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Nine-year-old Meghan Barry and her dad were the winners of the Observer Newspapers Honor Dad contest...

Township forum

The six candidates for supervisor, clerk and treasurer in the Aug 3 Plymouth Township Republican primary have been invited to a candidates' forum...

The July 12 forum, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County and the Plymouth Observer...

Candidates will be allowed a one-minute opening statement, a one-minute response to questions and a two-minute summation...

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Township waits for tree removal

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

Julie Rich just sort of rolls her eyes when asked the question, 'Why do you think the tree needs to be removed?'

removal by Wayne County officials two years ago, when the emerald ash borer plague hit the state. It was one of literally hundreds in Plymouth Township designated for removal.

last summer, and they said it would be gone by fall,' Rich said. 'I haven't called yet this summer'.

Mann said Patrick Hogan, director of Wayne County roads, said grass cutting and other responsibilities have been a drag on the division's ability to remove the trees.

every day, but I can't give a specific time when that will happen'.



MONICA FOUTS | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps marches in tune during Canton's Liberty Festival parade Saturday

Bigger and better every year, Liberty parade and festival draw thousands

BY JACK GLADDEN STAFF WRITER

Richard and Carolyn Summer of Canton arrived at the Farmer Jack parking lot on Canton Center about 8:30 a.m. Saturday, bought tickets to the VIP bleacher seats and settled down to watch the Liberty Fest parade.

said 'We just came to check out the parade. We've got plenty of time.' After the parade, they were headed over to the Liberty Fest.

the exhibit, which featured a fuel cell Focus sedan, a hydrogen engine hybrid Focus and an SUV hybrid.

them at the Liberty Fest 'because we have all the people who love the environment and we can showcase our technology'.

PARADE TIME

Meanwhile, back at the parade route, Ed and Melanie Leeson of Canton were sitting in the bleachers with their children, Sarah, 9, and Brian, 12.

PLEASE SEE FESTIVAL, A6

BY TONY BRUSCATO STAFF WRITER

Sports, cleaning bear brunt of school cuts

The layoffs of nearly two dozen employees and an increased pay-to-participate fee for high school athletes were established for the upcoming school year as the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education adopted a 2004-05 budget Tuesday night.

While trustees agreed to let Superintendent Jim Ryan use fund equity to balance the budget, the move still comes with a price.

'It's modified cleaning, not every other day which means most of the areas that are cleaned every day now will be cleaned,' said Ryan.

On a 4-3 vote, the board recalled all three high school athletic directors for another year, despite the fact their salaries have come under scrutiny.

'I really want to have parent and coach representation from the Park to find out what they do at other districts with the key to find out what our own athletic directors do,' Ryan said.

PLEASE SEE CUTS, A4

New Web feature expands paper's reach

The Plymouth Observer has developed a new feature that is designed both to increase the reach for advertising placed in the paper and to facilitate Web surfers using the paper's portal site.

'We started by developing our portal site, HometownLife.com, which includes news and classified ads from the Observer & Eccentric.

which brings up a full view of the ad,' said Power. The searchability feature tool offers considerable benefits to advertisers, according to Power.

Called 'Featured Ads,' it is a button on the home page of the Observer & Eccentric site on HometownLife.com that makes it possible to search the entire database for display advertising that appears in the papers.

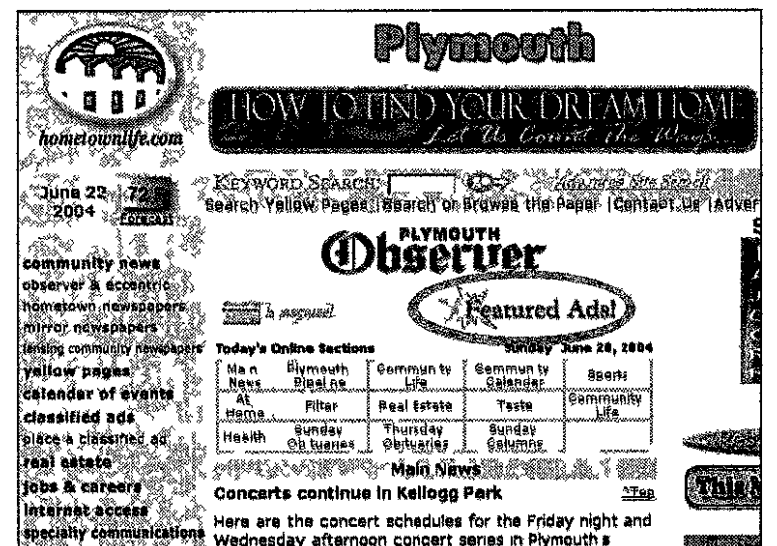
'Searchability is a useful and convenient feature on our site Web surfers are now able to click on the 'Featured Ads' link on every main newspaper page on the HometownLife.com site, which takes them to a list of every display ad that runs in the papers,' according to Power.

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'More over, by being fully searchable, your ad is much more easy to find on the HometownLife.com than it used to be,' according to Power.

Advertisers interested in taking advantage of the special searchability feature for their advertising should call their regular Observer & Eccentric advertising representative.



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Plymouth Church of the Nazarene sponsors the sixth annual Freedom Celebration at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park. The rally features a patriotic musical that honors all military personnel, a color guard, a tribute to former POWs and free lunch. Music will be provided by contemporary Christian band Tree 63 at 1 p.m.

For more information, call the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, (734) 453-1525

TROOP SUPPORT

Lakepointe Family Chiropractic changed its hours Monday, and in conjunction with the change is conducting a support drive for troops serving overseas.

Staffers at the clinic, located at 42875 Five Mile, will be collecting non-perishable items (hard candy, handy-wipes, comics, magazines, powdered beverages, peanut butter, tuna-beef-chicken in foil packages, peanuts-pretzels-cookies, etc.) during their new business hours, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday. Staffers will collect donations through July 29, then ship the packages overseas.

For more information on the collection or on the clinic itself, call (734) 420-1004.

NEW SHAREHOLDER

Orchard Hiltz & McCliment, Inc., announced Kent Early of Plymouth was elevated to shareholder status within the firm.



Early

Early, who joined the firm in 1999, earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Michigan Technological University in 1994, and a master of science in business administration from Eastern Michigan University in 2001.

He currently serves as an Account Manager in the firm's Municipal Group, working extensively with cities, villages, and townships as well as road agencies and drain commissioners, overseeing all projects within the communities he works.

POETRY CONTEST

The International Library of Poetry has announced \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest.

Poets from the Plymouth area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of more than 250 prizes. Contest deadline is Sept. 30.

The contest is open to everyone, and entry is free of charge.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and style, to The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19920, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear at the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by Sept. 30. Poets may also enter online at www.poetry.com.

COACH OPENINGS

Plymouth High School has openings for coaches for the 2004-05 school year.

The school needs coaches for boys' freshman soccer and basketball, varsity cross country for boys and girls, and a girls' freshman basketball coach.

Interested applicants should send a resume to Athletic Director Terry Sawchuck, Plymouth High School, 8400 N. Beck Road, Canton, MI 48187. For more information, call (734) 582-5700.

KIWANIS BREAKFASTS

The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth-Canton Breakfast sponsors a series of pancake breakfasts at the Masonic Temple in downtown Plymouth to raise money to support its projects, and the breakfast Saturday is a special one.

Father's attending Saturday's breakfast get their tickets for \$1 off. Breakfast is served from 8-11 a.m. July 10, Aug. 7 and Sept. 4. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6-12. Children

age 5 and younger served free.

Proceeds from the breakfasts — which include all-you-can-eat eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy and coffee, tea or juice — support community activities such as an annual scholarship, sweat suits for First Step, Bentley Elementary School read-a-thon, church directories for area hotels/motels, Halloween Costumes for hospitalized children, Youth Leadership Canton and Leadership Plymouth.

The Masonic Temple is located at 730 Penniman.

EUCHRE TOURNAY

The Knights of Columbus sponsor a fund-raising euchre tournament starting with registration at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 26, at the K-of-C Hall, 150 Fair St.

The event features a 50/50 raffle and refreshments, and carries \$200, \$100 and \$50 prizes for first- through third-place finishers, respectively. There's a \$10 entry fee at the door, which includes a snack, or advance tickets can be acquired by calling Clete, (248) 596-9189. Games start at 7:30 p.m.

RADIO OPERATORS FIELD DAY

The Stu Rockefeller Amateur Radio Society of Plymouth will join hundreds of Amateur Radio clubs across the nation to participate in Field Day 2004, scheduled for June 26-27.

Field Day is sponsored by the American Radio Relay League in Hartford, Conn. The



Memorial tree

Women's National Farm and Garden Association-Plymouth Branch members Joan Connor, Juanita Fenkell, Jill Ginder, Betty Hees, Susan Kenny and Ann House stand with the tree the club planted in memory of Dorothy Sincock. It was one of two trees planted in Garden Club park earlier this month. The second was planted for the beautification of the park thanks to the efforts of Brownie Troop Leader Marissa Lazich and the Smith School Brownie Troop 1132.

club will be running four stations simultaneously on HF, VHF and UHF frequencies using voice, digital and Morse code modes of communication. The 24-hour "operating" period will be from 2 p.m. Saturday to 2 p.m. Sunday.

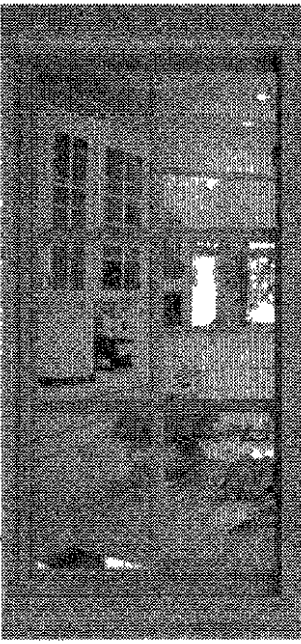
The Field Day site is at The Plymouth Township Park on Ann Arbor Trail at McClumpha, in the area of the softball diamonds.

The object of Field Day, according to club officials, is "to work as many stations as possible on any and all amateur bands and in doing so learn to operate in abnormal situations in less than optimal conditions. A premium is

placed on developing skills to meet the challenges of emergency preparedness as well to acquaint the general public with the capabilities of Amateur Radio."

The Stu Rockefeller Amateur Radio Society makes their communications abilities available for weather alerts, Halloween patrols and community events as requested in the City of Plymouth, Plymouth and Northville townships. The Stu Rockefeller members invite the public to visit the hospital tent at its Field Day site and see amateur radio in action. The club's Web site is at www.qsl.net/w8njh.

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As we get older we lose the range of motion in our bodies. This is particularly difficult on golfers as tightened muscles lead to shorter drives. To increase the flexibility, golfers can begin by warming up on a treadmill or exercise bike. Simply by jogging to get the heart rates up. Next, they should engage in some stretching of the lower extremities (legs and buttocks). Upper extremities (arms and shoulders) and spine neck, head and back. Hands should be followed by a top of the diving angle, where warm ups can begin with a wedge and work up to a drive. The week before tee time, there should be additional gentle stretching of the upper and lower extremities.

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Plymouth Clerk Linda Langmesser worries when her older brother, Dan Howard (right), is working overseas. That's their younger brother, Steve Howard, in the middle.

Fear knows no boundaries

Kidnappings have ripple effect on relatives back home

BY TONY BRUSCATO
STAFF WRITER

Linda Langmesser carefully watches the news when she hears of another American kidnapped in the middle east. Her brother, Dan Howard, works overseas, and she's always concerned for his safety, especially since the latest beheadings in Saudi Arabia by al Qaeda terrorists.

"I think about him all the time, being in that part of the world," said Langmesser, who is Plymouth's city clerk. "We'll all be glad when he comes home for good."

Howard, 57, grew up in Westland, graduating from Wayne Memorial High School in 1965 before receiving an engineering degree at Michigan State University. He currently lives in Cairo, Egypt, where he is a project manager for British Petroleum. Howard has lived 23 years overseas, including such places as Bogota, Columbia, and Singapore.

"I wouldn't work in Saudi Arabia, it's a different world, Howard said. "It's a bird cage there because the government controls you."

Howard has friends who live and work in Saudi Arabia, which he says has become a dangerous place to live as 80 percent of the population are guest workers from foreign countries.

"They're now under curfew because of the chances of getting kidnapped," he said. "Unfortunately, many of the people want Saudi Arabia for the Saudis. They are taking Osama bin Laden's lead in trying to get the U.S. out."

"The Saudis don't mix as well socially with people from other countries," he added. "The Muslims have an extreme amount of pride, and their reactions are pretty severe."

While Howard calls Egypt more cosmopolitan than Saudi Arabia, he said he still lives with security measures, just in case.

The company has a security

department that gives us security alerts," Howard said. "They let us know what's going on. And we have emergency planning for the worst of events, such as an evacuation."

Howard said his worst assignment was in Bogota, Columbia, "where we had a bodyguard wherever we went because kidnapping was such a concern."

"My closest call came when we were coming out of our living complex to walk the dog and the guard told us to wait," Howard said. "Our neighbor's son was shot in the face, and he was dying at the entrance to the apartment. It kind of brings it home."

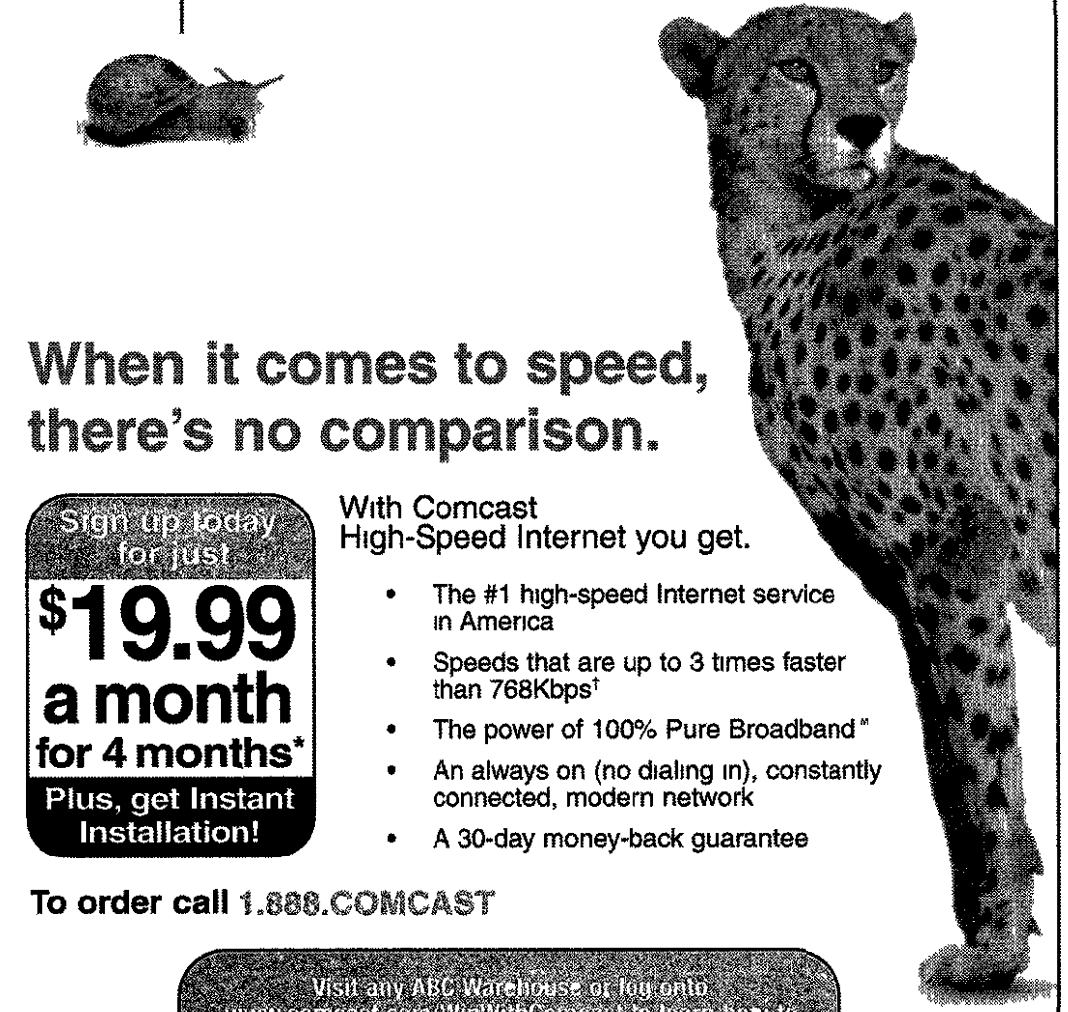
Langmesser said she'll be glad when her brother finishes his current project and heads home to Houston in a few months, hopefully for good.

"He's been in that part of the country for so long that he's not too concerned," she said.

But we're all very anxious for him to get done with this project and retire because of all the years he spent overseas."

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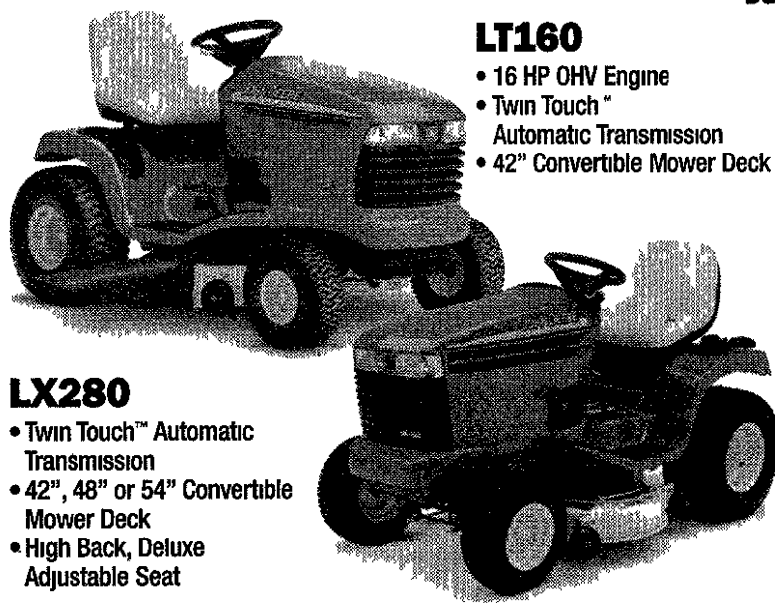
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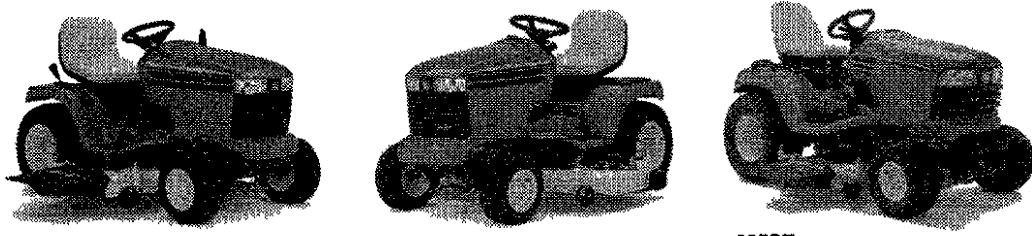
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CUTS

FROM PAGE A1

In order to come up with \$400,000 in cuts from the high school athletic budget, athletic directors will take a 9 percent pay cut, totaling \$23,000

The largest portion of the cuts will be made up by revenue generated from student athletes, who will be required to pay \$150 for participating in one sport, and another \$80 for the second sport. The administration estimates the pay-to-play schedule will generate \$302,000

Under the new fee schedule, there won't be any further charge for students who participate in three or more sports. Currently, student athletes pay \$125 to participate in an unlimited number of sports

Ryan said boosters want to look at the possibility of holding fund-raisers to raise money for the high school athletic department

Board Vice President Mark Slavens voted against retaining all three high school athletic directors

"I think this is one area where we need to make cuts

'I don't think we should cut all the athletic directors, but I think we could run the athletic department with two.

It's not an optimum situation, but we're in tough financial times.'

Mark Slavens board vice president

now, and I would like to see more reorganization," said Slavens. "I don't think we should cut all the athletic directors, but I think we could run the athletic department with two. It's not an optimum situation, but we're in tough financial times"

Earlier, the board approved a plan that will institute a \$50 fee to participate for students participating in middle school sports

The middle school athletic program will be revamped in 2005-06, with softball and swimming to be eliminated from the sixth- through eighth-grade program

DEATHS

A William "Bill" R. Atwood, 77, of Oakland Township, died June 20

C John R. Cameron, 48, of Southfield, died June 17 Steven E. Chilcutt, 29, of Southfield, died June 15

F Maxine A. Falcone, 82, of Rochester Hills, died June 12 Lois L. Filer, 88, of Auburn Hills, died June 3

G Billy Ray Gibson Jr., 28, of Rochester Hills, died June 17 John I. Graham, 72, of Auburn Hills, died June 5

H Philip C. Hart, 88, of Rochester Hills, died June 18 Evelyn B. Henry, 94, of Oakland, died June 3 William D. "Bill" Howell, 73, of Rochester Hills, died June 8

I Ashleigh P. Iserman, 17, of Rochester Hills, died June 5

L David A. Lukens, 55, of Rochester Hills, died June 16

M Ronald D. Marheine, 74, of Auburn Hills, died May 30 Lillian J. McClain, 78, of Farmington,



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died June 15 Evelyn L. Myers, 89, of Rochester Hills, died June 16

R Dorothy C. Rebovich, 82, of Independence Township, died June 12 Una 'Mae' Reynolds, 66, of Farmington Hills, died June 16 Joseph P. Rudy, 80, of Farmington Hills, died June 19

S Marie A. Shaw, 69, of Farmington Hills, died June 18 Bernice F. Stear of Livonia, died June 18

T Marjorie M. Thompson, 82, of Rochester Hills, died June 11 Jason G. Tucker, 87, of Rochester, died June 5

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V James A. Vanderstek, 61, of Auburn Hills, died June 7 Lester F. Villeuava, 58, of Orion Township, died June 18

W Elizabeth M. Waldorf, 86, of Oakland Township, died June 16 Opal M. Ward, 90, of Oakland Township, died June 15 Harold G. Wessering, 68, of Clinton Township, died June 3

FIRE RUNS

The Plymouth Community Fire Department responded to the following runs between June 16-22

Tuesday, June 22 - Investigation on Ann Arbor Trail, residential rescue runs on Lakewood, on Parkview, on Tyler and on Lincoln. Vehicle accidents at Plymouth Road and Concept and on southbound I-275 north of 5 Mile, commercial rescue runs on Beck

Monday, June 21 - Vehicle accident on Beck at the M-14 ramp, commercial rescue runs on Ann Arbor Road, on Haggerty and on Starkweather, industrial rescue run on Halyard, vehicle accident, with extrication and wash-down, on westbound M-14 at Beck, residential rescue run on Mill, vehicle accident on westbound M-14 at Beck, smoke investigations on Main and on westbound M-14 at Beck, vehicle accident on M-14 at Sheldon

Sunday, June 20 - Vehicle accident at Schoolcraft and Haggerty, rescue run on Northville Road, residential rescue runs on Tyler and on Newporte, industrial rescue run on Port

Saturday, June 19 - Wash-down on eastbound M-14 at Sheldon,

investigations on River Oaks and on Turfhead, smoke investigation on Church, residential rescue runs on N. Territorial and on Jener, fire on Wolf River

Friday, June 18 - Commercial rescue runs on Plymouth Road and on Ann Arbor Road, industrial rescue run on Helm, residential rescue runs on Sheridan, on Forest and on Plymouth Road, single-family fire on Plumtree, rescue run to a public building on Ann Arbor Road, investigation on Halyard, special run on Penniman

Thursday, June 17 - Investigation at Plymouth Road and Eckles, commercial rescue run on Haggerty, downed wires at Sheldon and Marin, vehicle accident at Hines and Riverside, industrial rescue run on Plymouth Oaks, residential rescue run on Mill

Wednesday, June 16 - industrial rescue runs on Plymouth Road and on Sheldon, single-family fire on Turkey Run, vehicle accident at Sheldon and 5 Mile, rescue run at Bradner and Lakeland, residential rescue run on Timber Crest

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Cops seek help in Compuware thefts

BY BRAD KADRICH
STAFF WRITER

Plymouth Township Police Department detectives are looking for a man caught on videotape at the time of several thefts from locker rooms at Compuware Arena.

The thefts took place during April and May, when the thief or thieves targeted the adult hockey leagues playing at the time. According to police, the thief generally hit the arena during evening hours from 9 p.m. - midnight.

Four incidents were reported to township police, in which some \$3,000 was stolen. Surveillance video captured

images of the unidentified man, and now detectives are trying to find him.

"We can't call him a suspect," said Detective Mark Hoffman. "We want to identify him and question him as to why he was there."

According to Hoffman, staffers at Compuware have since changed the locks and have not had any other incidents.

Anyone with information about the incidents, or the individual, should call Hoffman, (734) 354-3240, or call the police department at (734) 453-3869, Ext. 241.

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Plymouth Township detectives want to talk to this unidentified man about some larceny incidents at Compuware Arena.

District, Plymouth Symphony bring music to schools

BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

The rooms will be filled with the sounds of music in Wayne-Westland elementary schools this fall. And the music youngsters in the third through fifth grades will be hearing will be provided by members of the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra.

The orchestra and the Wayne-Westland Community Schools have entered into a collaboration that will bring members of the orchestra into the classroom to introduce students to musical instruments and music.

"We're really excited about this open collaboration with the school district," said Angela Han, executive director of the Plymouth Symphony. "We've talked to a lot of people in the past year to get this together and would like to have it in place for the next school year. We'll work the summer to get the program in place."

Third-graders would receive two visits from orchestral groups — strings and woodwinds in the fall and percussion and brass in the winter.

"We'll look for not only exceptional players, but teachers who can interact with the students," said symphony music director/conductor Nan Washburn. The presentations will have time for question and answers. It'll be a hands-on connection with a family of instruments.

Fourth-graders would have a

visit from a chamber group in the fall and then attend a districtwide children's concert at the Stockmeyer Auditorium during the second semester.

The third- and fourth-grade component is only a small part of what the symphony offers for youth, Han said. "We offer a youth symphony and youth artist contest that's open to Wayne-Westland students. We're really excited to be opening up this collaboration."

According to Washburn, the program will prepare students to attend a concert, which would be the fifth-grade component, when students would have the opportunity to see the Detroit or Plymouth symphony orchestras or possibly a district-presented concert.

"The Plymouth Symphony has been doing this for six years, so we've worked out the kinks and we'll be furnishing a polished product," Washburn said.

Sam Barresi, assistant superintendent for instruction, sees the program as a way for students to gain a greater appreciation for art in the elementaries, as well as have an even greater impact on the music program at the middle school level and on into high school.

It was the work the symphony does in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools that attracted the interest of Wayne-Westland officials who visited a Plymouth school to see the program in action.

"It was amazing how the kids could describe how the tone of

the music changed," Barresi said. "Those are the things that would happen in the classroom. This isn't a program where students will play musical instruments, but a way to get acquainted with their sounds and capability."

He added that students also would learn how to attend concert and what is appropriate concert behavior.

The program will cost about \$45,000, and the district is identifying possible grants to cover its cost. However, Supt. Greg Baracy stressed that the district is committed to supporting it.

"I believe the funding should be in place by the fall, but we're prepared to use money from the general fund," he said. "It's an opportunity we can't pass up. It's an opportunity for a few thousand dollars to spread music across thousands of students."

Baracy stressed that the program is music appreciation and not instrumental music instruction, something that has been missing from the elementary schools for several years. If the program does strike an interest in a child, the district would be able to provide direction to private lessons, he said.

The program drew strong support from the board of education, especially President Skip Mont, a strong supporter of music in the schools.

"I appreciate the fact that students will have a basic knowledge of what goes on at a concert," he said.

ON STAGE

Here are the concert schedules for the Friday night and Wednesday afternoon concert series in Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

Music in the Park is presented Wednesday afternoons at noon by the Plymouth Community Arts Council.

The Music in the Air series is presented Friday evenings by the Downtown Development Authority. Those start at 7 p.m.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

- June 30 — Celebration concert, Matt Watroba and special guests Robert Jones and Kitty Donohoe
- July 7 — Josh White Jr
- July 14 — Gemmi
- July 21 — Marc Thomas & Max the Moose
- July 28 — Guy Louis and Chautauqua Express
- Aug 4 — Hometown Kids concert with Phoenix

and the Celebration Youth Orchestra

- Aug 11 — Harpbeat
 - Aug 18 — Elmo Thumm
- The concerts, sponsored by New Liberty Bank, start at noon.

For more information on the concerts, call the Plymouth Community Arts Council at (734) 416-4278.

MUSIC IN THE AIR

- June 25 — Mass Transit returns with their variety of oldies and American classics
- July 2 — Red, White, Bluegrass & Blues An American Music Celebration, featuring the Cass Avenue Ramblers, followed by Harmonica Shah & Howard Glazer
- July 9 — No concert because of Art in the Park
- July 16 — The Warren Commission, featuring vocal 1st Suzy Marsh, fresh from her Detroit Music Awards

nomination as Best Female Jazz Vocalist

- July 23 — Steve King & The Dittlies
 - Aug 6 — King Sweat, playing R&B, classic soul and some rock-&-roll
 - Aug 13 — Bobby Lewis & The CrackerJack Band The final appearance by The CJB at Music in the Air, as the Dean of Detroit Rock & Roll retires this year
 - Aug 20 — Impact 7 revue-style show featuring music from Motown to Earth, Wind & Fire
 - Aug 27 — Pamela Ransford & The Plymouth Guitar Band
 - Sept 3 — September Surprise featuring mystery guests
- The concerts, sponsored by Community Financial, start at 7 p.m.

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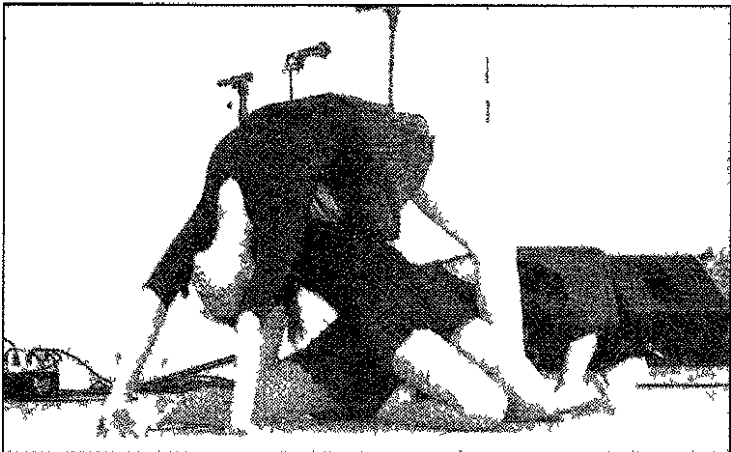
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Waleed Faraj of Canton attempts to throw a football through a tire in one of the games



The Trish Donnelly-Runnion Memorial Road Race 5K run stampedes down Canton Center road before the Liberty Fest Parade Saturday morning



Lillian Chen Lucy Yin and Emily Wang perform in Canton Celebrates Its People



Rajah Khan of Canton gets fitted for a new helmet from the Children's Hospital/ Kohl's Department Stores booth at the Liberty Fest Saturday Kids were offered bike helmets for \$2 or the donation of two used children's books



Brandon Gilstorf of the Brigill Trucking Company gets a push as his mini-semi runs out of gas during the parade



Andrew Christol of Canton shows off the Pistons fan headgear he made at the Kids Art Workshop

'He can't be 11!'

Master of ceremonies dazzles the crowd

BY JACK GLADDEN
STAFF WRITER

This year's Liberty Fest parade featured plenty of entries to suit anyone's taste. There were dancers, horses, unicycle riders, scout troops, cheerleaders, bands, floats and politicians.

But for many parade watchers near the judges' stand at the Farmer Jack Center on Cherry Hill and Canton Center, one of the stars of the parade wasn't even in it.

He was 11 year old Cody Buege of Westland, son of Greg and Elizabeth Buege. The sixth grader served as master of ceremonies for the parade, and listeners who could hear his commentary said things like, "He can't be 11!"

Cody was chosen for the job after parade organizer Fred Bolden approached people at Canton's Miller Elementary School, which Bolden's children attend, and asked if they had anyone who could fill the spot. "I went to school with Fred Bolden's kids," Cody said. "And I was an emcee for a talent night there. I guess I did OK."

The Bueges - Cody has a sister, Bianca, 7, and a brother, Gregory, 12 - moved from Canton to Westland recently.

Cody doesn't know where he got his flair for parade commentary, but that didn't matter to parade watchers.

As state Sen. Bruce Patterson of Canton - whose noted for his well-groomed mustache, passed the judges' stand, Cody yelled into the microphone "Hey Bruce, we need a category for best mustache."

And when he asked for a round of applause for the Habitat for Humanity entry he was satisfied with the bland response.

"We need a bigger round of applause than that," he chided the crowd.

And the crowd complied.

And when the Canton Public Library's Library Cart Drill Team did their signature routine in front of the judges - bending toward the spectators, forefinger over lips and hissing "Shhhh!" - Cody wisely cracked, "I don't know if they can quiet me down."

They probably couldn't, and Cody said,



Cody Buege, 11, of Canton, was the master of ceremonies for the Liberty Fest Parade Saturday. Buege was offered the honor after he played emcee at a school talent show.

if invited, he'd like to be back as emcee next year.

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Emily Heller of Canton breaks into daylight after passing through an inflatable tunnel filled with obstacles at the Kids Fun Zone

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FESTIVAL

FROM PAGE A1

"We come to the Liberty Fest regularly," Ed said. "We also go to the Plymouth parade."

Juanita Dunn of Canton sat on the grass near the bleachers waiting for the parade to begin.

"My son is in the parade this year," she said. "He's in Little League. He's the baby of the team."

Her son, William, 8, was marching with the Canton Athletics. He's one of the youngest in the league.

"He tried out and did well," Dunn said. "I was surprised he made it."

Karen Linnen was in the bleachers with her children, McKenna, 5, and Madison, 7. It was their first year for the parade.

"We read about it in Thursday night's *Observer*," she said.

VETERANS

Annette Masserant of Canton and her children, Adam, 8, and Nichole, 7, were veterans of the fest.

Adam's favorite part of the parade was fire engines while Nichole liked the "horses." Annette liked the Scout troops.

Doreen Miner, also of Canton, was sitting on the grass waiting for the person dressed as a Dairy Queen cone.

She had reason. She's owns the Dairy Queen in the Farmer Jack Center and three of her employees were marching in the parade, one dressed in the cone suit.



Kevin Hatch and Dustin Herriman look at a 1935 Chevy Master Deluxe Coupe

She wasn't worried about the parade blocking access to the shopping center.

"The parade's more fun anyway," she said.

The parade got under way, led by grand marshals Kyle Siarto and Sean Bowers, who brought home medals from the Special Olympics World Games in Ireland. Siarto and Bowers also were honored recently as Canton Community Achievers.

When the hour-and-a-half long parade was over, it was on to the festival, where, among the food booths, the crafts tents, the paddle boats and the entertainers, there were more cars.

America's Most Wanted Car

Club was sponsoring the Liberty Fest's annual car show, with dozens of collectibles on display around the ponds.

Club president Mike Harview of Canton was manning the show which featured a silent auction and a raffle. Proceeds from this year's show will be given to Michigan Military Moms, in honor of Army Pfc Holly Jeanne McGeogh, 19, of Taylor who was killed in action in Iraq in January of this year.

And across the park from the car show, Sandy Charkowske of Ann Arbor was manning the booth for the Military Moms. It was their second year at the Liberty Fest



Sherry Humecky (left), Morgan Humecky, Micheal Gleason, and Suzane Gleason of the Real Happy String & Swing Band

As for the car show's donation to the group, she said, "We're so thrilled."

Charkowske has a son in the Marines who's stationed at Camp Pendleton and a 17-year-old son who's leaving in September to join the Army.

"I'm very proud of both of them," she said, "but as a mother you can't help but worry."

Her Marne son, a sergeant in an intelligence unit, has already served one tour in Iraq.

"He went over in February and came home in July," she said.

She joined the Michigan Military Moms a little over a year after the war started.

ON STAGE

Over by the dance stage,

where Indian, Japanese, Taiwanese, Irish, Arabic and Chinese dancers took their turns on stage, Lora and Howard Stein of Livonia were watching the dancers with Howard's daughter, Roxann, 7.

It was their first year for the Liberty Fest. Howard was interested in the car show and Roxann the rides.

But she was also interested in the dances.

"I've been an Irish step-dancer for three years," she said.

Lindsay George, 20, and Kyle Pitt, 21, both graduates of Canton High School, having been coming to the fest for years.

They were taking a lunch break in the bleachers near the dance pavilion.

"It's never been this big

before," said Kyle, who said he came for the food.

Lindsay was going to browse the arts and crafts booths. They were going to take a break, then come back for the fireworks.

Yogi and Kanta Kashyap of Canton, natives of India, had brought their 3 1/2-year-old grandchild to the festival.

"They've been coming for the last four years."

"It's wonderful," Yogi said. "Everything is so nice."

They were watching the dancing, but Yogi said, "I like the car show."

They weren't, however, planning to come back for the fireworks. "We can see them from our back yard," he said.

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Friends of the Rouge get new partner Ross residents ready for street repair

Audubon International and Friends of the Rouge have formed a new partnership to promote watershed protection and environmental education for youth in southeast Michigan's Rouge River watershed.

Like many rivers throughout the country, the Rouge is rebounding from pollution, yet at the same time faces new pressures from urbanization, contamination, erosion, and habitat loss. The partnership will link landowners that participate in Audubon International's programs with students that participate in the Friends of the Rouge's Rouge Education Project to provide additional sites for water quality testing and environmental education.

"Educating people about the Rouge River is the forte of Friends of the Rouge,"

Audubon International's Peter Bronski said "And helping people take action to protect and sustain the land, water, wildlife, and natural resources around them is what Audubon International does best. By combining our strengths, we believe we can help people improve the quality of life and the environment in the Rouge watershed."

Courtney Shosh, Rouge Education Project coordinator at Friends of the Rouge, said the Rouge River is a "valuable natural resource that affects the quality of life of more than 1.5 million southeast Michigan residents."

"The more people realize that, the more people will make individual and policy decisions to protect the river and surrounding watershed," said Shosh. "This partnership will get to the heart of that

through education and raising awareness."

In addition to educating school children, the partners seek to encourage a more comprehensive approach to community growth and environmental protection in the watershed. They will be inviting municipalities within the watershed to work on sustainable community initiatives, and reaching out to larger properties, such as golf courses and corporate parks, to facilitate environmental management.

"Audubon International and Friends of the Rouge share similar environmental goals, yet the ways that we work and who we work with are different," said Audubon's Bronski. "By combining our strengths and our differences, we can accomplish more together than either organization

might do on its own."

Audubon International is a not-for-profit environmental education organization formed in 1987 dedicated to educating, assisting, and inspiring millions of people from all walks of life to protect and sustain the land, water, wildlife, and natural resources around them.

Friends of the Rouge is a nonprofit organization formed in 1986 to promote restoration and stewardship of the Rouge River and its watershed. Its programs include the Rouge Education Project (REP), an initiative that promotes awareness and stewardship of the Rouge River through school-based water quality monitoring, investigation and problem solving. Each year, the REP reaches nearly 100 elementary, middle, and high schools, actively engaging some 7,000 students.

Residents along Ross Street in Plymouth can expect some major changes coming, beginning next week.

Consumers Energy officials have informed officials in the City of Plymouth the company plans to install a new gas main and gas service to all houses on Ross between Main and Evergreen starting June 28. Officials estimate the work to take two to three weeks.

Meanwhile, the city plans to completely rebuild Ross from Main to McKinley.

According to city officials, the project will include installation of a new water main and

services, some sanitary sewer and storm sewer repairs and upgrades.

The city's preliminary construction schedule shows work starting the week of June 28. Initial work will include delivery of barricades, a complete video survey of existing conditions and the start of the sidewalk removals and water main installation on the south side of Ross.

Pavement removal is currently anticipated for early to mid-July, with final paving to occur near the end of August.

For more information on the project, call the city, (734) 453-1234.

St. Mary lands state 'excellence' honor

A statewide health care-improvement organization selected St. Mary Mercy Hospital as one of 60 Michigan hospitals to collect Governor's Awards for their work in 2003.

The Livonia facility was one of 49 award-winning hospitals to be recognized for both Excellence for Improving Care in the Hospital Setting and Emergency Department Setting.

"We're on a journey to grow and improve and this is affirmation of our efforts," said David Spivey, St. Mary president and CEO. "It's really nice to be recognized like this."

In the award program, initiated by Gov. Jennifer Granholm, the Michigan Peer Review Organization (MPRO) selected the Livonia hospital particularly for its work with heart attack and pneumonia patients. These honors were the first Governor's Awards for St. Mary. This was the MPRO's first year presenting hospital setting awards and the fourth year the MPRO handed out awards for emergency response.

The hospital, located on 22 acres on the southwest corner of Levan and Five Mile,

handles 42,000 emergency room patients each year. Spivey credited his highly trained staff, quick ER patient treatment and positive patient evaluations for the emergency department award.

Since St. Mary is a smaller hospital — compared to Royal Oak's Beaumont Hospital and Southfield's Providence Hospital — the Livonia staff has more opportunities to build relationships with patients, said Dr. Michael Calice, chairman of the emergency medicine department.

"We give the same quality care of a bigger hospital," Calice said. "We simply try to provide the highest-quality compassionate and coordinated care we can."

Calice also serves as the medical director for the Western Wayne County HEMS (Hospital Emergency Medical Services), a consortium that supports paramedics in Livonia, Canton, Plymouth and the private ambulance company, Concordia. He said this helps St. Mary better coordinate first-responder services and bring patients to a doctor quicker.

Hospital officials received the awards in Lansing on May 20 and staged a local c



A Medflight helicopter leaves St. Mary's emergency heliport. A statewide health care-improvement organization selected St. Mary Mercy Hospital as one of 60 Michigan hospitals to collect Governor's Awards for their work in 2003.

celebration Monday, which featured lauding from state Rep. John Pastor, R-Livonia, and Livonia Mayor Jack Engebretson. "Thank you for what you do for our community," Engebretson told the hospital gathering. "You play a big part in helping us become such a great community."

St. Mary Mercy Hospital was founded in 1959 by the Felician Sisters of Livonia with 170 beds and 300 employees. It has grown to 304 beds and 1,500 full-time and part-time workers, making the hospital the city's second-largest employer.

