club to the French musette style where gypsy jazz evolved. Cafagna's robust saxophone work introduces bop and post-bop elements to the sound.

Founder Perri is the son of a professional jazz guitarist and began studying piano at the age of four. As a teenager introduced to punk rock and girls, he took up the bass and then guitar. He now plays a small oval-hole Del Arte acoustic guitar, and formed Hot Club in 2003 when he was at Wayne State.

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# Concert of Colors brings world of music to Detroit

Don Was is one of the headliners at Concert of Colors, an annual free festival that celebrates world music. This year's event takes place July 17-20 at The Max.

International activist pop star Buffy Sainte-Marie joins the Detroit Symphony Orchestra for the opening night performance at Orchestra Hall on Thursday, July 17.

On Friday, July 18, it's gospel and soul legend Mavis Staples, the Master Musicians of Jajouka featuring Bachir Attar, contemporary polka purveyors Brave Combo, and the Senegalese hip hop of Gokh Bi System, among others.

Saturday, July 19 Rickie Lee Jones, the Machito Orchestra, Pharaoh's Daughter and Detroiters Soul Clique and Madame XD, are on the bill, along with some of the best-loved performers from Sudan using music and dance to draw global attention to the plight of their nation in Sudan United for Peace.

Sunday, July 20 features reggae stalwarts Toots & the Maytals, bluesy folk-rocker Michelle Shocked, zydeco master Terrance Simien, plus a once-in-a-lifetime Detroit Super Session on the Orchestra Hall stage,



Sista Otis

led by Motown native Don Was of Was (Not Was) and featuring John Sinclair, Lola Morales and members of Detroit bands including Black Bottom Collective, the Dirtbombs, Sisters Lucas and the Detroit

Cobras. The Concert of Colors features three stages at The Max: the Chrysler Main Stage in acoustically superb Orchestra Hall; the Comerica Diversity Stage in the intimate Music Box; and the Outdoor Rhythm Stage, a venue set up on Parsons Street, which is closed to traffic. Performances inside the air-conditioned center ensure the show goes on, despite the weather.

All performances are free and open to the public; however, those willing to pay for reserved prime Main Stage seating throughout the festival may opt to become a Concert of Colors "Groupie," a limited opportunity that also includes private "meet the artist" receptions and a Groupie tee shirt. The Groupie program debuted in 2006 with resounding success. Individual Groupies pay \$100; a Couple of Groupies is \$150. Registration information is available at [www.concertofcolors.com](http://www.concertofcolors.com).

Designed to celebrate the many ethnic and cultural groups that comprise metro Detroit, the Concert of Colors is produced in partnership by the Arab American National Museum, New Detroit, Detroit Symphony Orchestra and ACCESS (Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services).

-Lana Mini

# Cranbrook declares it an 'American Summer'

Whether you prefer the lush grounds of Cranbrook Art Museum or the urban energy of Detroit, it's possible to jazz up your summer with live music. The Bloomfield Hills-based museum has partnered with the Arts League of Michigan and WVMV-FM Smooth Jazz V98.7 to offer *American Summer: Music on the Green*.

The summer music series is set for 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays from July 10-31 at Cranbrook Art Museum's Peristyle and from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Fridays July 11 to Aug. 1, and 2-3:25 p.m. July 25, at Campus Martius Park in Detroit.

Cranbrook guests may pack a picnic to enjoy or purchase food and drinks from Chartwells on the grounds of the museum. The "Craft in America" exhibition inside, as well as Saarinen House and Massie's American House '08 will be open and admission is free of charge. Tours begin at 5:30 p.m. and the Art Museum will remain open until 9:30 p.m.

If you miss an artist on Thursday evening, head downtown on Friday afternoon to see the show. It's the perfect lunch break. Here's the rundown of participating artists:

## JULY 10-11

See **Linda Boston with Permission** as the

performing ensemble uses music, narrative and shared experiences to expound on love, life, spirit, and wealth.