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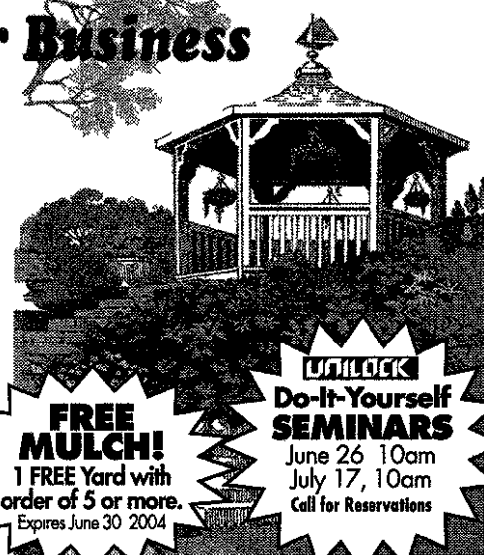
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OUR VIEWS

NBD building sale good news in city

The news of the sale of the NBD bank building on the corner of Penniman and Main was greeted with a wide smile from Plymouth Mayor Stella Greene

We suspect similar reactions were visible in places ranging from surrounding stores - Gabriala's owner Larry Bird said "When you have a building vacant that long, it doesn't make for a positive image for downtown" - to city hall and the Downtown Development Authority Director Bob Anderson called the building a "classic"

Of course, that begs the question of why it stood empty for years, but that debate is for a different day Today's discussion centers around what a revitalized building can do for the downtown and, assuming the deal goes through, the answer is Only good things

The new owner's stated plans, for a combination coffee-house/playscape, seem at first blush to be a pretty good fit He sees it as a place where parents can relax with a cup of coffee and a bagel while their children blow off steam and excess energy playing on the playscape

Does anyone else see that place being packed on Wednesdays, the days of the Music in the Park concert series that draws hundreds of people into Kellogg Park, directly across the street, every week?

Assuming it happens, it continues - in fact, enhances - the city's reputation for drawing businesses that flourish It seems like every week, someone else is opening a new business in town Most of them last, although some eventually fade But even those that go under are quickly replaced

A Bella Cucina closes, up pops My Computer Guys Plymouth Rock moves and Jimmy John's slides in Out goes Creative Framing, in comes Mia Bella

It's a cycle Anderson, the DDA director, surely likes to see, as does the mayor and anyone who participates in the business climate in this community A vibrant downtown is vital to the city's success, particularly in a city struck by financial trouble

Except perhaps for the Mayflower Centre, the NBD building is the city's most visible structure With a new owner coming in, the building will be filled again, and maybe even the windows will be stripped of the sensationalized newspaper coverage of a pornography problem that doesn't really exist

The sale isn't the savior of downtown Plymouth, because the city's business climate is pretty vibrant as it is But it certainly helps extend the city's reputation as a place where business - if done correctly - can come to flourish

Enjoy summer's bounty, but don't forget primary

Summer has come none too soon after a bitter winter with plentiful snowfall

It's no accident that schools take the summer off, and that most workers try to plan a vacation during this time of year Wayne and Oakland counties, as well as the entire state, have a wealth of opportunities to take a light hearted break from the bleak chill of winter

Summer festivals are plentiful, such as this weekend at St Nicholas Greek Church in Troy and at the Scripps Mansion in Orion Township in July The Meadow Brook Music Festival and DTE Energy Music Theater are always popular fair weather opportunities

Wayne County has such unique opportunities as the up-and-coming Detroit River Walk, the newly opened Ford Rouge plant and the ever-popular standard Greenfield Village

Statewide, Michigan boasts hundreds of lakes for beach and boating opportunities, camping, historic Mackinac Island and the Soo Locks

Traveling to local destinations is even more attractive with steep gasoline costs, which last week began to drop for the first time since May 1, according to AAA

But there is another reason to make the state your summer vacation destination AAA reports that summer vacation costs are down 18 percent this year, and they are 5 percent below the national average Michigan ranking 25th nationally in costs for lodging and meals

However, this summer will be a bittersweet experience for us Just as there are thorns beneath the blossoms of the rose, the war in Iraq and Aug 3 primary election cannot be avoided

Besides weeding our gardens, we must prepare the groundwork for deciding who will face off in the November general elections

So don't lose track of that calendar this summer You may need it after all



Election workers all over the Detroit area will be waiting for voters to head to the polls for the Aug 3 primary election Have fun this summer but don't forget to exercise your right to vote in this important election

LETTERS

Clarifying article

As a young person, my parents taught me many lessons Two of these were respect others and treat people with respect, and you cannot build yourself up by tearing down someone else

Keeping these lessons in mind, I want to clarify some points made in the article of June 3 which I co-authored ('Lethargic legislature, economic barriers endanger quality education,' June 3 *Observer*) and the last two letters to the editor authored by state Sen Bruce Patterson

First, someone at the newspaper wrote the headline on our article Our copy was turned in without a title and we had no say in its selection

Second, the intent of the article was to congratulate the Class of 2004 AND share our concerns for educational opportunities for future classes faced with reduced funding (Fact State funding for K-12 education has been reduced the past two years)

Third, basic math computation is not beyond my abilities However, I have no control over what happens to material sent to the newspaper for publication In the case of our article, our reference to a possible loss of a 1/2 million" became 1 2 million when the / became a period

Fourth, despite a note to the contrary, I am an independent voter who votes for the person I feel is the "best candidate" without regard to party affiliation (At least, that was my intent when I voted for Sen Patterson)

Fifth, unless I've been sitting in the wrong seat at PCCS school board meetings, the voters DID elect someone with an educational background and school administrative experience two years ago

If anyone seeks further clarification on these points, my telephone number and address are listed

Carol Saunders
Plymouth

(Editor's note: A review of the submitted article reveals Ms Saunders is correct The *Observer* made a typographical error for which the staff apologizes)

Thanks for votes

I wanted to take a moment and thank the voters who went to the polls and voted I am greatly appreciative of the support and wanted to thank you I also wanted to thank the many helpers on my campaign for their tireless efforts

Finally I would like to compliment everyone who ran in this election for a very civilized and fair campaign This is certainly refreshing to see in this day and age

I am humbled by the results and look forward to working for the students throughout the district for the next four years

Barry Simescu
new school board member

Nothing 'fuzzy'

I am responding to Sen Patterson's June 17 letter in which he chose to discredit two retired teachers (I being one of them) who wrote a guest editorial on

the funding crisis in public education

Instead of using his position to address the concerns about school funding that we raised, the senator's petulant letter grossly misrepresented our intentions, distorted the facts for political purposes and made unsubstantiated allegations to discredit the authors

The senator sought to dismiss our credibility by stating "the (Democrat) authors of the column seemed to be basking in the students' achievement"

His first presumption, that I must be a Democrat, is certainly out in "left" field I have been a longtime independent voter, preferring to back the most qualified candidate without regard to political affiliation I have worked to elect both Republican and Democratic candidates

Furthermore, in writing the guest editorial on school funding, one's politics were of no importance to the authors However making a political statement about our opinions seems to be of importance to the senator Strike one, senator!

As a resident of the school district and a retired Livonia teacher, I am very proud of the accomplishments, hard work and dedication of the students, staff and school board of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools I, too, want the best education possible for the current and future children of the communities served by PCCS

The senator's second presumption was totally off-base He stated "The headline really said it all The column was intended to bash the Republican-controlled legislature" Wrong, senator Writers of guest editorials and letters do not get to create the headline, the newspaper does it It was not our call, but this one is Strike two, senator!

In the senator's third presumption, "The authors' arithmetic miscalculation," he belittled both of us and the entire teaching profession by stating, "The former teachers who authored the column came up with \$1 2 million" when the amount should have been \$518,550

This may come as a shock to a state senator but newspapers, run by people, make mistakes, too Our article, submitted in hard copy and by e-mail, stated PCCS would possibly stand to use another \$1/2 (fraction) million this school year in addition to the \$1 2 million which had been previously cut by state government this year

Perhaps someone at the newspaper thought the "/" was in error because of the reference to the \$1 2 million in the paragraph that followed Or an accidental click of the adjacent key changed the 1/2 to 1 2 In hindsight, I should have typed out the words, "half a million," instead of using a fraction A mistake, not the "new math" the senator arrogantly claimed we used Strike three, senator!

It was not our math that was "fuzzy," but the facts and logic used by the senator are! Since we are both constituents of the senator, perhaps he might have called and asked for clarification before making inaccurate assumptions and unfair allegations about us and then choosing to publish them in the newspaper as fact

I don't know about you, but I expect more of my elected officials, especially a state senator

Martha Trafford
Canton

No apology

This is in response to Jennifer Trombly-Richards' letter asking for an apology "to all women" from Dr Bee, Plymouth High School principal, for what she called an offensive picture in this year's high school year book

Obviously, she does not speak for all women If she would have read the caption that described the picture, she would have seen that this was taken at a talent show and Dr Bee was doing a comical skit along with Assistant Principal Bruce Siegel and police Officer Smedley The others most likely didn't look as funny as Dr Bee and maybe that is why their pictures were not included

For the record, the high school yearbook is put together by students The yearbook (student) staff must not have been offended by the picture or it would not have been put in it Beyond that this picture was clearly done in a comical and humorous atmosphere

For years, men have been dressing up as women and overemphasizing with "large breasts, wigs and face makeup" Some of my recollections are Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon in the movie *Some Like It Hot* Dustin Hoffman in *Tootsie*, Flip Wilson as Geraldine, Robin Williams in *Mrs Doubtfire*, Tom Hanks in *Bosom Buddies*, Nathan Hale in *Bird Cage*, the theater production *Hairspray* and the very famous male cross-dresser "Devine" And who could forget Dennis Rodman when he dressed up in a wedding outfit as a publicity stunt

I was never offended by any of these overexaggerated comical portrayals of women Mrs Richards obviously does not know Dr Bee personally If she did, she would know what a terrific person and principal he is His No 1 priority is our kids, and the fact that he showed our kids a different side of himself is refreshing He is one of the most eloquent individuals that I know and we are very lucky to have him as our principal at PHS The only way I would have been offended by this picture is if the dress Dr Bee was wearing was mine and he looked better in it than me!

Dr Bee No apology necessary and I say that on behalf of all women!

Lisa Korpus
Canton

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"I'm very supportive of something going into that building. It's such a classic building and I'd sure love for it to be a showpiece for downtown."

- DDA Director Bob Anderson on the sale of the NBD building at Main and Penniman

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Two recent events illustrate divisions of political culture

There are two quintessential bookend events in our political culture: the rally and the memorial service. The rally is designed to lift a particular campaign, the memorial service serves to say farewell to a veteran campaigner. I was exposed to a classic example of each last week.

The rally was a fund-raiser for Sen. John Kerry, the presumptive Democratic nominee for president. Held at the Marriott Hotel in the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit, the event drew around 500 well-heeled Democrats.

It raised more than \$1 million for the Kerry campaign war chest, according to Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who emceed the evening.

There were the obligatory "Kerry for President" posters, buttons, bumper stickers, all in red, white and blue. The food and drink — heavy hors d'oeuvres and free beer and wine — were unusually good for a political event, though being cheap with the eats made no sense, given that the eaters were paying \$1,000 a plate.

People talked with each other using that peculiar stance seen most commonly at political rallies, body language vaguely reminiscent of a near-sighted pitcher trying to catch a sign. They might be speaking with somebody, but all the while they were looking over their shoulders, searching the room for somebody more important to talk to next.

There were the obligatory speeches. Lt. Gov. John Cherry introduced the Rev. Al Sharpton, who ran as an eloquent gadfly in the Democratic primaries earlier this spring. Granholm's polished performance was charismatic, energetic and funny, she got off the best line of the evening by suggesting that Detroit Piston Ben Wallace would make an ideal secretary of defense in a Kerry administration.

And there was Kerry, very tall, lantern-jawed, gray-haired, with very deep-set eyes and an unexpectedly booming voice. His speech was OK, nicely crafted to a crowd that included a lot of labor folks. As most presidential candidates do at this stage of the campaign, Kerry was market-testing his lines. A good, if unreported, one was, "We need a nation where workers are not working for the economy, but where the economy is working for the workers."

The memorial service was for my old friend, Bob Teeter, who died last week at 65 after a

long struggle with cancer. Teeter, revered as a political pollster and consultant, was a national figure who worked in seven presidential campaigns, including a stint running President George H.W. Bush's campaign in 1992. His reach was amply demonstrated three weeks ago when Vice President Dick Cheney paid an unannounced visit to Ann Arbor. Glowering political insiders speculated about dark plots brewing. Wrong, it was simply the vice president coming to say a private goodbye to his old friend.

Bob grew up in Coldwater, an iconic Midwestern small town, and his values of family, friends, decency, optimism and honesty came straight from his background. "He understood American and family values so well because he lived them," said a speaker at his memorial service.

For Bob, what counted was the integrity of the candidates he helped, including Michigan Republicans George Romney and Bill Milliken. His argument was simple: If the candidates were decent, the political system would become better, and an improved political system would eventually produce good government. Unlike most political insiders, Bob had no cynicism, no need to puff himself up at the expense of others, and had instead a wonderful sense of humor.

As I reflected on these two events, I found myself thinking that a political rally is inevitably about display, while memorial services for political people are about the connectedness of memory. A rally normally involves disparate people coming together in a hall with no particular connection other than their partisan affiliation. A memorial service, on the other hand, brings together a community of people connected by memory and past battles, people who have a shared need to look out for each other.

Those at a rally are on the make, sometimes on the take. Those who gather at a memorial service are in the hollow of each other's hands.

Both are as necessary as birth and death. One marks the beginning, the other the ending, of a political process. In the case of Kerry's sojourn on the national stage, the process is just starting and we have no idea how it — and he — will turn out. In the case of Bob Teeter, the final returns are in, and our politics (and our friendships) have been diminished by the loss.

Phil Power is the chairman of the board of the company that owns this newspaper. He would be pleased to get your reactions to this column either at (734) 953-2047 or at ppower@homecomm.net.



Phil Power

Peeves provide unique chance to vent frustrations in fast-paced world

There I sat at the corner of Pennman and Main, three cars from the light. As I waited for the signal to change, the guy in the car closest to the light flicked his burning cigarette out the driver's side window, and the lady in the car directly in front of me finished applying her eye makeup.

And the same thought occurred to me that always occurs to me in such instances: I hate that!

Not that anyone cares, pet peeves being what they are, but most of mine seem lately to have to do with driving. For instance, I hate it when I'm in a lane slowed to a crawl by construction, and some yuppie in a Beemer comes flying past all the cars to squeeze in up front, so he doesn't have to wait like the rest of us.

And I actually sat through two cycles at the left-turn signal trying to make a left onto Ann Arbor Road from Main Street because a woman who was talking on her cell phone wasn't paying any attention. Normally, I'd fly past her and make the turn in front of her, honking the whole way, but it was 5 o'clock, I was two cars behind her and such an angered move would have endangered more drivers than it was worth.

I'm sure there are things I do that would fall into someone else's pet peeve. For instance, I used to be a spitter. A disgusting habit, I know, but it's only fair to confess if I'm going to prattle on about other people's behaviors. It's like voting. If you don't vote, you don't get to complain about who gets elected. If you don't admit you might be someone's peeve, you don't get to whine about yours.

That's the unique thing about pet peeves — they're unique. They can come in all manner of form, as a simple walk through downtown Plymouth can attest.

Some people have to think about it for a minute. Debbie Hubbard of Onsted, Mich., who is considering a move to Plymouth and was in town scouting the place out, hesitated to voice hers for fear we wouldn't use it.

Hah! I cried, and so she shared it. "Everyone who thinks Christians are perfect, because we're not," said Hubbard, in town with a couple of friends.

Her friends were much less hesitant. P.J. Tessier said what bugs her are "people who think they're better than other people."

But Pam Malcolm's pet peeve was, as many of mine are, centered around driving.

"I hate it when people don't put their children in car seats," said Tessier. "I hate seeing kids standing up in the car."



Brad Kadrich

With about a hundred-gazillion people on the road it's easy to see why so many pet peeves involve cars and driving. The flicking of the cigarette butts is one of my biggest, but it doesn't seem worthwhile to get out of the car, pick up the butt and flick it back in the window.

Fath McManaman of Plymouth said she "hates it when people don't turn their turn signals on when they want to move over." McManaman swears she uses hers, which makes it a valid peeve for her.

Dr. Jerome Bekker, who has a practice in Plymouth, lives in Canton and takes quite good care of me, shares my frustration at drivers who try to squeeze into slow-moving lanes. He takes it a step further.

"I love it when the big semi-trucks move over and won't let them in," says Bekker. With about a hundred-gazillion people on the road it's easy to see why so many pet peeves involve cars and driving. The flicking of the cigarette butts is one of my biggest, but it doesn't seem worthwhile to get out of the car, pick up the butt and flick it back in the window.

Besides, as a colleague who smokes points out, cars such as her 2001 Envoy don't have ash trays. Maybe we could put together a class-action suit targeting big tobacco and the automotive industry.

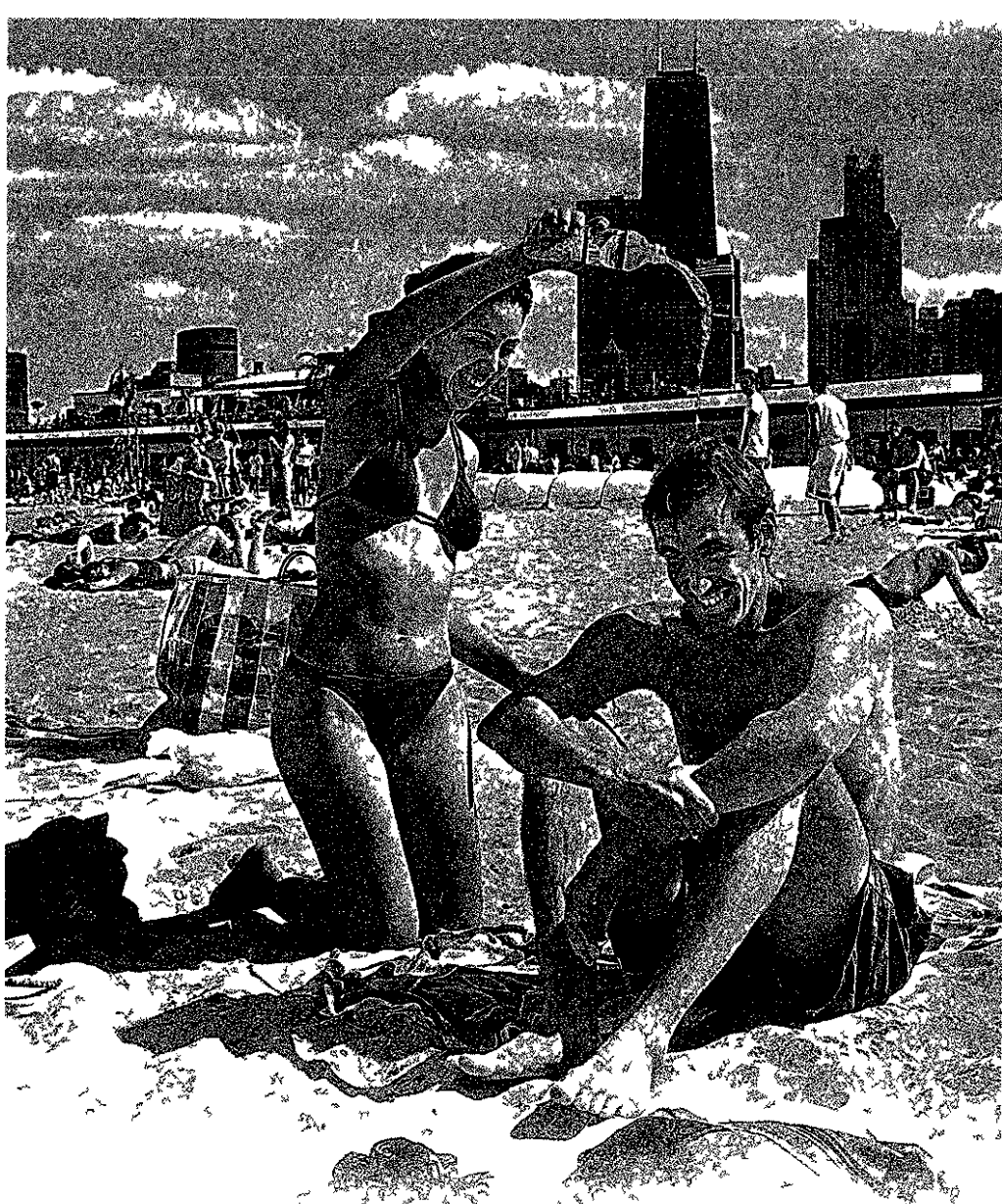
Or perhaps we should take the attitude of a woman whose name I didn't get, who was walking through Kellogg Park in downtown Plymouth.

Said she "I'm too busy with family and friends to worry about things like that." Since Lisa has to cringe and hope I don't implode every time a driver does 10 mph less than the speed limit, or gets away with something on the road that I'd surely get stopped for doing, taking the passive attitude doesn't seem likely.

If I ever get elected to office, the first thing I'll do is outlaw some of these driving behaviors. Since that seems less likely than me developing a new attitude, I'll just do what I've always done.

Make sure the windows are up so they can't hear me screaming.

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County opens sites for West Nile virus testing

Residents can help public health officials detect the presence of West Nile virus in local communities by dropping off dead birds at five sites across Wayne County.

The birds will be tested. Any positive results will be tracked by zip code based on where the birds were found, only one positive result is needed for each zip code.

The five sites will accept birds Monday through Thursday. Public health officials have indicated that all birds should be in good condition and without signs of decay. The five sites are: Wayne County Dept. of Public Health Division of Environmental Health, 5454 Venoy in Wayne, (734) 727-7445, New Boston DPW Yard, 19415 Sterling Road in Huron Township, (734) 753-4477, Goddard DPW Yard, 15645 Goddard Road, Southgate, Michigan, (734) 287-6480, Phoenix DPW Yard, 14973 Northville Road, Plymouth, (734) 420-0535, Hoover DPW Yard, 20041 Hoover Road, Detroit, (313) 527-1213.

Hours of operation vary by site, so residents should call to arrange a time to drop off dead birds. Health officials urge residents to use gloves to avoid touching dead birds, which should be placed in a plastic bag and sealed in a container. Residents who have questions about West Nile virus can call the Wayne County Department of Public Health's West Nile virus hotline at (734) 727-7445.

Summer heat brings with it Ozone Action days

BY KRISTOPHER J BROOKS
STAFF WRITER

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments created the Ozone Action program to advise residents when ozone levels are high. The program was instituted because metro area ozone emissions exceeded federal health standards.

When SEMCOG announces Ozone Action days, they ask residents not to run lawnmowers, gasoline engines, use charcoal lighter fluid, or operate other machines that raise ozone levels.

Neal Conatser, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality meteorologist, said excess ground level ozone is especially dangerous to people with asthma and other breathing problems. In

the stratosphere, the ozone layer acts as a shield to protect against harmful ultraviolet rays.

SEMCOG Public Outreach Specialist Iris Stenberg said many residents had assumed that industries were responsible for emitting most of the ground-level ozone. But, the Ozone Action program began in 1994 when SEMCOG studies found that individuals were responsible for half the community's ozone emissions. SEMCOG and the Clean Air Coalition of Southeast Michigan, a partnership of government, business, labor, environmental and health organizations, coordinate Ozone Action in the seven-county metro Detroit area.

Since that 1994 study, SEMCOG hasn't been able to do another

study to quantify the effectiveness of the Ozone Action program.

"Being able to measure if the plan is being effective is something that is close to impossible to do," Conatser said.

He said emissions from power plants and weather changes could affect new measurements.

If residents take Ozone Action, it would help southeast Michigan comply with federal requirements for limiting ozone emissions. The Environmental Protection Agency requires MDEQ to monitor emissions in eight-hour increments.

When MDEQ meteorologists find at least 85 ozone molecules for every one billion air molecules, they will declare an Ozone Action day. Conatser said this method of measuring emissions makes it tough to

uphold federal requirements.

Conatser and other meteorologists from the Air Quality Division of MDEQ also look at the weather when deciding an Ozone Action day.

SEMCOG's most recent fall 2002 poll found that 84 percent of its residents said they do not mow their lawn on Ozone Action days. SEMCOG and the Clean Air Coalition also advise residents to car pool, ride a bicycle and avoid fueling their vehicles on Ozone Action Days.

Ozone Action season is May 1 to Sept. 30.

Stenberg said the public will be notified of Ozone Action days through the media.

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Growing Meijer Jr. Tour takes stop at Salem Hills

To experience a first-hand look at the wide-ranging effect the popularity of Tiger Woods has had on junior golf, visit Northville's Salem Hills Golf Course on Friday.

There you will find young golfers between the ages of 8 and 18 - several from the area - participating in an event on the Meijer Junior Players Tour, a program that has prospered the past few years thanks largely to Woods' incredible appeal. "Golf is a cool sport to play now for kids, thanks to the success of Tiger Woods and all the exposure golf is getting on TV," said Rolla Frisinger, the founder of the MJPT. "This is our fifth

year of holding the tour, and it has grown every year. More and more kids are gravitating to golf, and it shows with the number of players who are signing up to play in our program. It's very encouraging and good for the sport."

The MJPT is actually the little brother of the Power-Built Junior Tour, which was formed in 1994, Frisinger said.

"We started the Power-Built Tour to give some of the elite junior players in the Midwest an opportunity to play against top-notch competition on nice golf courses," Frisinger said. "It got so big that we couldn't meet the demand of the

players who wanted to play, so we started the Meijer Tour."

Most first-year participants play on the MJPT. They can then graduate to the more competitive Power-Built Tour.

"The Power-Built Tour is designed more for high school players and players who are going to be good enough to play in college," said tour assistant Chris Richards. "The Meijer Tour players can qualify for the Power-Built Tour if they finish in the top five in the point standings at the end of the year. There are also four qualifying tournaments held at the beginning of each season."

The \$85 MJPT registration fee allows each player to compete in two of the 25 tournaments, which are held throughout Michigan beginning May 30 through July 29. Players are also required to pay a \$55 greens fee at each course.

"Actually, it's a great deal considering the caliber of courses the kids get to play on," Richards said.

The overall winner of each tournament is presented with the flag from the 18th hole of the respective course.

"We thought this was a little more unique than the medals that are usually given out," Richards explained.



Reece McCabe, a member of the Canton High School hockey team, is robbed of a goal in the Metro Summer Hockey League.

PLEASE SEE HOCKEY, B6

Icers sharpen skills in summer

Several premier local hockey players who want to keep their skills as sharp as their skates during the summer months turn to the Metro Summer Hockey League for competition and conditioning.

The MSHL, now in its 22nd year, attracts many of the metropolitan Detroit area's elite skaters, who don't want to put their sticks in storage just because the thermometer is hovering around 80 degrees outside.

All MSHL games are played at

Sidelines

Ultimate golf shot

Scott Oliver, a former captain of the Canton High School golf team, recorded his first hole-in-one June 19 at the Jackal Golf Course in Brighton.

Oliver, who graduated from Canton in 2002 and currently attends Western Michigan University, used a pitching wedge to ace the 150-yard sixth hole.

Refs needed

Individuals interested in becoming high school athletic game officials for the 2004-05 school year may now register with the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Those interested are urged to submit their applications prior to July 1 so that they will be listed in the MHSAA's annual printed officials directory.

"It is very beneficial (to be listed in the directory) for officials looking for work and schools looking for officials," said Mark Uyl, MHSAA assistant director. "Officials listed in the directory are more visible candidates for approved association membership."

While early registration is encouraged, new officials are free to register with the MHSAA any time during the year. A \$10 fee is charged for each sport an official wishes to work, and the processing fee is \$20.

Additional information about officials registration may be obtained by calling the MHSAA at (517) 332-5046 or by e-mailing the association at register@mhsaa.com.

Whalers schedule

The Plymouth Whalers will open their 2004-05 Ontario Hockey League season on the road when they travel Sept. 24 to Sarnia.

The Whalers will open their home slate the next night when they host the Saginaw Spirit at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township.

Tickets for the upcoming season will be \$10 for executive reserved seats and \$12 for VIP seats. Tickets can be purchased by calling (734) 453-8400.

Coaching chance

Plymouth High School is searching for someone to coach divers for its boys and girls swim teams for the 2004-05 season. For more information, contact Athletic Director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700.

Jaguars vs. Bluez

The expansion Detroit Jaguars, 6-1 in the Women's League of the United Soccer League's Midwest Division, return to action 1 p.m. Sunday to face Windy City Bluez at the Total Sports Complex in Wixom.

The Jaguars are coming off a 2-1 victory June 11 against the visiting Cleveland Internationals as Jessica Hupe scored from Melissa Tancredi and Therese Heaton added the second goal from Abby Shepherd.

It was Heaton's Midwest Division leading 12th goal of the season.

Popular local coach Racer dies

The man known by his former players and fellow coaches as Race died of complications from cancer on Saturday.

Canton's Dave Racer, a fixture on area sandlot diamonds who coached area baseball and softball teams at both the high school and collegiate level, was 64. "Dave was a fierce competitor, but he also had a soft touch, and the kids loved him," said former Canton baseball coach Fred Crissey. "I never met a man in athletics and can't think of a better guy for kids than Dave Racer."

"He took the edge off of what I did. He was everything you'd want in a coach."

Racer served as Crissey's assistant during Canton's glory years in baseball, starting in 1978 when Racer's son Scott was a junior. He coached under Crissey until 1990 and also served as Canton's Mantle

League coach during the summers.

Racer went on to become the Canton varsity girls softball coach for two seasons before moving over to Madonna University where he coached the women's softball team from 1988 to 1990. He also coached Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury in the Livonia Adray Collegiate Baseball League.

Dave had a wealth of knowledge and he was fun to be around, said former Canton varsity and assistant coach Mark LaPointe. "He had a wonderful working relationship with both Fred (Crissey) and John Gravin (who later coached Salem to a state baseball title)."

"Dave was the most straight-forward person you could ever meet. He was a picture of correctness on how the kids should behave."

He was playing softball up until three

years ago. Even during his illness he was brave. He never complained and handled it as well as anybody could."

Racer was a multi-sport All-State athlete in his hometown of Richmond. As a left-handed pitcher he signed a minor league contract out of high school with the Baltimore Orioles before an injury sidelined his pro career.

He owned Westland Tree Service and also worked for Detroit Edison and the City of Plymouth.

Racer is survived by his wife Tracy, along with five children including Scott (Lissa), Tim (Donna), Lynne (Scott) Phetteplace, Elizabeth (Chris) Sisler and Grant.

Services will be at 11 this morning at Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth.

Veteran golf coach Wilson leads Rocks to success

Salem girls golf coach Rick Wilson knew his team was going to be good this season, but he didn't realize it had the potential to be great until the Rocks returned from a trip to Grosse Ile in late April.

"With Ashley Smith and Jamie Siedlaczak returning, I had a feeling we would have a strong team," Wilson said. "The turning point came in April when we traveled to Grosse Ile - which perennially has one of the strongest teams in the state - and we lost by just two strokes. It not only made me a believer, but it convinced the girls that this could be a special season."

Special indeed. The Rocks won the Western Lakes Activities Association's Lakes Division title and they finished second in the WLAA conference meet. Salem then advanced to the Division 1 state meet for the first time ever and finished ninth overall at the Forest Akers West golf course in East Lansing.

Wilson, who has coached the Rocks' girls team since 1996 and the boys' team since 1985, said the 2004 campaign will go in the books as one of his most memorable.

"It ranks right up there," said Wilson, who is also the junior varsity boys basketball coach at Salem. "I've had three boys golf teams go to the state meet, but this was the first time my girls have gone, so it was definitely satisfying."

For his efforts and the many accomplishments of his team this year, Wilson was named Observerland Coach of the Year. (See related story on page B2.)

"The most important thing I think I've taught the girls I've coached over the years is that you have to be mentally tough to be successful at golf," Wilson said. "The first year I coached the girls, I was kind of tough on them like I was with the boys. One day, one of my players came in and said, 'Coach, there are girls crying out there because you're too tough.' Joking around, I slammed my fist on the table and said, 'I'm sorry, but there's no crying in golf.' Ever since then, it's been kind of running joke between me and my players."

Renovation project spruces up Glenhurst Golf Course

The honeysuckle smells a little sweeter at Redford Township's Glenhurst Golf Course, as a nearly \$800,000 two-year renovation project wraps up.

Tees were raised and leveled. Berms and traps were added, to make the traditionally flat layout more curvy, more attractive, and more challenging.

Some holes were lengthened, one was shortened. And scores of trees have been added including ginkgoes, white pines, red and white oaks, shingle oaks, concolor firs, and more.

As the trees grow they'll make the course more challenging, as they fill in the rough areas and make the course less wide open.

"It's getting a little bit tighter, they're narrowing the fairways with all those trees," said Glenhurst staffer Pat Rooney.

"It's really, really, really nice," said John Kazarian of Farmington Hills, a regular Glenhurst golfer. "They did a beautiful job."

"They beautified the course, they added flowers," said playing partner Archie Samouchean, of Northville, who plays Glenhurst three times weekly.

Manager John Hawthorne said it's

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Bill McSweeney drives his cart up the hill after crossing one of the new bridges at Glenhurst Golf Course in Redford Township.

COURSE

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too early to tell if the improvements are translating to an increase in business.

"We do see some new faces," he said, adding that could be due to Glenhurst's comparatively low rates, which were not raised for this season.

Residents pay \$11 for nine holes and \$16 for 18 on weekdays. On weekends, fees are \$13 and \$21. Non-residents pay \$16 for nine and \$21 for 18 on weekdays and \$18 and \$26 on weekends. Seniors and juniors pay less.

Built in 1932, Redford Township bought the 102-acre course in 1991 and installed an irrigation system and cart paths.

The recent course improvement effort, which started in 2002, lengthened the course to 5,655 yards, from 5,508, from the new black tees. The course rating from has gone from 66.1 to 67. There are also white and red tees.

"More tee placements helps spread the wear out," said assistant greenskeeper Dave Detter, wearing a purple and white bandanna tied



Tom O'Halloran tees off on the third tee, a par-5 hole. He's watched by Bill Mangan. Many greens were raised during the reconstruction.

around his head as he squints in the sun from behind the wheel of a maintenance cart, pointing out new natu-

ral areas where grass is allowed to grow free. The rich green areas have been

added along mounds and in some rough areas. Golf course managers throughout

the industry have encouraged natural growth areas in recent years, saying they add beauty and save money on fertilizers and mowing.

Hawthorne said a key goal of the improvement project was increased safety. "Number nine was a short par-4 before (281 yards), people would try to get to the green," he said. "We're trying to eliminate people putting balls on Six Mile with their drivers." (The hole was shortened to 161 yards and turned into a par-3.)

Also for safety's sake, a cart path was moved behind the 14th tee, over a creek and into a wooded area, to keep golfers away from booming tee shots. Some tees have been moved away from greens.

Detter said the change golfers notice most is at the par-4 No. 16, lengthened from 307 to 376 yards. A new green was built just right of a prominent pond on the course, and players must play uphill to the green.

Also, 40 parking spaces have been added.

John Cubba, Redford Township finance director, said the renovation project was undertaken to make the course safer, to speed play, and to upgrade the look of the course.

Glenhurst records nearly 60,000 rounds per year. Golf course improvements were paid from course proceeds.

Rams still unbeaten in Collegiate League

Despite a 3-3 tie in the first game of a double-header Sunday with the Longhorns at Ford Field, the Michigan Lake Area Rams remained undefeated in their last eight Livonia Collegiate Baseball League games.

The Rams ran their record to 8-4-1 with a 7-5 win over the Longhorns in the nightcap of the twinbill as former Livonia Stevenson High and Central Michigan University catcher Brian Campbell went 2-for-4, including a double and triple with two RBI.

The loss dropped to the Longhorns to 6-2-2.

Jon Weisman had a 3-run homer for the Rams, while Ryan Heath and Ben Darga added two hits apiece. Adam Schulz contributed an RBI double, while Dan Dobberowsky had an RBI single.

Winning pitcher Gary Zielke (Stevenson/Wayne State) went the first five innings, allowing four runs on seven hits and two walks. He struck out four Paul Phillips got the save, allowing one run on three walks in two innings.

Petr Korpola, the losing pitcher, allowed seven runs on seven hits in three innings. Reliever Rob Whipple struck four and allowed no runs on three hits over the final three innings.

Todd Kalmbach and Steve Gerstenberger each had two hits for the Longhorns.

In the first game, the Longhorns outthrew the Rams, 8-3, but settled for a 3-all tie after nine innings stopped due to the 150-minute time limit.

Campbell, Matt Cunningham and John McCracken had the lone hits for the Rams. Weisman had an RBI, while Evan

Rodriguez, Nick Thurman and Heath scored the runs.

Derek Ranck went 3-for-4 for the Longhorns, while Derek Von Buskerk added two hits.

Dobberowsky went the first five innings for the Rams before giving way to Kyle Fedorka (Madonna University). Dobberowsky struck out eight and walked two. He allowed all three runs on five hits. Fedorka pitched four scoreless innings. He gave up three hits and two walks while striking out two.

Matt Dillard went seven strong innings for the Longhorns, allowing just three runs on three hits. He struck out four and walked three. Whipple pitched two scoreless innings, allowing no runs on now hits. He struck out three and did not allow a walk.

RAMS 6 EAGLES 1 Nate Korff pitched a one-hitter over five innings to pick up the win Saturday as the Rams turned back the Eagles (1-6) at Ford Field.

Korff struck out six and walked one. Paul Phillips and Kyle Fedorka finished up.

Brian Campbell, Ben Darga, Ryan Heath and Evan Rodriguez each collected two hits in the win. Adam Schulz knocked in a pair of runs.

RAMS 2 BULLS 1 Ben Darga, who prepped at Mifflin High School and plays for the University of Detroit Mercy, threw a five-hit complete game Friday as the Rams downed the Michigan Bulls (6-2-1) at Ford Field.

Darga struck out seven and walked one in seven innings while Evan Rodriguez contributed two hits.

The Bulls scored their lone run in the second inning on a lead-off double by John Sullivan, a single by Oliver Wolcott (Canton/Michigan State) and a sacrifice fly by Bobby Marten.

Nathan Pung, who went the first five innings for the Bulls, took the loss. He allowed three hits, walked two, hit one batter and fanned eight. Charlie Christner pitched a scoreless sixth.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

SALEM SOCCER CONDITIONING

The Salem boys soccer team will hold optional conditioning workouts beginning July 7 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the fields in front of the Phase III building adjacent to the high schools.

The workouts will continue every Monday, Wednesday and Friday until July 23.

Official tryouts for the team will begin Aug. 9. For more information, contact Salem coach Ed McCarthy at (248) 561-2846.

U18 PREMIER SOCCER TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Plymouth Kicks 87 premier soccer team will be held June 21-27. Players must have been born after Aug. 1, 1986.

For more information, contact Mike Presley at (734) 564-7710 or Mark McGraw at (734) 306-1101.

CANTON BOTTLE DRIVE

The Canton High School girls swim team is holding a bottle drive on Saturday, June 26. To donate bottles please call Donna McClellan at (734) 981-7438 or Kay Kane at (734) 453-1253.

Arrangements can be made to drop bottles off or have them picked up.

PLYMOUTH POM DRIVE

Plymouth High School's varsity and junior varsity pom squads are having their annual bottle drive on June 26. To make a donation, please contact a Saberette or Judy and Jessie Bono at (734) 455-4318 to make arrangements for pick-up or delivery.

PLYMOUTH VOLLEYBALL

The Plymouth Volleyball Camp for grades 6-10 will be from 1:30-4:30 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, July 26-28, at the high school.

For more information, call Kelly McCausland at (734) 454-0704 or e-mail bigju016@yahoo.com.

Father's Day Run draws 600 to Plymouth

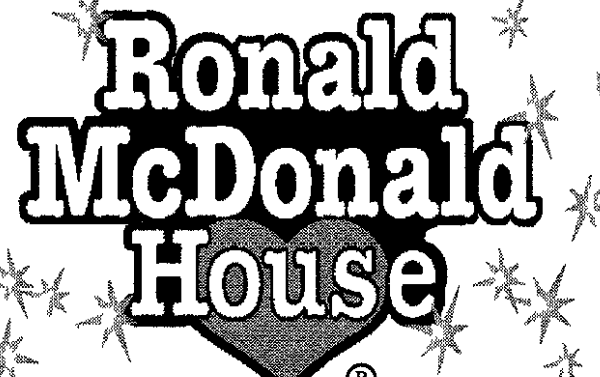
Father's Day was not a day of rest and relaxation for over 600 runners who participated in Sunday's Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run, which begins and ends in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park each year.

Under sun-drenched skies, participants competed in a 10K, 5K and one-mile run. The headline - and most grueling - event was the 'triple crown,' in which the most avid runners competed in all three distances. Livonia native Ryan Gall earned first-place honors in that event with a combined time of 56:12. Eric Mink finished second in 56:19, while Greg Thomas took third in 58:57.

Rebekah Smeltzer won top honors in the female 'triple crown' with a time of 1:01:19. She was followed by Carrie Smeltzer (1:06:43) and Rachel Gutierrez (1:19:41).

Plymouth YMCA Father's Day Run Results

- June 20, 2004
TRIPLE CROWN
MALE OPEN 1 Ryan Gall 56:12 2 Eric Mink 56:19 3 Greg Thomas 58:57 4 Chris Machniak 59:34 5 Steve Menovcik 1:01:41 6 M. Roman 1:07:31 7 Scott Kriscovich 1:15:43 8 Geoffrey Albin 1:17:51 9 Suk Koh 1:22:09 10 Larry Langer 1:33:47
FEMALE OPEN 1 Rebekah Smeltzer 1:01:19 2 Carrie Smeltzer 1:06:43 3 Rachel Gutierrez 1:19:41 4 Amy Gluck 1:22:12 5 Jamie Haggerty 1:28:12 6 Janie Haggerty 1:28:12 7 Karleen Kudej 1:28:37 8 Rita Lauer 1:46:22
MALE MASTERS 1 Kurt Schneider 1:02:18 2 Larry Gutierrez 1:05:11 3 Rick Straub 1:08:00 4 Kirk Carlson 1:10:07 5 Todd Seroka 1:16:38 6 Jim Zittel 1:17:09 7 Kevin Galvin 1:17:10 8 Mark Faulkner 1:18:44 9 Lee Karvola 1:19:40 10 Joseph Smeltzer 1:20:53



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CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST 3, 2004, PRIMARY ELECTION
PLEASE NOTE that Tuesday June 6, 2004 is the last date to register for the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday August 3, 2004.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACCEPT PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES
The Charter Township of Plymouth is currently seeking proposals from interested and qualified firms to provide Construction Management Services for a Township Hall Project.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS
The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE AUGUST 3, 2004 PRIMARY ELECTION
Notice is hereby given that July 6, 2004, is the last day registrations can be accepted in order to be eligible to vote in the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2004.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON REQUEST FOR 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. July 8th, 2004 for the following: PERFORMING ARTS CENTER TABLES.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION
PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
REZONE FROM: R-1 H, Single Family Residential District
REZONE TO: R-2 A Multiple Family Residential District
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday July 21, 2004
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcel R78 036 99 0024 000 from R-1-H, Single Family Residential District to R-2-A, Multiple Family Residential District.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids enclosed in an envelope which has been sealed and clearly labeled with the words "Saltz Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project", along with the name, address, phone number of the Contractor, the date and time of bid opening, will be received by the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office, 1st Floor, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 until 3:00 p.m., Thursday, July 1, 2004 at which time the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud for the following described project: Saltz Road Sanitary Sewer Extension Project.