## JULY 17-18

Catch some of Detroit's finest **Women in Jazz**, including Ursula Walker, Shahida Nurullah and Naima Shamborguer with the Buddy Budson Trio.

## JULY 24-25

A quintet of brass musicians from **Detroit Chamber Winds & Strings** performs music spanning four centuries. Pieces range from Gabriel Canzoni to Joplin Rags in this light-hearted concert.

## JULY 31 TO AUG. 1

See the world premiere of *Un Voyage dans les Rêves (A Journey Through A Dream)*. The show is considered a musical representation of the various realities we experience while asleep. By taking the listener through one night, this work stunningly brings to life the alternate worlds and possibilities that comprise a dream. Composed by trumpeter Kris Johnson, it will be performed by both a jazz quartet and a string quartet.

By Stephanie A. Casola, O&E staff writer

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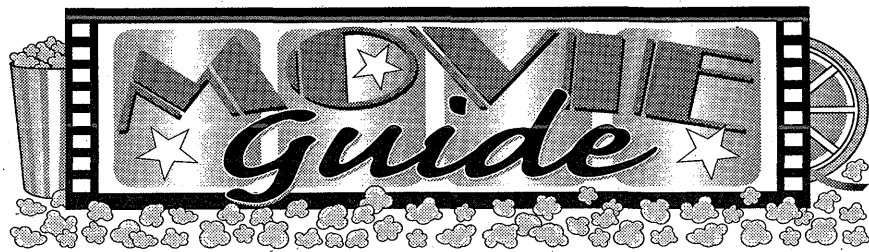
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## ALL ABOUT ART

About 400 artists from throughout the U.S. and Canada are expected to sell their wares at the juried show this year. Their work ranges from pottery and paintings to planters and apparel, with a wide variety of price points in between.

About 100 are new to Plymouth this year.

"Most of the old favorites are back, but we have all kinds of really cool

new stuff," Rork said.

Among first-time vendors is artist Joy Sloup of Haslett, Mich., who creates delicate and realistic flowers from Japanese luna clay.

Another new addition is Joy Sparks of Muskegon, who fashions jewelry from old typewriter keys.

She displays her watches, cuff links, bracelets, earrings and pendants in a booth adorned with vintage typewriters.

Hometown artists Joe and Jennifer Rutherford of Plymouth will offer their Keltic Fyre line of home and garden sculptures at the fair. The

husband-and-wife team complete about 30 murals each year through their business, Upon A Wall, as well as create one-of-a-kind pieces from handformed steel and mosaic glass-work.

## INTERACTIVE FUN

In addition to the shopping and cuisine, Art in the Park encourages visitors to interact with art as well as look at it.

Guests are welcome to watch creativity in progress as California chalk illustrator Philip De La Cruz brings

Seurat's "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of Grand Jatte" to life on brick pavers.

Kids will be invited to put their mark on a full-scale mural at Kellogg Park. Featuring a playground full of children under a rainbow, the piece will be donated to Burger School for Students with Autism in Garden City.

"We're always looking for fun new stuff. We don't want it to be the same old thing. We also want the festival to be family friendly," said Rork, mother of Dylan, 5, and Lily, 2. "The more fun your kids have at an event, the more I think parents can enjoy it."

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It's family-focused. Station 885 is located on the original site of the Chesapeake freight house, built in the early 1900s. It's been popular in Plymouth for years with good reason.

### ROCHESTER

**Bravo Cucina Italiana**, 286 N. Adams Road, Rochester Hills, (248) 375-9644; 17700 Haggerty Road, Livonia, (734) 591-5600

On a shopping excursion at the Village of Rochester Hills or around Livonia, if the weather cooperates, there's no better choice than to drop your bags and grab a table outside at Bravo. Order up a frosty peach bellini, crisp house salad, and split a spicy pasta dish like Shrimp Fra Diavolo with your shopping buddy.