Table with columns: YEAR, MAKE, MODEL, COLOR, VIN. Lists vehicle information for an auction.

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Runner will bank on his legs in weekend's Mustang Mile

Some people put their money where their mouth is, but for Livonia businessman Gary Deschenes he's banking that legs will determine his true worth.

For every runner who finishes ahead of Deschenes in Mustang Mile, a prelude to Saturday's Fifth Third Bank Solstice 5K Run in Northville, Deschenes will donate \$1. Earlier in the year, the 6-foot-4 Deschenes weighed 293 pounds and was a connoisseur of ice cream, pizza, beer and late-night snacks.

But after undergoing a fitness program under personal trainer Mark Papineau at the Livonia Family Y's Wellness Center, Deschenes is more well-toned 247 pounds, confi-

dent he can break the 8-minute mile, a goal he set out for himself.

"I've spent five days a week on the treadmill," said Deschenes, managing director of the Foresters, a financial services organization inspired by helping children's causes. "At first I'd run a half-mile and have to get off the machine. I've been outside and run an 8:37, but after doing some 4-milers I think I can get in the 7:30 to 7:45 range."

Deschenes' waistline has dropped from 48 to 42 inches. "Gary has been doing well, the only time he's missed a workout here is because of a work-related absence when he's been traveling out of town," Papineau said. "He's been a happy little

camper. He's had good attendance and he's made the effort. And because of that, his weight has continued to drop."

"Lately we've been focusing on the run. He's also been set up for the rest of the summer." Deschenes' original goal was to weigh about 230 pounds for the Solstice, but he's been on computerized weight-lifting program which has allowed him to gain strength as well as endurance.

"People are saying I'm hitting the ball so hard and I feel like I've been clobbering it," said Deschenes, who plays in a local softball league. "I can feel I'm getting stronger. I'm a little heavier than I want to be, but I guess I'm moving a lot of the fat around."

Deschenes also plans to run the 5K and will be accompanied by his brother Greg, who is flying in from Costa Rica.

"Right now we have about 50 people signed up, but I'd like to see about 250 for this thing — I want to write a big check," said Deschenes, who as a Foresters member, helps contribute more than 6,200 hours to support such local organizations as the Festival of Trees, Make A Wish and the National Kidney foundations (of Michigan), along with the Children's Miracle Network.

The Mustang Mile, which starts at 7:45 a.m., is a downhill route that starts at old Northville High (now Hillside Middle School). The 5K begins at Ford Field, located at

Griswold and E. Main streets (next to Mill Race Village in downtown Northville).

The Kids Fun Run starts at 8 a.m. followed by the 5K Run and Walk at 8:15 a.m. A colorful awards ceremony and raffle drawing will begin at 9:15 a.m. Live entertainment by the New Victorian Age Theme goes until 11 a.m.

Race director Alan Whitehead said he expects nearly 1,000 total participants, which would surpass last year's total of 814.

"This year we substantially increased our marketing of the event and expanded our race amenities including a venue of entertainment unsurpassed by any other race event in Michigan to attract more par-

ticipation of families," Whitehead said.

Registration fees (through Friday) are \$9 (Kids Fun Run), \$13 (Mustang Mile), \$22 (5K Run-Walk), \$29 (Mile and 5K Run-Walk). Race day fees are \$10, \$15, \$25 and \$35, respectively. All entrants will receive a T-shirt, food and refreshments.

Packet pickup will be from noon to 6:30 p.m. Friday at Mill Race Village (call (248) 348-1845). Race day morning pickup begins at 6:45 a.m. at Ford Field.

For more information, call Northville Running Fit at (248) 380-3338, or visit www.solsticerun.org. To register online, go to www.run-michigan.com.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BASEBALL SCHOOL

The Doyle Baseball School will return to Plymouth Christian Academy for two sessions this summer, from July 5-9 and July 12-16. Baseball and softball players between six and 16 years old will be instructed in hitting, throwing and fielding from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day during the five-day school.

Doyle Baseball, now in its 23rd year, conducts satellite schools all over the country and in Canada. More than 500,000 players have received instruction at the school, including several pro players. Tuition is \$95 per player for payments received before June 18, \$115 for those received after that date. To register call PCA's Sandy Murray at (734) 459-3505, ext. 117 until July 10. After that, call PCA baseball coach Don Shumaker at (734) 416-0513.

GOLF INFO

Tryouts for Madonna University's men's and women's golf teams will be at 11 a.m. June 19, at noon on July 26 and at 10 a.m. on Aug. 6 at Whispering Willows located at

Eight Mile and Newburgh in Livonia.

Scholarships are still available for both teams. For further information, call coach Bill Durham at (734) 564-5267 or contact via email at billdurham@pga.com.

Crystal Mountain Golf School is now offering lessons for all phases of golf talent at Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth. For more information, log on at www.foxhills.com or call (734) 453-7272.

SOCCER SIGN-UP

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department will be taking fall youth soccer registration from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the month of June at the Recreation office, located at 525 Farmer in Plymouth.

All first-time registrations require a birth certificate. The fee for those competing in under-six through under-eight divisions is \$60 for city of Plymouth residents and \$85 for non-residents. For under-nine and older divisions, the cost is \$65 for city of Plymouth residents and \$95 for non-residents. For further information, call

the Recreation Department at (734) 455-6620, or check its website at www.ci.plymouth.mi.us.

COACHES WANTED

Plymouth HS currently has openings for the following coaching positions: boys freshmen soccer coach and girls freshmen basketball coach. Anyone interested in those positions should contact Plymouth athletic director Terry Sawchuk at (734) 582-5700 or stop at the Plymouth athletic department, located at 8400 N. Beck Road in Canton to pick up an application.

WILDCAT GOLF OUTING

The Plymouth Wildcat football golf outing is scheduled for July 31 at Hickory Creek Golf Course, located at Napier and Ford roads. Registration is from noon until the 1 p.m. shotgun start.

Cost is \$100 per golfer, \$50 for dinner only. There will also be games and drawings. Money and entry information may be sent to PHS Football Golf Outing, 47450 Wallingford Ct., Canton, MI, 48818.

GLENN FOOTBALL REUNION

Westland John Glenn will stage a football reunion for all former players and coaches, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 1-2.

A schedule of events includes meeting at halftime for the football homecoming game (Oct. 1), as well as an informal dinner (Oct. 2) at the Wayne-Ford Civic League Hall. The cost for the weekend is \$20 per player (includes awards, hall rental, refreshments, and picture CD of the reunion).

For more information, e-mail Mark Jennings at mjennings@twimr.com.

Items for the Sports Roundup may be faxed to (734) 591-7279 or mailed to The Observer, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150.

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Every bank repo and other pre-owned vehicle will be available for just \$29 plus a fee* and then start making payments. "It's that simple," said Kit. "To make these bargains even easier we'll mark the payment right on the windshield. Just pick a car and pick a payment. You won't find a faster easier way to get a great deal on a pre-owned vehicle."

Almost every type and price range or vehicle will be available, from luxury to 4x4's to basic transportation. "With pre-owned vehicles near an all time high, chances are we will have what you are looking for in stock and ready to drive home," Kit said. We have flown in extra sales and financial staff from three states to ensure prompt, courteous, service and the best finance terms possible. Kit said, "We will have over \$5 million in financing available for this event, so chances are we can arrange financing for just about everyone who is employed, regardless of past history."

All trade-ins will be accepted with a minimum \$2,500 guarantee value and customers are encouraged to bring in their titles or payment book to expedite immediate delivery of these vehicles.

The opportunity bargain hunters have been waiting for is here, at Tennyson Chevrolet, Monday, June 21st thru Saturday, June 26th.

Every bank repo and other used vehicle is just \$29 and then start making the payments. Customers won't find a faster easier way to save big money on a great used vehicle," Kit said.

After the Mega-Sale ends Saturday, June 26th at 4 pm we will send many of these vehicles to auction. Any questions can be directed to (734) 425-6500. Tennyson Chevrolet is located at 32570 Plymouth Road in Livonia and again the dates and times for this event are as follows:

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HOCKEY

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the Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills

"We have a lot of players in the league who live in the Plymouth-Canton area," said MSHL director Keith Pietila. "It is a great league for competitive players who want to get some good conditioning during the summer months. This league also gives younger players an opportunity to play with and against some outstanding Junior A and senior players."

Among the standouts competing this summer are Livonia native Ryan Kesler, who played for the Vancouver Canucks this past season, and Canton resident Brandon Scero, who is a member of the Team USA Under-18 squad.

"We get a good mix of high school, Junior A, Midget League players and Senior League players," Pietila said. "The youngest players are 15 and the oldest are probably in their early 30s."

Former Salem player and current Rock assistant hockey coach Scott Morrison said the caliber of hockey played in the MSHL is superior to any other summer leagues in the area.

"The level of competition is great," said Morrison, who



Wolverine defenseman Ryan Jones (right) a former Salem High School player breaks up a pass by Laker forward Stavros Paskaris in Sunday's MSHL game.

graduated from Salem in 2001 and currently plays in a senior league at the Arctic Edge in Canton. "They don't let just anybody play in the league. A couple of my friends who didn't have a lot of hockey experience signed up to play a couple of years ago, but after one game, the league directors told

them they were going to refund their money to them because they weren't keeping up."

"New players to the league usually come recommended by current players," Pietila said. "We also get a lot of brothers playing in the league who normally don't get a chance to

play with one another.

Morrison said the style of play focuses on finesse and skating more than rough play. "Checking is allowed in the league, but the skill level of the players is so good they don't need to check much," he explained. "Nobody is out to hurt anybody else. It's a great

way to stay in shape.

The league consists of 12 teams, which are assembled at a pre-season draft. Each team plays 11 regular-season games prior to the playoffs. All teams qualify for the playoffs and are seeded based on their regular-season records.

"It's a draft league, but we will make exceptions for guys who want to play with their buddies or their brothers, for instance," Pietila said. "And there are no coaches. I choose a captain for each team and he serves as kind of a player/coach."

"We used to have try-outs for players who wanted to join the league, but now we let new players in based on recommendations from current players, and from area high school coaches in the area."

Other local players who compete in the league include former Canton coach Jim Wheaton, current Canton player Reece McCabe and former Salem player Ryan Jones.

"Being a high school player, playing in the MSHL benefits me because I get to play with and against a lot of very good players," said McCabe, who dished out two assists in Sunday night in the Lakers' 10-7 loss to the Wolverines. "Playing against collegiate and NHL players is only going to make me a better player in the long run."

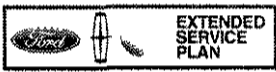
The MSHL not only features many of the top male athletes in the area, but also one of the elite female players in the world. Angela Ruggiero, considered by many to be the best all-around female hockey player in the United States, skates for the Wolverines in the MSHL.

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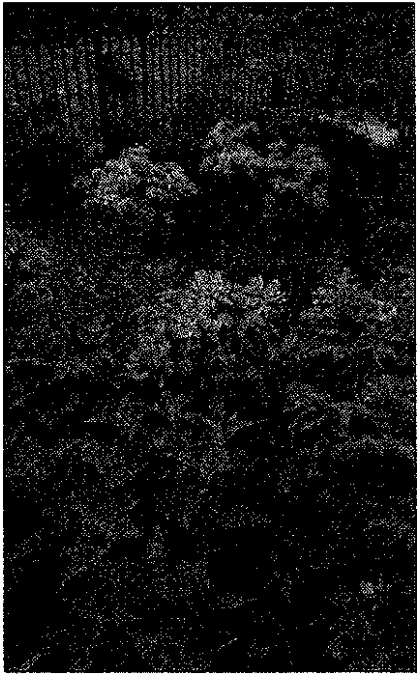
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A little color adds to the textures and dimensions in each corner of the yard at Brand's home

Plant plans

Homes feature lovely landscapes on garden walk

There's a little bit of Detroit in all of us, including the suburbs. Sometimes Detroit's history even lands in our yards.

Bob Brand of Beverly Hills has a little bit of the old St. Antoine Street in front of his house. He salvaged some of the old brick, a granite Belgian block, that once lined the downtown street. It now sits as part of his walkway on his circular drive.

It's one of the attractive features of the home of Bob and Jen Brand, one of six gardens on the Beverly Hills Garden Tour, Sunday, June 27. (See related chart.)

What drew Brand to the stone from St. Antoine? "Mostly it was the texture of the natural stone, the romance and the history is what interested me," Brand said. "The natural features can't be duplicated."

It's just one feature in the Brand yard, a collage of several rooms of gardens and a pool area, where the wide-open spaces and textures all come together.

Get out of your car on the circular driveway. The boxwoods lining the driveway give the front yard "a hint of formality," Brand says, while shrubs and trees in large, deep beds give the front yard of the ranch home a 3-D mix. "I think it breaks it up quite a bit," Brand said.

Brand plants "what he likes" — American holly, hydrangea, golden chain, Japanese saw tooth oak, Chinese dogwood and rhododendrons.

Brand has been in the landscaping business since he was 15, when he began working at Goldner Walsh in Pontiac. Today he owns his own landscaping business. "I've not been in any other business," Brand said. "I wake up every day and I love what I do. I love the plants."

The Brands moved into the home about five years ago. Few plants existed in the front or the rear of the home. The pool and patio was added three years ago so they could "entertain lots of people," Brand said.

A dogwood tree, dawn redwood and columnar are in the yard. A trampoline was installed at ground level, so no one can fall from several feet off the ground and break a bone.

Unilock pavers feature a Stonehenge style. Brand picked it to duplicate the natural stone, installed in Ashlar patterns with tumbled edges and ransom settings to create a rougher, almost rustic edge.

"A lot of this yard starts with function and a desire for privacy," Brand said. "I don't like real monotone plantings. I like plantings with a lot of texture."

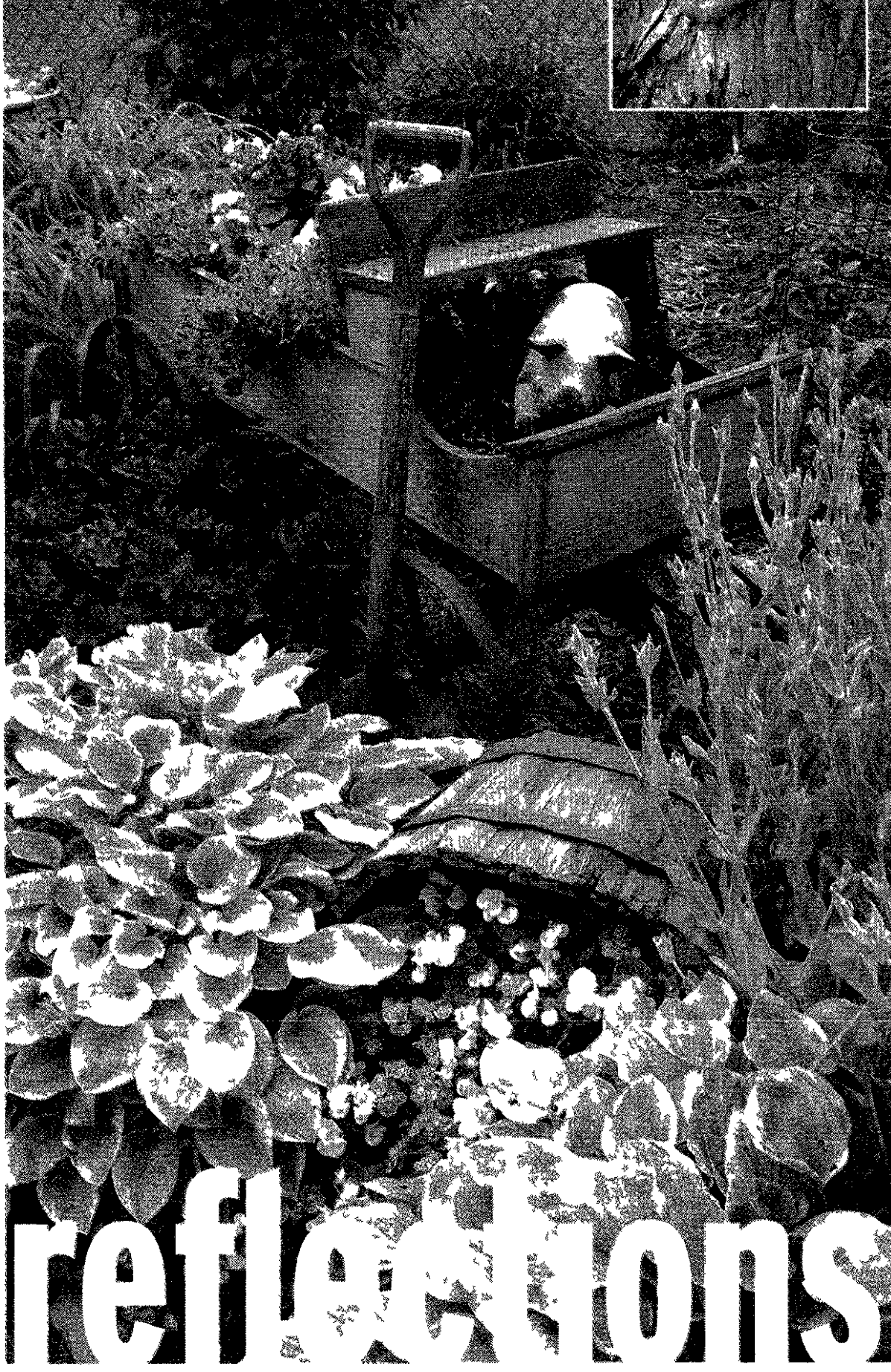
The varied plants create different settings, almost rooms, throughout the yard. He has a shade garden with hostas, ferns and oak leaf hydrangeas, all near a hammock, which is strictly decorative.

Beyond the pool area is a recreational area, where Brand sometimes puts up a volleyball net. Beyond that area, hydrangeas, rhododendrons and relocated burning bushes will color the rear of the yard. Rhododendrons, azaleas and holly like an acidic soil treated with sulfur, he said.

"I like to have plants put in a location where they can do their thing,"

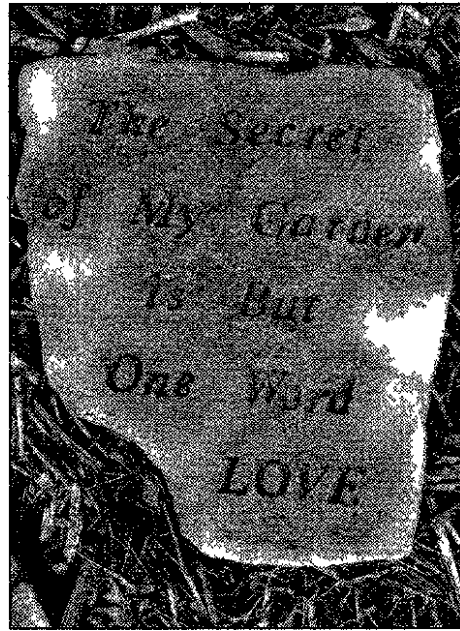
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Private



reflections

Words of wisdom mix with whimsy in Canton garden



Baker's garden stones reflect her philosophical approach

Walk into Donna Baker's yard and you'll notice a picturesque setting. You'll also notice her philosophies, literally on display.

Welcoming visitors is a sign that reads "Come into the garden, my flowers would love to meet you." A few feet further on the walkway is another "Without the thorns, the rose would not be as sweet."

Over the gazebo is an Italian saying: *Qui Sono Felice* or "Here I am happy."

Baker's yard and five others will extend those greetings to visitors Saturday on the

Canton Garden Walk. (See related chart.)

Baker, who has lived in the home for 32 years, enjoys interior decorating. "And gardening is exterior decorating," Baker said. "It's all about color and texture."

Enter the yard from her doorwall at the rear of the home on Windmill in the oldest subdivision in Canton, and you'll see a fountain in the walkout area with the calm, flowing water surrounded by shrubs.

PLEASE SEE REFLECTIONS, C3

Above, Baker put a face on a tree in the corner of the yard, just to add a little fun to the area. At left, an old wagon sits among hostas, flowers, garden tools and a barrel.

Accents

Six cooling tips

Everyone needs affordable ways to beat the heat.

With hot weather now here, now is the time to give your home a "check-up."

Here are six tips from the Comfort Institute (www.comfortinstitute.org).

■ Don't run your clothes dryer when it's hot outside. Your dryer blows air out of your house when it's drying clothes.

For every cubic foot of air it blows out, a cubic foot of hot outside air gets sucked in that your air conditioner has to cool down.

Run your dryer late at night or early morning and you'll have lower electric bills.

■ Have your duct system tested for air leaks. Gaps, joints and disconnections in the typical home's duct system are can contain or cause significant leaks, according to recent research by the U.S. Department of Energy.

The typical duct system loses 25 percent to 40 percent of the energy put out by the central heat pump or air conditioner.

Leaks are usually the biggest problem. Authorities recommend having a contractor seal them with a brushed on "mastic."

Duct tape often dries out and fails.

■ Ask your air conditioning contractor to perform an infiltrometer "blower door" test. The blower door is a computerized instrument originally invented by the Department of Energy. It pinpoints where your home's worst air leaks are, such as duct leaks, and also measures how leaky the overall house is.

While most homes are still far too leaky, some are now quite tight and need mechanical ventilation to ensure the air inside is fresh.

Many contractors offer an infiltrometer test as part of a "Whole House Comfort Checkup" that also checks insulation levels and overall duct performance.

■ Replace your air conditioner or heat pump air filter.

Some such as electronic air cleaners need to be thoroughly washed.

■ Have your air conditioner cleaned and tuned.

Make sure the contractor cleans both the indoor and outdoor heat transfer coils and checks refrigerant gas charge by measuring "superheat" or "subcooling."

■ Consider replacing your old air conditioner or heat pump.

If your system is over 12 years old, and you are planning to stay in your home more than a few years, many authorities recommend replacing it before it fails permanently.

A new system improves comfort, is more dependable and creates less air pollution.

For more information, visit www.comfortinstitute.org

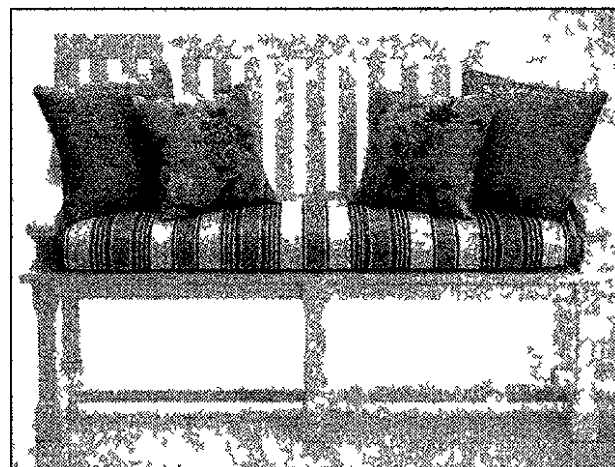
MARKET PLACE

Submissions

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Outdoor elegance

Brunschwig & Fils has introduced its Outdoor Living Collection, its first outdoor collection of acrylic prints. The collection features 36 wovens and 10 brightly colored prints in a variety of coordinating colors and textures. The textiles stand up to sun and rain, and are resistant to soil and mildew. They are easy to care for — just wash, rinse and dry. The seat cushion shown here has Oh Susannah Stripe Print, the pillows have Oh Susannah Print in sky blue and Margate Woven Stripe in rose. Other designs in the collection are West Indies Toile Print, Pavé Print, a small fish-scale pattern, Barnegat Woven Texture, a herringbone, and Asbury Woven Check, a classic gingham with an ottoman weave. A Brunschwig & Fils showroom is in the Michigan Design Center in Troy (phone 248-649-0505). Visit www.brunschwig.com for more information.



Turn your PC into a personal movie studio

If you haven't seen the latest in desktop video, you're missing out

Armed with a digital camcorder, inexpensive software, and a reasonably fast PC or notebook, you can produce some mighty impressive home movies

I'm not talking about videos of the new baby or your weekend at Higgins Lake, though obviously that stuff is fair game

I'm talking about movies that look like movies, with credits, music, professional-looking effects, the whole shebang

In other words, this is for all those Spielberg wanna-bes out there

The camcorder is the easy part. The key features to look

for are MiniDV recording and a FireWire port, the latter essential for connecting the camera to your PC (If your PC doesn't have a FireWire port of its own, you can add one with an inexpensive expansion card)

Models range from as low as \$300 to around \$1,000, but even the inexpensive ones record better-looking video than the bulky old analog camcorders of yesteryear. That's the beauty of digital.

As for the software, you have lots of choices. My advice: get started with a freebie. Windows Movie Maker 2, from none other than Microsoft, is available for download from the company's Web site.

It's a great way to get your feet wet with video editing and production, as it walks you through capturing footage from your camcorder, adding scenes to a timeline, and inserting transitions and special effects (it has some pretty cool ones)

Movie Maker 2 also has a slick AutoMovie feature, designed for the time-impaired, that automatically builds an MTV-style music video from the footage you provide. The results aren't always stellar, but it's a blast to play with - especially for kids. Alas, you can't burn your finished masterpiece to DVD. For that you'll have to graduate to a more robust (and less free) video editor.

Two products I heartily recommend are CyberLink PowerDirector 3 (\$79.95) and Pinnacle Studio 9 (\$99.99). They're both extremely powerful but very easy to learn and use.

One of the features I particularly like about PowerDirector 3 is direct-to-DVD recording, which transfers video straight from your camcorder to a blank DVD, complete with menus. Great way to archive all those old tapes.

Better still, there's a 30-day demo version of PowerDirector

you can download to try before you buy.

Pinnacle Studio offers no such trial, but you have my assurance it's a great program. It's a bit more sophisticated than PowerDirector, offering support for advanced features like 16-by-9 widescreen video, surround sound, and image stabilization (great if your camcorder doesn't already have that feature - mine doesn't).

I love these programs because they enable me to unleash my creativity. They put professional tools at my fingertips and don't cost more than a lowly writer can afford. I think you'll find them just as fun and rewarding.

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Educated public, consumer advocates changed industry

About 20 years ago Esther Shapiro, director of Consumer Affairs for the city of Detroit, asked me to help her office investigate consumer complaints. The knowledge I gained from her and her staff was immeasurable. I considered it an honor to work for one of the most sincere consumer advocates in the country.



Appliance Doctor

Joe Gagnon

She set me up with a desk and chair in the Cadillac Tower building in Detroit. I would spend one day a week on the telephone, calling some of the companies with questionable business practices. I started out as the "go-to" guy when it came to appliance repair cases.

Later Shapiro had me taking on furniture cases, modeling agencies and working on other fraud investigations. She'd often close her office door so she couldn't hear me talking on the telephone.

Apparently my methods of communication were on the cutting edge of roughness which would not be approved by former mayor Coleman Young who was no master of the English language himself.

And so, 20 years ago Shapiro and her staff began the task of trying to straighten out all the consumer complaints concerning the heating and air conditioning industry.

Every year there would be headlines and stories in the newspapers and television stories reporting on companies ripping off consumers.

Stories reported on consumers who were charged \$6,000 for repairs on a \$1,000 furnace or charged for repairs with old parts (or no parts at

all). The industry looked bad, but the good guys in the business suffered as well from all the publicity.

They didn't like Esther, they didn't like me and when Jennifer Granholm became the attorney general, they didn't like her. The persistent effort by these dedicated women have assisted consumers and help keep the industry straight. Here it is, 20 years later, and I don't believe we read or saw one story this past winter in regards to someone being ripped off by a heating business.

I believe that most of the bad apples in that industry are gone.

I know it would be harder today for these bad guys to operate because the public is much more educated from radio, television and newspapers.

I also think that it is much easier today for the good guys in the heating and air conditioning business to get on the telephone and complain about the crooks.

It's around 10 years ago that I began writing this column but I was very rough on the industry back then.

Today, I would like to thank the greater majority of men and women who own and work in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning industry.

Consumers now know better than to get just one estimate on heating or air conditioning purchases.

They no longer believe the scam used for years about the leaking heat exchanger pitch used to make a quick sale of a furnace. They are smart enough to call others in the industry to check out prices given for repairs.

Joe Gagnon can now be heard on WWJ 950 and WXYT 1270. He is a member and past president of the Society of Consumer Affairs Professionals. His phone number is (248) 455-7281.

Ornamental fencing goes high-tech

BY DAVID BRADLEY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Homeowners who covet the stately look of a wrought-iron fence, but not the maintenance worries, have a new champion in polymer fencing.

From even a few feet away it's hard to tell polymer fence from its iron brethren. Both

are sturdy and have the traditional good looks homeowners expect in this sort of fencing.

It's just that the polymer version doesn't need much, if any, upkeep.

Plus, the polymer look-alike is self-installed with a minimum of tools and skills.

The maker of a national brand of low-maintenance

fencing says consumers increasingly see polymers as a viable option to its heavy metal forerunners.

"It's hard for some consumers to think of this traditional fencing as anything other than iron," said Dick Cantley of GeoMatrix, the Troy manufacturer of EverIron fencing.

"But once they touch this or lift it and see it in action, it becomes a good-looking fence. That's the bottom line for people." The fence was introduced last year in a solid black color. Cantley says EverIron now makes a white version, too. Both colors are available with or without arrow-shaped finials.

HOME CALENDAR

Home decorating
The Do It Yourself Center, 3746 Cottontail in Shelby Township, offers fun and easy home decorating classes for the talent impaired. None of the window treatment classes requires sewing; none of the furniture building classes requires the use of power tools or a saw. Each class takes place 7-10 p.m. and costs \$35. Class size is limited due to hands-on training. Call (586) 739-6319 to register or for a current schedule.

Swags and Jabots (Monday, June 28) will show how to make contemporary and traditional versions of this timeless window treatment. In E-Z Build Chaise Lounge (Tuesday, June 29) create a beautiful full-size chaise great for a bedroom or family room.

Ceramics
The Ann Arbor Art Center presents a variety of workshops in June during Sundays @ 1 a weekly series in which art center staff members are on hand

to provide instruction and projects that spark creativity for adults, children and families. Workshops take place 12-3 p.m. Cost is \$12 per class. Participants may register at any time previous to the beginning of the workshop. Drop-ins are welcome although space is limited. The schedule includes Open Studio (June 27) which will offer a selection of ceramic forms to decorate and glaze.

For more information or to register go to the art center at 117 W. Liberty in downtown Ann Arbor, call (734) 994-8004 or visit www.annarborartcenter.org. If you have an item for the calendar, please submit it at least two weeks in advance of the date it should be published. Send to Ken Abramczyk, At Home Editor, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oehomecomm.net.



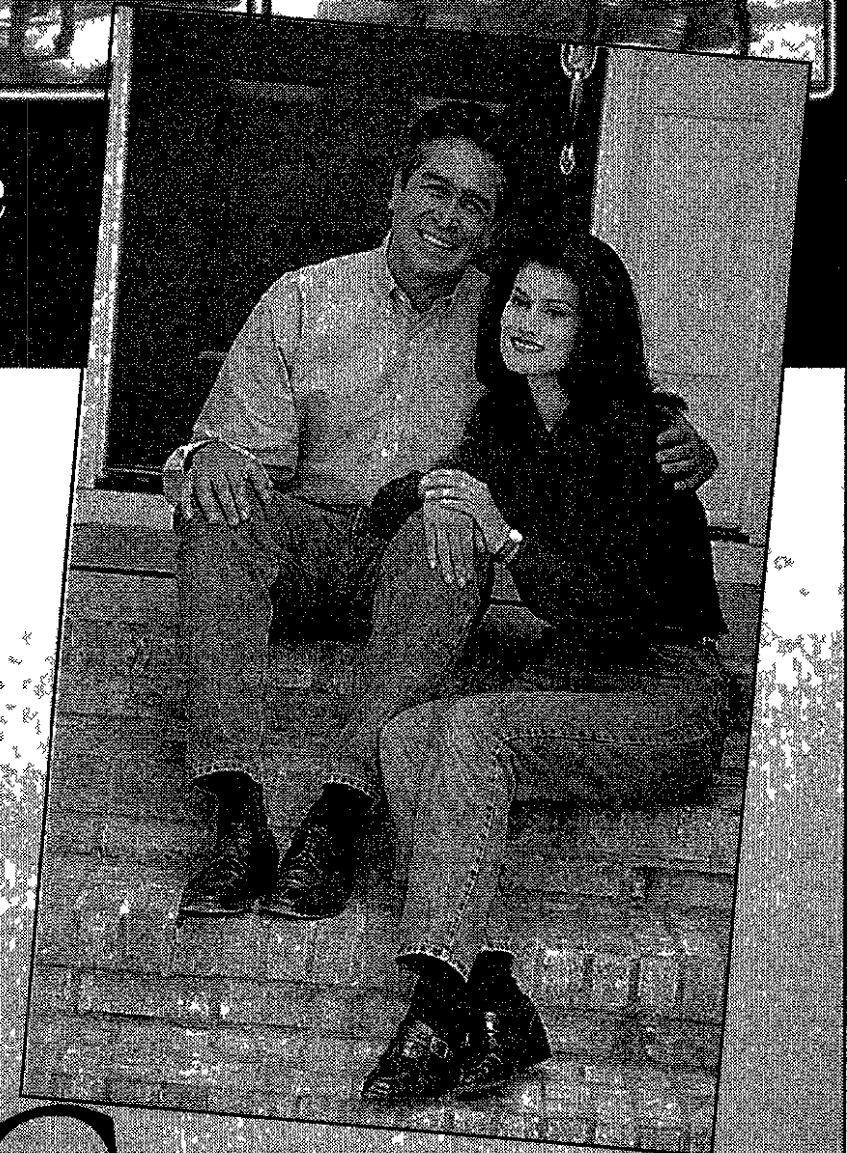
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REFLECTIONS

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A gazebo sits in the middle of the yard. Water lilies, water hyacinths and dwarf cattails grow inside a pond. The water lilies will bloom in red, yellow, pink and white, and the hyacinths blue.

All of it is part of a yard full of color, greenery, dimensions and shapes. The signs reflect the gardener's approach to gardening and to life.

"I'm a very philosophical person," Baker said. "I love thought-provoking things." A sign nearby reads "My Garden is My Earthly Paradise."

LITTLE TOUCHES OF ART

Patio blocks lead you to the rear of the yard, passing by an old Huffy bicycle with a handlebar basket filled with flowers. An old table and chair set once used by the grandchildren now is decorated with a rabbit theme, with plates that are sometimes filled with carrots for the dolls sitting there. A smiling bunny decorates another sign that reads "Life is Good."

As philosophical as Baker is, she is also whimsical.

There's a vegetable garden, also known as Baker's Acre Farm. Cucumbers, tomatoes, green peppers and acorn squash are grown here. "Tickle the Earth with a hoe, she laughs with a harvest," reads another sign.

GARDEN WALK

What: The Canton Garden Club's sixth annual garden walk Petals and Paths Tour six lovely gardens. No strollers please.

When: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday June 26

Tickets: \$6 presale \$7 the day of the tour. Tickets may be bought from Keller and Stern Inc., 42158 Michigan Avenue (734) 397-0800. Grayes Greenhouse 8820 Lilley (734) 453-1220. Mary's Farm Market 47453 Ford, (734) 981-2866. Backyard Birds 627 S. Main (734) 416-0600 and Judy Bloomquist (734) 455-8283.

The rear of the yard contains a landscaped area with an apple tree, a Lutyens bench and toilet on a water fountain. Back here, Baker expects the stella d'oro day lily to be in bloom by the time of the garden walk, along with fringed shasta daisies.

A blue hydrangea (called Endless Summer) illuminates the back of the yard. Alkaline soil will make the plant bloom pink, while acidic soil changes it to blue.

Iris have not bloomed because too much rain and the covering up of the iris base has prevented the sun from reach-



Donna Baker of Canton loves gardening and manages to get the most from her yard by incorporating a water garden and gazebo in it. Baker's garden will be one of six featured on the Canton Garden Walk on Saturday.

ing the base and roots. 'Iris need exposure to sun,' Baker said. Inside the gazebo, a giant dragonfly hangs on the wall with hens and chicks growing on it.

Turn to the right and a face greets you on a tree. "I like a little whimsy, because you can't take life too seriously," Baker said.

She also plants begonias and geraniums. "I used to plant impatiens, but the slugs and the rabbits eat those. They don't eat geraniums and begonias."

But it's all enjoyment for Baker. Gardening "is not work for me," she said.

"One thing about gardening is that what might work in one garden might not work in yours. Plants can be temperamental."

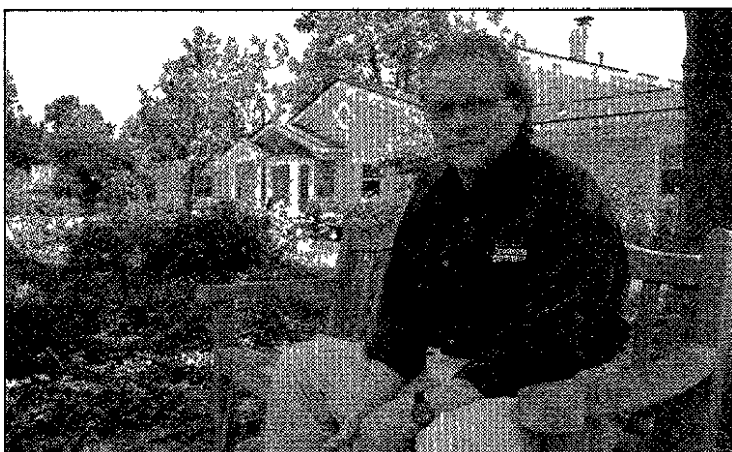
RETIRING 'TO' GARDENING

Baker remembered talking with employees who would retire from Ford Motor Co., where she worked, then return weeks or months later, and ask if they could come back. She remembers them telling her, "Oh my God, I'm so bored."

"Everybody always says, 'I'm retiring from work.' But if you're retiring from something, and not retiring to something, you will be bored," she said.

"I've been retired for 12 years and, to some, this would be work. To me, it's not work."

It's all summed up in a saying painted over the door leading to the yard. "Never forget to regard the beauty of the garden for therein lies peace."



Bob Brand sits in front of his home in Beverly Hills. Brand's yard will be one of six featured on the Village Garden Tour on Sunday.

GARDEN

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Brand said. "The biggest trick is having a plan, whether you plant one plant a year or plant the whole yard."

"You have to start with the things you want. Patios, swimming pools and play structures, you have to figure out all that stuff and develop all the plants off of those structures."

If you don't, the replanting and redoing of the yard can get expensive, Brand said. If you have all these disjointed plans, it's a hodgepodge five years down the road.

Joan Jensen, publicist of the Garden Walk and member of the Village Women's Club of Beverly Hills, said the walk organizers look for passionate and creative gardeners.

"It's a very generous act to open your garden to the public," Jensen said. "It's a combination of creativity, passion of gardening and a willingness of them to be so generous."

"It really is an enjoyable day." The walk features other gardens including one inspired by trips featuring vignettes of Williamsburg, Va., Paris, Switzerland and Colorado. "It also has an incredible conifer collection on a tiny lot, that is exquisite in the details," Jensen said.

Another garden is on a large lot, featuring Asian motifs, small urns and Asian bells. "It is very harmonious," Jensen said. There are a lot of conifers and minimal flowers. Both of these gardeners are enthusiastic gardeners.

GARDEN TOUR

What: The Village Garden Tour in Beverly Hills. Six gardens will be featured, including a few expansive gardens, a professional landscape designer's creation and an East Beverly masterpiece on a 50-foot lot.

When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday June 27

Tickets: \$12 on tour day and can be picked up with a map and booklet at Beverly Park on Beverly Road, one half mile west of Southfield Road between 13 and 14 Mile roads. Presale tickets are \$10 at the Beverly Hills Village offices, 18500 W. 13 Mile Road. Call (248) 645-1684 for more details.

Sponsored by the Village Woman's Club of Beverly Hills, the walk helps the club in uniting the women of the village in fellowship and community service. Funds have helped improve Beverly Park, added improvements at Groves High School, landscape village offices and pay for the Southfield Road beautification from 13 Mile Road to Beverly Road.

Last year's walk raised more than \$4,000.

"Our goal is to provide funding for these community projects," Jensen said. "These events go to very good causes."

A 'Victory Garden' is also featured

Five other gardens will be showcased Saturday on the Canton Garden Walk.

Debbie Haskins' garden is described as her "victory garden."

Haskins has battled Stage 3-C melanoma. Doctors gave her little hope in her prognosis. That was three years ago.

So she went out to the yard, which was entirely grass, and started planting. That despite her undergoing Interferon treatments, which she said "wiped her out" that first year.

Haskins was too weak to drive, so her husband drove her to the nursery and she'd pick out annuals. Then she planted them in new flower beds.

"And it was wonderful therapy," Haskins said. "Three years later, I'm still going strong."

"There's a saying that in the garden, you're closer to God than anywhere on Earth. I'm not a particularly religious person, but it's amazing how you always go back to that."

Haskins loves "everything" about her garden. "I like to call it a 'riot' of color," she says with a laugh.

"I would plant a four-pack of flowers, then have to sleep for two hours, but I did it," Haskins said.

"Have you seen the television show Victory Garden? Well, I call this my

victory garden."

Haskins said she is "absolutely thrilled to be on the walk." "My oncologist said some bad things, and sometimes you need to get some hope," Haskins said. "I've had to make my own."

She's proud that she is on the walk.

"When you've been told what I've been told, and when I started three years ago, it was all grass, and now we're going to be on the garden walk that is amazing," she said.

Sue Goin's garden is described as "a peaceful retreat from the busy-ness of everyday life." A waterfall in a large pond soothes, while a smaller pond enchants with its spraying fountain.

Walk through the arbor at the Smith house and soon you'll see three gardens with trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals.

Many of the plants here are heirlooms from parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents, including peonies, spiderwort, geraniums, iris, columbine and rose campion, along with bells of Scotland, daylilies and rose of Sharon and yellow roses.

A daughter's shade garden is full of plants that she plants, waters and plays in.

Another garden (Susie

Pidosny's) features garden favorites. There's a large selection of bleeding hearts, Jacob's ladder, hostas and a variety of daisies, and a large area of black-eyed susans, cone flowers, bee balm and ground covers.

Bruce and Pam Phillips enjoy secluded solace in the yard of the home they've owned for 27 years, going through children, myriad pets and trial and error.

This garden is described as low maintenance with an

abundance of perennials.

The garden areas vary from full shade to full sun.

The plants feature varieties of texture and color including dahlias, hydrangeas, grasses, hibiscus, hostas and roses.

Garden accessories, particularly antiques, are throughout the garden, from guarding antique lions, an antique garden chair and chaise. A Hansel and Gretel play cottage for children is another highlight of the yard.

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Storms can startle dogs, send birds from their nest

Thunderstorms have a lot in common with winter. If I asked 10 people about storms, I'd probably get five who love them and five who hate them, with little agreement at all.



About Animals

Dr. Brad Davis

Even storm lovers have to admit they deliver problems. Besides flooding and terrible driving conditions, storms bring complications to the animal world, both domesticated and wild.