**Europa Bistro**, 543 N. Main St., Rochester, (248) 650-1390

It's meant to feel like you're wandering down a cobblestone road when you saunter into this impressive Rochester dining spot. Outdoor seats are covered and overlook bubbling Paint Creek and the lush greenery of Rochester Municipal Park. Try the Gorgonzola Steak or Tuna Steak Osso Bucco. Dive into Pecan Pear Whitefish, just save room for Chocolate Mousse or Crepes topped with fruit or chocolate.

**Mr. B's Food & Spirits**, 423 Main St., Rochester, (248) 651-6534

Head up and up the stairs to find festive, remodeled roof-top seating at this longtime

Rochester bar-restaurant. Order up a Buffalo Chicken Sandwich or Sizzlin' Fajitas and sip a mojito with friends in the sunshine.

**Rochester Mills Beer Co.**, 400 Water St., Rochester, (248) 650-5080

Though this neighborhood hot spot is tucked a block off of Main Street, the patio is the perfect place to sip a pint of Harvest Lite and split an indulgent appetizer like Hot Crab & Cheese Dip or Brewhouse Nachos with friends.

### ROYAL OAK

**Pronto**, 608 S. Washington Ave., Royal Oak, call (248) 544-7900

Nothing says summer like sitting outside on the Pronto patio amid fresh flowers and bustling Washington Avenue crunching on a Salad Nicoise or a Southwest Quesadilla and a crisp iced tea.

**Town Tavern**, 116 W. Fourth St., Royal Oak, call (248) 544-7300

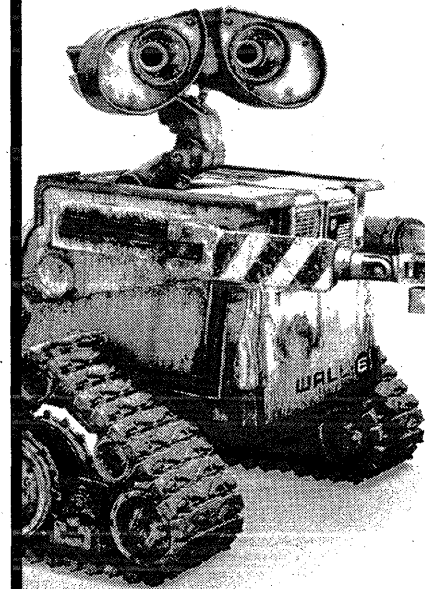
With limited outdoor seating, it might be hard to snag a coveted spot. Those lucky enough to do so should consider the menu's more unusual items — Short Rib Tacos and Lobster Mac n' Cheese

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## ART

**Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center:** "River," a mural of photographs of the Clinton River by artist Robert Bartley, and "View of Toledo," group show of Toledo artists, through July 11; Ruth Adler Schnee, open now, Marie Woo, opening September 21. 1516 Cranbrook (between 14 and 15 Mile roads), Birmingham, www.BBArtCenter.org, (248) 644-0866.

**Bohemian National Home Gallery:** "SOMENEWORK featuring Diana May and Robin Sommers," July 12 through Aug. 1, opening reception 6-9 p.m. July 12, 3009 Tillman, Detroit, (313) 525-5253, www.jeromium.com/bohohouse.htm.

**Farmington Community Library:** Suzanne Bauman, Small Works Show, through July 26, 23500 Liberty St., (248) 553.6261, www.suzannebaum.com.

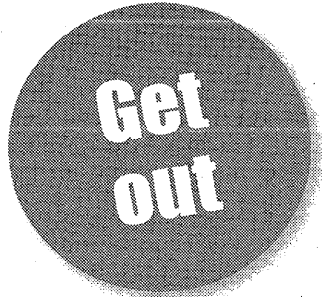
**Habatat Galleries:** "From the Belkin Collection," July 19-Aug. 14, 4400 Fernlee Ave., Royal Oak, (248) 554-0590, www.habatat.com.

**Lawrence Street Gallery:** "Fill the Frame Juried Exhibition" through July 25, reception 6-9 p.m. July 11, 22620 Woodward, Ferndale (248) 544-0394, www.lawrencestreetgallery.com.

**Orchard Lake Framing & Gallery:** "The Aha Moment - A Print Revealed," through July 19, 4301 Orchard Lake Road, W.Bloomfield, (248) 538-9021, www.orchardlakeframing.com.

**Paint Creek Center for the Arts:** "Uneasy," group show, through Aug. 9, reception, 7-10 p.m. July 11, gallery talk, 2 p.m. July 12; Tim Johnstone, through Aug. 9, reception, 7-10 p.m. July 11, gallery talk, 2 p.m. July 12; 407 Pine, Rochester, (248) 651-4110, www.pccart.org.

**The Print Gallery:** Paul Adams' Detroit,



through July 19, 29173 Northwestern Hwy., Southfield, (248) 356-5454, www.everythingart.com.

**Susanne Hilberry Gallery:** "Judy Linn," through Aug. 9, 700 Livernois, Ferndale, (248) 541-4700, www.susannehilberrygallery.com.

## CHORAL

**Sweet Adelines International:** Women are invited to enter the Sweet Adelines International A Capella Unleashed YouTube.com Singing Contest by July 18 for chance to win \$1,000, (800) 992-7464, www.youtube.com/SweetAdelinesIntl.

**University Musical Society:** "Summer Sings" choral reading sessions, all interested singers, welcome to music making - George Frederic Handel, "Israel in Egypt," Hill Auditorium, July 14; Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Dona Nobis Pacem" July 21, and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Requiem, July 28," both at Great Lakes Room, Palmer Commons, (734) 764-2538, www.ums.org.

## CLUBS

**The Ark:** Chuck The Duhks w/Luke Doucet and Jenny Own Youngs, July 10; Austin Lounge Lizards, July 11; Blanche, July 12; The Alternate Routes with Virginia Coalition, July 13; Townie Street Party with Steve Riley & The Mamou Playboys, July 14; Joshua James/Cory Chisel, July 20; Jen Cass & Randall Williams, July 21, 316 S. Main Street, Ann Arbor. www.theark.org.

**Crofoot Ballroom:** The Hard Lessons, July 26, 1 South Saginaw, Pontiac, (248) 858-9333.  
**Edison's:** Remedy, July 10; Close Call, July 11-12; Robert Penn, July 17; Aaron Vaughn Band, July 18-19; Toxic Groove, July 24; No One Else, July 25-26; Remedy, July 31, 220 E. Merrill, Birmingham (248) 645-2150.

**Magic Bag:** Fifth Way, July 11; The Beggars with Freer, The Sapeins & Oscillating Fan Club, July 12; Chris Duarte, July 13; Tony Lucca & Joe Firstman, July 20, 22920 Woodward Ave., Ferndale, (248) 544-3030, www.themagicbag.com.

**The Magic Stick:** Edison Glass, July 15, 4140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, (313) 833-9700.

**Plymouth Coffee Bean:** Open mic 7:30-10:30 p.m. Mondays, 884 Penniman, Plymouth. mspace.com/plymouthcoffeebean.

## COMEDY

**Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase:** Amy Schumer, July 11-12; Comedy Jamm, July 24; Dave Landau, July 25-26; 314 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080, www.aacomedy.com.

**DTE Music Theatre:** Southfield resident and comedian Dave Bell opens for Earth, Wind and Fire, 7:30 p.m. July 27, www.davebell.net.

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

**Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle:** Lowell Sanders, July 10-12; Steve Iott, July 17-19; Marc Ryan, July 24-26; Ken Rogerson, July 31-Aug. 2; \$8-\$18, 269 E. Fourth St., Royal Oak, (248) 542-9900, www.comedycastle.com.