NOISY DAYS

Many pets hate the noise wild critters often have their young thrown from their nest.

What do you do when you find a baby bird?

This time of year several people call my clinic every week saying they've found a baby bird, or rabbit, or squirrel, or whatever, wanting to know how to take care of it. When people find a wild baby the nurturing instinct takes over, no matter the species (I'm always glad we're not in an area where people find a baby elephant, then keep it in a giant shoebox until old enough to release).

I have heard many theories on how to help babies in the wild. These theories have often been passed down from generation to generation, and, since they worked once, they must be right.

The best way to take care of a baby bird fallen from the nest, or a baby animal away from mom? Three words

Leave it alone

Rarely will a mother in the wild leave her healthy children in danger. She will usually be there soon.

If you see a child at a mall wandering lost, what would you do? You would likely get security to make sure the child is safe, and in a place where the parents more easily can find him. You wouldn't take the child home and feed him until he's old enough to fend for himself.

Give Mom a chance, and usually she will come through. What if she doesn't? What if mom consciously made the decision that this particular young one should be eliminated?

Nature can be harsh. Mom made the decision for a reason. She has to make these hard choices, and does so naturally. While we can't conceive of the logic, it helps make a species stronger.

The best bet for making it would be to give mom the chance.

But what if you touched the animal? You may have heard that now that your scent is on it, the mom won't go near it anymore.

Untrue. Set the animal back down. She will ignore the smell. If you have children, more than once in your life you've had to ignore the smell. This mom will, also.

The number one most asked question (is) can I touch a baby bird and the parents take it back? Wild bird rescuer Michelle Charlong said "Yes! A bird's best asset is their eyesight, not their sense of smell."

How can the parent birds take care of a baby bird on the ground? Make it easier on them. Place the baby in a small, sturdy basket in the tree so they can take care of him up there. This also gives protection from cats, rats, and other predators that might think of the bird less as a baby and more as a snack.

PLAY IN A STORM

"But, what about those storms? My dog gets so stressed out, I think he's going to have a heart attack!"

I would really not worry about heart attacks, as dogs don't eat a load of chih-cheese fries (or at least they shouldn't!).

Storms can be a real problem. Dogs become destructive when frightened, or even just stress to an unacceptable level. Sedatives like Acepromazine or Chlorazepate dipotassium can be prescribed by vets, and Benadryl can be given for taking the edge off (call your vet for doses they like), but behavioral training is key.

Get a CD or tape of thunderstorms. Play it quietly in the house whenever something good is happening for the pet, like playing, petting, getting treats or eating.

Progressively turn the volume up over the course of weeks, a little at a time, until you're playing it loudly. Now the dog will associate the noise with play. Then dogs likely will grab a toy whenever they hear thunder - now seen as a good thing.

(If you want to have some fun with it, flip your house lights on and off with the thunder when it gets very loud. It won't do anything for the dog, but it will make your neighbors wonder what's wrong with you!) The drugs might help for a few hours, but the behavior modification can last for a lifetime.

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Clip and file, then use, those coupons

I have a box filled with coupons. I grab a handful on the way to the store only to discover they have expired. How do I organize my coupons so they are useful?



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Coupons are a way for manufacturers to give away money, so we might as well take advantage. You can save a significant amount of money using coupons, but the serious coupon clipper must have a system.

The specific system you use will depend on the amount of coupons you save, but all successful coupon collectors need three elements - good coupon sources, easy access to the coupons, and a good working knowledge of the cost of goods and services.

Coupon Sources
 Coupon books are worth the investment. They range in price from \$5-\$30 depending on the size. Using a few of the coupons usually pays for the purchase of the book.

Most telephone books offer coupons in the back of the book.

The newspaper runs coupon offers and usually includes coupon inserts. Stores offer coupons at their courtesy counter or on racks in the front of the store.

Scout for coupons in magazines. Many items have coupons for same-day or future purchases printed right on the packaging.

Ask friends, neighbors, and relatives to give you newspapers and magazines they are discarding. You may even trade

extras on a regular basis with other coupon clippers.

Look for promotional coupon packet in the mail. Accessing Coupons. Unless she has a workable system to store and access coupons, even the best-intentioned shopper will quickly get discouraged. Many coupons have been clipped and left to expire without ever seeing the light of day.

To avoid this, buy a plastic filing box with a handle and files, labeled with the following categories: Entertainment (movies, video rental, museums, play and sporting events), Restaurants (fine dining, fast foods and pizza delivery), Services, cleaners, carpet and upholstery cleaning and oil change), Home repairs (electrical, plumbing, furnace, appliances), Car repairs (include brakes, muffler, tune up), Groceries, Travel (lodging and transportation), Purchases (clothing and household). Other categories are Free (always use coupons that give you something free and check this file often) and Rebate (keep separate envelopes for each rebate offer. Keep receipt, bar code and form in this envelope until you mail the rebate to the company) and One month (Place coupons that will expire in a month in this file. Look at this file often).

Some categories, such as groceries, should be divided into sub categories. Within the file, create subjects such as dairy, cereal, meats, breads, bakery and frozen. Separate restaurants into groups, fine dining, fast food, and pizza.

Your storage system for coupons should be portable because many of the coupons are used away from your home.

Keep them in a file box with a handle that can be easily carried about and placed in your car. Look through your coupons often so you will know what is available. Choose restaurants, services, places to visit, and food items from coupons. The coupons that offer buy one, get one free provide great savings and are readily available.

Some grocery stores advertise double or triple coupon days. Take advantage of these offers whenever you can. Such offers often include only those coupons worth 50 cents or less. And remember. Many brand name items are more expensive, even after using coupons, than equivalent generic products at regular price. Use common sense.

This same principle applies to services, but since we use services less often, we must be educated consumers. Just because a business offers a 20 percent discount doesn't mean they have the best deal in town.

We had an emergency plumbing problem in our home. I looked for a coupon that offered a discount for a service call. I called several companies from which I had coupons only to find out their prices with the coupon offers were generally higher than those I normally paid without a coupon.

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There are ways to increase well pressure

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Q Brian R asks: I live on a farm that is 1/4 mile from the well. The water pressure in the house isn't that good. Is there anything short of replacing the well that will give me adequate water pressure?

A Sizing the diameter of the line down as it travels from its point of origin is one way of increasing pressure. For example, if the well line is 1 inch, it could be reduced to 3/4 inch and then to 1/2 inch (one third of the distance for each size). Another way is to add a

storage tank and pump. The well fills the storage tank at night and is then pumped into the house from the tank. The tank can contain a smaller, more efficient and less expensive pump than that, which would be needed to improve pressure at the well.

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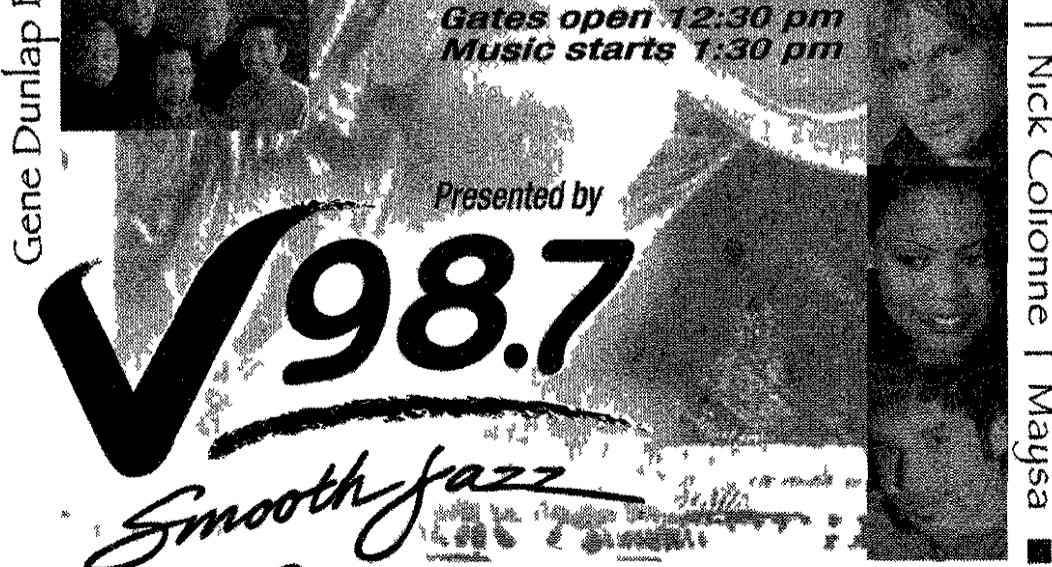
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Livonia

The 15th annual Garden Walk presented by the Friends for the Development of Greenmead 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. **Saturday, June 26**. Seven lovely gardens and yards will be available for viewing. All proceeds will benefit the restoration and preservation of Greenmead Historical Village in Livonia. Tickets are \$9 in advance. \$10 Saturday. Tickets may be bought from committee members or at any of the Livonia libraries: the Civic Center Library Gift Shop, Greenmead office and the Department of Community Resources on the fifth floor of Livonia City Hall. For information call (734) 466-2540.

or (734) 425-4855

Sylvan Lake

Sylvan Lake will host its first Home and Garden Tour 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Saturday, June 26**. The tour will include eight homes with gardens and two additional gardens. Featured homes will range from the 1900s to more recently built residences. Proceeds will be used to replace the 90-year-old Sylvan Lake Community Center. Tickets are \$10 for groups of 10 or more. \$12 prior to the tour and \$15 at the time of the tour. The second annual Shake at the Lake presented by Pontac Theater IV will also take place Saturday. This year's play performed outdoors at the lake shore will be Much Ado About Nothing. A combination ticket including the home and garden tour, the pre-play gourmet dinner and the play is \$60. (Tickets for the play are \$10; tickets for the gourmet dinner and the play are \$50.) For ticket information call (248) 681-2750 or (248) 681-8624.

Saturday, Sunday, June 26-27 rain or shine. Sponsored by the Grosse Pointe Garden Center Inc. Twelve residential gardens, the gardens at the Children's Home of Detroit and the Trial Gardens at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial will be featured. Master gardeners will be available at each site to answer questions. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the tour homes for \$2 each or three for \$5. This year's prizes will be a Tiffany style table lamp with floral motif valued at \$450 donated by House of Lights on Mack Avenue and 14 karat white gold drop earrings with diamonds valued at \$325 donated by Pat Scott Jewelers on Mack Avenue. Tickets are \$12 pre-tour. \$15 Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are available at several local florists and the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. 32 Lake Shore Drive in Grosse Pointe Farms. For information call the Grosse Pointe Garden Center at (313) 881-4594 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. **Thursday**.

6-8:30 p.m. **Wednesday, July 14**. Six beautiful gardens around Troy will be featured. A raffle and a raffle will take place at the Troy Historical Museum gazebo. 60 W. Wattles. Tickets are available in limited numbers at Telly's Greenhouse (248) 689-8735, the Troy Historical Museum (248) 524-3570, Wilkop Landscaping (248) 828-0030 and Uncle Luke's Feed Store (248) 879-9147 or by calling the Troy Garden Club at (248) 879-8621.

Open Day

The Garden Conservancy's Open Days program gives the public an opportunity to visit private gardens around the country. An Open Day is scheduled in Oakland County 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Sunday, July 11** rain or shine. Eight private gardens in Beverly Hills, Bloomfield Hills and White Lake will be featured. Start at the Hartwig Garden, 1320 Covington Road in Bloomfield Hills. Covington Road runs north and south between Telegraph and I-75. The address is just south of 16 Mile (16 Mile is Quarter west of Woodward and Big Beaver Road east of Woodward).

At the Hartwig Garden buy the 2004 Open Days Directory Midwest Edition for \$5. The soft cover directory includes directions to the other gardens and a coupon for one free garden admission. (The Midwest edition which lists more than 40 private gardens in Michigan, Illinois and Missouri is also available by mail for \$5 plus \$1.95 shipping and handling call The Garden Conservancy at (888) 842-2442. It is also sold in book stores.) Admission is \$5 to each garden. Reservations aren't required. For information and wheelchair accessibility call (888) 842-2442.

Northville

The Gardens of Northville 11th annual Garden Walk 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Wednesday, July 14**. Sponsored by the Country Garden Club of Northville. Six gardens will be featured from pristine and expansive to quaint countryside. In Mill Race Village the Cady Inn will be a farmhouse kitchen where complimentary homemade delicacies and lemonade will be served.

Enjoy music as you browse through plants and garden items offered by local vendors. Raffle tickets will be available at Mill Race Village the day of the walk. Tickets sold in advance only. \$10 available at Gardenviews 202 W. Main.

Huntington Woods

The Seed and Sod Garden Club of Huntington Woods will present a Summer Garden Tour noon to 5 p.m. **Sunday, July 18**. Nine unusual and lovely Huntington Woods gardens, a garden boutique and refreshments will be featured. Master gardeners and plain air painters will set up easels in each garden. Proceeds from the tour will be used to plant and maintain a children's garden at the Huntington Woods Library. Tickets are \$8 in advance. \$10 on the day of the tour. Advance tickets are available at Huntington Woods city offices (Scotia at 11 Mile) the library and the recreation center (both four blocks south of 11 Mile and Scotia). For more information call Karen at (248) 398-2004.

GARDEN CALENDAR

Iris club

The Iris Club of Southeast Michigan will have a general meeting 7:30 p.m. **Thursday, June 24** at the Royal Oak Senior Community Center 3500 Marais (three blocks east of Crooks and three blocks north of 13 Mile) phone (248) 246-3900. Admission is free. The public may attend. Reblooming irises will be discussed. Attend the meeting to learn the answers to such questions as: What are reblooming irises? Where do I buy them? How do I grow them? Why won't my rebloomers rebloom? For more information call Ann at (248) 280-0848 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Rain gardens

A free workshop Residential Rain Gardens: A Beautiful Solution to Water Pollution will take place 6-8:30 p.m. **Wednesday, June 30** at the Troy Public Library 510 W. B.G. Beaver Road. Professional gardener Gail Dudzinski Morrell will present how to tips for home gardeners focusing on native plants and maintenance. Local rain gardens will be featured. The Southeastern Oakland County Water Authority is sponsoring the workshop. Advance registration is requested. Call Karen Bevar at (248) 288-5150 weekdays or email LDDean@aol.com.

Fresh garden

Learn many of the simple tricks used by professional gardeners in Keeping Your Garden Fresh, a class offered at The Community House 380 S. Bates in Birmingham. The class will take place 7-9 p.m. **Wednesday, June 30**. Cost is \$20. Instructor Sue Grubba has been designing residential and commercial landscapes for 15 years. She is the owner of Creative Scapes a landscape and flower garden design firm and is an advanced master gardener and senior instructor at the Michigan School of Gardening. To register call The Community House at (248) 644-5832 or visit www.communityhouse.com.

Rose programs

Roger and Nancy Lindley, owners of Great Lakes Roses, are celebrating summer with a series of fast-paced programs that will enable Michigan gardeners to succeed with roses in their gardens. The schedule includes Japanese Beetle Control for Roses 1 p.m. **Sunday, June 27** or 11 a.m. **Monday, June 28** and Rose Propagation Workshop 1 p.m. **Sunday, July 4** or 11 a.m. **Monday, July 5**. Japanese Beetle Control for Roses is a lecture and hands-on demonstration by owner Roger Lindley. The program is free and reservations aren't required. In the popular hands-on workshop participants will prepare and root roses from cuttings and learn other techniques for easy at-home propagation. Reservations are required. The \$25 material fee will be collected at the door. Each presentation will last about 1 1/2 hours. Dress for the weather. Great Lakes Roses is at 49875 Willow Road between Rawsonville and Sumpster (Bellevue) Roads in Sumpster Township just south of Bellevue. For more information visit www.GreatLakesRoses.com or call (734) 461-1230 to request a flyer.

Perennial gardening

English Gardens hosts free gardening seminars 7 p.m. **Wednesdays** at all five locations. The stores are at 6370 Orchard Lake Road north of Maple in West Bloomfield (phone (248) 851-7506), 4901 Coolidge Highway in Royal Oak Troy (phone (248) 280-9500), 22650 Ford at Outer Drive in Dearborn Heights (phone (313) 278-4433), 44850 Garfield at Hall in Clinton Township (phone (586) 286-6100) and 22501 Kelly at Nine Mile in Eastpointe (phone (586) 771-4200).

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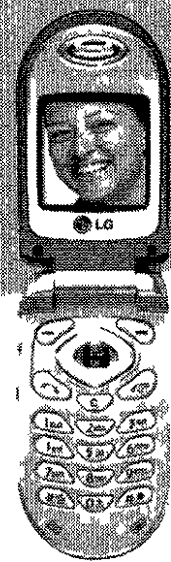
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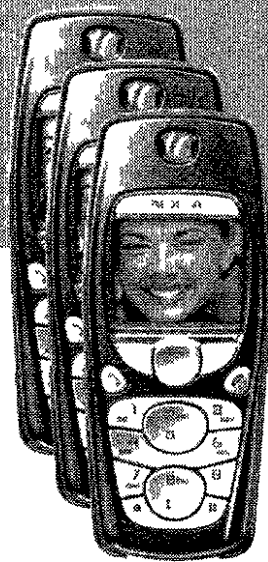
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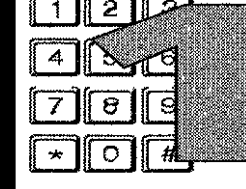
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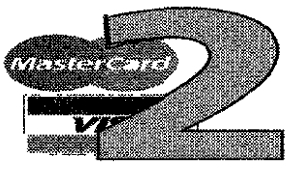
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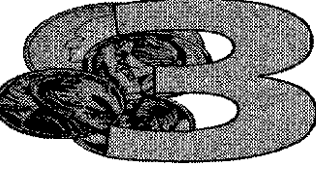
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ACTIVE
I'm a 48 year old SWF searching for
an honest energetic spiritual
easygoing SWM 46 65
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LOVING & HONEST
SWF 38 5 8 w/ red hair green
eyes and a good sense of humor
Enjoys camping movies karaoke
and time with a special someone
She is in search of an honest easy
going compa to a SWM 29 to 50
years o d Ad# 744106

ACTIVE LIFE
SWF 55 5 6 average build
green eyed blonde In search of a
conservative thoughtful funny
SWM 60 65 who enjoys dancing
and being outdoors Ad# 743857

INDEPENDENT LADY
DOB 11/08/38 5'5" full figured
thoughtful into sports travel con
certs museums camping home
time & more Seeks down to earth
understanding good humored
amplifier drug & disease free
SWF 34 55 with own transporta
tion on who likes kds & animals
Ad# 742940

BROWN EYED LADY
SWF 54 48 enjoys barbecued
ribs funny movies page turn
books Desires SWM N/S 40 55
that I can look up to who can make
me laugh is sort of handsome and
SM 34 55 with own transporta
tion on who likes kds & animals
Ad# 742940

NICE MOM WANTS NICE MAN
SWF 28 145 lbs 5 3 w/ 2
young children Looking for a
SWM 38 92 for a long term rela
tionship who is financially secure
with his own house No mixed
genes please honest man only
Ad# 760705

GOOD VALUES WARM HEART
24 52 113 blonde/blue hair
one ch d shared custody I am a
home owner and a Christian like
festivals dancing traveling etc
Seeking a single man 21 25 who s
employed has good va us and a
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ESTABLISHED WOMAN
Good looking 40 I have black
hair dark brown eyes med um
complexion I have one 14 yr o d
child at home I am profess only
employed and own my own home
I am cooking for a man with the
same interests who s nice with
good values and good looking
Ad# 759908

GEMINI
SWF 62 58 blonde hair blue
eyes enjoys family get togethers
music cards exercising dream
cruise dancing campng and
festivals dancing traveling etc
Seeking a single man 21 25 who s
employed has good va us and a
warm heart Ad# 760468

GAMES OVER
18 120 lbs 5 7 petite SBF
seeks an admirer head on the r
shoulders future plans of mar
riage mature enjoy life to the
fullest 18 23 SBF Ad# 759284

HAVE TEST FOR LIFE?
SWF 49 petite brunette seeks
a trustworthy emotionally secure
attractive SWM 49-60 N/S with
no dependents Ad# 742277

SELF SECURED
56 5 8 125 hazel eyes blonde
hair enjoys car music seeking
someone who is 58 and older fun
likes himself openminded and
loves music Ad# 759205

PET LOVER
SWF 9 50 155 lbs black hair
brown eyes likes dancing
moves of 3dner seeks honest
respectful male 30 65 who loves
pets Ad# 759134

SOUND GOOD TO YOU?
SBF 50 59 175 lbs with short
black hair and brown eyes Enjoys
bowling campng and softball
Looking for an attractive respect
ful outgoi SWM 35 60 who s
open minded likes pets walks and
quiet times Ad# 728608

SOMETHING MISSING
56 years young want a special
friend in my life Missing the little
things a hug a kiss holding
hands Enjoys just about every
thing but missng the most
important thing the other half in
my life Ad# 405107

HUMOR IS A PLUS
40 SWF reddish brown hair
green eyes plus zee looking for a
fun loving man with a great sense
of humor non judgemental
Ad# 754135

THE WHOLE PACKAGE
SWF 57 68 with red hair blue
eyes k ds and grand kids Looking
for a SWM 50 68 who s about 6
with facial hair k ds at home
N/S and knows how to treat a
woman Ad# 755254

A BEAUTIFUL MIND
Full figured SWF 40 5 9 with
green eyes and reddish brown
hair looking for a down to earth
fun lovng intelligent SWM
who s open minded and has a
sense of humor Ad# 754174

GIVE ME A CALL
Full figured SBF 18 5 7 230
lbs with short hair and a daught
er Looking for a real SWM 19 30
who s got things goi ng for him
self Ad# 751774

ALL IN TIME
SBF 25 57 180 lbs down to
earth for quality time seeks SBW
who I can cuddle down to earth
knows what he wants out of life
and how to get it Ad# 751474

NEWLY SINGLE
SAF 18 good person newly sin
gle seeks SAM age unimportant
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HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU
SBF 30 medium build with long
hair & gray eyes In search of a
SWM 28 38 who doesn't play
mind games and likes cuddling
fishing boating canoeing amuse
ment parks & more Ad# 727749

PATIENTLY WAITING FOR YOU
SWF 60 Auburn hair green eyes
profession Enjoys travel week
end get a ways campng cuddling
and more Seeking a SWM 57 70
who s lovng humorous N/S
N/D fun and affectionate
Ad# 405309

CAN YOU KEEP UP?
Retired SWF 89 5 4 red hair
med um build Enjoys flea markets
festivals traveling plus more is
easygoing and is not ready for the
rocking chair Looking for a SWM
65 73 who would like to be her
companion and share special
conversations and coffee
Ad# 690314

JUST BE YOURSELF
SBF 18 enjoys bowling part
s having fun reading and trying new
things Looking for a kind sweet
SBM 18 25 who s open minded
and has similar interests
Ad# 718805

OPEN YOUR HEART TO ME
Excite looking SWF 53 5 5 127
lbs sophsticated yet down to
earth Enjoys music traveling long
walks and aughter Looking for a
SWM 50-60 with similar inter
ests Ad# 718320

THE MOON STARS & YOU
Pretty SWF 45 dark red hair
golden brown eyes nice figure
Likes boating walking in the woods
dancng theatre and more
Looking for a passionate SWM
who s honest trustworthy and
enjoys life Ad# 721556

HONESTY A MUST
SWM 50 5 9 175 short black
hair brown eyes many hobbies
softball boating camping sewing
dancing seeks honest and caring
respectful one who is consiste ad
of others Ad# 759340

EDUCATED PROFESSIONAL
SWM 45 5 8 ft light brown
hair blue eyes Looking for a pas
sionate compassionate profes
sional SWF 28-45 Oakland or
Wayne County Ad# 449893

HARD WORKER
SWM 34 5 6 155 lbs athletic
buil d enjoys martial arts moves
ooking for a nice honest down to
earth girl next door type SWF 18
36 who likes the movies
Ad# 758934

QUALITY COMPANION
57 N/S seeks average lady
believes in family and religion to
have a good time ages 48 55
Ad# 758953

SOFTEN SPOKEN
SWF 43 5 11 144 hazel eyes
brown hair quiet seeks fun ener
getic moves camping SWF
Ad# 758965

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HEY HANDSOME!
SBM 29 5 4 154 lbs short
hair Enjoys going to clubs bowl
ing movies diners plus more
She seeks a SBM 40+ who s
compat be built church goi ng
and shares siml interests
Ad# 727146

FORMER SWIMSUIT MODEL
SWF 45 N/S social drinker 5 6
140 lbs voluptuous blue eyed
blonde Interests are movies bowl
ing and dancing She s looking for
a sensitve financailly secure N/S
SWM 35 60 whose children are
grown and knows how to appreci
ate a woman Ad# 641647

ENJOY SUMMER WITH ME
SWF 49 5 5 130 lbs hazel eyes
Enjoys dancng travel pcn cs and
mo e Seeking a f endly and
down to earth SWM 49 55 w
s mlr interests Ad# 735604

WALK AND TALK
SWF 31 5 2 115 lbs enjoys din
ing movies campng down to earth
and having fun This laidback lady
is looking for an honest SWM who
is a good conversationalist for a
possible relationship Ad# 733214

BELIEVER IN HAPPINESS
She is a down to earth 5 6 46
blonde hair blue eyed sweet SWF
with a 15 year old daughter He
would be a SM 40 60 who is able
to express his feelings be family
oriented and enjoy working around
the house Ad# 729233

BROWN QUEEN SEeks MAN
Single black female 46 5 7
brown hair r and brown eyes hop
ing to meet a single black male 46
52 Ad# 729803

SHARE LIFE WITH ME
SWF 40 5 4 enjoys the out
door activities and has his own
home and much more She s seek
ing a fun loving gentleman who s
honest happy educated and pro
fessional Ad# 729268

ENJOY LIFE WITH ME
SWF 46 looking to meet friends
and new relationships She is anx
iously stepping into a new stage in
life Call now she s sweet wait to
speak upbeat and down to earth
Ad# 729267

WANTED CLASSY MAN
I'm 64 white versatile woman
5 2 dark hair and dark eyes I
enjoy dancing travel exercise
Seekng a companion and maybe a
relationship I am a home owner in
Macomb Ad# 403303

FIT THE BILL?
SWF 47 5 8 160 lbs in search
of a marriage minded well pro
portioned SWM 45 50 6+ N/S
N/S drug free Ad# 728344

LOVE THE LORD?
I'm a Born Again Christian SWF
57 a mentally stable active lively
caring person Looking for a play
fully good humored SBM 45 65
who is also a Born Aga n Christian
and lives his life for the Lord
Ad# 728631

CONTACT ME TODAY
SWF 45 5 2 Hobbies are old
sue cs and goi ng to walks n
the park She hopes to meet a SWM
55 Ad# 728609

SUMMER FUN
SWF 33 tall & slim into travel
swif & blues museums working
out plays and shopping Seeks an
excitng well wlemed cleaned up
white collar SWPM 33-49 N/S
Ad# 728143

I WOULD LOVE TO TALK!
SWM 27 5 3 265 lbs with
long hair & dark brown eyes in
search of a fun loving stable SW
gentleman 25 35 who oves k ds
and knows what he wants in life
Ad# 739229

SIMPLIFIED LIFE
SWM 54 seeks SAF 18-40 for
good times mak meals together
hear t me at home sound inter
est n! Ad# 758781

CONVERTIBLE MAN
SWM 32 walking driving hang
ing with friends 55 175lbs seeks
SWF 29 31 Ad# 758539

COLLECTOR SEeks QUALITY LADY
SWM 78 has my own home two
lovable dogs I like to go out to d
ner and collectible markets
Looking for a SWF who is qual
ing who could get along with
Ad# 758974

ARE YOU READY?
Do you have a passport? Do you
have a swimsu? Do you dance
shoes? I'm 55 tall slim active
and ready for friendship compan
ionship and romance with a SWF
46 60 who is my equal! Phone
replies only please! Ad# 612394

SOMEDAY WE'LL BE TOGETHER
If you like staying home to watch
movies traveling or just looing
around and are a SWF 33-40
who s under 150 lbs you ve found
your man He s a SWM 37 6 110
lbs who doesn't play games
Ad# 645294

LET'S GET TOGETHER
SWM 24 6 4 s looking for a
SWF 21 27 who likes the out
doors who s fun and likes sports
Ad# 752494

ROMANTIC DENTIST
White male dentist 6 173 lbs
5 4 very successful and attractive
Seeking a white fema a 38 to 53
4 plus slim n smoker very
attractive and phsy cally fit who
loves findng travel cuddling and
is seeking a best frend
Ad# 403950

LET'S MAKE A DATE
SWM 62 enjoys theatre dncng
out Looking for a SWF with siml
lar interests who d like to get
together for a coffee and see where
it leads Ad# 748056

GOOD TIMES AHEAD
SWM 50 5 8 170 brown hair
blue eyes seeks someone with a
sense of humor outgoing positve
outlook on life single female 34
55 Ad# 760911

SEEKING BLACK GIRL
Hi this is Vanle 20 African
Amer I am looking for a black girl
Ad# 760536

CLEAN CUT WHITE MALE
Down to earth 50 looking for a
clean neat pass onate lady who
likes long walks/drives non smok
er social d inner who enjoys be
ng with the other half for a monoga
mous relationship weight/light
proportionate Ad# 557006

FUN LIFE
SWM 68 6 1 210 lbs brown
hair and eyes active easygoi ng
and fun to be around Seeking an
affect onate SF age unimportant
who is fun to be with Ad# 683232

A LOT TO OFFER!
SBM 26 165 lbs brown eyes
N/S employed Searching for an
attractve honest employed SBF
21-32 with goals and own trans
portation Ad# 744340

WANT TO BE LOVED?
Patsy humorous SWM young
59 5 11 230 lbs Looking for a
SWF under 150 lbs under 6 tall
who enjoys sports dncng out
moves dancng cuddling holding
hands & hugging No games
Ad# 404689

CALL ME
Single black fema 19 years old 5
6 seeking a single black female
19 and over Ad# 743055

SPEND TIME WITH ME
SWM 35 5 4 145 lbs with dark
hair/eyes He loves the outdoors
and would like to meet a pete
compa ble SWF 30 40 years old
Ad# 743979

CALL FOR MORE INFO
24 year o d SWM about 5 11 220
lbs searching for a petite fun
nice looking SWF 18 35
Ad# 743980

LOOK OVER HERE!
SBM 24 5 11 a smoker Enjoys
football wrestling shooting pool
swimmg and long wa ks Seeks a
SBF 18 around 5 4 5 6 150
lbs with a dark complex on and
brown eyes Ad# 743159

SOAR WITH ME
I am a SWM 61 pilot who enjoys
sandy and sun beaches warm
weather I nng travel etc Would
like to meet a SF 48 58 in the
Wke to Lake area All calls returned
Ad# 481076

LIKE TO READ?
SWM 49 smoke social drinker
searching for a SWF 38 50 who
enjoys the outdoors and moves
Ad# 742692

IN SEARCH OF LOVE
SWM 52 with brown hair and a
mustache Enjoys dining out the
outdoors etc Looking for a SWF
40 53 who is looking for a ong
term relationship Flint area only
Ad# 420370

MEET FOR LUNCH
73 year o d SBM seeks a nice
SBF 40 60 who enjoys movies
and going to long d ves
Ad# 742110

CONNECT!
Outgoing SNAM 42 busi ness
cute SWM 32 Seeking a SWF
27-37 who likes to travel etc
40 53 who is looking for a ong
term relationship Flint area only
Ad# 420370

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
SWM 49 hardworkng 5 8 175
lbs Seeking a SWF 45-48 who is
easygoing intelligent and fit to a
long term relationship with the
Redford area you nio E ma s
please! Ad# 406401

I AM WAITING
SWM 49 looks 39 knows how to
eat a lady someone who has a
nice build and a pleasant personal
ty I am ooking for a woman that
is looking for a good man Hope
to hear from you as soon as possible
Redford area Ad# 411537

QUALITY TIME
SWM 18 5 7 156 lbs light com
plex on long curly hair Loves the
outdoors movies and more
Seekng a SBF 18 26 who shares
his interests Ad# 741575

HELLO LADIES
I'm a DW Dad 49 who enjoys
boating campng and anything
that is fun I'm seeking a SWF
35 50 with similar interests
Ad# 741423

EVERLASTING LOVE
SWM 54 59 180 lbs with long
brown hair He enjoys rock & roll
movies and much more Seeks a
pretty SAF 30 40 who knows
how to treat a man and wants a
long term relati onship leadng to
marriage Ad# 741211

UP FOR ADVENTURE
29 swim blonde/green 180 l lbs
who lifts hitng running outdoor
adventures and I am up for any
thing new I work a lot but have no
financial problems I am looking for
someone to be by my side
Ad# 740553

A MIRROR IMAGE
SWM 39 trustng warm hearted
SWM 180 Looking for an educated
enjoying SF who s 48 or younger
5 5 9 and a cound 145 lbs
Ad# 740682

MR FIX IT
SWM 27 enjoys doing odd jobs
like fixing computers and cars
Looking for a SBF 25 45 who s
fun and car ng Ad# 740301

BIG ON HEART
SWM 46 brown hair blue eyes
6 2 185 lbs He is seeking a SF
33 49 who is ok she would be
somewhat spr tual and warm
hearted Ad# 736809

TRUE ROMANCE
SWM 35 5 11 185 lbs brown
hair Enjoys dining shopping
sports nature walks seekng n
romantic Ad# 748994

LETS MEET
SBM 40 5 8 with a shaved head
trimmed beard and cons dced to
be attractve In search of a SBF
25 35 for friendship to start pos
sible relationship down the road
Ad# 731555

YOU WON'T BE SORRY
Fun outgoi ng and adventurous
SWM 30 6 2 looking for a
friendship frt leadng to a possi
ble relationship with a nice easy
going interestng attractive and
humo us SWF 18 36
Ad# 729947

NICE CHATS AND MORE
52 SWM enjoys movies walks
cuddling lust being together and
more 6 brown hair and eyes
lookng for an affectionate loyal lady
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Loose or clogged gutters can allow rain to ultimately run into your house or collect near your foundation, causing your basement to leak

These problems require gutter

cleaning, inspections and repairs or replacements

■ Paint - Scrape, sand and repaint areas that have cracking or peeling paint or are in need of caulking, so that you don't end up with rotted wood or the need to repaint the entire house

■ Window and door screens - Check the perimeter of the opening to verify any loose or missing caulk. In an effort to decrease your utility bills, recaulk any necessary openings

■ Pipes and outside hose spicket - Before turning on your outside hose spicket, inspect pipes between the hose spicket and shut-off valve for signs of frost damage, splits or separated joints

If everything is in good working order, make sure your outside hose spicket is turned off, and turn on the shut-off valve inside your home. Your outside hose spicket is now ready for use

■ Clean fireplaces and wood stoves - Remove ashes and close your chimney flue

■ Attic - Make sure all your gable, soffit and ridge vents are open to allow proper ventilation. Make sure insulation covers the entire attic floor, look into hiring a professional to add more to meet recently updated building codes and reduce future heating and cooling costs

Check to make sure your attic and/or whole house fans are working properly, consider

installing attic or whole house fans

■ Caulking and grout - Inspect caulking and grout around tubs, showers and sinks, have it replaced if it is deteriorating

■ Air conditioning system inspection and filter change - Have your air conditioning system checked by a licensed HVAC mechanic

Replace your filter monthly

■ Deck - Inspect your deck for loose nails and boards, and for rotted boards that need to be fixed or replaced

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Put ceramic tile on top of plastic laminate counter

BY MORRIS AND JAMES CAREY
FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Is your kitchen countertop looking a little worse for wear? Has it got chips, dents and dings?

If so, here's an affordable answer to your problem. Install ceramic tile right on top of your existing plastic laminate top.

Start by removing the sink and covering the cabinets with heavy paper or cardboard

Next, use a circular saw to

cut off the bullnose edge and rear backsplash. Then smooth out any uneven spots with a hand saw, belt sander and coarse sandpaper

Lightly sand the entire top to create a better bonding surface. Then install the tile on thin-set adhesive applied with a grooved trowel

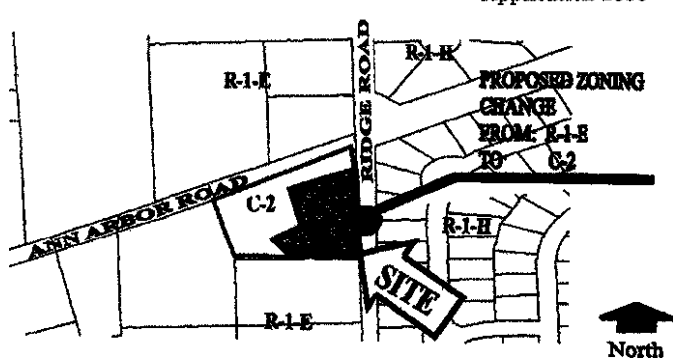
Let the tile set up overnight and then grout it, using a rubber grout float and a damp sponge. When it dries, buff it with a soft dry cloth, and reinstall your sink

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH PLANNING COMMISSION

PROPOSED ACTION: AMEND THE ZONING MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP
REZONE FROM: R 1 E Single Family Residential District
REZONE TO: C 2 General Commercial District
DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday July 21 2004
TIME OF HEARING: 7:00 PM
PLACE OF HEARING: Plymouth Township Hall, 42350 Ann Arbor Road

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of Plymouth Charter Township has received a petition to rezone parcels R78 048 99 0033 000 and R78 048 0034 000 from R-1 E, Single Family Residential District to C 2 General Commercial District. The property addresses are 9126 and 9161 Ridge Road

Application 1838



AMENDED ZONING MAP NO. 002 Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne, Michigan

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: For parcel descriptions, see tax records based on Tax ID Nos R78-048-0033-000 and R78-048-0034-000

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendment to the zoning map of the Township may be examined at the Plymouth Township Division of Public Services Building, Community Development Department, during regular business hours from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Written comments will be received prior to the meeting and may be mailed to 46655 Port Street, Plymouth, MI 48170 or call 734 453 8131 ext 37. The meeting will be held in the Meeting Room at Township Hall which is located at 42350 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth Township, MI 48170. At the public hearing the Planning Commission may recommend rezoning of the subject property to any use allowable under the provisions of the Plymouth Township Zoning Ordinance No 99.

KENDRA BARBERENA, Secretary
Planning Commission

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Notice is hereby give that the following units will be sold to the highest bidder by way of open auction on 07/09/04 at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the following locations

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Shurgard of Canton South 45229 Michigan Ave Canton MI 48188 734 398 5416 Unit 1015 household Unit 4109 household Unit 5036 household Unit 5251 household	Shurgard of Plymouth 41889 Joy Rd Canton, MI 48187 734 459 2200 Unit 1009 household Unit 3020 household Unit 4042 household
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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings - June 15, 2004

A Joint Study Session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton and the Planning Commission was held Tuesday, June 15 2004 at 46000 Summit Parkway. Motion by Bennett, supported by McLaughlin to appoint Treasurer Kirchgatter to chair the meeting in Supervisor Yack's absence. Motion carried by all members present. Treasurer Kirchgatter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call

Members Present	Bennett, Burdziak, McLaughlin, Zarbo, Kirchgatter, Shefferly
Members Absent	Yack
Staff Present	Director Faas, Scott Daniels, Jeff Goulet
Planning Commission Members Present	Ron Lieberman, Victor Gustafson, Cathy Johnson, Melissa McLaughlin, Greg Greene
Members Absent	Greg Demopoulos, Katie Bovitz

Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Bennett supported by Burdziak to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by all members present.

Approval of Minutes

None

Citizen's Non Agenda Item Comments.

None

Board Member Reports

None

Item 1. Future Land Use

Jeff Goulet presented a future land use map with the areas indicative of land use changes proposed by the Planning Commission. There are 6 areas under consideration with three (3) being quite large for the Planning Commission to vote on at their next meeting Monday June 21, 2004. The 6 areas in question are Geddes West of Denton Road 1,000 acres currently agricultural and very low density proposed changes to low density medium low density and medium density. Ford Road North and South of Napier 3 acres currently rural residential and agricultural proposed changes to very low density to low density. Canton Center Road North of the Township Hall currently very low density residential proposed changes to medium high and medium low density. McClumpha South of Warren and West of Ridge Roads currently rural residential proposed change to very low density. Bloch/Brody an 8 acre parcel proposed change from light industrial to industrial/ medium high density. Laird, an 12 acre parcel currently medium density residential suggested change to high density.

Mr Goulet suggested these proposed changes would incorporate 2,900 units maximum which equates to approximately 7,000 to 8,000 increase in population.

Item 2. Sewer Study Update

Director Faas presented a presentation on the Sewer Study in the Charter Township of Canton currently being done however not completed. The metering project team members are the Canton Municipal Services Department Staff, Western Townships Utilities Authority Staff (WTUA) Wade Trim Consulting Engineers (local analysis), Ayers Lewis Norris & May Consulting Engineers (Regional analysis) and Martin Controls Services. Martin Controls Services Metering Contractor (installed, applied and maintained equipment).

The need to undertake the project is mainly due to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) instituting a ban on issuance of any sewer system extension (a.k.a. Part 41) permits for development flowing into the Cherry Hill trunk line in the spring of 2003. In order for the MDEQ to lift the ban the Township had to demonstrate that it had sufficient sewage capacity in its local collection system to receive additional flows. This is being accomplished by undertaking a flow metering study. Concurrent with this need several developers were expressing interest in having the undeveloped areas along the western end of the community rezoned to accommodate densities greater than the Comprehensive Plan. This added analysis required us to undertake a community wide flow metering analysis. In order to address both parties needs the Township & WTUA engaged the services of engineering consultants and a metering contractor to analyze our sewer systems (collection storage transport and treatment).

Director Faas stated that the project components are as follows: Metering - Data Acquisition Existing System Flow Modeling with analysis from our local and regional system population projections, Preliminary Flow Projection from data collected from our local regional systems and wastewater treatment plan system and our final report, however is not complete.

Director Faas stated that the preliminary findings are improvements to the local collection system are needed to transport the future flows with the community effected by rezoning and undeveloped land.

Additional regional system storage (additional basins) is needed now and in the future.

The full expansion of YCUA will be necessary, sooner than later.

We will have to retain all the capacity that the Township has in the Rouge Valley Interceptor System (RVIS) in Wayne County.

Additional density requests in the southwest quadrant can likely be supported with some minor capital improvements.

Mechanism for funding improvements (Township and Developers) needs to be worked out once the scope of improvements is better defined.

Director Faas stated that electronic Permanent Flow Meters have been inserted into sewer pipes to measure the level (depth) of flow over a long time period, at specific locations where the local collection system connects to the WTUA regional system. There have been 40 locations within the Township that house these Flow Meters: 30 are temporary and 10 permanent. These sites are monitored every two weeks for extraction of data. Flow metering is at every major connection point on the WTUA interceptor along Haggerty Road (since Oct 2003). The primary goal for the 10 permanent flow meters

is to use data acquired from these flow meters as input to the regional system model developed by ALNM for WTUA. Secondary goal is to be able to monitor flows over the long term to more effectively manage our collection system (requirement of CMOM legislation). The primary goal for the 30 temporary flow meters is to identify areas that may demonstrate capacity deficiencies in the local collection system. The secondary goal is to have a high percentage of homes with footing drains tied to the sanitary sewer service connection.