**Meadowbrook Music Festival:** "Weird Al" Yankovic, July 18; Laugh-A-Palooza featuring Last Comic Standing 2007 Winner Jon Reep and other local comedians, July 20; Chelsea Handler, Aug. 9, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. (248) 645-6666.  
**Michigan Theater:** Bill Maher, Aug. 15, \$45-\$55, 603 E. Liberty, Ann Arbor. (248) 645-6666.  
**The Second City:** Second City Chicago's National

Touring Company, through July 11, 42705 Grand River Ave., Novi, (248) 348-4448, www.secondcity.com.

## CONCERTS

**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, call (313) 471-6611.

**DTE Energy Music Theatre:** Martina McBride, July 11; Crue Fest with Motley Crue, Buckcherry, Papa Roach, Sixx:AM and Trapt, July 15; Survivor with John Waite, July 16; Michael W. Smith, July 17; John Mellencamp with Lucinda Williams, July 18; Kid Rock with Rev. Run, July 19-20; Earth Wind and Fire, July 27; Peter Frampton, July 29; Three Doors Down, July 30, 7774 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston. (248) 645-6666.

**The Fillmore-Detroit:** Shinedown, July 26; Boys Like Girls, Aug. 2; No Fear Music Tour with Bullet for My Valentine, Aug. 16; Sigur Ros, Sept. 23; My Morning Jacket, Oct. 4, 2115 Woodward, Detroit. Call (248) 645-6666.

**Freedom Hill Amphitheatre:** Yes, July 19, 14900 Metropolitan Parkway, Sterling Heights. Call (248) 645-6666.

**Gem Theatre:** Idina Menzel, 8 p.m. Thursday, 333 Madison Ave., Detroit, call (248) 645-6666.

**Joe Louis Arena:** American Idols Live, July 24, (248) 645-6666, www.ticketmaster.com, OlympiaEntertainment.com.

**Meadow Brook Music Festival:** Trace Adkins and Kellie Pickler, July 17; Weird Al Yankovic, July 18; Live/Blues Traveler/Collective Soul, July 24; OAR, July 25, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. (248) 645-6666.  
**The Palace of Auburn Hills:** The Police with Elvis

Costello, July 26; Neil Diamond, July 31, 1 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, (248) 645-6666 or Palacenet.com.

**St. Andrew's Hall:** All Time Low, July 16; Lagwagon and MXPX, Sept. 19, 431 E. Congress, Detroit, (248) 645-6666.

## DANCE

**Detroit Opera House:** American Ballet Summer Intensives performance 1 and 4 p.m. July 18, \$10-\$15, (313) 237-3426, chalsted@motopera.org.

## FAMILY

**Hilberry Theatre:** "Jungle Book," 10:30 a.m. July 10-12, (313) 577-2972.

**Meadow Brook Music Festival:** Kidz Bop Live!, July 15; "If You Give A Mouse A Cookie", July 31; Disney Music Block Party Tour, Aug. 19-20, on the campus of Oakland University, Rochester Hills. (248) 645-6666.

**Middle Eastern Family Festival:** Middle Eastern and American entertainment, carnival rides, video game tents, live music, face painting and food, July 24-27, Merriman Road between Six and Seven Mile roads.

## FESTIVALS

**Birmingham Community House JazzFest:** Featuring Tumbao Bravo, Carl Cafagna & North Star Jazz, Johnny O'Neal Trio, Joey DeFrancesco Trio, Bobby Lyle/Paul Jackson Jr. Project on July 19; Motor City Jazz Quintet, Jessie Palter, U of Toledo Faculty Jazz Ensemble, Joe McBride, Alexander Zonjic & Friends, July 20, Shain Park, between Merrill and Martin streets, Birmingham, call (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

## FILM

**Campus Martius Film Series:** Runs Saturdays, 8 p.m. now through Aug. 9; "First Sunday," July 12; "I am Legend" July 19; "Dr. Suess's Horton Hears a Who," July 26, at the park between Fort Street and Michigan Ave., Detroit. Free.  
**Downtown Rochester:** Movies in the Moonlight "Transformers," July 12; "Galaxy Quest," July 19; "Shrek the Third," July 26, (248) 656-0060, www.DowntownRochesterMI.com.







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