Three (3) professional quality rain gages are also located in Canton. These gages are located at Michigan at Haggerty (WTUA Lower Rouge Pump Station), Joy at Haggerty (WTUA Middle Rouge Lift Station), and Canton Parks Maintenance Facility (behind Municipal Complex). Four events were chosen from the data for calibration purposes: October 14 2003 received 1.55" of rain, November 18 2003 received 0.80" May 1, 2004 received 1.16" and May 10, 2004 received 1.13". All events had at least one week of dry weather preceding the rain event. Clerk Bennett inquired if there was any way to measure infiltration into our system. Director Faas stated that they would not know this answer until all the data had been calculated. These gages have a specially designed 12 inch diameter funnel on top to catch rain and direct the water onto the "tapper" which electronically records the number of tips.

There are two (2) computer models used to analyze the rate of sewage flow within Canton's local collection. The Haestad Sewer Cad computer measures the output and the EPA XPSWMM (a.k.a. SWIM) measures the input of sewage flow within WTUA's regional system.

In the existing system flow modeling all pipes and manholes for both the local collection system and regional collection system models had to be input and checked for accuracy. Computer models output the flow over a period of time based on current population conditions. System pipes cannot surcharge under MDQ design standards during a design storm.

In the local system flow at each major connection is modeled to match the response recorded by the flow meter for the actual events measured. Ten inputs to the WTUA model were required to accurately analyze flows.

In the regional system output from Canton's local system are added into the WTUA regional system model. Regional model routes flows from each connection point to the WTUA pump/lift stations. At each WTUA facility the outlet capacity to the WWTP is maximized together with storage of excess flows in the underground basins to match the incoming flow.

The current population in Canton is 83,000. The future population projections were computer based on the following categories:

- 10 or 11 large undeveloped tracts (>50 acres in area)
- Small undeveloped tracts (miscellaneous)
- Existing constructed development not occupied

The projection assumptions were anticipated density (d.u./acre) figures were multiplied by the area. That product was multiplied by the design criteria the MDEQ requires us to use for occupancy rates for multi family (2.5 pph) and single family dwellings (3.2 pph). Our actual current occupancy rate per dwelling is on average 2.8 pph. As such the MDEQ data may slightly overproject the ultimate population. This ensures that long term changes in a community have sufficient capacity should occupancy rates increase.

Preliminary Population Project	MDEQ Design	Current Occupancy Rate
2003 Population	83,000	83,000
Anticipated Increase to Build Out	46,760	38,977
Future Population	129,760	121,977

The preliminary flow projections for our local system is that of the three most critical trunk sewers were analyzed so far (Cherry Hill, Palmer Geddes). Section of the sewer along Lilley (north of Cherry Hill). Others may be analyzed later before final Sanitary Sewer Master Plan is updated.

The preliminary flow projections for our regional system is the interceptor along Haggerty Road, which is acceptable, underground storage requirements, which need to be increased in size and the WTUA pump stations are acceptable.

The preliminary flow projection for waste water treatment plant system is the YCUA expansion. YCUA is expanding to 25 million gallons per day plus future expansion to 29 million gallons per day.

DWSD/RVIS (Detroit and Wayne County) we will keep all current capacity, plus negotiate long term extension of 1961 agreement. This is a change from the 1988 agreement between the three (3) WTUA communities (Canton, Plymouth and Northville Townships).

The Municipal Services Department will continue to refine and define analyses further over the next 8 weeks, review Capital Improvement Program options concurrently. Wade Trim will complete Sanitary Sewer Master Plan update plus model runs to all trunk lines connecting to regional system. Ayers, Lewis, Lewis will finalize the regional system analysis. The due date to complete our report is August 4, 2004.

Trustee Burdziak inquired if the Charter Township of Canton will never be able to be independent of the Detroit System. Director Faas stated that no, that Canton will remain in the Detroit System forever.

Chuck Langsk, Denton Road, inquired how long will it take DEQ to respond once the final report is submitted. Director Faas stated 2 to 3 years however Canton will proceed early this fall.

Director Faas stated that after the final report is completed he will schedule another joint study session with the Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission.

ADJOURN: Motion by Bennett supported by Zarbo to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.

Terry G Bennett, Clerk

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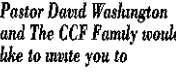
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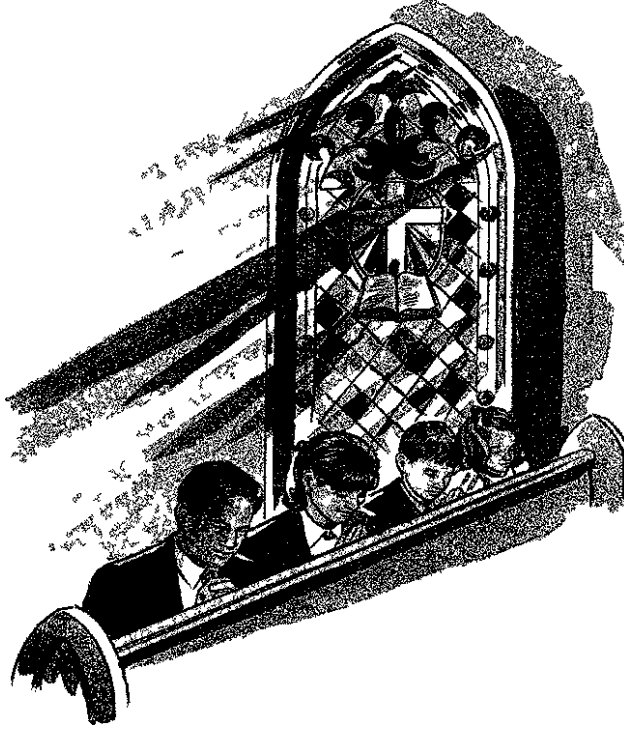
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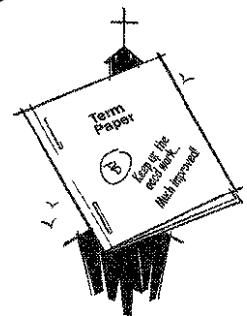
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It's Easy To Criticize...

Offering constructive criticism to others can be beneficial, but only if the other person is receptive to our comments. In teaching situations or during on-the-job training, constructive criticism is usually necessary to instruct and help a person develop a trade or vocation. However, correcting someone, even in a kind or skillful manner, can be very challenging since we are never sure how the individual may react. Many friendships and families have been destroyed because someone has been overly critical of another person's words or actions. Knowing when we should offer our comments can also be difficult, and we should be fairly certain that our comments are truthful and necessary. It often seems so easy to criticize others because we mistakenly believe that we are without fault or are such experts on most everything. The Bible tells us that we look at the speck in our brother's eye, but we pay no attention to the log in our own (Luke 6:41). Faultfinding and being overly critical of others, especially behind their backs, are wrong and can become habit forming. However, kind words are good for the soul and help to build a person up.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. RSV Proverbs 12:15

Expert shares advice on buying router Here are some of latest hardware items

BY JAMES AND MORRIS CAREY FOR AP WEEKLY FEATURES

Here's a question Carol Reed, The Router Lady, hears a lot "Which router should I buy?"

There's a world of experience behind her tips for do-it-yourselfers

"First you need to make a few decisions about what kind of routing you expect to do," Reed said

"If you're just starting out or looking for a router to replace what you have because it's inadequate, I suggest a medium-duty, fixed-base router, 10-12 amps, with 1/4-inch and 1/2-inch collets included"

Reed teaches woodworking tools and skills and is known for her way of explaining every aspect of woodworking in clear, simple terms

She has appeared on ABC, NBC and FOX television affiliates and local and syndicated radio programs sharing her knowledge of woodworking

Here are some nuggets of wisdom from The Router Lady's toolbox on buying a router

■ Choose a brand that has other collets and other bases readily available

■ Consider how easily it works with the jigs you'll need

■ Shoot for an all-purpose, do-everything machine

■ There are three types of routers The lower handle of a fixed-base router offers the best control A trim router only uses 1/4-inch bits Plunge routers

allow you to make interior cuts

■ Several manufacturers sell router motors that accommodate more than one type of base

■ Look for symmetry of the screw-hole pattern for the screws that attach your router's base plate to its base, it's much easier

■ Look for a router in the 10- to 12-amp range weighing about 6 pounds for ease of control

■ A flat head or motor cap is a good choice so the router can be placed upside down with the sharp bit out of the way while you make another setup

This also frees both hands for bit adjustments

■ Some inexpensive routers have a plastic motor cover and base, as they warm up, they tend to stick in spite of lubrication

■ Make a list of important features and see which one offers you the most at the best price, although you will probably pay 25 to 35 percent more than you expect for a quality router that you'll love to use again and again That's where the real value lies

Reed's most recent book, *Router Journey Workshop Common Joints, Simple Setups & Clever Jigs*, is a guide to the router for beginning through experienced woodworkers

For more information, visit www.routerlady.com

We recently attended the 59th annual National Hardware Show in Las Vegas We were in search of the latest and greatest in new home products

Some of the products we saw are so new they won't be shipped to stores until later this summer

ATTIC DEK

Need additional storage space for luggage, holiday decorations and the like? Don't rule out the attic

Laying sheets of plywood in the attic during new home construction is a simple and inexpensive task However, if you're already in your home, fitting a 4-by-8-foot sheet of plywood through the attic access might be a problem

Planking can be easier to get through the opening, but can be a heavier load on the ceiling than is plywood

We aren't against using plywood or planking as attic flooring There are, however, some disadvantages to constructing a wood floor in the attic

■ Most attics are filled with wiring and piping Attaching plywood or wood planking to the ceiling joist can conceal these items and make wiring or plumbing modifications difficult

■ Plywood is heavy and cumbersome That weight

could cause ceiling sag

That's why we were impressed when we discovered a new attic flooring product called Attic Dek The product is a floor system consisting of nothing more than 16-inch-square plastic panels that look like drainage grates

Each panel - or high-impact plastic tile, if you prefer - looks like a tic-tac-toe board because it is filled with a symmetrical pattern of square holes

The holes make each panel lighter, less expensive to manufacture and buy And, they provide a way to view wiring or piping that would otherwise be hidden by a solid flooring system

Each panel is attached to the top of the ceiling joist with five screws and is configured to interlock with other adjoining panels Removing a panel later is as simple as removing the five screws used to mount it

For more information on Attic Dek, contact the manufacturer by calling (800) 676-6904 or visiting www.atticdek.com

PLASTIC RAZOR BLADES

Someone has developed a double-edged razor blade that is safe! The reason is simple It's made of plastic Sort of like the evolution from glass baby bottles to plastic ones

A company called ScrapeRite has come up with a double-edged plastic razor blade that comes with its own

blade holder or handle to make gripping the blade simple and easy

Not every scraping job requires a steel edge, so it makes sense to use an alternative device that is safer

For more information on the new double-edged plastic razor blade, contact the manufacturer by calling (386) 547-9172 or visiting www.scrapelite.com

EASY CROWN MOLDING

Installing wood crown molding is one of the more difficult and expensive trim projects

If you are on a limited budget, or live in an apartment where the landlord won't help financially, crown molding may be out of the question Unless, that is, you decide to use a new product called Easy Crown Molding

The inventor told us that he wanted to create a crown molding that was extremely inexpensive and that didn't require special tools for installation

So, he developed a hollow crown molding made of lightweight, paper-thin plastic Installation is easier than any prefabricated trim we have seen

All you do is peel back the peel-and-stuck cover and press each piece in place

There aren't any fancy miter cuts to make Each piece comes with one end that is coped (precut to fit against the opposing piece in an inside

corner connection) The other end is square

You install around the room from left to right Each piece is less than 4 feet long, and overlap connections are made with double-sided tape Outside corners are ready-made and peel and stick in place

Molding patterns are limited, but a company representative told us that additional styles will be available soon

For more information on Easy Crown Molding, contact the manufacturer by calling (973) 762-7700 or visiting www.easycrownmolding.com

LED FLASHLIGHTS

We couldn't believe our eyes when we got a look at the latest in lighting technology LED lighting

We can look into most flashlights without having to squint or otherwise protect our eyes However, when we were asked to take a peek at the lighted end of a brand-new LED flashlight - in broad daylight, no less - we were surprised It actually hurt

The flashlight was tiny (about 5 inches long) but the beam it projected was brilliant - incredibly bright The 1-watt LED bulb is designed to last for 200 hours

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Side dish

Cool coffee

Iced coffee is a welcome refresher that is worth making carefully. Here are a few things to keep in mind as you prepare your icy brew, courtesy of Dunkin' Donuts.

For a full-flavored pot of iced coffee, double the amount of ground coffee you would normally use to brew hot coffee. For an added flavor kick, try vanilla or hazelnut ground coffee.

After brewing, add ice until the mixture doubles in volume, then add milk, cream or sugar to taste.

Brew your coffee in the evening and store it in an airtight container in the refrigerator for quick and easy access in the morning.

As with hot coffee, always start with the highest-quality fresh coffee beans.

Keep coffee beans at room temperature and use quickly. If coffee beans are stored in the refrigerator or freezer, they may absorb food odors and condensation, and the flavor of the coffee won't be up to par.

Grind your coffee just before brewing, pre-grinding may cause your coffee to get stale. The grind level should match your coffee brewer or individual taste, finer grind coffee yields a stronger flavor, while coarse grind will yield a weaker flavor.

Store unused ground coffee in an airtight container that is not see-through, in a cool, dry place, away from heat or sunlight, and not in the refrigerator or freezer.

Clean your coffee brewer and carafe of any residue or oils from previous brewing.

Always use fresh, cold water for brewing coffee. More information on iced coffee on the Web at: <http://www.dunkin-donuts.com>

Enjoy Greek foods

Be a Greek for a day at the annual Opa! Fest Friday through Sunday at the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, 760 Wattles Road, just east of Crooks, in Troy.

The festival features live Greek music, flaming cheese, gyros, lamb, grape leaves, shish-kabob, loukoumathes, a cultural exhibit, dancing and church tours.

Festival hours are 3-11 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday.

Admission is \$2 per person, children under 12 free and \$6 per family (Admission is free 3-5 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.)

St. Nicholas parish will be re-enacting a symbolic lighting of the Olympic flame and carrying it to officially open the 11th annual Opa! Fest. The Troy Flame Run begins at City Hall to St. Nicholas church. Chris Demetral, Troy's own Olympian, will be running in the Flame Run at 4:30 p.m. and be available for autographs.

The Lowdown on Lettuce

Toss up a tasty salad by mixing and matching

BY JENNA KLOECKNER
STAFF WRITER

Green or red, bitter or sweet, crispy or soft, leafy or not. And that's just the basics.

When it comes to lettuce, the variety of types is nearly endless. And that's good because so are the possibilities for tasty salads.

But it seems the task of tackling all those varieties may be somewhat overwhelming as you attempt to concoct the perfect salad.

No need to worry. Although there are no set rules for salad making, a little lettuce know-how will have you chopping and mixing in no time.

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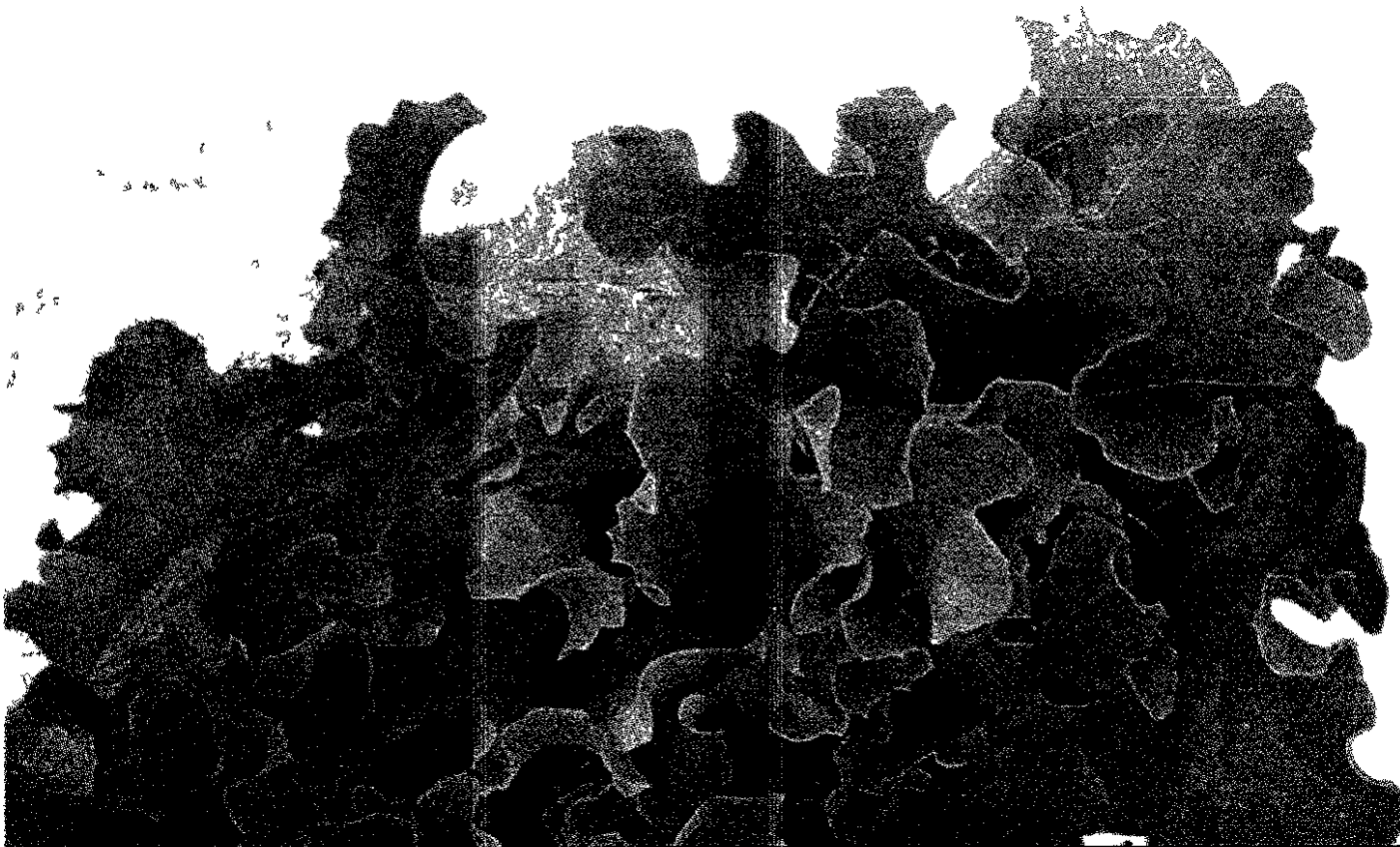
"Different textures in salads are important," said certified master chef and Schoolcraft College instructor Jeff Gabriel. "When you have soft lettuce in a salad, you'll want to have something crispy, too."

Certified executive chef and Oakland Community College instructor Kevin Enright agrees.

"All lettuces have different textures and flavors," he said. "Some are mild, some bitter, some sweet, some soft, some coarse. You need to balance all those textures and flavors."

Salads are very visual, so to make a good salad, you can just look at the lettuces and mix and match the different textures, flavors and colors, he said.

PLEASE SEE LETTUCE, D2



Drink wines from Italy's most ancient cellars

The story of the legendary origin of Avignonesi in Italy's Tuscany region is a classic.

In 1309, Pope Clement V transferred the papal residence from Rome to Avignon, France. In 1377, when Pope Gregory XI moved the papal residence back to Rome, some noble Avignon families left France to follow him.

One of these families became known as Avignonesi (meaning one who comes from Avignon in Italian), probably to simplify an otherwise difficult-to-pronounce (at least for Italians) French name.

In years that followed, the Avignonesi family separated into three branches which settled in Rome, Siena and Montepulciano.

Palazzo Avignonesi in Montepulciano was built in the latter half of the 15th Century. In 1970, Ettore Falvo married an Avignonesi who owned the I Poggetti estate in Montepulciano. Ettore and his brother Alberto owned the La Selva vineyard in nearby Cortona. In 1974, the two prop-



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erties merged and have been run by the Falvos ever since.

In doing so, they took over the Avignonesi cellars in the palazzo, doubtless among the most ancient in Italy.

"Essentially," said Alfredo Falvo, Alberto's 25-year-old son who is now part of the marketing side of the winery, "the Falvos refounded Avignonesi, investing greatly in modern winemaking equipment, selecting the local grape varieties and introducing international ones such as chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, cabernet sauvignon, merlot and pinot noir."

Today, Avignonesi consists of four wine-producing estates: the original I Poggetti and La Selva had Le Capezzine added in 1988 and La Lombarda in 1998.

VINO NOBILE DI MONTEPULCIANO

At I Poggetti, Avignonesi grows prugnolo gentile, a clone of sangiovese famed for the wine called VINO NOBILE DI MONTEPULCIANO. Although VINO NOBILE can be made 100 percent from prugnolo gentile, winemaker Ettore Falvo blends in about 15 percent of two other grape varieties: canaiolo for color and mammolino for an aromatic lift.

"Blending varieties, Alfredo noted, "add notes of distinction to prugnolo gentile which has berry tones, earthy notes and great structure."

In 1997, the Falvos wanted to expand their vineyard holdings without jeopardizing the Avignonesi reputation. They chose the region of Puglia and the La Veli vineyard, planted entirely to the red grape variety negroamaro.

Both 2000 La Veli Salento Rosso \$13 and 2000 La Veli Salice Salentino Riserva \$36 have limited availability in Michigan but are worth a search.

AVIGNONESI WINES

■ 2002 Chardonnay (\$12) is known as "Bianco" everywhere but in the United States. It is a unique unoaked blend of 85 percent chardonnay and 15 percent sauvignon with the nature of chardonnay and a citrusy quality from the sauvignon.

■ 2001 Rosso (\$13) is an easy-to-drink blend of prugnolo gentile, cabernet sauvignon and merlot aged 12 months in oak.

■ 2000 VINO NOBILE DI MONTEPULCIANO (\$21) makes a big fruit statement from start to finish. Powerful and generous.

■ 1999 Grandi Annate, a blend of prugnolo gentile and cabernet sauvignon, comes from special parcels within Le Capezzine and I Poggetti and has only been made in vintages 1991, 1993, 1997 and 1999.

"We're looking seriously at bottling Avignonesi Grandi Annate from 2003 but the final decision has not yet been made," Alfredo noted.

Contact the Healds by e-mail at focusonwine@aol.com

WINE PICKS

The following are the top wines from our recent taste off:

■ 2001 J. Lohr Estates Paso Robles \$15 incredible wine for the money.

■ Truly delicious blend of merlot, syrah, and cabernet sauvignon is showcased in 2000 Barnwood Trio \$35.

■ 1999 Beringer Knights Valley Alluvium (76 percent merlot) \$30 is a consistent winner vintage after vintage.

■ 2001 Lambert Bridge, \$24, has lively spice notes and a good grip without being tannic.

■ 2001 St. Clement Napa Valley \$28 displays polished elegance.

■ Wallet friendly 2001 Raymond Estates \$10.

■ Cellar Selection 1999 Chalk Hill Adele's Vineyard \$100.

TASTE CALENDAR

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Wine tasting
Unique Restaurants will conduct a casual wine tasting the first Wednesday of each month 6-8 p.m. alternating at a different Unique restaurant. At each tasting, guests can sample featured wines selected around a specific theme, including regional best bets and the finest wines of 2004. URC's Master Sommelier Madeline Triffon will be on

hand to describe the wines, answer questions and guide guests through the more subtle aspects of wine tasting. The Wednesday Wine Bar costs \$35 per person and includes wine hors d'oeuvres and a variety of cheeses. URC rotates the event among four of its fine dining restaurants: Shiraz, Morels, No. 6 Chop House & Lobster Bar and Northern Lakes Seafood Company. The next Wednesday wine tasting features Germany's White Wine Artistry on July 7 at Northern Lakes Seafood Company, 1475 North Woodward (at the Radisson Kingsley) in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 646-7900 for information.

Kids get cookin' in 'Small Chef' challenge

When you mention cooking with children, most parents think of spills, drips, stains and one big mess!

But this summer, parents across the country will also find that cooking with youngsters, albeit messy at times, may have some especially sweet rewards, including a chance to win a \$25,000 scholarship.

To help promote the importance of cooking with children, All Laundry brand, which features laundry detergent formulated to get out 99 top food stains, is sponsoring the Small Chef-Big Mess Challenge.

The challenge encourages aspiring, pint-sized gourmets to roll up their sleeves, gather their favorite ingredients, get creative and have some messy fun in the kitchen.

Children ages 6-12 are encouraged to submit their tastiest and messiest original recipe, and a photo, for a chance to win the grand prize of a \$25,000 scholarship and an opportunity to meet and cook with celebrity chef Rachael Ray on national television.

Five finalists will be selected to travel to New York City to compete in a cook-off competition in November.

Based on the results of the cook-off, one grand prize winner will be selected and the other finalists will each receive

\$5,000. The contest began June 20 and runs through Aug. 15, 2004. Official Small Chef-Big Mess Challenge rules and entry forms are available at www.all-laundry.com.

Entry forms are also available on specially marked packages of All Laundry detergent.

At the Web site, parents can also find special recipes and tips for making cooking (and cleaning) with youngsters easier.

Five finalists will be announced in October and a grand-prize winner will be announced in November.

Ray is a noted chef, author and host of the Food Network's *30 Minute Meals with Rachael Ray* and *\$40 a Day*.

A judge in the contest, Ray is also lending her expertise to provide child-friendly recipes and useful tips for minimizing the mess in the kitchen to help parents increase their enjoyment and frequency of cooking with youngsters.

Ray, who grew up in a family that cooked together, knows firsthand the valuable lessons and lifelong skills children gain by cooking with their parents.

"Cooking is a wonderful way to help kids build their confidence. It also keeps everyone entertained and fed, especially during the summer months," she said.

LETTUCE

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FULL OF FLAVOR

As for flavor, mixing different types of lettuces and adding dressings to complement the lettuces are key in creating a tasty salad.

For example, a good summer salad might include red Bibb, green Bibb and spinach, Gabriel said. The Bibb lettuces are a little bit sweet and the spinach has a vegetable flavor so there is a nice taste contrast, he said.

Gabriel said all varieties of dressings can be used on various lettuces, but if you use a bitter lettuce, you may want to use a sweet dressing, such as celery seed vinaigrette, mustard honey dressing or raspberry vinaigrette.

And if you use mild lettuces, you may want to use a dressing with more zip, like tomato vinaigrette, or a herbal or garlic vinaigrette, he said.

TIPS ON TYPES

But which lettuces have which textures and flavors? Knowing the basics about some common types may help guide you in the right direction as you pick up the ingredients for your next salad.

Susan Baier, food management professional and Oakland Community College program coordinator and instructor, said there are basically two categories of lettuce: hard and soft.

The hard lettuces have a lot of crunch and body and the soft lettuces are tender and delicate, she said.

Hard lettuces include iceberg, romaine and frisée. Soft lettuces include leaf lettuces, Boston, mache and baby spinach.

Baier said iceberg is crispy and bland, romaine is robust and somewhat crispy, red and green leaf are soft and have a slightly tangy flavor, Boston is sweet, mild and soft, Bibb is similar to Boston, but a little bit crispier, mache is soft with a mild nutty flavor, frisée is crunchy and bitter, radicchio is bitter and arugula is peppery and spicy.

Bitter lettuces have a strong flavor," Baier said. "They are so strong they leave a bitter taste in the palate after they are eaten."

Spicy lettuces are similar to eating radish sprouts and mild

GREENS WITH GRILLED VEGETABLES & CHEVRE

- Greens mix
- 1 head romaine
- 1/2 head red leaf
- 1 head frisée
- 1/2 head radicchio
- Garnish
- 4 Roma tomatoes peeled by blanching
- 1/2 pound beets roasted
- 1 red pepper
- 1 yellow pepper
- 2 small zucchini cut 1/4 inch thick on bias
- 1 small eggplant
- 1 small fennel shaved
- 1 stalk chevre cheese slice 1/2 inch round or Parmesan fresh shaved w/vegetable peeler

Tear greens into bite size pieces. Soak, spin dry and chill. Remove seeds from peeled tomatoes and dice medium.

Oven roast beets until tender or steam. Cut beets julienne. Roast peppers and cut into medium dice. Brush eggplant with seasoned oil. Season zucchini, eggplant, and fennel with olive oil, garlic, salt and pepper. Grill until al dente.

Combine greens with tomatoes, beets and fennel. Toss with a balsamic vinaigrette or Greek style dressing. Plate on 9 inch garnish with warm grilled zucchini and eggplant. Top with Chevre cheese or shaved parmesan.

Recipe courtesy of Susan Baier, food management professional and Oakland Community College program coordinator and chef instructor.

GREENS WITH CITRUS AND AVOCADO

- Liner
- 2 heads radicchio or red Belgium endive
- 2 heads red oak
- Greens mix
- 4 ounces baby spinach
- 1 small bunch watercress
- 1 head frisée
- 2 head Boston
- Garnish
- 1/2 pineapple
- 1 grapefruit section
- 2 orange sections
- 1/4 jicama
- 1 whole avocado
- 1/2 red pepper cut into 1 inch julienne

Wash liner leaves and leave in whole leaves. Tear greens mix into bite size pieces. Soak, then spin.

dry. Peel pineapple, cut into 1/2-inch quarter lengthwise pieces. Section orange and grapefruit. Slice jicama thin julienne on a mandoline. Cut avocado in half, remove peel. Cut halves into quarters. Serve with orange vinaigrette.

Recipe courtesy of Susan Baier, food management professional and Oakland Community College program coordinator and chef instructor.

SPINACH AND HOT BACON

- 10 ounces baby spinach
- 2 ounces mushrooms
- 1/2 red pepper
- 1/4 pound bacon
- 4 hard cooked eggs

Wash and spin dry, if necessary. Slice mushrooms thin. Cut pepper in 1-inch thin julienne. Oven-bake bacon until crisp. Drain and crumble. Using quarter-style egg slicer, cut as needed for plating. Serve with hot bacon dressing.

Recipe courtesy of Susan Baier, food management professional and Oakland Community College program coordinator and chef instructor.

HOT BACON DRESSING

- 1/2 pound onion minced
- 1 pound bacon diced
- 2 cups water
- 2 cups vinegar
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/4 ounce salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 2 ounces cornstarch
- 8 ounces water cold

Saute bacon until crisp, then drain off the fat and reserve. Saute onion until clear in the bacon fat. Combine water and vinegar and heat to a boil. Add sugar, salt, and pepper.

Blend the cornstarch, cold water, and bacon fat into a smooth paste. Stir half into the hot water and vinegar. Heat to boiling, the mixture will thicken slightly.

Cook about 10 minutes. Add onion and bacon. Add only enough of the remaining cornstarch mixture to thicken.

It may not need all of it. Pour hot over salad greens, spinach or shredded cabbage just before serving. Keep warm.

Recipe courtesy of Susan Baier, food management professional and Oakland Community College program coordinator and chef instructor.

lettuces have little flavor and tend to pick up the tastes of dressings and other ingredients in the salad, she said.

SPIN AND SERVE

Now that you have the low-down on lettuce, you may need a few tips for preparation.

When shopping for lettuce, if you decide on bagged salads, be sure to choose those that are loose in the bag because that means they are drier and will last longer, Enright said.

With fresh lettuce, Baier said to wash the lettuce in cold water for about 10 to 15 minutes and then spin it dry.

Gabriel suggests investing in

a salad spinner for drying lettuce.

"You want the lettuce dry so that the dressings stick to it," he said.

After washing and spinning comes cutting.

Gabriel said softer lettuces like Boston and Bibb need to be cut with a sharp stainless steel knife because they will bruise if you tear them apart.

with your hands.

But he said crispier lettuces like iceberg and romaine can be torn apart.

Baier said lettuces are best when tossed and served right away.

However, she said if you put lettuce and a paper towel (to absorb moisture) in an airtight plastic bag in the refrigerator, it can be kept for up to a week.

CELERY SEED VINAIGRETTE

- 2 1/2 cups sugar
- 3 cups apple cider vinegar
- 3 cups mayonnaise
- 6 cups salad oil
- 2 tablespoons dry mustard
- 1/4 cup minced garlic
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 tablespoons salt
- 6 tablespoons celery seeds
- 6 tablespoons Dijon mustard

Combine the sugar and the vinegar together until dissolved. Add the mayonnaise, blend until smooth. Add the remaining ingredients, blend well.

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- 1 1/2 cups reduced fat shredded mild Cheddar cheese
- 3/4 cup shredded light Mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 8 ounces elbow macaroni cooked and drained

Preheat oven to 350 °F In a medium saucepan, slowly add 1 cup of milk to flour, stirring constantly until all lumps have dissolved Add the remaining milk, stirring thoroughly Place on stove and simmer 15 minutes, stirring occasionally until sauce thickens Add 1 cup of cheddar and all of the Mozzarella and Parmesan cheese, stir until blended Add macaroni, stirring gently to coat well

Line muffin tin with paper muffin cups and place one scoop of macaroni and cheese mixture into each muffin cup Top with reserved 1/2 cup shredded cheddar

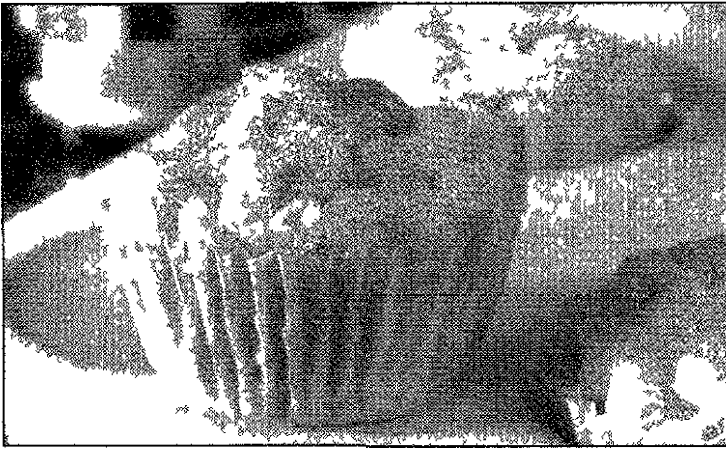
Bake 15 minutes or until golden brown Let cool for 5 minutes before serving Makes 10 servings

Recipe created by John Folse, cheesemaker and owner of John Folse & Co., Gonzales, La

Nutritional facts per serving Calories 260 Total Fat 10 g Saturated Fat 6 g Cholesterol 30 mg Sodium 440 mg Calcium 40 percent daily value Protein 18 g Carbohydrates 22 g Dietary Fiber 1 g

BUNCHA BANANA PUDDING

- 2 (3 ounces) packages vanilla cook and serve pudding mix
- 4 cups 1 percent lowfat milk



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- 20 vanilla wafer cookies
- 3 bananas sliced
- Optional garnish whipped cream graham cracker crumbs

Prepare pudding with lowfat milk as directed on package Spoon one cup of pudding into 2-quart serving bowl and top with 10 cookies and half the banana slices Continue layering with 2 cups of pudding, remaining cookies and bananas Top with remaining pudding, cover and refrigerate 3 hours or overnight Garnish with whipped cream, graham cracker crumbs or banana slices if desired Makes six servings

Recipe created by John Folse

Nutritional facts per serving Calories 290 Total Fat 4 g Saturated Fat 2 g Cholesterol 10 mg Sodium 350 mg Calcium 20 percent daily value Protein 6 g Carbohydrates 60 g Dietary Fiber 3 g

CUCUMBER-YOGURT DIP

- 1 cup lowfat plain yogurt
- 4 ounces lowfat cream cheese
- 1/2 cup diced seeded cucumber
- 1 clove garlic minced
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh dill
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- Optional garnish cucumber sliced thin mint leaves

Stir yogurt and cream cheese until smooth Add remaining ingredients, stir to blend Serve with raw or blanched vegetables, such as carrots, celery, tomatoes or zucchini Makes three servings

Recipe created by chef Sandy D'Amato, Executive chef/owner of Sanford Restaurant and Coquette Cafe, Milwaukee

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Fix this chicken quickly with ginger and almonds

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This distinctive recipe for chicken lavished with a balanced range of seasonings from fruity to peppery comes from the 2004 Food & Wine An Entire Year of Recipes annual cookbook (Food & Wine, \$29.95)

Bonus points for the chicken dish: Cooking it takes only about half an hour, and fresh apricots are now in season.

CHICKEN WITH FRESH APRICOTS, GINGER AND CRACKED ALMONDS

- 16 whole blanched almonds (2 ounces)
 - 2 teaspoons unsalted butter
 - 4 ripe apricots pitted and quartered
 - 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
 - Four 6 ounce skinless boneless chicken breast halves
 - Salt and freshly ground pepper
 - 1 teaspoon finely grated fresh ginger
 - 1 scallion white and green parts thinly sliced separately
 - 1/2 teaspoon very finely grated lime zest
 - 1/2 Scotch bonnet or habanero chili seeded and thinly sliced
 - 1/2 cup dry white wine
 - 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- Preheat the oven to 350° F Put the almonds in a pie plate and

bake for 8 minutes, or until fragrant and browned, let cool Crack the almonds coarsely with the side of a large knife

In a large skillet, melt the butter Add the apricots, cut side down, and cook over moderate heat until lightly browned, about 3 minutes Turn the apricots and cook for 1 minute longer Transfer to a plate

Add the olive oil to the skillet and heat until shimmering Season the chicken breasts with salt and pepper and add to the skillet Cook over moderately high heat until browned, about 3 minutes Turn the breasts and cook over moderately low heat until just white throughout, about 7 minutes longer Transfer the chicken to the plate with the apricots

Add the ginger, scallion whites, lime zest and chili to the skillet and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds Add the wine and simmer over moderately high heat, scraping up the browned bits from the bottom of the skillet. Add the maple syrup, apricots and chicken and simmer just until heated through, season with salt and pepper

Transfer the chicken to plates and spoon the sauce on top Sprinkle with the cracked almonds and scallion greens and serve.

Makes 4 servings

BY DANA JACOBI CORRESPONDENT

Shortcake was already known in 1594, when a recipe for it appeared in an English cookbook Not long after, Shakespeare alluded to it in his comedy, "The Merry Wives of Windsor," with a character he called Alice Shortcake Even back then, shortcake was similar to what we know today - rich, soft, crumbly from butter or lard and often, though not exclusively, served with fresh berries

In the colonies, shortcake and wild strawberries were paired as early as the 17th century This dessert's popularity spread until in the 1850s, thanks to a decade of 'strawberry fever,' when it became the classic American dessert Strawberry Shortcake continues to be

For purists, the proper base for a fresh berry shortcake is a biscuit lightened with baking powder, but there are so many other versions that The Oxford Companion to Food says shortcake is a term of 'dismaying diversity' After the Civil War, it often took the form of sponge cake, a cornmeal biscuit, piecrust dough and even crisp meringue



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Enjoy strawberry shortcake this month

Your ideal version is probably the first strawberry shortcake you ever ate Similarly, whether you prefer the berries sliced or mashed usually comes from your earliest shortcake experiences

Today, it's easy to use store-bought individual sponge cakes that have indentations to hold berries But for those wanting the old-fashioned flavor of the classic biscuit-style shortcake, but without the unhealthy high levels of saturated fat, homemade is always best This easy-to-make shortcake biscuit, which uses baking powder, will bring back memories of traditional versions It contains just enough butter to ensure that classic rich flavor, plus the more healthful canola oil And the use of whole-wheat flour makes the biscuits even more health-savvy, without sacrificing either texture or flavor

SHORTCAKE BISCUITS WITH BERRIES

Canola oil spray

- 1 1/2 cups unbleached white flour
- 1/2 cup whole wheat or whole wheat pastry flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- 3 to 4 tablespoons sugar for the biscuits plus more for the berries according to taste
- 2 tablespoons butter softened
- 4 tablespoons canola oil
- 1 cup fat free (skim) milk
- 1 pound fresh strawberries
- 1 pint fresh blueberries or 2 cups frozen
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cups vanilla frozen yogurt softened slightly (optional)

Preheat oven to 425° F Spray a nonstick cookie sheet with oil spray Set aside

Hull strawberries and slice into a bowl Add fresh blueberries, if using Mix in orange juice and sugar to taste Set aside 30 to 60 minutes (If using frozen blueberries that are defrosted, stir in just before assembling shortcakes)

In a medium bowl, mix together the flour, salt, baking powder and sugar Use a pastry

blender or a fork to cut the butter and oil into the flour mixture until it resembles coarse meal Add the milk all at once Stir until it is just incorporated and there are no lumps

Form 8 biscuits by dropping well rounded quarter cups onto the cookie sheet Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until biscuits are done (Use a toothpick to test centers)

Cool on a wire rack

Use a serrated knife to gently slice off the top third of each biscuit Top with some berries and juice Lay the top third of the biscuit on berries Top with more berries and juice Place remaining berries around each biscuit Garnish with frozen yogurt, if using, and serve

Makes 8 servings

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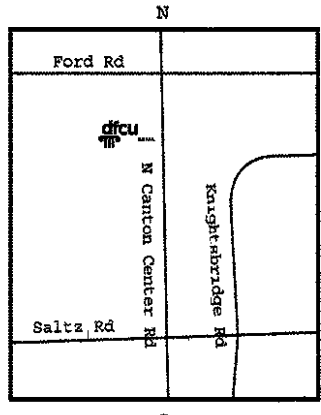
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BY J.M. HIRSCH
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CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — Once the shock of learning I had begun the nine-month countdown to becoming a father wore off, it quickly was replaced by joy and, of course, utter and complete horror.

As the chef about the house, I am daunted by the thought that what I feed my wife I also feed my child-to-be.

My conscience is heavy with the knowledge that not enough of this or too much of that could cost Inking (as the thus-far gender-neutral child has come to be known) those crucial IQ points that would have assured entry to Oxford.

So, gone are the carefree nights of tossing together whatever strikes me and washing it down with a bottle of Chianti. Meals must be planned and oh-so-carefully prepared.

Thankfully, there are any number of books aimed at helping vegetarian (and not so) dads-in-the-making navigate the critical prenatal culinary landscape.

Sadly, I have yet to find one that doesn't 1) cause even more fear by detailing ills that will befall my child if even one meal is unbalanced, 2) require a degree in nutrition and nine months of study to master, or 3) subject my wife to horrible meals.

One book included suggestions that pregnant women avoid raw meat, seafood that isn't fresh and foods that don't "smell or taste right," guidance I always had assumed good for anyone.

Another book, this one intended specifically for vegetarian women, included the helpful advice that sniffing glue was bad. I urged my wife to lay off the craft projects.

Yet another book took a moralistic approach that includes dire warnings for anyone so callous as to ingest seemingly even a single refined grain. Pregnant or not, my wife won't live on brown rice alone.

Five months in to this culinary adventure, I've learned some valuable kitchen tips not often found in cookbooks or the roughly 9 million glossy pregnancy-related magazines.

First, too much of one thing is bad. At the start of her pregnancy, my wife was on the road a

great deal, sometimes for 18 hours a day with little access to healthy food. Being a caring husband, I made her a delicious trail mix of nuts, seeds and nearly a dozen different dried fruits.

Being a picky and easily bored, I mean, wonderful wife, she eventually objected to the virtual saddlebags of munchie mix I would try to send her off with each day. Variety is key. On a side note, in an effort to use up the barrel of trail mix, I've since discovered it is great on ice cream.

Second, just because it's good one day doesn't mean it will be the next.

Did I mention my wife is a picky eater? Pregnancy has intensified this. We went through a bout of trying to concoct an acceptable recipe for a smoothie high in fruit, calcium and protein. This wasn't a pretty (or inexpensive) process.

No matter what protein powder I brought home, they all invariably were fine the first night but chalky the next. This despite the addition of whole milk, bananas and even ice cream. We eventually gave up on smoothies.

Third, pregnancy is no time for experimenting with new foods.

In my defense, I'd never had fiddleheads before. Here in the Northeast there is only a short window during which they can be found at the grocer, so not trying them now meant waiting another year.

Let's just say they didn't sit well on a certain pregnant stomach. So much for being over morning sickness.

Finally, chocolate still reigns supreme, especially after a recent study suggested consuming it while pregnant might help produce happier children.

So what do I feed my pregnant, mostly vegetarian wife? Other than chocolate? My apologies to Atkins addicts but carbs seem to be the universal language of the pregnant woman.

Pasta is big. Mashed potatoes are popular. Did I mention chocolate and ice cream?

To demonstrate just how thoughtful I am, I let my wife select the recipe for this story. Not surprisingly, her first choice was mashed potatoes. We compromised with a soup that uses them as its base.

Creamy potato and onion soup, from Rose Elliot's *The Vegetarian Mother and Baby Book* (Pantheon Books, 1996), is deceptively simple, yet quite delicious.

Though the recipe calls for a combination of butter and olive oil, vegans could use just oil, or substitute soy margarine. Those who don't mind the dairy might consider stirring in a bit of cream at the end for extra richness.

Elliot doesn't provide amounts for the seasonings. Those indicated are what I found worked well, but measurements should be adjusted to taste. Fresh dill stirred in at the end would be a nice variation.

CREAMY POTATO AND ONION SOUP

- 1 pound peeled potatoes cut into medium chunks (about 5 potatoes)
- 4 medium onions peeled and roughly chopped
- 4 cups water
- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
- Salt (1 1/2 teaspoons)
- Freshly ground black pepper (1/4 teaspoon)
- Nutmeg (1/8 teaspoon)

Combine the potatoes, a quarter of the onions and the water in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil, then cover and cook until the potatoes are tender, about 10 minutes.

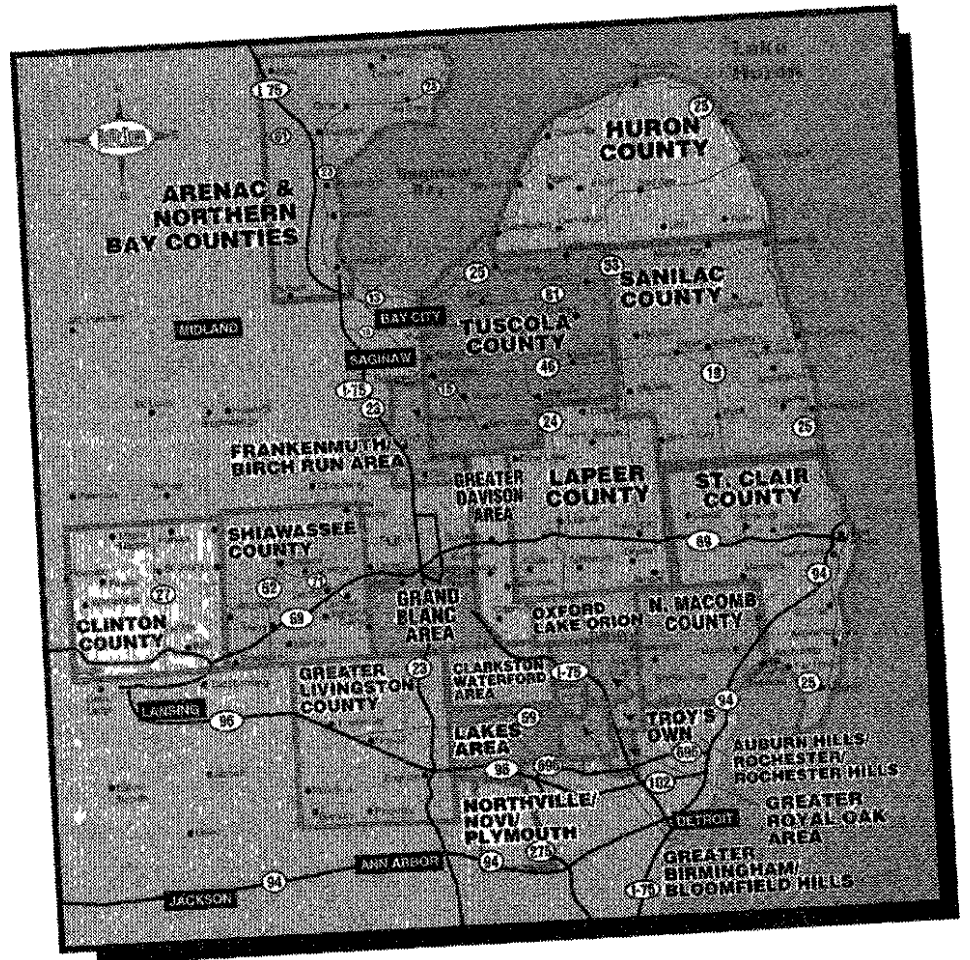
Meanwhile, heat the butter and oil in a skillet. Add the remaining onions, cover and cook over a low flame for about 15 minutes, or until very soft.

Transfer the potato mixture, including water, to a blender or food processor and puree until smooth. Return the mixture to the saucepan. Add the onions and butter to the puree.

Season with salt, pepper and nutmeg and heat another few minutes over a low flame.

Makes 4 servings. Recipe from Rose Elliot's *The Vegetarian Mother and Baby Book* (Pantheon Books, 1996).

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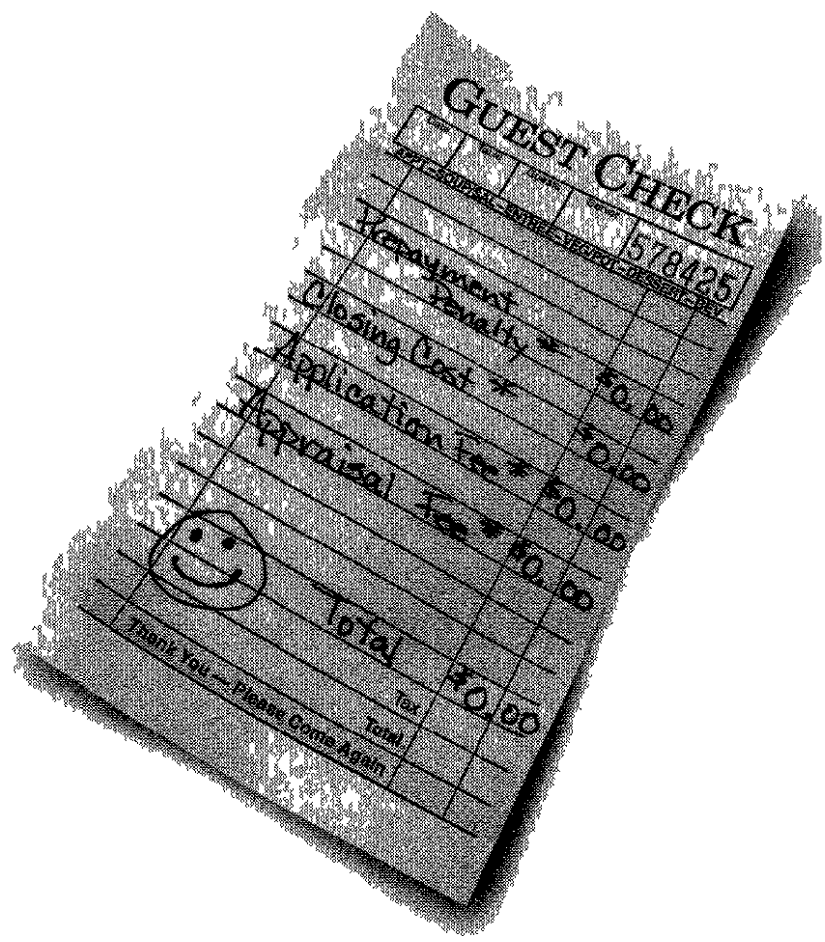
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Invite whole grains to the picnic

It's the picnic season and time to think about what to pack that is healthier than old-fashioned fare like fried chicken and potato salad, which are off the charts in fats and calories. Ideally, picnic food should be filling yet refreshing, leaving you energetic enough afterwards for a few games with a ball or Frisbee.

A hearty salad made of whole grains and vegetables will fill you up rather than out, and it's good for your health as well.

Whole grains are always preferable to refined grains. They provide more fiber, more long-lasting energy and are richer in minerals and health-protective phytochemicals. They also lower our risk of cancer and other health problems.

Some weight-loss diets prohibit or restrict grains, giving them a bad rap. But in regards to health, refined grains and whole grains are very different. Refined grains, such as white flour, white rice and many ready-to-eat cereals, can drive blood sugar up quickly, which could lead to overeating and weight gain. On the other hand, the fiber in whole grains slows the rise in blood sugar and helps you to feel satisfied longer.

Whole grains can help control diabetes by helping to regulate blood sugar and insulin levels. They also help alleviate health problems like constipation, hemorrhoids and diverticulosis. The soluble fiber in whole grains like oats and barley may help lower blood cholesterol, and the insoluble fiber in whole wheat and bran helps keep the digestive tract healthy.

The following meal-in-a-salad contains a healthful balance of whole grains, vegeta-



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Whole grain salad also provides an interesting variety of textures, colors and seasonings - a perfect dish for any summer picnic.

bles, fruits and protein. It also provides an interesting variety of textures, colors and seasonings - a perfect dish for any summer picnic.

WHOLE-GRAIN SALAD

- 3 cups cooked (and cooled) brown rice or whole grain pasta, couscous, bulgur or quinoa
- 1/2 yellow or orange bell pepper cut in bite size pieces
- 1/2 tomato seeded cut into bite size pieces (optional)
- 1/4 cup chopped radish
- 2 scallions (1/4 cup) green and white parts or 1/4 cup chopped red or Bermuda onion
- 1/4 cup finely chopped dried fruit like
- 2 tablespoons toasted pine nuts, sesame seeds or sunflower seeds or chopped almonds, walnuts or pecans
- 3 4 ounces diced low fat mozzarella cheese
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste if desired
- Juice of 1 lime
- 1/2-2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped

fresh (or 2 teaspoons dried) chives or flat leaf parsley
2 tablespoons finely chopped (or 2 teaspoons dried) fresh mint, cilantro or chervil
apricots, raisins, dates, figs, currants

In a large bowl place bell pepper, tomato, radish, scallions, dried fruit, nuts (or seeds) and cheese. Mix lightly with fork. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Fluff cooled grain with a fork and season to taste with salt and pepper. Add to the bowl of salad ingredients, mixing it in lightly with fork.

Into a small container with a tight-fitting lid, pour the juice, oil and herbs. Cover and shake well until combined. Drizzle over the salad and mix in lightly with a fork.

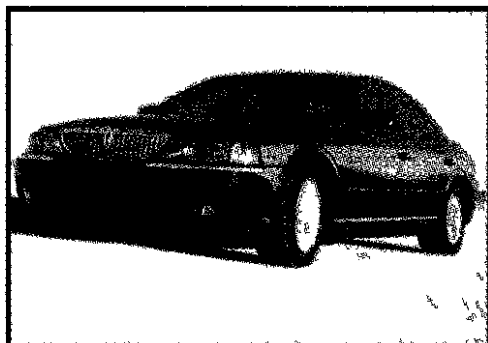
Serve or refrigerate covered, up to 2 days.
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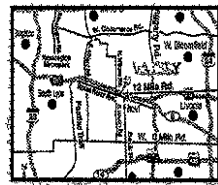
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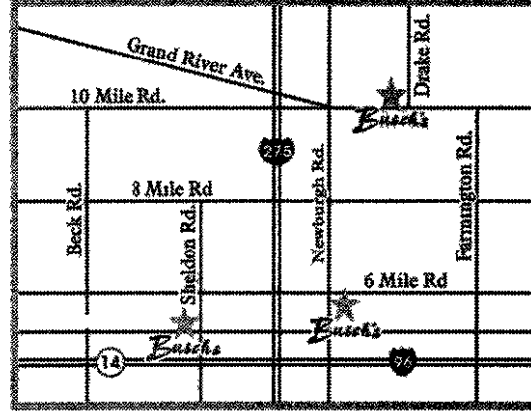
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Real Estate Inquires

Robert M. Meisner

Question attorney's allegiances

I have lived in two separate condos with two separate management companies and have found that in both instances the attorney retained by the management company is also the attorney recommended to represent our association. It was not until we had a problem with the management company that this was known. What do you think?

I think you have had bad luck in picking associations and management companies. The attorney and the management company should have advised the board of directors of the association of the fact that the attorney represents the management company when the attorney was recommended to the association. Indeed, I have seen situations where the management company's attorney has drafted the management contract for the association purportedly on behalf of the association. This could possibly be a conflict of interest, particularly if there is a non-disclosure, and is certainly not a good business practice. You are best advised to ask questions concerning your attorney's ability to represent your association effectively without any allegiances to third parties with whom the association is doing business.

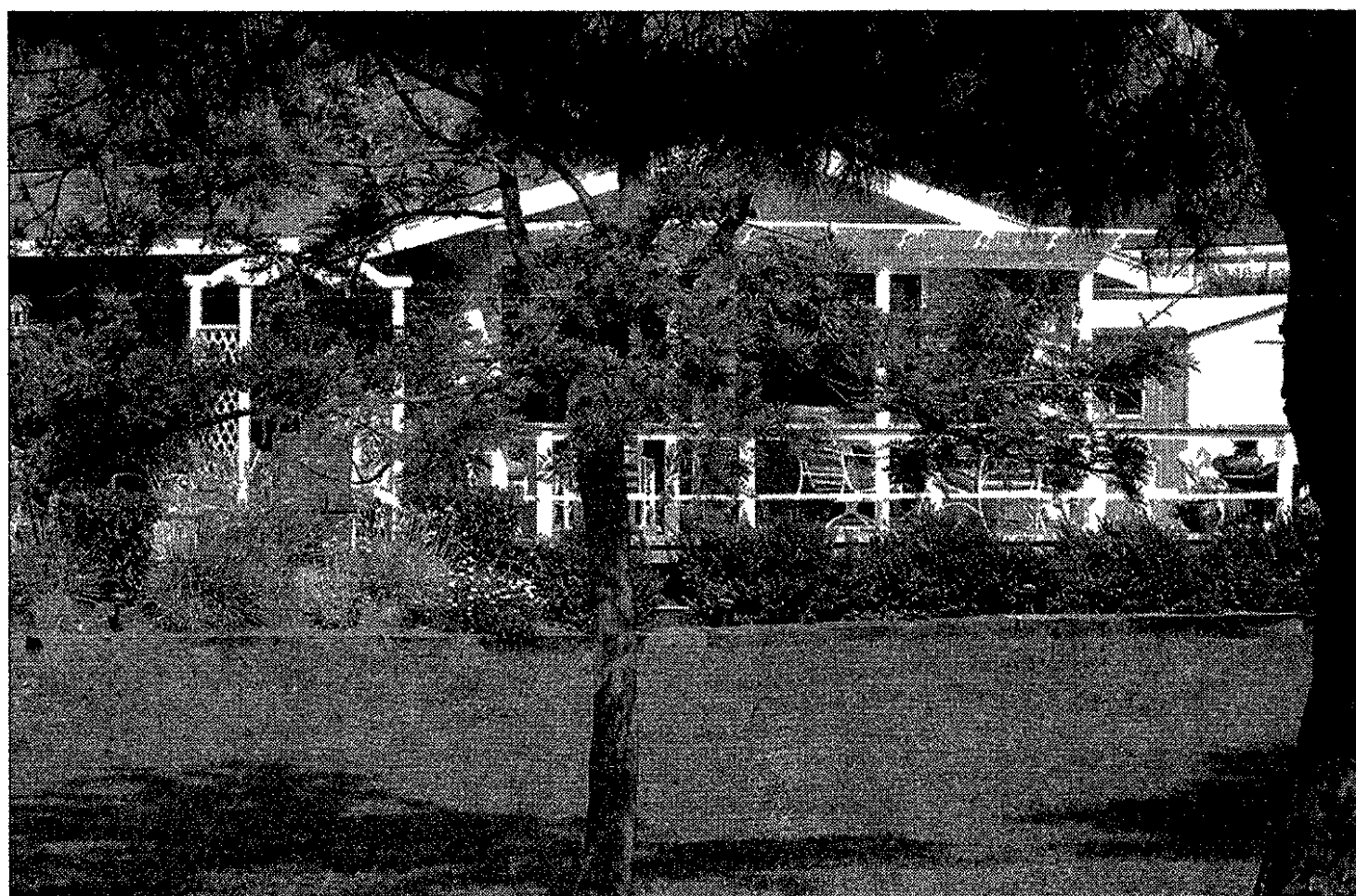
I am leasing a unit to a young couple who are about to have a child and I don't want them there. They are on a month-to-month and I want to evict them. Do you see any problem?

The Fair Housing Act makes it illegal to evict residents because of their race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status or disability. So if you rented an apartment to a young couple that later has children, you can't evict them because you don't like having children in your complex. If you are terminating the lease for some other reason, make sure you have justification for doing so.

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BY NORMAN PRADY
CORRESPONDENT

Your camera might help you sell your house

It also might tell you to repair your leaking gutters. Yes, the pictures you take spring, summer and autumn might transport potential buyers past the bleakness of a winter day when the real estate agent brings them to your place.

Lynn DeJohn will tell you what a good idea it is to have an album of house photos that buyers can look through. DeJohn is a sales agent with Quality GMAC Real Estate, Plymouth.

"I had a customer recently who was very proud of her beautiful yard, but she was selling before anything bloomed," DeJohn said. "Pools and decks are hard to sell covered with snow."

DeJohn urges clients to make the house look pretty and colorful for the photos they take during the growing seasons — without ripping everything out and spending a million dollars on totally new

Help potential buyers picture your house without snow

landscaping

"Edge the lawn, trim the shrubs," she said, "at least put some potted flowers out."

Add to what's there, agrees Jack Knowles, vice president of Dietrich Bailey & Associates, landscape architects in Plymouth.

NEAT AND TIDY

"Maintenance, Knowles said. Make sure everything is neat and tidy, plug in seasonal flowers, such as impatiens or petunias to get some accent color in the photos."

Use potted plants, he said, even small trees in colorful terra cotta containers, to make the house more appealing.

And then go get the camera. Junebug Clark thinks you ought to be taking pictures of your home all the time, just to have in your library and handy when you need them.

Next to the camera, Clark

said, your No. 1 tool is lighting. Clark is head of Junebug Clark Photography, Farmington.

"The secret," he said, "is to know what time of day your house looks really good. Our house faces east, so morning is best time to get pictures of the front, and evening in back. Shoot as early as you possibly can in the light an hour and half after sunrise and before sunset. It's richer then and you'll get extra color into areas under overhangs, for example. Shoot just before the sun pops, when you'll have the brightness of dawn without the harshness of direct sunlight making heavy shadows."

You might try an "establishing shot" that shows the whole house from the street, and then move in for closeups of planting groups and individual plants.

Do three-quarter views, he said, and angles from realistic perspectives — how people

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Lynn DeJohn
sales agent

actually see your house. A shot coming up the front walk, for example, or from the driveway.

Look through the camera, you might discover an area "that needs visual help" where you might plant something.

A photojournalist whose work, he said, is taking "pictures that tell stories of real people doing real things," Clark suggests shooting after a rain, when colors often are more vivid.

Or during the rain, he said, when you might discover that the water hitting the roof isn't going where it's supposed to go.

Mortgage rates continue upward trend

BY JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Rates on 30-year and 15-year mortgages rose, a trend that isn't expected to clip the wings of the housing market, economists said.

In its weekly nationwide survey of rates, Freddie Mac reported June 17 that rates on benchmark 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages climbed to 6.32 percent, up from 6.30 percent.

Thirty-year mortgage rates hit a low this year of 5.38 percent the week ending March 18. Since then, they have slowly moved upward.

Rates for 15-year, fixed-rate

mortgages also rose this week to 5.70 percent, up from 5.67 percent last week. But rates for one-year adjustable rate mortgages dipped to 4.13 percent, down slightly from 4.14 percent last week.

The recent rise in mortgage rates comes in anticipation that the Federal Reserve will raise a key short-term interest rate for the first time in four years on June 30.

"The recent increase in mortgage rates has given the housing market a slight breather from the frantic pace in lending that has been prevalent over the last few years," said Frank Nothaft,

Freddie Mac's chief economist.

Rates on 30-year mortgages could rise to 6.9 percent by the end of this year, which would still be considered low by historical standards, according to some economists' estimates. But they believe an improved labor market will help offset the impact of rising rates and support demand for homes. Some economists are forecasting sales of previously owned homes to set a new record this year and believe sales of new homes will finish up close to a record high.

This time a year ago, rates on 30-year mortgages aver-

aged 5.21 percent, rates for 15-year mortgages stood at 4.60 percent and rates on one-year ARMs averaged 3.54 percent.

The nationwide averages for mortgage rates do not include add-on fees known as points. Thirty-year and 15-year loans each carried an average fee of 0.5 point this week, while one-year ARMs carried an average fee of 0.7 point.

In a separate report, refinancings accounted for 33.8 percent of total mortgage loan applications filed last week, up from 32.6 percent in the previous week, the Mortgage Bankers Association said.

Mortgage Bits



Timothy Phillips

If cash is king, credit is queen

A popular Golden Rule derivative states that, "He who has the gold, makes the rules." In the real estate world, that means that a buyer with cash can usually buy on his terms whenever and wherever he desires.

Not surprisingly, there's not an abundance of such cash buyers in the home purchase market. What's the next best thing to cash? Credit. In fact, categorically, it is much easier for a person with very little cash and great credit to purchase a home than it is for a borrower with a wheelbarrow full of cash and lousy credit.

Why do lenders place such an emphasis on credit? Your credit score is a numerical representation of how reliably you pay your monthly debts. A borrower with a score of less than 600 has a one-in-nine chance of defaulting on his mortgage, while credit scores of just over 700 yield less than one default in every 124 borrowers.

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Borrowers with solid credit don't have to work so hard to prove they are "worthy" because they have already done so throughout the years. They often enjoy mortgage benefits like 100 percent financing, very lenient paperwork requirements, faster mortgage approvals, better interest rates and loan terms, larger loan amounts and less stress. They will also have better financial leverage.

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Home shortage looms despite Arizona housing boom

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Many workers could be getting edged out of the Arizona housing market, despite the state's housing boom.

Although Arizona enjoys a national reputation as a place to find cheaper-priced homes, some business and political leaders say there's a shortage of affordable housing.

They say it's keeping teachers, bank tellers, grocery clerks, firefighters, nurses and others who don't earn high wages from finding a home priced within their reach. "It's an emerging crisis. It hasn't

completely hit the wall yet," said Gregg Holmes, president and chief operating officer of the Stardust Companies, a residential real-estate development firm.

The median price for an existing home in Phoenix last year was \$152,500. It's under the \$170,000 national figure and far below the \$234,200 median for the West, according to the National Association of Realtors.

But some say the Phoenix median is still too high for many workers. The Arizona Family Housing Fund estimates that tens of thousands of Arizona families need help finding affordable housing.

Those who can't find cheaper and conveniently located homes face additional problems. Long commutes can affect worker productivity and more driving also hurts the air quality, said Sheila Harris, director of the Arizona Department of Housing. Also, the cost of driving is climbing with gas prices.

The housing shortage problem also poses a challenge for the state's economy, Holmes said. For every high-wage job added in Arizona, two moderate-income jobs are created and the people who fill them need places to live, he said.

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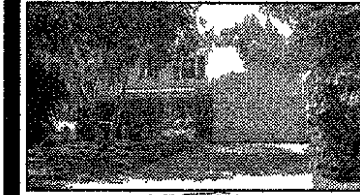
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Kansas City ranks high for good government, affordability

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Government, lack of congestion and affordability put Kansas City at the top of a Washington think tank's list of 50 cities across the nation.

The National Policy Research Council compiled results from about 160 other studies of that nation's cities, and ranked 50 cities in 11 categories for its guide to America's Best Cities and States. The Annual Gold Guide to Leading Rankings.

Kansas City was 20th overall. But it got the highest rankings for government and infrastructure, meaning congestion, affordability of housing and parking, as well as how "wired" the cities were.

Among 50 big cities nationally, Denver ranked first overall. St. Louis was 37th, and was 48th and 21st in the government and infrastructure categories.

In other categories, St. Louis was 13th in economic dynamism while Kansas City was 18th, for business climate, St. Louis ranked 29th and Kansas City was 32nd.

The research council also ranked states in other categories and Missouri ranked 32nd. Kansas was No. 9 in education, while Missouri was 32nd. In environmental measures, Missouri

was 40th and Kansas 22nd. Kansas ranked 15th for quality of life, while Missouri was 23rd.

The government category, for which Kansas City was ranked No. 1, considered Governing Magazine's study of the best-managed cities, the Reason Public Policy Institute's study of government efficiency and other research on governments' online abilities.

"It's a pretty darn good rating, to be in the top 20 cities overall," said Chris Madison, media director for the research council. "People are going to use this guide among other things when they're planning on where to move their company. A top 20 score is going to put you on people's lists for good places to do business."

Last month, the Partners for Livable Communities placed Kansas City among the nine most livable large cities in the country.

"It's a prestigious recognition for the city," said Mayor Kay Barnes said of the research council's guide. "We continue to strive to provide the best city government we can, and this certainly illustrates that in the areas designated, we are accomplishing that."

Although this is the first guide, Madison said he expects it to become an annual publication. The research council was founded in 2002.

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Developers transform houses of worship into condominiums

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When St. Peter and Paul's Church closed and was bought by a private developer, there was a lot of resistance from South Boston residents. Not only was their beloved church closing, but it was being turned into something anathema to this working-class neighborhood: luxury condominiums.

As the Boston Archdiocese prepares to put 60 church properties up for sale, developers and real estate brokers predict they will be scooped up for condominiums, a trendy re-use for churches with a hot market right now.

"Huge, huge, huge, huge, huge," said Peter LaBranche, a real estate agent at Prudential Edna Krantz in Newton, where two churches are to be closed. "They'll sell in a heartbeat,

overnight, in 10 minutes."

Eric Reensterma, an appraiser who specializes in church properties, said converting a church into condominiums is often difficult and expensive because of the desire to preserve unusual architectural details — but also the need to build floors within often cavernous buildings. Developers also often have to contend with strong opposition from former parishioners.

"The big hall with high ceilings can have its uses, but the churches are designed for one use and that's religious, so they aren't an easy proposition in terms of converting them for residential use," Reensterma said. "They are expensive and there is a lack of community acceptance, there's a kind of aversion to living in a building that was once a church."

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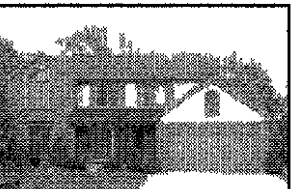
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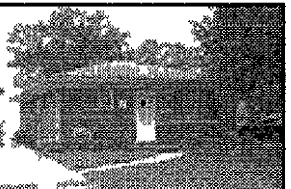
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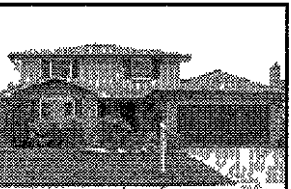
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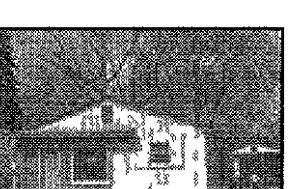
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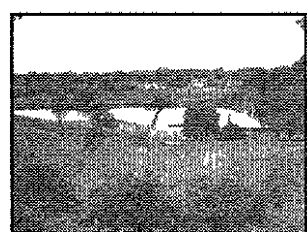
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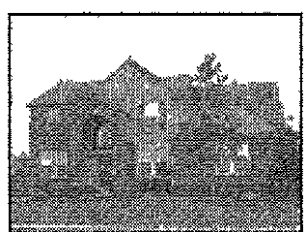
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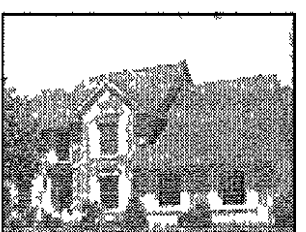
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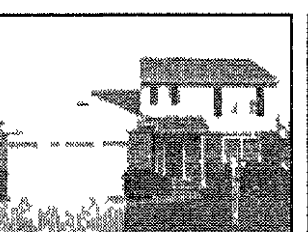
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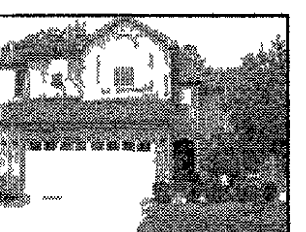
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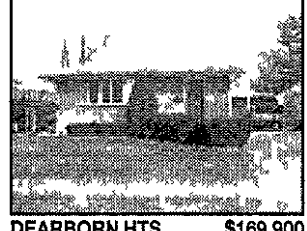
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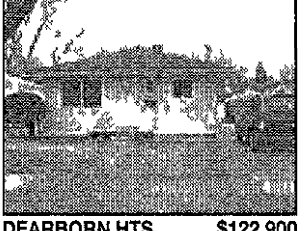
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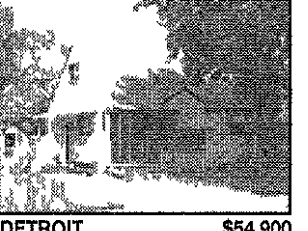
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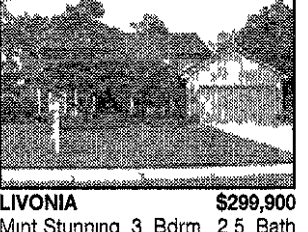
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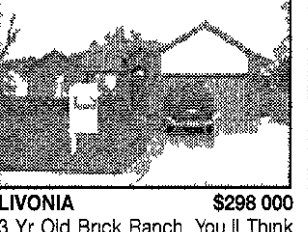
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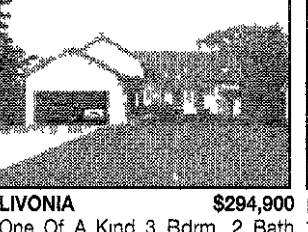
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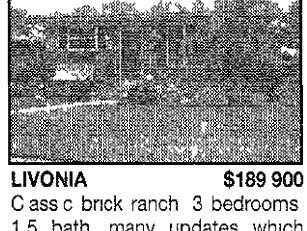
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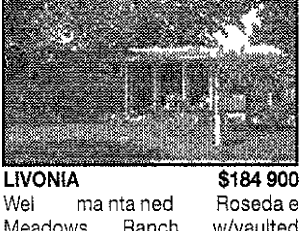
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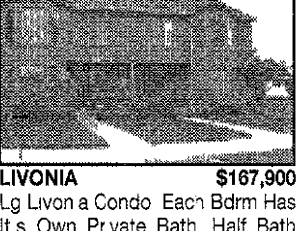
LIVONIA \$210,000
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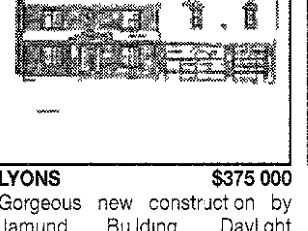
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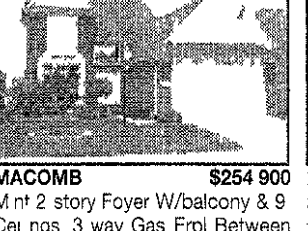
LIVONIA \$184,900
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LIVONIA \$167,900
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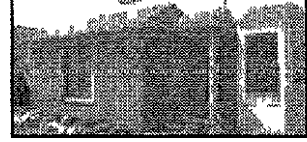
LYONS \$375,000
Gorgeous new construct on by Jamund Building Daylght basement 1st floor a hardwood Gens o s p f e ram Comp ed CP O 2C0 F Y2 V JO 88 o J 3



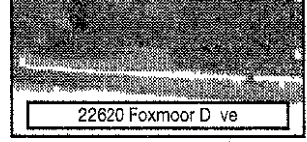
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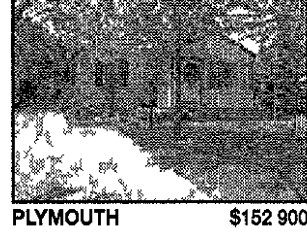
PLYMOUTH \$379,900
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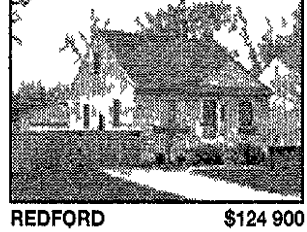
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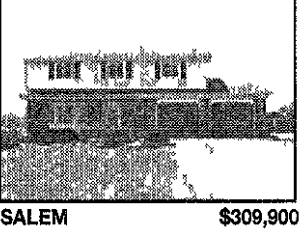
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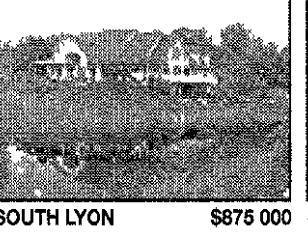
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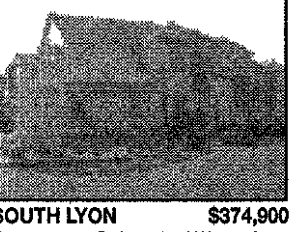
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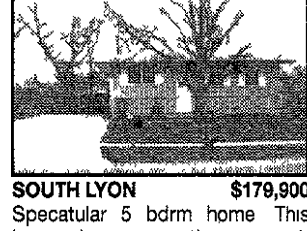
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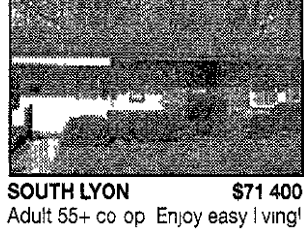
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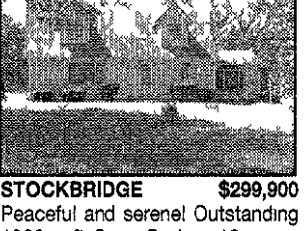
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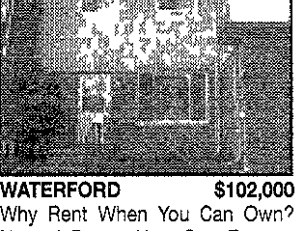
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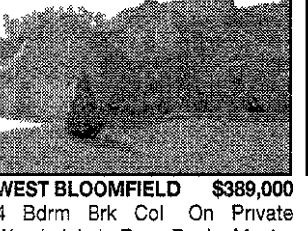
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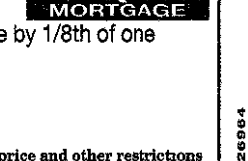
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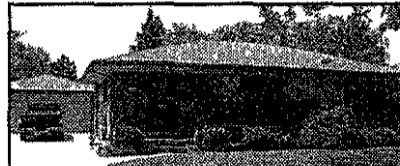
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3 bedroom home with eat in kitchen with sunroom off back Formal dining room flows to a beautiful a geving room partially finished basement 2 car garage with workshop A real must see

(E05PAL) 734 455 5600 \$149,900



LIVONIA Brick Ranch
presents 3 bedrooms 1.5 baths 2 car garage finished basement C/A circuit breakers copper plumbing and so much more You just have to see this one

(E22OHI) 734 455 5600 \$192,837




DEARBORN HGTS Sharp Brick Ranch
Don't miss! Great family neighborhood offers 3 bedrooms 2 baths finished basement with kitchen 2 car garage Very nice home

(E98BAN) 734 455-5600 \$169,900



NORTHVILLE Quiet Wooded Lot
Approx .4 acre Stream & Koi pond enhance the site for this immaculately maintained residence featuring 3 car garage w/ plenty of room for family & friends Four bedrooms 2 1/2 bath home office formal DR & more

(E87ELM) 248 349 5600 \$412,500



WATERFORD Private Up North Feeling!
Huge lot w/great landscape 3BR ranch w/lake privileges Newer C/A turn HWH & electrical Updated kit w/custom cabinets Florida room vaulted ceiling Ceiling fans T/O Updated bath metal garage roof

(E28NEW) 248 349 5600 \$159,900




REDFORD Great Opportunity
Updated 3 bedroom 1.5 baths hardwood floors remodeled bath newer windows sliding hot water heater furnace 95 circuit 97 Formal DR C/A 2 car garage cedar closet in bsmt and S Redford schools

(E11APP) 734 455 5600 \$122,500



REDFORD Sweet Starter Home
offer a newer siding on house and garage steel entry doors Hardwood floors throughout newer roof and replacement windows newer cabinets

(E34POI) 734 455-5600 \$102,808



PLYMOUTH Spectacular Cape Cod
Dramatic entry in this beautiful 3 bedroom 2.5 bath home presenting 3 car att garage basement paver patio See this from great room to family room plus FP in master suite A sitting on approx a 7 acre lot

(E27HOW) 734 455 5600 \$499,900



LIVONIA Live on Easy Street
Most of the work's been done Relax on the deck & view the park. Ke setting 4BR 2.5BA Nice floor plan w/lots of storage 1st flr laundry Many updates like windows roof & mechanical Clean & well maintained

(E95FAI) 248-349 5600 \$288,900



NORTHVILLE Lovely 4 Bedroom Colonial
Walk to downtown Northville from this lovely home on shady tree lined street Home boasts 1st floor master DR FR FFL 3 car garage HWH in LIV & kitchen Newer roof & furnace Beautiful perennials gardens

(E18OAK) 248 349-5600 \$284,900



PLYMOUTH A Wonderful Home
Hates to sell 900 sq ft improvements in 03 GR & master bath addition nt garage andscap paver patio & walk ways FFL FP roof siding windows hardwood flrs powder rm appls & HWH nc Frn bsmt w/poo table & wet bar

(E93TAL) 734 455 5600 \$379,900



SUMPTER Newer Home Built in 1999
sit on approx .4 acres with 2 car garage family room with fireplace and walkout to deck large kitchen with island and all appliances master bedroom with walk in closet and master bath

(E00WEA) 734 455 5600 \$209,900




CANTON Warm & Charming
This unique Colonial offers 3 bedrooms 3.5 baths ceiling wet plaster and hardwood floors Newer vinyl windows Partly finished basement with glass block windows

(E24PAL) 734 455-5600 \$185,500



NOVI Excellent Buy in Novi
Spacious 4BR 2.5BA 2 story offers a popular floor plan w/kitchen open to FR FP lib/office cathedral ceilings LR & DR MBR suite w/WIC & bath FFL premium s/ded lot S de entry gar & multi tiered deck

(E83FAL) 248-349 5600 \$329,900




PLYMOUTH Wooded Views
Location location location 1BR 1BA studio condo with private entrance Doorwall in LR to patio w/wooded view Storage shed off of patio Carpet 02 furnace 04 FFL carport & parking close to entry

(E75PLY) 248 349-5600 \$99,900




LIVONIA Wonderful Floor Plan
with updated kitchen baths fresh paint throughout Farm home with fireplace on entry landscaped yard Finished basement with vet bar 2 ca attached garage and much more

(E83FAI) 734 455 5600 \$309,900



NOVI Meadowbrook Glens
We maintain 3 bed room Colonial Spacious master bedroom lots of updates neutral decor Pleasure to show

(E72KIN) 734 455 5600 \$242,000



CANTON A Dream House
A stunning home presenting 4 bedrooms 3.5 baths sitting on approx .4 acre of landscaped yard hemlock & cedar with CO & counters Granite w/with cash call prof fin bsmt & 2 car att gar

(E99CHE) 734 455 5600 \$439,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Great Home
Back to woods Tranquil setting 3BR 1.5BA w/open floor plan w/kitchen open to FR FP lib/office cathedral ceilings LR & DR MBR suite w/WIC & bath FFL premium s/ded lot S de entry gar & multi tiered deck

(E26HAR) 248 349 5600 \$394,900




DEARBORN Welcome Home
Custom brick ranch offers 3BR 1.5BA w/open floor plan & freshly painted Updated oak kitchen newer carpet new roof & windows Great house & location Walk to school & parks Drive in lot A must see

(E26ROB) 248-349 5600 \$184,900



CANTON Clean & Updated
Large home with 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths a design kitchen in 2000 updates throughout finished basement and nice curb appeal

(E49HAR) 734 455 5600 \$252,900



REDFORD Beautiful Brick Bungalow
3 bedroom 1.5 bath home with hardwood floors updated kitchen and bath w/ fireplace 2 car garage and finished basement

(E15APP) 734 455-5600 \$126,500



FARMINGTON HILLS Condo Convenience
Beautiful 2BR 2BA condo located in an adult community that offers full service plus health care w/24hr concierge prof fin bsmt & 2 car att gar & bsmt Wonderful private setting Like never must see

(E29ARC) 248 349 5600 \$247,900



DEARBORN HGTS Beautiful Home
3BR 2BA brick home Many newer updates include carpet new roof HWH drive windows and fireplace Fenced yard 2 car garage

(E21HIF) 248 349 5600 \$149,900



CANTON Spacious Condo
Very neat & clean 3BR 2.5BA 2 story unit Neutral decor throughout DR has doorwall leading to your large deck Part in basement w/frm & add 1 rm for off ce or extra storage Large k1 w/breakfast nook

(E78SAR) 248 349-5600 \$205,900



NORTHVILLE Perfection Plus
Luxury in town and unit Cape Cod with finished walkout Backs to wooded ravine and bubbling brook All offered in this 3 bedroom 2.5 bath condo

(E03STL) 734 455-5600 \$339,500



ALLEN PARK Beautifully Updated
3 bedroom 1.5 bath brick ranch with 2 car garage large finished rec room large kitchen with breakfast nook and doorwa to patio and all appliances stay

(E04MIC) 734-455 5600 \$174,900



LIVONIA Welcome Home!
Unbeatable 3BR 2BA updated ranch w/fin bsmt 2 car gar & in ground heated pool Home & grounds are meticulous Newer windows roof gutters sprinkler system Updated kitchen bath and bedrooms too

(E83BRE) 248-349 5600 \$214,900




MILFORD Custom Built in 2001
3BR 2.5BA Contemporary shows like a model Two story great room custom moldings library w/French doors double oven & cook top Newer custom deck Located on approx 3 acres w/streams allowed

(E87HOL) 248-349-5600 \$469,900



CANTON Great Yard With Large Deck
4BR 2BA home with all the newer amenities roof w/transerable warranty windows also trans warranty gutters 03 garage door fireplace in family room Remodeled kitchen 99 All appliances stay

(E46SOM) 248-349 5600 \$204,900




PLYMOUTH Spotless Ranch in Town
Numerous updates in this 3 bedroom 1.5 bath ranch with large private yard with patio partially finished basement with p asse block windows 2 car garage Don't miss this one in downtown Plymouth

(E35SIM) 734 455 5600 \$249,900



PLYMOUTH Lovely Updated Cape Cod
presents 4 spacious bedrooms and 2 full baths large living room w/cozy fireplace & hardwood floors Other updates include furnace A/C roof and paint 01 Beautiful landscaped yard with fountain & paver patio

(E07RIV) 734 455 5600 \$254,900



PLYMOUTH Entertainer's Delight
Wonderful open flowing floor plan Neutral and nice Bsmt finished too w/super ent bar rec area & more 4BR 2-2BA & 1st floor laundry Beautiful landscaping w/brick pavers Newer built quiet community

(E60BRE) 248 349-5600 \$334,900



WARREN Charming Condo
2BR 1BA well maintained 1 story up condo Large LR formal DR newer kit windows Alcove off LR for entertainment center Private laundry room Locked storage area Easy access to freeway Great starter

(E18HOO) 248-349-5600 \$76,900



WALLED LAKE Carefree Lakeside Living
And Bring Your Boat! This 2BR 2BA condo in an adult 50+ community includes all appliances a deeded boat slip on Walled Lake private beach w/jazbo & picnic area plus loads of other amenities! Relaxed living!

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WESTLAND Super Sharp Condo
updated 2 bedroom 1.5 bath townhouse with attached garage basement beautiful deck off dining room newer Pelle doorwall overlooking nature Livonia Schools

(E34RIV) 734-455-5600 \$163,000



YPSILANTI Better Homes & Gardens
best describes this beautiful 4 bedroom 2.5 bath Colonial with open flowing floor plan 2 story family room with fireplace kitchen with island dual staircases basement and 2 car attached garage

(E21CRE) 734-455-5600 \$280,000



ROYAL OAK Charming Ranch
This 3BR 1BA home is beautiful inside & out Part finished basement oak doors & coved ceilings Updates galore Deck overlooks large fenced yard Striol to park or to downtown Birmingham

(E06COP) 248 349-5600 \$181,900



NORTHVILLE Luxurious Condo Living
3BR 3.5BA side entry unit w/walkout Great room with fireplace Master has luxurious bath & closet Lower level has terrific cherry cabinets wet bar ceramic tile carpet & TV alcove

(E04LOC) 248-349-5600 \$419,800



LYON TOWNSHIP Spacious Ranch
3BR 2BA ranch on beautiful fenced corner lot Township taxes yet close to downtown Hardwood in dining and bedrooms One year Home Warranty Oversized 2+ car garage

(E80VAL) 248-349-5600 \$224,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Brick Bungalow
3 bedroom 1.5 bath home with newer 2.5 car garage roof and windows Dining room basement and Dearborn Schools

(E02HAZ) 734-455 5600 \$146,500



INKSTER Just Getting Started?
This 4 bedroom 1.5 bath home offers over 1400 sq ft remodeled kitchen living room with natural fireplace garage updated bath and 1 year home warranty Neutral decor

(E28BER) 734 455 5600 \$100,000



NORTHVILLE Awesome Condo
Turn key everything 3 dobet 3BR white kitchen & half BA w/granite counters formal DR sunken GR w/FP & dog wa1 to private deck Barber carpet crown moldings neutral paint throughout ceramic foyer

(E73EDD) 248 349-5600 \$177,000



NEW HUDSON Up North Feel Log Home
3BR 3BA Cape Cod on over 2 acres Fin LL w/walkout W/dress galore Loft area can be used as home off ce Updates T/O LL can be used for teen or in law quarters Newer Andersen windows Wraparound deck

(E87MAR) 248 349-5600 \$328,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Private Paradise
Your own private drive + private setting! Over 2 acres w/trees 4BR brick ranch w/2.5 baths formal LR & DR + sunroom Fin bsmt w/FR & bath & tons of storage heated gar Kitchen appl updated + roof Heavenly

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NORTHVILLE \$1,250,000
REPLICA OF 1920'S ENGLISH COTTAGE 4 BRs 4.5 BAs Home offers post and beam constr Anderson wndws french drs oversized tumbled brick 50 yr shingles garden house bonus rm over garage (24046622)

248-348-6430



NORTHVILLE \$829,000
STUNNING CAPE COD IN WOODS OF EDENDERRY 4 yr old beauty tastefully decorated with many upgrades 3 car garage butlers pantry exercise room off MBH suite Corner lot beautiful landscaping & patio (24066132)

248-349-6200



PLYMOUTH \$349,900
CLOSE TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH Extensively remodeled Custom trimwork hwdw floors ceramic bath huge kitchen (23A40810)

734-455-7000



NOVI \$348,500
GREAT HOME CLOSE TO SCHOOLS Charming home w/updated kit & brkfst area formal LR/DR FR w/tp & built in bookcases fin bsmt w/lots of storage & full bath 4 seasons sunroom (60MAN2)

248-348-6430



LIVONIA \$344,900
LIKE NEW SPACIOUS COLONIAL Excellent location condition & price! Beautifully updated thru out with field stone FP finished basement central air patio & more Move right in! (24063436)

248-348 6200



STERLING HEIGHTS \$337,900
JUST MOVE RIGHT INTO THIS SPOTLESS HOME! Outstanding Aspen II home has 2400 SF 4 BR 2.5 BA open flr plan w/lovely kit w/contour isld Two staircases for convenience Raised brick patio for relaxing! (24033669)

248-348-6430



LIVONIA \$279,900
1/2+ ACRE YARD IN LIVONIA Updates include new furnace roof windows Pride of ownership shows Hardwood floors kitchen has updated counters & flooring and huge walk in pantry (01PIC2)

248 348 6430



CANTON \$259,900
LARGE 4 BEDROOM COLONIAL 4 BRs/2.5 BAs 2 246 SF Lg open kit oak cabs isld & brkfst nook 1st flr Indry Lg mstr ste cathedral ceiling WIC full bath soaking tub & dual sinks (23P3487)

734-455-7000



NORTHVILLE \$249,900
NICE CLEAN & PRIVATE CONDO Private southern view from this grt ranch condo LR w/cathedral ceiling nice kit formal DR/w nice sliding door to deck 2 car att gar & walk to common pool (24064761)

248-348-6430



WHITMORE LAKE \$249,000
LAKE VIEWS OF WHITMORE LAKE! Pleasant neutral open fl plan offers 3 BRs 2.1 BAs nce sized kit & DR! Full fin bsmt huge deck Situated on lg treed lot w/lake views NO HO Assoc or dues (24053209)

248-348 6430



CANTON \$236,900
WOW! UPGRADED TO THE GILLS Professionally decorated 3 BR 2.5 BA end unit condo 1st flr mstr ste w/WIC full bath & jetted tub Maple kit GR w/stone FP 1st flr Indy deck & more! (S172)

734 591-9200



NOVI \$224,900
PRETTY AS A PICTURE FULL BRICK RANCH Lovely updated kit cozy FR w/tp nice LR 3 BRs Full house attic fan comfortable FLA room partially fin bsmt and great private yard that backs to woods (24065927)

248-348 6430



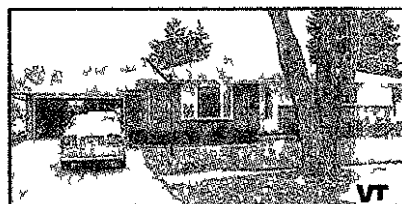
PLYMOUTH \$220,900
FABULOUS BARBERRY UNIT! Inviting LR FR Available upgrades Lndscpng sprinkl sys lawn main (23A1205)

734-455 7000



CANTON \$219,900
EVERYTHING UPDATED! 4 BRs 2 BAs over 1700 SF hwdw flrs in some rms great kit lots of curb appeal & backs to park! Great location Plymouth Canton schools & more! (A44155)

734 591 9200



LIVONIA \$214,900
HUGE, HUGE, YARD! In the hub of Livonia sits this brick ranch w/FR \$5000 decorating allowance at closing Kit has oak cabs perpe flr updated bath Newer furn/AC Much more! (G14812)

734-591 9200



PLYMOUTH \$194,900
THE ARBOR has an open flr plan Fin LL rec rm next to laundry & powder rm Townhome community will feature Lndscpng sprinkl sys lawn main/snow remov Low asso fees (23A1205)

734-455-7000



SUMPTER \$192,900
CONTEMPORARY W/ OVER AN ACRE! 3 bedroom 3 bath contemporary ranch Great room skylights cathedral ceilings 2+ car gar 1.35 acres (23S20220)

734-455-7000



LIVONIA \$189,900
GREAT HOUSE IN GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD! 3 BR 1.5 BA brk ranch in lovely Rosedale Gardens features newer rf & wndws full bsmt and FP in LR Well maintained w/beautiful lg backyard 1 yr warranty & more! (I32849)

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INKSTER \$177,500
BE THE FIRST OWNER! This 3 BR 2 BA beauty has all the amenities! Sit in front of the fireplace or grill out on the back porch Full basement you can finish how you want (H452)

734-326 2000



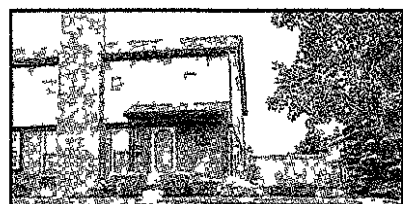
FARMINGTON HILLS \$174,900
PARADISE WITH PRIVACY! Pride of ownership p shows in this 3 BR ranch w/30x15 family room Gorgeous perennial gardens w/ponds and fountains! Prestigious paver brk patio 2 car garage (W21623)

734-591 9200



LIVONIA \$168,900
WONDERFUL ALL BRK BUNGALOW! Very clean & updated great white kit updated wndws plumb & electrical too Beautiful hwdw flrs covered ceilings 2 car garage & a finished bsmt wow! (A9591)

734-591-9200



NORTHVILLE \$162,900
CLASSIC COUNTRY PLACE CONDO GREAT AREA 2 BRs 2.5 BAs neutral decor freshly painted nice enclosed patio w/perennials 1 car detached garage Formal DR & nook Newer windows & water heater (24066314)

248 348-6430



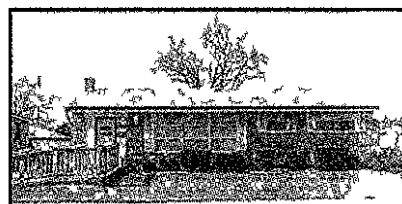
CANTON \$162,000
THE NICEST UNIT IN THE COMPLEX! Featuring extra lg deck huge mstr bath w/Jack & Jill sinks full bsmt gas FP loads of upgrades fresh neutral paint 1st flr Indry & so much more! (H4464)

734-591-9200



REDFORD \$159,900
TRULY A 10! New kit w/ceramic flr & glass/oak cabs vinyl wndws tear off updated main bath mstr has half bath refinished hwdw flrs fin bsmt w/full bath wet bar & more (C12081)

734 591-9200



WAYNE \$157,000
GREAT FAMILY HOME Excellent 3 BR 2 BA brick ranch 2 car garage DR has bay windows overlooking lovely yard Finished bsmt w/ separate laundry area C/A and new copper plumbing (G366)

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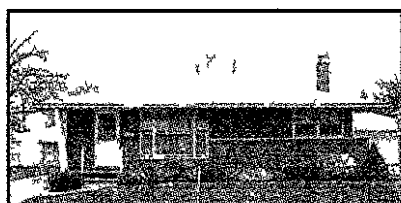
NOVI \$154,800
RANCH DETACHED CONDO Great 2 BR carriage unit w/1 car direct access garage New windows carpet neutral decor Very open floor plan Move right in! (45PEL2)

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WESTLAND \$147,900
POPULAR TONQUISH VILLAGE 3 BR full brick ranch w/full basement garage newer roof shingles newer cabinets & pantry in kitchen Your personal touch is all that's needed Hurry! (C661)

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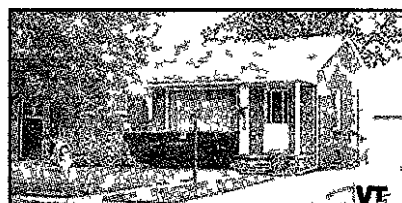
DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$145,000
ORIGINAL OWNER Squeaky clean well maintained 3 BR 1.5 BA ranch with finished basement newer roof & original owner pride (G866)

734-326-2000



REDFORD \$139,900
SOUTH REDFORD CUTIE! Lg eat in kit newer wndws vinyl porch rails steel entry drs newer rf furn w/CA newer gar cement drive & patio Security system warranty & more! (F10013)

734 591-9200



REDFORD \$139,900
CHARACTER AT A PRICE YOU CAN AFFORD! Stop by this charming 3 BR 1.5 BA brick ranch Updates incl rf wndws furn AC main bath security sys fin bsmt custom deck & much more! (C24317)

734-591 9200



REDFORD \$129,900
SOLID BRICK RANCH! In area with brand new homes Within a block of Lawson Field offers tennis basketball & play area Nice floor plan with finished basement (L19158)

734-591-9200



WAYNE \$129,900
WAKE UP WITH A SMILE! in this cute all brick ranch Beautiful updated kitchen newer windows doors alum trim Roof & A/C 8 years 2 car garage Home warranty All appl's included (23M31620)

734-455-7000



REDFORD \$128,000
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT THIS SHARP oak kitchen w/ceramic floor windows copper plumbing cement storm doors 4 ceiling fans roof shingles 3 BRs 2 BAs part fin bsmt 2 car garage (I184)

734-326-2000



WAYNE \$126,900
FOUR BEDROOMS, LARGE LOT Full brick bungalow basement 2 car garage many updates formal dining room corner lot Hwdw floors in living room and dining room Must see to appreciate (A324)

734-326-2000



LINCOLN PARK \$119,900
BEAUTIFUL 3 BEDROOM BRICK BUNGALOW Full Brick home with large master bedroom All appliances included 2 Stoves fridg washer dryer freezer & microwave Furniture is negotiable! (M177)

734-326 2000



REDFORD \$119,900
UNIQUE RANCH offers awesome heated 2 car gar w/intercom phone & 220 elec Outside hot/cold faucets sprinkler sys new rf newer furn w/AC newer kit updated elec and more! (B17676)

734-591-9200



WAYNE \$116,900
ADORABLE BRICK RANCH 3 BR 1 BA 2 car garage completely updated kitchen & bath New flooring throughout Freshly painted Built in dishwasher Updated electrical home warranty (G388)

734-326-2000



INKSTER \$114,800
UPDATES GALORE! This 3 bedroom brick home with finished bsmt & 1 1/2 car garage features newer roof windows furn & C/A plumbing circuit breakers & more Clean & Bright! (A620)

734-326-2000



DETROIT \$95,000
COZY WARRENDALE BUNGALOW Many updates in this 3 BR 1 BA home incl furn hwh CA electrical roof ceramic tile and all appliances 2 car gar w/elec & heat Walking distance to elem sch! Home Warranty (60BRA2)

248-348-6430



DETROIT \$67,000
DON'T RANT & RAVE- BUY & SAVE! Cute bungalow with newly remodeled kitchen Expansion attic can be made into 3rd bedroom Newer roof & windows 2 car garage 1.5 baths finished basement (23C19986)

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SALEM 28 ACRES-1658 FRONTAGE Yes 1 658 feet of frontage on 7 Mile & Chubb Rds Private rural yet near everything South Lyon schools & Northville mailing Investor's delight 23S0 \$700,000 734-455 7000

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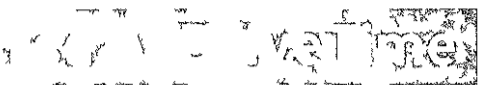
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The 2004 Nissan Quest

Advertising Feature



BY DALE BUSS

Suddenly, minivans are interesting again. After Chrysler's 15-year domination of the automotive segment that it created in 1984, Honda finally introduced the industry's first worthy competitor with its Odyssey a few years ago. And if that competition stirred new excitement in the minivan niche, the latest significant entry - Nissan's Quest - could really shake things up.

Nissan's advertising for this unique new vehicle makes a bold, if implicit, claim for Quest. This is the first really new thing to come along in minivans in quite some time. And after putting a Quest to good use, I can attest that there's truth in advertising involved here. From its industrial-chic styling to its passenger bay sunroofs to a nifty storage compartment for the driver that has been put in a most unusual location, Quest is all about providing the unexpected to minivan buyers who've gotten quite used to the conventions invented by Chrysler's models. And for the most part, Quest delivers nifty features in an overall package that is worthy of soccer moms, hockey dads and their families.

Let's start where Nissan apparently did: the styling. Nissan didn't try to fool consumers into thinking Quest is some kind of sport-utility vehicle or van-SUV hybrid. This vehicle is all mini-van, starting with the fact that you can move on foot throughout it. In designing Quest, Nissan optimized the boxy compartment that defines a minivan.

But Nissan gave Quest a bulky nose, strong and angular lines that sweep back from there, extremely high side panels, a swept-down roof and a chopped off rear end that make a definite robotic statement. It's a minimalist, chiseled design that's different and functional - but not necessarily esthetically pleasing. And I do have one strong exception to the practicality of the design. The side panels ride so high in the rear that the driver's blind spots are expanded, creating what I can only call a mild safety hazard.

What is an unadulterated hit are the skylight slots that Nissan designed into the roof of Quest that stretch on either side, over the second and third rows of seats.



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Passengers can deploy roller shades to keep the sun out. Combined with a more or less standard sunroof over the front row, the overall effect is wonderfully open and sunny, dispelling much of the feeling that passengers can get in other minivans of being stuffed in the rear of a shoebox.

Quest is fitted with a powerful V6, 3.5-liter, 240-horsepower engine, taken from the 350Z sports car, and is available with a smooth five-speed automatic that would be perfectly at home in an expensive luxury car. It provides adequate pick-up and pep for a family vehicle that one hopes would not be taken off-road or up twisting mountain roads. At 18 miles a gallon in city driving and 25 on the highway, Quest's fuel efficiency doesn't match those of its Chrysler and Honda competitors.

Quest has crisp steering and feels more stable in corners than an SUV. Otherwise, there was little remarkable about the Quest's handling. On bumpy roads, its suspension is suspect. Overall, it has a much heavier and not as nimble feel as both Odyssey and the Chrysler series of minivans.

Nissan is consistent in carrying its pseudo-industrial design theme in the interior. Surfaces are basically flat, angled, or round, with few wrinkles or other texturing in between, giving the cockpit a bit of a feel of the inside of the Spaceship Enterprise from Star Trek. I liked the

location of the instrument panel, the shifting lever and all other controls and instruments in the center of the cockpit, a feature that only a few other vehicles, including Saturn's Ion small car, have dared to try.

There are many other bits of utility that I appreciate in Quest, making it a fun vehicle simply to explore. The front-row drink holders, for example, fold down into the middle from the bottom of the driver's seat, and there are two sizes of wells - one could easily hold a Big Gulp. Compartments of all shapes and sizes abound, including one in the front to hold a cell phone that is slotted right behind the pull-out ash tray and a surprise compartment in front of the driver that pops up from the dashboard, a shallow and strangely shaped well that, nevertheless, could hold a variety of objects. The plethora of spaces is a feature in the passenger area as well, where there are compartments for DVDs, sunglasses and other paraphernalia.

Overall, the rear is plenty spacious. There are three headrests for the rear seat, a nice extra that you don't find in many vehicles of any sort. An apron covers rear cargo from those who would peek into the rear window.

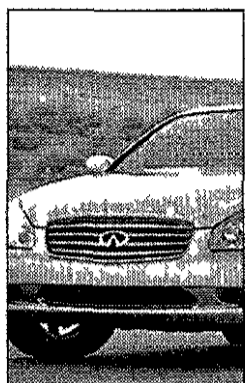
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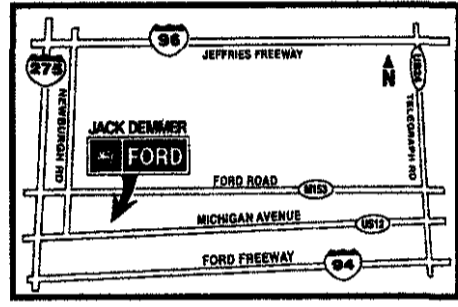
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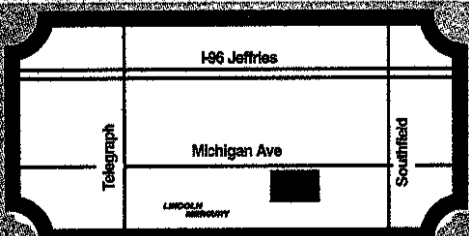
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'Fahrenheit 9/11' is hot on the trail of President Bush



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Flint's own famous filmmaker Michael Moore takes on President George Bush in his latest film 'Fahrenheit 9/11' opening Friday

You either can't get enough of Michael Moore's politically-astute, no-holds-barred documentaries or you hate the guy, his politics and his movies

But no matter where you stand politically, there's no denying the Flint filmmaker has something going on, as well as something to say

His last film, *Bowling for Columbine* won an Academy Award for best documentary. And his newest movie *Fahrenheit 9/11*, which opens tomorrow in theaters, grabbed the 2004 Cannes Film Festival award for best picture

Not to mention, he's a downright courageous filmmaker. This time around, Moore is hot on the trail of President George W. Bush and his post-9/11 war on terrorism in the 119-minute film

Along the way, he takes a look at the USA Patriot Act, the war's costs to the nation's soldiers and their families and why the United States has become the target of hatred and terrorism

Of course, there are plenty of Moore's signature guerrilla filmmaking stunts: a day trip to Capitol Hill in search of pro-war legislators willing to send their sons



A Secret Service officer confronts Michael Moore across the street from the Saudi embassy in Washington

to Iraq and a nice little sojourn to the Saudi embassy only to meet up with the Secret Service.

Footage of President Bush in action is plenty, and Moore brings movie-goers to Michigan, too.

As usual, his many questions are searing. For instance, why didn't the Bush

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Stayin' alive

Disco beat goes on at The Henry Ford

Whether you caught boogie fever back in the '70s or not, disco was and is an American pop culture phenomenon

If you're not convinced, check out the latest exhibit at The Henry Ford, *Disco: A Decade of Saturday Nights*, running through Sept. 15 at the museum in Dearborn.

"Most Americans tend to look at disco as just a fad, and it wasn't," said Jeanne Miller, curator of leisure and entertainment at the museum, where *Disco* is making its first stop after opening in Seattle.

"Disco had a whole lot to do with what was going on in society at the time. The '70s was a time period about personal awareness, personal identity and personal liberation," Miller said. "It's often called the 'Me' decade."

The exhibit not only explores disco as a social barometer but also the movement's own history and subsequent impact on pop culture.

On display are more than 200 objects, from the white suit worn by John Travolta in the ultimate disco movie, *Saturday Night Fever*, to the outrageous costumes worn by such disco divas as Gloria Gaynor and Patti LaBelle.

One set of artifacts, for example, tracks disco's early underground roots in the clubs of Manhattan. Another tells the tale of Studio 54, the New York City club that became the movement's epicenter in the late '70s, as well as a symbol of its indulgences.

Interactive musical kiosks allow visitors to more fully explore the music, from the Euro-disco sounds of ABBA to "backlash disco," music made to poke fun at the genre. Hey, remember the song *Disco Duck*?

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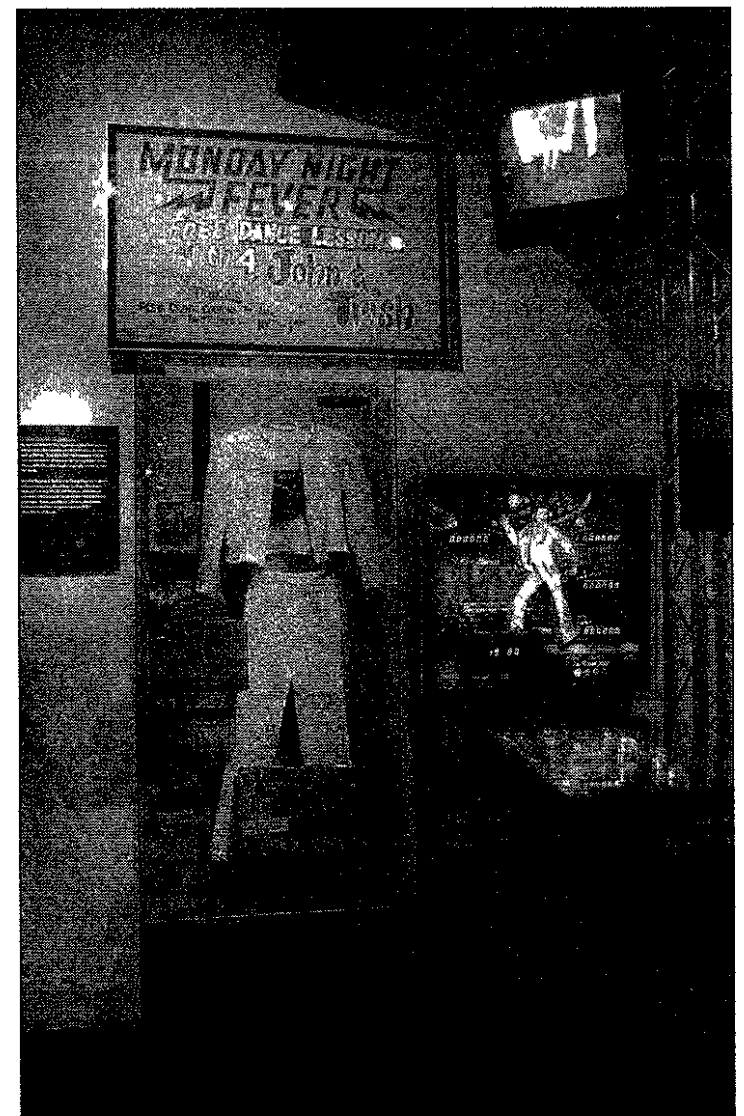
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There's plenty of outrageous '70s fashion to go around at 'Disco: A Decade of Saturday Nights'

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It's true that many Americans, especially rock 'n' roll fans, scoffed at disco, and the majority only experienced a commercialized, watered-down version of the music. But disco's

popularity can't be overstated. By the late '70s, 200 radio stations had turned to an all-disco format, and an estimated 15,000 discotheques were in operation, Miller said, adding, "America was absolutely mad for disco in the late '70s."

Still have a bad case of disco-hatred? Take a look back, anyhow, said Miller.

"Pop culture is a great lens through which to view American history."



Visitors to 'Disco: A Decade of Saturday Nights' at The Henry Ford can play DJ and throw together a masterful dance mix.

Big screen

Hanks pilots laughs, is focus of 'The Terminal'

BY DAVID GERMAIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

You think you've got it hard, trying to amuse yourself at an airport when your plane's delayed for three hours? Try spending nearly a year there, living on airport food, sleeping on chairs. That's the predicament of Viktor

Navorski (Tom Hanks), an Eastern European stranded by circumstance at Kennedy airport in Steven Spielberg's comedy *The Terminal*

Monumentally staged, with a magnificent and authentic three-story terminal built by Spielberg's crew, the film unfortunately tends toward syrupy mush in its dramatic peaks and limes up an overly cal-

culated parade of supporting players orbiting Viktor

As always, earnest Everyman Hanks wears his character like a familiar, comfortable suit, elevating the tale above the schmaltz inherent in Sacha Gervasi and Jeff Nathanson's screenplay

Those who fondly remember the manic Hanks of *Splash* will enjoy the comic flourishes he lends to Viktor, the actor's most slapstick role in years

Viktor arrives at JFK from the fictional Eastern European country of Krakozhia, which has erupted in a bloody coup while he was traveling

His passport invalidated, Viktor is dumped into the airport's international lounge and told he must stay there until his status is sorted out, which drags into months as unrest in Krakozhia continues

A cheery man, Viktor makes the most of his dilemma, using the airport's impersonal resources to build a little life and sense of community

Viktor finds romance with flight attendant Amelia (Catherine Zeta-Jones), who's stranded in her own way in a hopeless relationship with a married man

Viktor shows his resilience by repeated



PHOTO BY MERRICK MORTON

Viktor Navorski (Tom Hanks) must make the best of his accommodations when a coup in his homeland leaves him stranded at the airport in New York in 'The Terminal'

ly foiling the little plots of airport bureaucrat Frank Dixon (Stanley Tucci) who conspires to make Viktor leave the airport illegally so he can be arrested

The setting should be the backdrop for an engaging story. In this case, the elaborate terminal takes top billing from Hanks and company

The Terminal a DreamWorks release is rated PG 13 for brief language and drug references

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Small screen

Annette Funicello reigns as queen of beach movies

BY DAVID MACGREGOR
CORRESPONDENT

So, it's getting to be the time of year when you're thinking of loading up the SUV with swim trunks, towels, inner tubes and enough sun block to float a battleship for a fun-filled family excursion to the beach.

Given that, it's only fair to ask, what film classics will get you in the mood for this grand adventure? I suppose we can scratch *Jaws* off the list almost immediately, but what does that leave us with? In terms of recent movie history, not much. Happily enough, however, there was a Golden Age of beach movies that ranged all the way from 1964 to, well, 1965. Let's face it, some Golden Ages last longer than others.

The undisputed queen of beach movies was former Mouseketeer Annette Funicello, who left us with such sun-

drenched cinematic wonders as *Muscle Beach Party* (1964), *Bikini Beach* (1964), *Pajama Party* (1964), *Beach Blanket Bingo* (1965) and the disturbing yet compelling title *How to Stuff a Wild Bikini* (1965). No matter how you slice it, Annette had a lot of sand between her toes for a couple of years.

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Still, faced with such a, shall we say, surfeit of choices, is there any one of these films that stands sunburned head and shoulders above the rest? *Pajama Party* does include the always-festive plot twist of an alien from Mars showing up when least expected, and both *Muscle Beach Party* and *Bikini Beach* feature the ageless Don Rickles and a 14-year-old Stevie Wonder, but your true beach film connoisseur will

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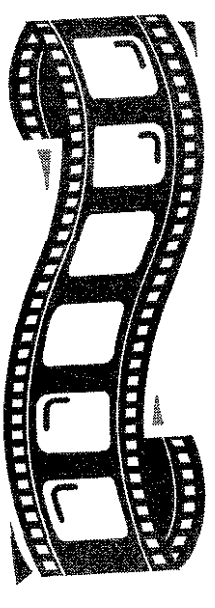
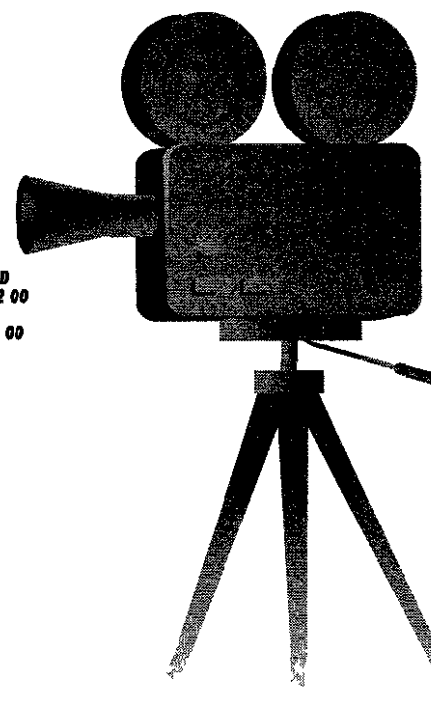
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■ **The Station Agent** - One of last year's best movies, this low-budget comic drama is a wistfully funny tale that traces the budding friendship among three lonely people: an artist (Patricia Clarkson) grieving over the death of her son, a gabby food vendor (Bobby Cannavale) hungry for compan-

ionship and an anti-social dwarf (Peter Dinklage) who inherits a rundown train depot and takes up residence there. Writer-director Tom McCarthy and his three stars - who collaborated for years to shape the story - team up for breezy commentary in which their warm camaraderie sparkles. McCarthy, Dinklage and Cannavale also provide commentary for five brief deleted scenes. DVD, \$29.99 (Miramax)

■ **The Stepford Wives** - With the black-comedy remake in theaters, the 1975 thriller debuts in a new DVD version. Katharine Ross stars as a woman who moves with her hubby to a new town, where the wives behave like docile automatons preoccupied with their spouses every whim. DVD, \$14.99 (Paramount)

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ANNETTE

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tell you that your best bet is to pick up a copy of *Beach Blanket Bingo* and then sit back and relax as it works its magic.

Intriguingly (or not, depending on your perspective), *Beach Blanket Bingo* is actually the prequel to *How to Stuff a Wild Bikini*. The film isn't particularly strong on plot, but it includes all the staples of any good beach movie: surfing, Annette and Frankie Avalon miming to "rock and roll" songs, partying, evil bikers with evil schemes that need foiling, a mermaid and, yes, a parachuting competition. And

if all that isn't enough, the film also features a cameo appearance by none other than Buster Keaton, perhaps the greatest silent film comedian of them all.

Looking for a tightly woven story, in-depth characterization and perhaps a touch or two of chiaroscuro lighting? You're in the wrong aisle of the video store. These movies are meant to be one thing and one thing only - fun. So microwave up a bag of popcorn, grab a seat and let your higher brain functions go dormant for an hour or two. Surf's up, dude!

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Cover story

ARTIST AT WORK

What: Big Wave Dave Downs, also known as Big Wave Santa, will carve a sandcastle from 8 yards of sand from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. today.

Where: In the parking lot of the Fox Pointe Apartments, 900 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. South, at the corner of Woodward, in Pontiac

Web site: To learn more about building sandcastles, go to www.sandcastlecentral.com. To see work by Downs, visit www.sandcastlecentral.com/sculptrs/bigwavedave.html



Dave Downs, aka Big Wave Santa or Big Wave Dave, (second from right with the white beard), takes a break with friends on a beach in Texas with some of his Santa theme sculptures.

CASTLES ON THE BEACH

Big Wave Dave digs working with sand

Below, Downs stands with a sculpture of Santa—a character he loves to portray.



Mounds of sand hide the views of Dave Downs' sandcastles. So he'll spend hours slowly and carefully moving sand until a glorious castle emerges. "Am I building a sandcastle or am I just carving away all the sand that doesn't look like a castle?" Downs asked.

Inside every pile of sand is a castle waiting to be seen, at least that's the perspective of a sandcastle architect.

Downs, known on beaches as Big Wave Dave because he was once a pro springboard diver, gets paid to play in the sand. During the winter he plays Santa and is known as Big Dave Santa, but that's another story.

The gray-bearded, fun-loving Pontiac man strives to have fun in both his professional and personal life. Actually, the two often blend. In summer his sandcastle-building

hobby is also a profession. He's hired to build elaborate sandcastles at corporate, civic and charity events, often carving corporate logos on the castles for those who hire him. He builds castles in sandboxes at parties and gives lessons in sandcastle building.

While some couples opt for typical ice sculptures, Downs builds Cinderella-like castles for weddings — an interesting photo backdrop for newlyweds.

Today he'll create a castle that's at least 5 to 6 feet high from 8 yards of sand to help promote Fox Pointe Apartments in Pontiac.

Downs is a fan of singer/environmentalist Jimmy Buffet and is a member of the Detroit Parrothead Club, which means he also spends time cleaning the beaches where he carves. He carved at the Cheeseburger Festival in Caseville, a

popular event for Parrotheads. Don't ask him for a sand mermaid, animal or human face, that's an art form called "sand sculpturing," Downs is strictly a sandcastle artist.

"I love the little details, the doors, arches, stairs, windows and peaks," he said.

A good castle takes hours to create and is often built by teams.

"Because it's all about fun, playing in the sand," Downs said. "It's actually quite therapeutic because your mind's so focused on one thing: the castle."

NEVER TOO LATE TO LEARN

Downs learned to build sandcastles 12 years ago when he lived on South Padre Island, Texas. He stud-

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CASTLES

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red with a married couple named Sandy Feet and Amazing Walt, who teach sandcastle building and have earned master sandcastle-building titles through competition

"They were my mentors and now my good friends," Downs said "I learned it all on South Padre Island"

Downs said he doesn't know if he'll ever be a master sandcastle builder Some castles can take three days to make and the constant bending, standing,

shoveling and squatting is exhausting

He still hasn't found the perfect Michigan beach for carving yet, but he enjoys trying new locations Fine and silty sand is the perfect type

With sandcastle building, it's the journey, not the destination, that's so rewarding Still, to keep castles intact at least for a few days, Downs said the pros sometimes top the castle with a watery Elmer's glue solution that's water-soluble

Eventually, of course, they all blow away, but there are always new castles waiting to be discovered

Grab your shovel and get to work

The first step to building a good sandcastle is to forget any preconceived notions you might have about them

Forget the little cylinder Styrofoam cups packed tightly with sand The secret to a good castle is stacking wet, wet sand. Stacking, not packing

Sandcastle artist David Downs and his teachers, who are also the creators of www.sandcastlecentral.com, offer these tips to get you started.

What you need

■ A beach or sandbox – fine, silty sand works best

■ A small shovel

■ Forks, spoons, spatulas, pie cutters

■ A straw (to blow off excess sand)

To start building

■ You need wet sand

■ Downs said water is key to making sand stick together Make sure there's water near your castle so you don't have to keep walking to the lake to fill your bucket. So, dig a hole near the water table at the beach, but not too close to the lake (ocean, sea, river) to avoid waves, but not too far either or you'll spend a lot of time digging in search of water

■ Build the castle on top of the mound

of sand that's left from the hole that was dug The hole is filled with water, you need it to keep the sand wet.

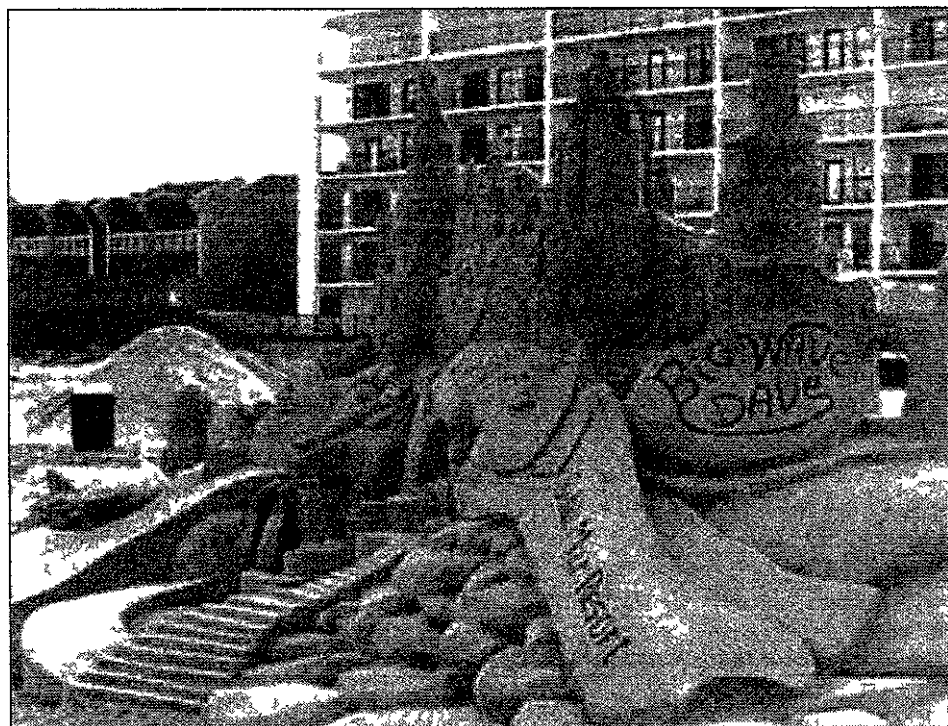
■ Flatten handfuls of wet, soupy sand into a pancake. Doing so distributes the water evenly through the cake so it settles and binds below Build one, then stack another wet, soupy pancake on top of it. Again the excess water will flow to the top of the cake underneath as needed Repeat, and repeat and repeat, stack, stack and stack and make the pancakes smaller toward the top to have a point A tower is like a stack of hotcakes

■ Build walls to connect all the towers Then carve words into it (like your family name) To do it, get some sand from the watery hole Form the sand into a brick in your hands with your palms flat. Place it where you want the wall and build another brick with your hands and start layering, build as high or long as you want

Now for the fun stuff, carve the windows and doors with a spoon, pie cutter, spoon or anything else you can find, even a stick Carve your name in the wall Blow off excess sand with a straw and enjoy your accomplishment



Huge sandcastles with stairs and walls are details that Downs loves to create



Downs enjoys creating signature sandcastles Sometimes he works with teams of up to eight people to create magical kingdoms

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Table Hopping

Habana Nights

Cuban favorites simmer at Café Habana



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Sweet hot describes the flavor at work at Café Habana, one of downtown Royal Oak's newest restaurants

After all, there's a spicy, chocolate-finished mole sauce on the menu

"Cuban food has a little kick, but it tends toward medium to

mild in spice," said Josh

Daniels, manager at the Cuban eatery, which opened in late April

Located on Main Street but tucked away and around the corner from the busy thoroughfare at Fifth Avenue, the cafe specializes in dishes from Cuba's central region, said Mindy Slane, chef de cuisine

Accordingly, the menu features lots of pork, beans and plantains

"But it's a bit of the whole country," said Slane "And it's the best of Cuban cuisine"

POPULAR ITEMS

The most popular choice with guests is the Cuban sandwich, a grill-pressed layering of pork, ham, Swiss cheese,

pickles, mayonna mustard between

"It's a tradition that would be ser in Miami," Slane.

Other patron f Ropa Vieja, shre spicy tomato sau rice, \$9, Huevos breakfast dish of tomato sauce, se chorizo sausage, a side of fried pl

Plantains are d not as sweet and starch content, s "They're kind of to"

Specials will fe another key com ing in central Co

Of course Café mean mojito, a C quickly rising to must-have cockt Cuban rum, suga and fresh mint le as refreshing as r libations include chili powder on t Brazilian drink, c

There's also fre limeade and seve Cuban coffee

The decor mixe and high tech, cr Miami industrial worn brick and u painted tables gr of Old World Cul

Café Habana couldn't call itself a Cuban restaurant unless it poured the latest hot drink, the mojito, a popular mint leaf-faced cocktail





Patrons mingle inside Café Habana

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Café Habana is on the small side and doesn't take reservations. So there might be a short wait, especially on weekends and for Sunday breakfast.

But patrons don't linger long, said Daniels. "It's a little bit more of a in-and-out kind of place."

CAFÉ HABANA

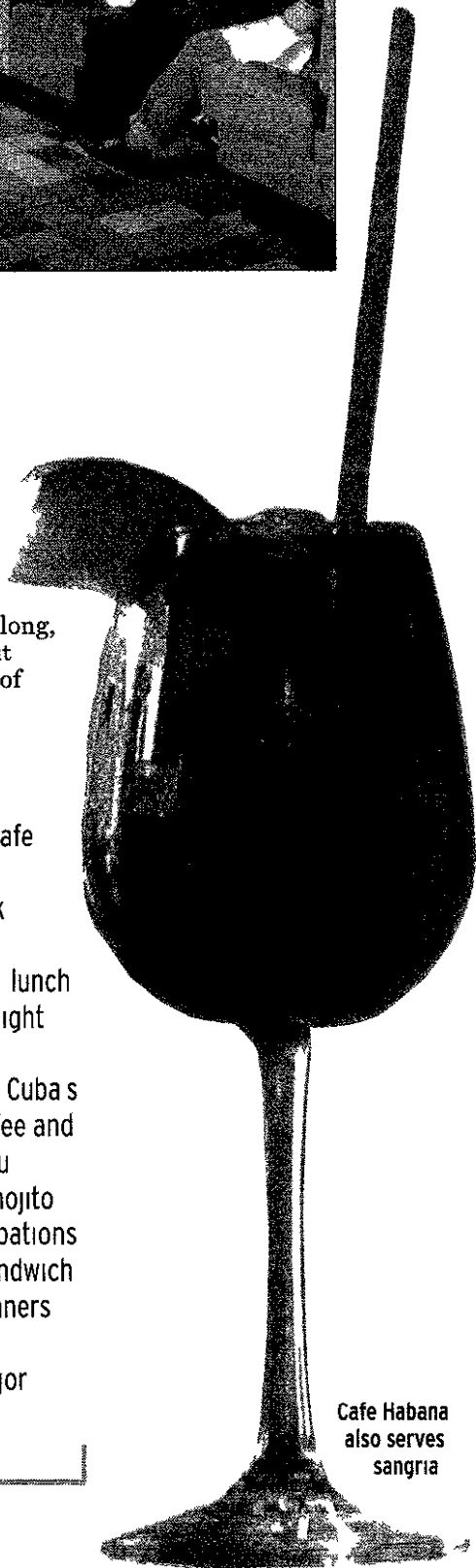
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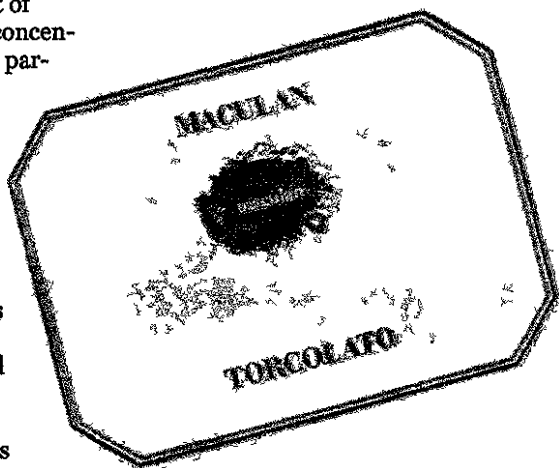
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The wine is rich and spicy with flavors akin to baked pears. In the glass, it develops notes of apricots, honey, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg and hazelnuts.

A result of perfectly-balanced acidity, this palate tantalizing and lush dessert wine does not come across too sweet. Best drunk as dessert in a glass it's also delicious with fruit tarts or Italian Panettone.

With gorgonzola or other creamy blue cheeses, Torcolato enhances a cheese course in lieu of dessert.

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Mickey Bakst forms MSB Restaurant Consulting

Mickey Bakst, former Maitre d' of Tribute restaurant in Farmington Hills, has formed his own company MSB Restaurant Consulting. Bakst, with global connections in the restaurant industry, has attracted a number of high-profile restaurant clients, including the Frank Taylor Restaurant Group, which recently opened Seldom Blues in the GM RenCen. "I'm working with service staff," Bakst said. "Additionally, I'm effecting promotion of corporate business." For Bacco Ristorante in Southfield, Bakst is elevating the service staff to the level it needs to meet the high plane of excellence. Chef/Proprietor Luciano Del Signore expects Bakst in demand outside Michigan, has

signed on Trio, one of the most talked about and awarded restaurants in the Chicago area. Proprietor Henry Adaniya's brilliant Chef Grant Achatz will leave in August to open his own Chicago restaurant. "I'll be guiding the metamorphosis of Trio from high-end fine dining to an upscale casual bistro," Bakst said. "And the talk about your opening your own restaurant in metro Detroit? I've not taken that off the drawing board." Bakst answered. Bakst and MSB Restaurant Consulting can be reached at (586) 718-3977.

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This year's on-the-water production is the Bard's *Much Ado About Nothing*, with performances at 8 p.m. each night

"It is a relaxed theater experience and plays far more like shows in Shakespeare's time, which were almost exclusively played outdoors," said Jack Hunger, executive producer of the festival. Many people "tend to think of Shakespeare as stuffy, but actually, his works are whimsical, full of magic, mischief and fun"

The festival also features a bevy of free activities for adults and children, including arts and crafts, puppet shows, fire-eaters, stage combat demonstrations, face-painting and an appearance by local firefighters. There are food booths, as well.

The festival is in its second year and gaining popularity, Hunger said. "These are the early years of an event we hope to grow"

LIKE THAT SHAKE

What: Shake at the Lake, an outdoor lakeside presentation of William Shakespeare's play *Much Ado About Nothing* plus a festival of activities

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McKinley Shaw of White Lake, (left), and Rick Brock of Waterford perform in 'Much Ado About Nothing' at Sylvan Lake's Shake on the Lake

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Here's a sampling:

Cynthia Dale is a force of nature, a mega-kilowatt source of energy. Dale plays lead roles in two high-energy but very different musicals. In each, Dale's crystalline vocals and effervescent stage presence kick the excellent productions up a notch.

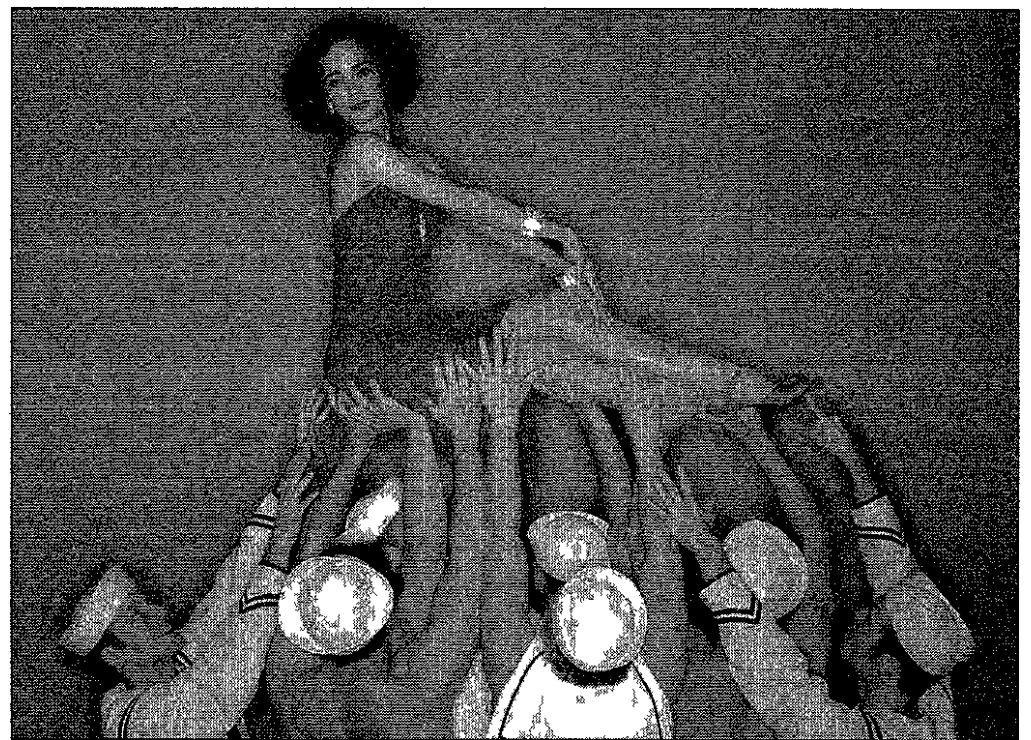
GUYS AND DOLLS

Frank Loesser's *Guys and Dolls* is a carefully structured musical based on Damon Runyon's tales of Broadway swells and their dolls. The Festival Theater stage takes on the garish glow of the Great White Way. Loesser's score includes some wonderful and musically adept songs, opening with the insistent *Fugue for Tinhorn* ("I got the horse right here") and including *Bushel and A Peck*, *Luck, Be a Lady* and *Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat*.

Dale plays prim but quietly passionate Salvation Army missionary Sarah Brown, who is out to save the souls of the gamblers and nightclub singers. She makes the transition from prim to tipsy beautifully and does a fine version of *If I Were a Bell*.

The production has several outstanding performances. Scott Wentworth is the dapper, worldly Sky Masterson, the gambler who falls for the missionary. He has a fine voice but also a quiet demeanor that fits the part well.

Geordie Johnson is the more excitable Nathan Detroit, responsible for keeping the



DAVID HOU

Cynthia Dale stars as Reno Sweeney in 'Anything Goes' at the Stratford Festival of Canada through Oct 31.

oldest established floating crap game in New York afloat. Johnson is all hunched shoulders and nervous energy.

Detroit's main squeeze is the sorely tried Adelaide, played here to perfection by Stratford veteran Sheila McCarthy. She is tough, lovable and sad on the great musical soliloquy *Adelaide's Lament*. McCarthy brings a gawky sweetness to her performance of this quintessential doll.

Also notable is Bruce Dow as race track tout Nicely-Nicely Johnson. Dow has a mushy, happy Buddy Hackett face and a sure, pure tenor. He revs things up when he testifies *Sit Down, You're Rocking the Boat*.

The only weak point in director Kelly Robinson's production is the choreography under Michael Lichtefeld, which seems predictable, forced and even a little heavy at times.

ANYTHING GOES

On the other hand, choreography is a key ingredient to Anne Allan's production of this Cole Porter funfest. This is the show for fans of ballroom and tap dancing. It's all here and high energy.

Don't look for a careful plot. This was written in the days when a musical's book was a thin story punctuated with a lot of jokes to connect the production numbers. The focus is on Porter's wonderful songs. *Anything Goes* includes such standards as *I Get A Kick Out of You*, *You're the Top*, *Easy to Love*, *Friendship*, *It's DeLovely*, *Blow, Gabriel Blow*, *All Through the Night* and the deliriously risqué title song.

The setting is an ocean liner on its way

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from New York to London

Cynthia Dale is the glamorous Reno Sweeney, evangelist turned nightclub singer. This evangelist is nothing like Sarah Brown. She's hot and high kicking. The show lights up whenever Dale takes center stage, whether she's singing or tapping up a storm.

Sweeney is reluctantly helping her friend Billy Crocker win the heart of a debutante. Meanwhile, the debutante is betrothed to an eccentric Englishman (aren't they all?). A gangster is also on ship disguised as a priest.

Michael Gruber is excellent as Billy, with a strong, clear voice and an expressive face. His duets with Dale on *I Get A Kick Out of You* and *You're the Top* are excellent.

Other fine performances come from Elizabeth DiGrazia as the debutante, Jimmy Spadola as Moonface Martin, Sheila McCarthy as the randy Erma and Laird MacIntosh as the nerdy Lord Evelyn Oakleigh.

But the best parts here are the big production numbers that nicely fill the Avon Theater stage with energy.

MACBETH

Backstage, they call it "The Scottish Play." It's supposed to be bad luck to mention the title.

But those who see this production of *Macbeth* at the Festival Theater will have the good luck of seeing a strong, clear and emotionally involving presentation of Shakespeare's meditation of ambition run amok.

Director John Wood plays it straight. The setting hasn't been modernized, the staging hasn't been tricked up, there isn't an excess of gore or any sly winks to current events. All that makes this an outstanding introduction to one of Shakespeare's most accessible and haunting plays.

Noble Macbeth has won a great battle. Three witches predict that he will be promoted and become a king, but that his friend Banquo's descendants will reign.

This sets in motion multiple murders, guilt and madness.

Graham Abbey is a sturdy Macbeth but he doesn't have the tough manner of some in this role. He plays it softer, even as he

grows more vicious, paranoid and guilt ridden. This softness plays well during the scene in which Macbeth learns of his wife's death and speaks Shakespeare's darkest, saddest speech.

The strong member of the family is Lady Macbeth, played here with riveting steel by Lucy Peacock. In two meticulously detailed scenes, she tells us everything of Lady Macbeth. In one she mews and growls with a sick ambition, one in which nothing can stand in the way of success and nothing, including murder, is out of bounds. Later, Lady Macbeth is driven to madness trying to erase the spot of death. Here Wood and Peacock give us a picture of madness that is true and sad.

Michael McLachlan as Macduff, Gareth Potter as Malcolm and Sarah McVie as Lady Macduff also give excellent performances.

NOISES OFF

A preview of Michael Frayn's frenetic backstage farce showed director Brian Bedford's production in hilarious form.

Frayn's complicated comedy is about the production of a sex farce, *Nothing On*, by a troupe of less-than-first-class performers. Act 1 finds us at a dress rehearsal where nothing goes right and the actors at odds with one another. Act 2 takes us behind stage while the play is being performed under great stress. In Act 3 we watch the production late in the run as everything falls apart.

The usual elements of farce — slamming doors as characters just avoid one another, double entendres, a young woman in her underwear and stereotypical characters — are all here in the play and the play within the play.

It grows progressively faster, nastier and funnier. One especially well-choreographed bit is mile-a-minute silent comedy at its slapstick best.

Seana McKenna as the stage veteran Dotty is especially droll. Jean-Michel LeGal is funny as the tresomely inarticulate Garry. Steven Sutcliffe is hilarious as the emotionally delicate Frederick. But the funniest performance comes from the lightly clad Sara Topham as Brooke, the sexy girl with wandering contacts.

These first-rate performers are especially good at being bad.

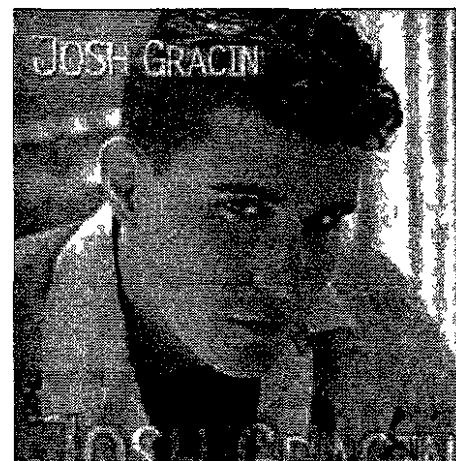
It's all a bit of furious fun, especially for those who enjoy both farce and inside-theatrical humor.

Music

Salute Josh Gracin at CD release party

Josh Gracin is coming home to Westland this Saturday for a CD release and autograph signing party of his debut Lyric Street Record CD *Josh Gracin*. Gracin will sign CDs at the Westland Kmart, 185 Wayne Road (corner of Wayne and Cherry Hill roads) beginning at noon. The CD went on sale on June 15 and is available in stores throughout the area.

Gracin entered the spotlight as a contestant on Fox Network's *American Idol* show, a U.S. Marine with a decidedly country streak in his music. Singing the Rascal Flatts song, *I'm Movin' On*, during the televised competition earned him the notice of the band and their producer. After his exit from the competition, Gracin was signed by Rascal Flatts' record company, Lyric Street, and started work on the CD while still serving with the Marines.



Southfield-based country music radio station 99.5 WYCD is coordinating Saturday's party with Nashville-based Lyric Street Records. For more information, visit www.wycd.com.

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PROFESSIONAL THEATER

Gem Theatre

Menopause The Musical 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday 4 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday Gem Theatre 333 Madison Detroit Tickets available for shows July 11 \$39.50 groups of 10 14 \$36.50 (313) 963 9800 Ticketmaster at (248) 645 6666 or visit



A glittering galaxy of renowned circus acts from around the globe take over Meadow Brook Music Festival, as the Royal Hanneford Family Spectacular arrives for eight performances Thursday through Sunday Shows 7 30 p.m. tonight, 11 a.m. and 7 30 p.m. Friday 11 30 a.m., 3 30 p.m., and 7 30 p.m. Saturday, and 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. Sunday Tickets \$15 lower pavilion reserved, \$12 rear pavilion reserved and \$12 All seats opening night are \$8 Tickets available at the box office, and all Ticketmaster locations Call (248) 645 6666 or visit www.ticketmaster.com

www.gemtheatre.com

Detroit Repertory Theatre

Unspoken Prayers by Claudia Allen through June 27 8 p.m. Thursday Friday 3 p.m. & 8 30 p.m. Saturday 2 p.m. & 7 30 p.m. Sunday \$17 13103 Woodrow Wilson Detroit 9313) 868 1347 www.detroitreptheatre.com

COMMUNITY/COLLEGE THEATER

Buku Productions Theatre Company

The Colored Museum by George C. Wolfe 8 p.m. Friday Saturday 3 p.m. Sunday Paul Robeson Theatre at Northwest Activities Center 18100 Meyers at Curtis Detroit \$20 (248) 559 3358 (248) 645 6666 or www.ticketmaster.com

Original comedy

Yard Sale written by Timothy Campos premieres at the Hasting Street Ballroom 8 p.m. Friday Saturday 715 E. Milwaukee Detroit \$15 (313) 873 2955 www.fivecentsshort.com

ArtinSoul Theatre Company

Presents the romantic comedy *It Had To Be You* by Renee Taylor and Joseph Bologna 8 p.m. Friday Saturday Orion Art Center 115 S. Anderson St. Lake Orion \$10 in advance \$15 at the door (248) 693 4986

Henry Ford Community College

Small Canary Songs by Darrell Wheat and *Transitions* by Sandee Rager 8 p.m. Thursday Saturday 2 p.m. Sunday Mackenzie Fine Arts Center 5101 Evergreen Dearborn \$5 (313) 845 9817

LUNCH/DINNER THEATER

Genitti's Hole in the Wall

Wedding Bell Blues interactive dinner theater comedy \$45 per person *The Trouble with 12* children's lunch theater interactive comedy Saturday Sunday \$14.95 kids \$16.95 adults 108 E. Main St. Northville (248) 349 0522 for reservations/info

AUDITIONS

Farmington Players

Breath of Spring a comedy by Peter Coke 1 30 p.m. registration auditions begin 2 p.m. Saturday Farmington Players Community Theater 32332 Twelve Mile Road Farmington Hills Performance dates Sept 24 Oct 16 (248) 553 2955

Eisenhower Dance Ensemble

Audition for metropolitan's premier modern dance company Eisenhower Dance Ensemble 2 4 p.m. Saturday at the EDE Dance Center 1541 West Hamlin Rochester Hills For information call (248) 370 3024 or visit www.ede.dance.org

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DJ Cisco and MC Ch co sp n Salsa Merengue Bachata Cha Cha and Latin House Free Salsa Lessons 8 30 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday by Energetic Soul and Troy Dance Studio Doors open 8 p.m. \$5 Cover 21 & over welcome 401 S Lafayette (above Sangra Restaurant) downtown Royal Oak (248) 756 4821 or www.danceindetroit.com

Half Past 3

DJ Cisco and DJ Alfredo spin Salsa Merengue and Bachata every Saturday at Half Past 3 2554 Grand River two blocks east of Motor City Casino downtown Detroit Free Salsa Lessons 9 30 p.m. by Troy Dance Studio Doors open 8 p.m. \$8 Cover ladies free before 10 p.m. 21 & over welcome (248) 756 4821 or www.danceindetroit.com

Heat

DJ Art spins the best of Arabic dance music every Saturday at Heat 2 N Saginaw downtown Pontiac Doors open 8 p.m. \$10 cover for gentlemen \$5 cover for ladies ladies free before 11 p.m. Proper attire required 18 & over are welcome (248) 756 4821



Kate Rasmussen of Troy and Brian Thibault star in the Actors Company presentation of *'Sleeping Beauty* 7 30 p.m. Friday, June 25, and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, June 26 at the Village Players Playhouse, 34660 Woodward Ave., Birmingham Tickets \$10, ages 11 to adult, \$9 up to 10 years old Call (248) 644-2075 for reservations

ART

Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center

Celebrates the Summer Solstice as A Midsummer Night's Dream at its summer gala on 6 30 11 p.m. Saturday with intertwining theater and art Guests will enjoy dinner by Two Unique Caterers and Event Planners as they stroll through the Art Center which will be transformed into a renaissance atmosphere filled with performers magic a fortune teller plus instrumental and vocal music of Shakespeare's time Tickets \$250 for Merrymakers (patrons) \$150 at the door or \$125 for Revelers (paid in advance) Call (248) 644 0866 Ext 104 to make reservations A portion of the ticket price is tax deductible The center is at 1516 S Cranbrook Road in Birmingham

Celebrate Life 2004

Juried art exhibition open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Saturday Congregational Church of Birmingham 1000 Cranbrook Road Bloomfield Hills (248) 646 4511

Ferndale Art Walk

Stops include Lemberg Gallery 23241 Woodward Ave. 6 9 p.m. Thursday July 15 (248) 591 6623 or www.lemberggallery.com

CONCERTS

Swedish Singers

Grand Concert featuring 300 singers from 26 states 7 30 p.m. Friday Ford Community and Performing Arts Center 15801 Michigan Ave. Dearborn \$15 (517) 424 9333 or (517) 592 6750 www.swedishclub.net Part of the festivities for the American Union of Swedish Singers National Convention June 22 26 in Dearborn

The Art of Song and Heritage

Recital 7 p.m. today at Temple Israel in the Sanctuary 5725 Walnut Lake Road featuring works by Handel Brahms Strauss Faure and Rachmanoff It will also feature Hebrew and Yiddish works including a Kiddish by Ravel

Michigan/Youth for Understanding Chorale Reunion Concert

At Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor 3 p.m. Sunday Music will be selected from the 16 Chorale tours of either Europe or South America Robert Pratt and Dr. Leonard Riccinto will conduct over 175 voices Free will donation (734) 455 8353

OUTDOOR CONCERTS/FESTIVALS

Great Lakes Chamber Music Festival

Ruth Laredo with James Tocco Ani Kavafian Kim Kashkashian 8 p.m. Friday and James Tocco with guest musicians 2 p.m. Sunday Kerrytown Concert House Ann Arbor (734) 769 2999 Snapshots at the State Theatre 8 p.m. Friday State Theatre Detroit James Tocco and guest musicians 8 p.m. Saturday Seligman Performing Arts Center intersection of 13 Mile Road and Lahser (248) 559 2097 www.greatlakeschambermusic.com

DTE Energy

Jessica Simpson with Ryan Cabrera 7 30 p.m. Friday Creedence Clearwater Revisited 7 30 p.m. Saturday Sunday (248) 377 0100 information tickets (248) 645 6666 www.palacenet.com

Ann Arbor Summer Festival

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DSO in the park

The Metroparks Detroit Symphony Orchestra Concert series runs Friday June 25 at Kensington Metropark in Milford

Saturday June 26 at Lake Erie Metropark in Brownstown and Sunday June 27 at Metro Beach Metropark in Mt. Clemens. Concerts are free except for park admission and begin at 8 p.m. For more details visit www.METROPARKS.com

Jerome Duncan Ford Theater at Freedom Hill

WWMV Jazzfest - Isley Brothers Joe Sample Norman Brown 2 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday Boney James Maysa Brian Culbertson Feat Michael Lington Nick Colonne Alexander Zonjic 4900 Metropolitan Parkway (16 Mile Road) Sterling Heights all shows begin at 7:30 p.m. (586) 268 5100 Ticketmaster (248) 645 6666 or visit www.freedomhill.net

Plymouth Music in the Park

Noon Wednesday June 30 Matt Watroba Kellogg Park downtown Plymouth

Wednesdays at Eight Concerts

Novi Community Band 8 p.m. Wednesday June 30 Nardin Park United Methodist Church 29887 W 11 Mile Road Farmington Hills No charge

FOLK/WORLD

At the Ark

Folk legend Christine Lavin takes the stage at 8 p.m. Saturday June 26 at The Ark 316 South Main Ann Arbor Tickets are \$17.50 call (734) 763 8587 or visit www.theark.org

Live! From the Living Room

Annie Capps Whit Hill 8 p.m. Friday Blue Note Cafe 7 N Saginaw Pontiac (248) 451 0765

JAZZ/POP/ROCK

Edison's

The Blue Kings 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today Close Call 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday Saturday 220 Merrill St. Birmingham (248) 645 2150 no cover

Firefly Club

Easy Street dixieland 5:30 8 p.m. Friday Paul Keller Ensemble 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday Andy Bey 8 p.m. & 10 p.m. Saturday Paul Ogilvie's Rhythm Kings 5 8 p.m. Sunday 207 S Ashley between Liberty & Washington Ann Arbor (734) 665-9090 www.fireflyclub.com

Matt Michaels

With Barbara Ware vocals 7:30 11 p.m. Wednesdays Ron's Fireside Inn 28937 Warren Garden City \$5 cover with dinner \$10 without dinner two drink minimum reservations recommended (734) 762 7756

Silky's

KGB (Motown) 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday Desire 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Saturday 21931 Michigan Ave Dearborn (313) 565 6278 www.silkyslounge.com

Patrick Cowley & Sons

Who Cares classic rock 9:30 p.m. Friday Saturday 33338 Grand River Farmington (248) 474 5941 www.johnncowleys.com

Magic Bag

Leon Russell 8 p.m. Friday The mega 80s 8 p.m. Saturday Stan Ridge 8 p.m. Sunday 22920 Woodward Ave Ferndale (248) 544 3030 www.themagicbag.com

Blue Martini

Simone Vitale (Top 40) Friday Bugs



Buddy Greene (left) and Kenny Meeks perform various forms of American music including blues, bluegrass, folk, country, and gospel 8 p.m. today at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W Six Mile Road (east of Haggerty Road) in Livonia. Tickets \$12, \$9 for Trinity House members. Call (734) 464-6302 or visit www.trinityhouse.org for more information.

Beddow Band Saturday 7:11 p.m. Woodward and Old Woodward one block north of Maple Birmingham (248) 258 3005
Valerie Barrymore and Foundation of Funk
 Herman's Old Town Grill 195 W Liberty Plymouth 9:30 p.m. Saturday (734) 451 1213

COMEDY

Joey's Comedy Club

Sal Demilio 9 p.m. Friday Saturday \$10 dinner show option available at Paisano's 5070 Schaefer Dearborn (313) 584 8885 www.joeyscosity.com or www.paisano1.com

Ann Arbor Comedy Showcase

Steve Sabo 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m. Friday Saturday discount for tickets purchased in advance 314 E. Liberty Ann Arbor (734) 996-9080

Joey's Comedy Club of Livonia

Comedy for a Cause to benefit the Chronic Illness Coalition 8 p.m. Thursday July 8 36071 Plymouth Road Livonia Features J.R. Remick and John Evans Tickets \$15 each or \$26 a pair receive 25 percent off the cost of your meal with reservations or half off pizza during the show. You must be 21 door prizes call Jane (248) 788 6965 for reservations

MUSEUMS

Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm

The Rochester Grangers Vintage Base Ball

Team invites guests to view historic baseball games this summer at the museum. Admission to all games is free. Home games at the museum site will start at noon Sunday. During the game members of the Sarah Van Hoosen Jones Questers will serve ice cream to commemorate the Birthday of Dr. Sarah Van Hoosen Jones. They will provide a garden activity for children and the community will celebrate the 25th Birthday of the Rochester Hills Museum. Other home games include 6 p.m. Thursday July 1 at Borden Park as part of the Festival of the Hills. The Rochester Hills Museum is on Van Hoosen Road one mile east of Rochester Road off Tienken Road and one north of downtown Rochester (248) 656 4663

Detroit Zoo

Alligators Dragons in Paradise new interactive exhibit in the Wildlife Interpretative Gallery through Sept 12 Wild Adventure Simulator showing Deep Sea The Ride a motion based film simulation that lets passengers experience what it's like to be beneath the ocean surface in a submarine searching for the two legendary monsters of the deep sea the giant squid and sperm whale tickets \$4 does not include zoo admission \$10.50 adults kids 13 and older \$8.50 seniors 62 and older and children 2-12 no charge for children under 2 Intersection of 10 Mile Road and Woodward Avenue Royal Oak (248) 398 0900 www.detroitzoo.org

Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum

New photography exhibit now through June 30 Dave Stapp uses digital photography to turn little pests into big ones. The larger than life exhibits features photos of preying mantis cane toads sphinx moths and more 220 East Ann St 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday Saturday noon to 5 p.m. Sunday \$6 children students & seniors \$7.50 adults, (734) 995 KIDS or www.aahom.org

Historic Fort Wayne

Starting Saturday Historic Fort Wayne will be open Saturdays Sundays this summer 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Labor Day weekend Civil War Days with the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry on July 24 25 Guided tours of the grounds are offered during the day at a price of \$2 per person. Leaving regularly from the Fort's Visitors Center the tours will include the Star Fort built in the 1840s the Commanding Officer's House and the Spanish American War Guardhouse. Secured parking is \$5 per vehicle. Picnic lunches and coolers will be permitted on the Fort grounds which offers a nice view of the Detroit River the Ambassador Bridge and Canada. However alcohol grills and pets will be denied entry and no fishing is permitted. Historic Fort Wayne is at 6325 W. Jefferson Ave. (at the foot of Livernois) in Detroit (313) 833 1805 or www.detroithistorical.org. Volunteers interested in helping out at the Fort this summer in a variety of capacities are encouraged to call the Detroit Historical Society at (313) 833-0481

EXHIBITIONS/CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Print Gallery

Original pop art portraits by Tom Maniaci through July 31 29173 Northwestern Highway (Franklin Plaza at 12 Mile Road) Southfield (248) 356 5454 www.MonaLisaMania.com or www.everythingart.com

Pewabic Pottery

Please Set the Table settings by 14 artists from the U.S. and abroad through July 4 10125 E. Jefferson Detroit Gallery open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday Saturday (313) 822 0954 www.pewabic.com

Batista Gallery

Joseph Bernard's retrospective Boxed Set to June 30 756 Livernois Ferndale (248) 544 4627

Plymouth Community Arts Council

Landscapes and Florals impressionistic realism mixed media paintings by Andrea Tama through June 30 Gallery hours 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday Tuesday Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday 774 N. Sheldon Plymouth (734) 416 4278

Artists Among Us

Entries sought for exhibition of fine art poetry and music to be presented Oct. 26 to Dec. 31 at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton. Sponsored by the Wayne County Council for Arts History & Humanities. Deadline to enter is Wednesday June 30 www.Waynearts.org or call (313) 886 2993

Our Town

The Community House will present the 19th annual Our Town art exhibition and sale

Oct. 14-16 Artist applications are available at The Community House 380 S. Bates Street Birmingham or download at www.communityhouse.com. Deadline for applications is July 30. The juried all media art exhibition provides a forum for Michigan artists to show demonstrate and sell their work. The art ranges from traditional to contemporary. The jury awards \$10,000. For more information call Kathie Ninneman (248) 594 6403

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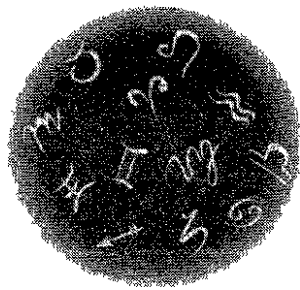
Majestic Theatre

4140 Woodward Ave. Detroit Parking available on street and behind building. It seems that every blues underground industrial punk reggae world and Americana band has played here. Buju Banton and Burning Spear played here as did Social Distortion's Mike Ness. Attire is freestyle casual and up. Call for hours (313) 833 9700

Parabox Cafe

1927 Michigan Ave. Detroit at the corner of Rosa Parks Blvd. Metro Detroit's friendly Latin residents gather here for salsa dancing to DJs and live music. Women wear dresses and high heels and men wear suits or flamboyant club wear. Call for hours (313) 313 268 2325

Horoscope



Star Struck

(June 24 - June 26)
By Dennis Fairchild

ARIES (March 21-April 20)

The edgy astro influence of your ruler Mars in your element will make it easy to overreact to the opinions of colleagues and loved ones this week. To prevent minor irritations from turning into future confrontations, you are advised to speak your mind now rather than later.

TAURUS (April 21-May 21)

You may experience a crisis of confidence this weekend when the Sun opposes the Moon. Don't let it worry you if you seem to be the only one who doesn't know what's going on. According to the planets, that's to your advantage.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)

You don't have to be emotionally responsive just because others expect it of you. A great deal has happened since June began, and you want to be by yourself for a while. Mars in Leo can turn dreams into realities, but you must ask yourself if what you are being offered is what you want.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)

Promise yourself that from now on you'll get plenty of the one thing that has been lacking in your life: fun! The Sun's entry into your sign marks the start of one of the most enjoyable times of the year. Put your troubles behind you and practice your smile.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)

Yesterday's entry of Mars into your birth sign will do wonders for your confidence, not that you need it that much. Your passion for a particular person or project will reach new heights, but make sure you steer clear of extremes. There will be much to be learned from the views of others now.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)

Don't forget that the only constant in astrology is change. So make the most of current aspects to get your life moving in the right direction again. Mars in your solar chart signifies that you are in the ideal position to force the pace on the work front, now!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)

Don't worry if you've fallen out with someone you love, because what happens this week will help you mend fences. You have too much in common to stay apart, and there's too much at stake to pretend you don't need each other.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

What goes around comes around, or so they say, and it's certainly true that if you help others this week, you'll get the help that you need in the future. It's not true that Scorpio is a selfish sign, and you'll go out of your way this week to prove it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Aim high this week. You have many things going for you now, but you're letting yourself down because you don't believe in yourself. Don't let past failures color your thinking. You're wiser today. Anyone who thinks you can be coerced into giving what you don't want to give is in for a rude awakening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 21)

Certain issues will come to a head this week, and you must sort them out once and for all. It may at times get a bit messy emotionally, but you have only yourself to blame. Next time, don't pretend that everything is fine when you know it's not. You'll survive. SeaGoat!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 22-Feb. 19)

If you can get through the coming week without blowing a fuse, not only will you have survived one of the most crucial periods of the year for career and professional issues, but you will also have acquired a greater understanding of the complexities of human nature. In the long run, your patience and integrity will pay off.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

You do not want to get tough with friends and family, but you must. Certain people have been taking advantage of your easygoing nature, and if you don't put a stop to it now, you'll regret it. You're not as vulnerable as you think. Make some noise!

Birmingham astrologer **Dennis Fairchild** is an author of several books on divination. For information about personal consultations, phone (248) 646-3555 or e-mail DenFairchild@aol.com

Pure Picks

Selected from the reams of publicity propaganda we present our top entertainment picks for the week. Filtered just for you.

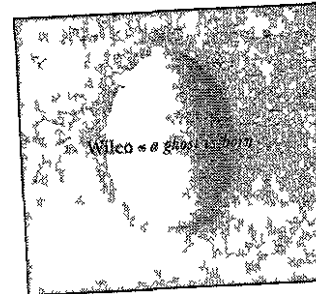
Album

Rarely do I get goosebumps when I hear a song for the first time. But man, do I love it. Goosebumps happened with *Wishful Thinking*, a song off Wilco's latest release *A Ghost is Born* (out now on Nonesuch Records.) The song begins with a crackle of Eno-esque industrial background noise, a strumming presents itself in the background, building slowly. First my legs started to tingle and go dead, and then the hair stood up on my arms. I started to shiver, and I knew what was coming. I was going to close my eyes and sigh at work. I was going to have to stare out the window wistfully. (By now, my co-workers either think I'm totally insane or just ignore this type of



DANNY CLINCH

I refer to them only as 'Jesus and his disciplines' now. Wilco laments it on their latest album, *A Ghost is Born*.



overly dramatic behavior.) I was going to have to be addicted to Wilco again. You see, there was a dark period of my life when I could not stop listening to *Yankee Hotel Foxtrot*. It was like a disease, spreading its musical demands into my car, my iTunes, my record player, and my work computer. Always pleading to me, I am the best record you have heard in three years, easy. I am the way music should sound. Following the same, these are not a collection of songs; this is a record. Format, the musical experimentation on *A Ghost is Born* is plugged in and amped up, and yet still has the same organic, raw quality that made *A.M. Radio* an epic record. By the way, all the articles you read about Wilco from here on out will rehash the *Yankee Hotel Foxtrot* saga™ by first noting that

I wrote about the *Livonia Barn Show* last year, which means I have been doing this column for a year now. I want a medal or some thing. I'll stop with the ego trip now and tell you about the best show in Livonia.

Chris Kempa, the brother of Adam Kempa (Pop Project, The Recital), was killed when he was hit by a car on his way to school four years ago, and since then Adam has been organizing this show, which benefits the Chris Kempa Memorial Art Scholarship Fund.

This year, Thunderbirds Are Now! The Recital, The Pop Project, El Boxeo, Javelins, and The Pizazz will all play. So it's a good time and a good cause, and you would be a fool to miss it. The show is Saturday at the Wilson Barn, the doors open at 5:30 p.m., and it is all ages. Cover is only \$5, but I'm sure they would accept more from you, you big-hearted sweetheart. You. For more on Chris and the show and some directions, check out www.chriskempa.com/barnshow.

you already know the *Yankee Hotel Foxtrot* saga™. You'll find yourself skipping over those paragraphs like the first few chapters in a *Babysitter's Club* book - you know, that part about how Stacey has diabetes and such. But I digress.

Much of the new album seemingly breaks apart (is this even music?) and bursts back together again (this is the best melody ever written!) over and over.

The album's opener *At Least That's What You Said* begins with an almost inaudible frontman Jeff Tweedy lamenting over a stark piano, only to break into a strong, hopeful instrumental.

Hummingbird falters with a sonic desperation, like a boy whose voice is changing right in the middle of the song, only to immediately follow with an uplifting, toe-tapping chorus. Taken as a whole, the album seems to be destroying and rebuilding itself. Over and over - until you hit the album's last track, *The Late Greats*, about the best music never being played on the radio. Ah, what self-reflection. I feel confident saying this is going to be the best album released this year. (Yeah, that Morrissey album is awesome, but this is almost spiritual.) And you aren't going to hear it on the radio.

In conclusion, the only way you could not like this album is if you are dead inside. Go. Buy. It. Period.



NATE SHANNON

They should change their name to Thunderbirds are Adorable!, obvs. Local toughs and my MySpace pals TAN! will play Saturday in Livonia.

Pure Picks is written by Stephanie Tardy. Find her on MySpace or send information regarding local entertainment events to stardy@oe.homecomm.net or 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Information on local entertainment, bands, films, clubs, restaurants, books, or other ideas to be featured in this column can be submitted. She doesn't know what that Diesel photo is about.

Family fun

Shake hands with Elmo and other characters

KIDS CLUB LIVE

What: Meet and greet characters from your favorite PBS kids shows, see a live performance of 'The Toy Castle' Activities for children and families

When: Wednesday, June 30, choice of 1-4 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. 'The Toy Castle' will be presented at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Where: Meadow Brook Music Festival Rochester

Tickets: Lower pavilion reserved, \$15, rear pavilion reserved \$12 lawn \$12, call (248) 377-0100, Ticketmaster (248) 645-6666, or visit www.palacenet.com or www.ticketmaster.com Tickets available at the Meadow Brook Music Festival Box Office on the day of the event Admission includes free parking

If you thought you'd never have the chance to meet Elmo in person you're wrong

On Wednesday, June 30, you can meet Elmo and your other favorite characters from public TV at the second annual *Detroit Public TV Kids Club Live*

"The event is a celebration of PBS and Detroit Public TV," said John O'Donnell, Detroit Public TV publicity manager

Visitors can walk around and meet and greet characters from their favorite PBS shows - *The Toy Castle*, *Sesame Street*, *Arthur* and *Caillou* - and get pictures taken with them, O'Donnell said

You can also participate in a variety of educational activities such as arts and crafts, take a train ride or jump around in the Moonwalk. Activities will take place underneath tents, including a Get up! Get out! tent with family fitness and outdoor activities, a PBS games tent, a "See Yourself on TV" tent and a Living Science Foundation tent, where families can learn about unique and unusual animals

"The event has a festival-type atmosphere," O'Donnell said. "There's a lot going on and the three hours will go by really fast."

Choose between the afternoon or morning sessions. Each will feature opportunities to



Detroit Public TV Kids Club Live will feature a stage show by 'The Toy Castle,' a touring performance of dance, music and storytelling based on the public television series seen weekdays at 2:30 p.m. on WTYS Channel 56

meet PBS characters, family fun and a live performance of *The Toy Castle*. This popular show, which airs 2:30 p.m. weekdays, focuses on storytelling and dance

Eight, seven-minute stories that reflect real-life issues such as using one's imagination and sharing, will be told in dance, music and mime during the one-hour *Toy Castle*

shows. Each show features a narrator and at least three professional ballet dancers as the characters

"The event is good for Detroit Public TV because it gives us a chance to connect with a lot of viewers in a beautiful setting and bring characters to them in a different way," O'Donnell said.

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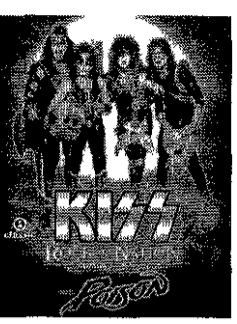
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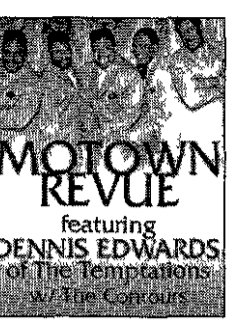
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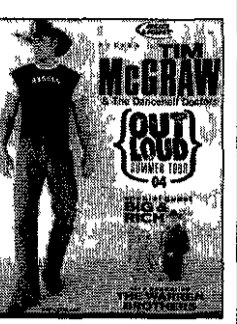
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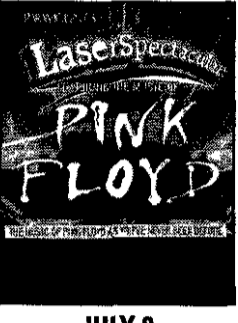
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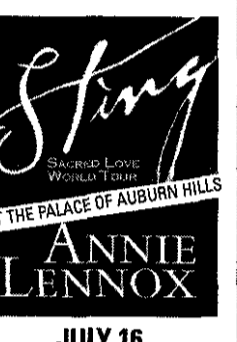
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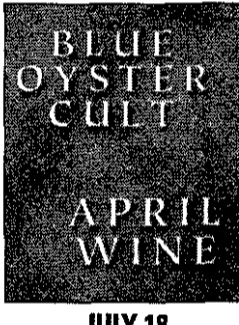
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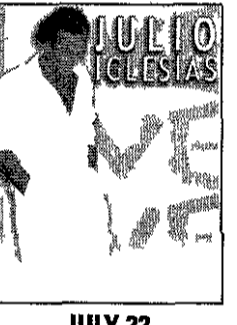
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